

The WOMAN with TWO SMILES

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CREATOR OF ARSENE LUPIN



"The first man to move gets a bullet through him!"

READ THIS FIRST:

Fifteen years before the story opens Elizabeth Hornain, a beautiful singer, is mysteriously murdered at the chateau of Monsieur and Madame de Jouvelle at Volvic. Among those present is Marquis Jean d'Erlomont, society favorite. The tragedy caused the de Jouvelles to sell their chateau to an unidentified purchaser. As the story opens Chief Inspector Gorgere, who had worked on the Volvic mystery years before, and his aide Flamant, follow an attractive girl whom they believe is one blonde Clara, friend of Big Paul, fugitive crook, to the home of Marquis Jean d'Erlomont at Saint-Lazare. By mistake she reaches the apartment of Monsieur Raoul, who leases the first floor of the marquis' home. Raoul sends the detectives on a false scent and later the girl, whose name is Antonine, meets the marquis through a note from her mother, now dead, a forgotten sweetheart of d'Erlomont. Raoul, who proves to be Arsene Lupin, gentleman burglar, enters the marquis' apartment when the latter is away and finds there a picture of Elisabeth Hornain, concluding the dead singer to be one of d'Erlomont's old loves. While there, a girl resembling Antonine enters. Raoul accompanies her outside where Big Paul and three other men await her. After tussling with all four, Raoul finds that Big Paul is Valthez, relative of Elisabeth Hornain, who he knows is "bleeding" the marquis for money. As the old chateau at Volvic goes up for auction, the marquis is disclosed as the owner. Antonine is there and Raoul proves to be the highest bidder. Raoul introduces himself to the marquis and offers to help him find his inheritance. After Raoul astounds the marquis with all he knows about him, d'Erlomont declines to confide in him. Nevertheless, Raoul promises, within 25 days to bring him his missing inheritance as well as to solve the Volvic mystery. Back in Paris Raoul meets Gorgere, the detective, at the train, whom he had tied up in the ruins near the chateau during the auction. Gorgere is furious but Raoul makes him a proposition—telling him where he can arrest Big Paul. Big Paul and his men are at the Ecruevisses Bar. Raoul is there disguised as a jockey, awaiting the raid by Gorgere.

(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)

CHAPTER 17

THE DOOR at the head of the ladder was flung open. First one man, then another appeared followed by a third—Inspector Gorgere, who stood with leveled revolver, shouting: "Hands up!" The first man to move gets a bullet through him!

He fired into the air for effect. Three of his men slid down the ladder, all shouting: "Hands up, everyone!"

About 40 people obeyed, and stood facing the police. But the rush towards the bar of those trying to escape was so violent that the English jockey who had been the first to rise was unable to force his way to Big Paul's side. Despite the protests of the boss, the bar was overturned; it masked a secret exit through which all began rushing wildly; disorder and tumult reigned. Then there was a sudden block with two men struggling to pass through at once. The English jockey, standing on a chair, could see that they were Big Paul and The Arab.

There followed a grim hand-to-hand struggle. Neither meant to get caught by the police who were closing in on them. Two shots rang out, but missed. Then The Arab was forced to his knees. Big Paul hurled himself through the black hole of the exit, slamming the door behind him. The police battered on it in vain—it was bolted!

Gorgere came running up laughing triumphantly. Five of his men threw their weight against the door.

"A good haul," growled Gorgere.

"Yes, indeed," said the jockey, "especially if Big Paul is caught as he gets out."

Gorgere glanced at the Englishman and recognized Raoul.

"Don't you worry about that," he said. "I've got Flamant stationed outside; he's a match for Big Paul."

"But hadn't you better go and make sure inspector? Surely, it's worth it!"

if fate brings them together. It's time to get busy. Dine with me, Courville. After that, you are going to accompany me to the Blue Casino. In full evening dress. You'll look great!"

Raoul's toilet took quite a long time. It was frequently held up by gymnastic exercises. He felt a premonition that there was a rough time coming.

He greeted Courville when the latter joined him a little later with warm applause:

" Bravo! You look every inch a grand duke!"

Courville's beautiful spade-shaped beard flowed over a snowy shirtfront. He puffed out his chest, and strode out into the night, his top hat at a rakish angle.

The opening of the Blue Casino night club in the Champs Elysees was quite a social event. Two thousand invitations had been issued to leaders of society, artists, actors, and notoriety.

A cold steely blue light beat upon the entrance to the club. The crowd of guests, shepherded by club officials, were surging in when, just as ten was striking, Raoul appeared, his card of invitation held in his immaculately gloved hand.

He had impressed upon Courville: "You mustn't recognize me, you must not come near me. Behave like a perfect stranger, but keep in sight all the time... and keep an eye on Gorgere, because if he gets the chance to kill two birds with one stone—Raoul and Big Paul—he'll do it! Keep your ears open. He'll be with his men, giving them instructions; you must try to catch what they're saying... and what they don't say!"

Courville listened carefully, head jutting forward.

"I understand perfectly," he said importantly. "But suppose they attack you before I'm able to warn you?"

"Then you must cover my flight with outspread arms and flowing beard!"

"But suppose they try to get past me?"

"Don't you worry—your beard will stop them."

"But—but—"

"Well, then, just let them hack you in pieces. But here comes Gorgere... leave me, and stick around him—without making it obvious!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Report for February for District Children's Aid

The following is the report for February of the local superintendent of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society:

Applications for children for adoption 1

Office interviews 54

Interviews out of office 32

Complaints received 25

Investigations made 24

Children involved 45

Mail received 63

Mail sent out 138

Children in shelter 23

Children boarding out 15

Court attendance 3

Juvenile court cases 3

Children made wards 1

Wards placed in foster homes 3

Mileage traveled 365

Official warnings given 2

Wards visited 2

Meetings addressed 2

Cases under the Unmarried Parents Act 5

MAGISTRATE DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION IN CASE

Cecil Dale, or Shannon, also said to be known under the name of Labelle, was before Magistrate Atkinson some days ago at Cobalt on charges of passing "rubber cheques." The cases were dismissed, the magistrate saying that he did not have jurisdiction, the passing of the alleged illegal cheques apparently being done in the province of Quebec. According to the evidence brought out, the cheques were drawn on a Cobalt bank and were supposed to be signed by a Cobalt contractor doing some work on the Quebec side. The accused represented himself as working for this contractor and on this plea was able to cash the cheques in question. Later the cheques were found to be valueless. Dale or Shannon or Labelle, as the case may be, was arrested at Cobalt but when the cheque cases fell through for lack of jurisdiction for the magistrate, the accused was held on nominal charge of vagrancy, pending the arrival of Quebec police to take him back for trial on the cheque charges in that province.

BIG INCREASE SHOWN IN OUTPUT OF AUTOMOBILES

Production of 10,607 automobiles during January marked an improvement of 288 per cent. over the 2,732 cars of December and 54 per cent. over the 6,904 made in January a year ago. The increase over the previous month was due to the number made for sale in Canada advancing to 6,021 from 2,334 and the number made for export to 4,586 from 398.

Of the total passenger cars made during the month 60 were permanent open models, 21 were convertible cars, 6,366 were permanent closed cars and 1,825 were chassis. Of the trucks, 1,785 had a capacity of less than two tons, 549 rated between two and five tons capacity and three were rated at over five tons.

New York Post:—A New York newspaper photographer, covering an important story deep in New Jersey for his paper, hired an automobile hawser to speed him back to Manhattan, developing his plates inside it on the way so that they were all ready when he reached his office just before press time.

Mounties No Longer Use Horses to Much Extent

No Horses or Dog Teams Owned by the "Mounties" in This Area. Railways Used for Most Travel. Autos Help in Summer.

Timmins is the headquarters for one of the detachments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, that force that has long been famous in stories of the North and the West. "Mounties" are no longer mounted, a recent survey shows. The officers here, who cover a huge territory, going as far west as Nakina and as far north as Mocsonee, never use saddle horses while on the trail and rarely even dog teams, with which the life of a "Mountie" is so often associated in stories of even this part of Canada.

No government owned dog team is kept here but the officers rely on the possibility of procuring dogs at the closest railway point. By far the majority of travel in this detachment is done by way of the T. & N. O. and the C.N.R.

The Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus, who were supposed to have flown out over the Aegean sea on wings attached to their bodies, became an actual fact late last week at Daytona Beach, Florida. Clem Sohn, a 22-year-old inventor, jumped from an aeroplane while at an altitude of 12,000 feet. He hurtled down toward the earth for 2,000 feet, then spread his arms outward. Wings, fastened across his shoulders began to catch the air. The swift descent slowed and he began to float gracefully through the air. Then he spread his feet apart and a webbing, attached to both legs, took a still greater hold on the air.

The young man began to get the feel of his wings. He zoomed; flitted this way and that; glided; and generally astounded the few watchers who saw the first modern historical flight of man. He came gently to earth only to be anxiously preparing for another flight. Though he did not actually land using his wings, but pulled the rip cord of his parachute, he hopes to be able soon to do without that safety feature.

Florida Inventor Tries Out his Wings

Jumps from Plane at Height of 12,000 Feet and Flies Around Before Dropping Safely to Earth.

The following article from the Montreal Star gives a good idea of the modernity of the R.C.M.P.—

"The once indispensable horse is of so little use now to Canada's famous police force—the Royal Canadian Mounted—that it has become a negligible factor in the enforcement of law and order in the Dominion.

"Such is the case despite the romantic plots of motion picture and pulp magazine authors who still portray the scarlet coated Royal Canadian Mounted policeman spurring his gallant steed over the rolling prairie land in pursuit of the villain who is in a motor car and invariably catching him.

"This fact is vouched for by no less authority than J. E. Dancy, head auditor of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who reports that although the police travelled 13,506,632 miles during the fiscal year 1933-34, the mileage covered in the enforcement of law by saddle horse was so small as to be of little account.

"There's no doubt about it. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have gone modern in a big way. Realizing that the only way to catch modernized law-breakers is to adopt their modes of travel—rail, motorcar, speed boat and airplane—the Force has practically discarded the horse and turned to the 20th century methods of travel.

"Take aircraft for instance. During the past year members of the Force covered 170,000 miles in the performance of their duties by plane. Of the mileage, 120,000 miles were covered by the Marine Section aircraft, while the remainder was by airplane.

"Railway and steamboat covered 6,278,997 miles—amounted to nearly half the total mileage of 13,506,632 miles. Automobiles owned by the Force covered 5,380,580 miles, while privately owned motors added another 1,317,055 miles. Three hundred and ten thousand miles slid behind boats operated by the Force, 10,000 miles of which was in inland transport.

"Only one link remains with the past—that of the dog team, and even that is growing weaker and weaker as the airplane encroaches into the Arctic wastes that so long knew only the trail of the dog sled. The dog, however, is not giving up without a struggle as is shown by the fact that 50,000 Arctic miles—the longest known to man—were covered by the hardy husky during the past year.

"The mileage covered by members of the Force in the performance of their duty is approximately 544 times around the globe, an equivalent of 5,402 miles for each and every member of the "Mounties." In other words, the total mileage for the year averages 25 1-2 miles a minute night and day. How many horses it would need to cover that mileage is a question that only a combination of a skilled horseman and statistician could answer.

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Semi-Weekly Review of News in General

Items of Interest from Far and Near. Special Notes on Happenings of the Day

An attempt to sabotage the stratosphere plane of Wiley Post, noted round-the-world flier, and possibly send him to his death during his projected record hop to New York was revealed at Los Angeles last week.

Premier Hepburn warned the Liberal caucus at Toronto last week that any members of the party who refuse to vote in accordance with the decision of the caucus will be shown no mercy. In the words of The Globe, "your leader is your party."

Supporters of Bruno Richard Hauptmann last week added nearly \$5,000 to the fund they hope will save him from death in the electric chair as the kidnapper and murderer of Baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., 22-year-old heiress, and wedded only two months, was found dying in the garage at her home at Pinehurst, North Carolina, last week. She died in the hospital, death being attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning. Suicide was first considered but accidental death was later given as the most likely theory.

Accusing the former Conservative Governments of sacrificing the rights of the people to have cheap power, Attorney-General Roebuck told the Legislature on Wednesday last that gross mismanagement and stupidity on the part of the previous office-holders had endangered the great Niagara system and might make necessary higher rates for power from this source.

The freighter Blairgowrie went down in a storm off Newfoundland last week with the loss of a crew of 23 men.

Last week Hon. Arthur Roebuck, Attorney-General, made a speech of over nine hours in all. He was reported at the week-end as at his home recuperating after his long speaking effort.

China and Japan are reported to have agreed upon general terms of cooperation to ease diplomatic and economic tension in the Orient.

Official announcement that he has rejoined the Liberal party was made Thursday night from his sick-bed by Captain Elmore Philpott at Toronto.

A despatch from Toronto on Friday last said:—"An outbreak of selling occurred in power utility bonds in the Toronto market yesterday, following the speech on Hydro finances and purchase contracts by Hon. Arthur Roebuck in the Legislature the previous day. The list was generally firm until around noon, when heavy selling came into the market, one issue losing more than 4 points. Losses were partially recovered before the close."

Ranking under the charges of Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck that he had on several occasions "slipped" from \$200 to \$250 in public funds to R. J. Stevenson for running articles of a "highly political nature" in the Labor Leader, prior to the last provincial election, C. Alfred Maguire, former vice-chairman of Hydro, invited the attorney-general to "come out in the open" and repeat his statements. "Just let him step outside the legislature," said he, "and infer there was anything irregular or wrong with my conduct, and notwithstanding

that he is the attorney-general of Ontario, I certainly will take action against him."

The parents of the Dionne quintuplets endorse the determination of the Ontario Government to prevent their daughters being placed on exhibition to the detriment of their health, Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn said yesterday after a conference with Paul Martin, Windsor lawyer retained by the parents.

To voice a public protest against any split of school taxes which will grant further concessions to separate schools, a mass meeting will be held in Massey Hall on the night of March 8, it was announced, following a conference of approximately 40 leading Toronto clergymen, representing five denominations.

THIS MAY START RUSH RIGHT BACK TO THE BUSH

A despatch from Perry, N.Y., says that Elmer Sweetdew (note the happy name) had an unusual experience in the maple bush on his farm near Centerville, N.Y. He drove in a "spill" into one of the maples and a thin trickle of whiskey ran from the spout inserted in the tree to draw the maple sap.

Hardly trusting his senses Elmer Sweetdew (again note the name) went around to the other side and found a cork in a jug placed in a deep cavity of the trunk. Then he remembered a hired man he discharged for drunkenness several years ago who habitually took a jug of liquor into the wood lot to lighten his labours.

Indianapolis News:—Some distant relatives wouldn't be if they kept their distance.

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Tickets are valid to return, leaving destination point up to and including Monday, March 18th, so as to arrive North Bay and connect with T. & N. O. Train No. 1, leaving North Bay C. P. Depot 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 19th.

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