

The WOMAN with TWO SMILES

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He kissed her good luck.

CHAPTER 27

THERE FOLLOWED a few minutes of tragic silence. Raoul had flung a tablecloth over Valthex's body. Clara was pacing the room, only half-conscious, unaware of what she was doing or saying. Under the tablecloth Valthex's body gave occasional shudders.

"We're done for... it's all up with us," Clara was muttering.

"What are you bleating about?" demanded Raoul, who had now completely recovered his customary calm and lucidity.

He glanced at his watch, then snatched up the telephone, and called harshly:

"Hello! Hello! Can't you hear me, mademoiselle? No, I don't want a number, give me the supervisor. Hello! Is that you Caroline? What splendid luck! How are you, my dear? ... Now listen, I want you to ring up this flat without stopping for five minutes. ... There's someone hurt here, and I want the concierge to hear the telephone and come up. Got that? No, no, Caroline, nothing to worry about, everything's O. K. ... Just something quite unimportant. ... Bye-bye."

He hung up, and almost immediately the telephone bell started ringing.

"Come on!" In two minutes the concierge will be here and will see to things. She knows Gergere, and she's sure to fetch him. And we shall escape from the house tops!

His voice was so steady, his grasp so firm, that Clara did not dream of resisting.

Raoul took up the knife, wiped the telephone so that there would be no finger prints, uncovered Valthex's body, disconnected the mechanism of the luminous screen, and they left the flat, leaving the door wide open behind them.

The telephone bell shrieked on, loud and persistent, while they went up to the fourth floor, which was occupied by the servants over the marquis flat.

Raoul pried open the door, an easy matter as it was neither locked nor bolted.

Just as they entered, and before they

door, and then out onto the staircase. They went down one flight, then another, and when they reached the first floor landing, Raoul whispered:

"Now let's think what we'd better do. There's bound to be a concierge. I don't know if the one here can see us going out of the house. Anyhow, we'd better be on the safe side and go out separately. You go first. You'll find yourself in a street at right angles to the Seine. Turn to the left keeping your back to the river. In the third street on the right, you'll find a small hotel called the Suburban and Japanese hotel. Go into the lounge and I'll be with you in a minute."

He put his arms round her, and kissed her good luck.

"Now then, cheer up, don't look so miserable. Remember, you've just saved my life. I mean it. You see—that revolver was loaded!"

He lied to her with perfect composure. But nothing he could do or say could console Clara, and she left him with bowed head, a picture of misery.

Raoul, looking down over the banisters, saw her turn to the left.

He counted a hundred; then another hundred, to make quite sure. Then he, too, left the house, wearing dark glasses and keeping his hat rammed down over his face.

He went along the narrow, busy street till he reached the third turning on the right. To the left of this, he could see the sign of the Suburban and Japanese hotel, outwardly of modest appearance, but containing, as he knew, a grass-roofed lounge, comfortably and artistically furnished.

He looked all round the lounge. Clara was not there. Nor could he find her in the hotel or the surrounding streets.

Feeling very worried indeed, he hurried back to the house they had just left, then returned again to the hotel.

"Still she had not come."

"Queer!" he muttered. "Better wait a bit."

He waited half an hour, an hour, every now and then dashing out and looking in the neighbouring streets.

No sign of Clara.

Then, suddenly, he decided to leave the hotel imagining that Clara must have returned to the house at Auteuil.

In her over-excited, nervous state, she must either not have understood where she was to meet him, or she had murdered things up and was now anxiously awaiting him at Auteuil.

He leapt into a taxi, taking the wheel as was his custom when in a hurry.

In the garden, he met his servant. Then he found Courville indoors.

"Where's Clara?" he gasped.

"I haven't seen her."

It was a terrible blow to Raoul. Where should he search for her? What could he do? Enforced inaction added to his anxiety. Moreover he was haunted by a terrible thought so logical that he felt it would be only the natural consequence of the fearful strain Clara had undergone. She felt herself to be a murderer; she was convinced that she had thereby become an object of horror to Raoul. What more likely than that she should commit suicide? Did not that explain her sudden disappearance? Did it not mean that she could not face Raoul again?

He pictured her wandering alone in the night beside the river. The dark waters, reflecting a thousand lights, drawing her, until she threw herself in.

Raoul passed a sleepless night. His iron self-control even made things worse for him, he saw it all so lucidly. He was filled with remorse—at having failed to forestall Valthex's cunning plan, at having left Clara alone in the house.

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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

On Friday Lithuania lodged a protest with Germany against anti-Lithuanian propaganda and anti-Lithuanian demonstrations in the Reich. The protest delivered by Dr. Jurgis Saulys, Lithuanian minister in Berlin, to Baron Konstantin von Neurath, Reich foreign minister, was directed against "propaganda tantamount to meddling in Lithuanian domestic affairs by German radio and some newspapers, and anti-Lithuanian demonstrations in Berlin and other parts of Germany, particularly in Tilsit."

The House Committee on Bank and Commerce at Ottawa recommends that the maximum rate a life insurance company may charge on loans arranged by policyholders on their policies after January 1st next will be five per cent.

Raymond Hamilton, reported as a notorious killer and former partner of the late Clyde Barrow was recaptured on Friday in the freight yards at Fort Worth, Texas. He was captured without a struggle. Hamilton escaped on July 22nd last from the death house at Huntsville penitentiary while waiting execution for murder.

John Buchan, Canada's next governor-general of Canada was elected honorary master of the Middle Temple. Buchan was called to the bar of the Middle Temple in 1901, subsequently joining the northern circuit. Since then his writings and his administrative abilities have far overshadowed his legal talents, acute as they are.

Ganaoquo, Ont., boasts the oldest shoemaker in the province in the person of Michael Brennan, nearly 84 years of age and who estimates that in his 70 years of work he has driven 25 million nails, used 3,500 sides of leather, and put on 69,000 pairs of heels.

Five winners of sweepstakes in New York have had their cheques confiscated by the Washington authorities.

Miss Janet Rushford, of Toronto, was stopped on street one night last week by a thug who threatened her with a gun while demanding her purse. She knocked the gun from his hand and sent him scurrying with a good sound slap in the face.

Britain plans a pan-European peace conference in London and offers to assume the role of mediator between the disputing nations.

The latest suggestion is that the proposed legislation for repudiation of contracts between the Hydro and certain Quebec power companies is only a bluff to force the power companies to reduce their prices and modify the contracts otherwise.

Storms in Texas were responsible for at least one death, the injury of 150 others, as well as much loss to property from wind, rain and cutting hail.

Some 800 relief camp strikers in British Columbia are said to be marching on the coast.

Lord Mayor Alfred Byrne, of Dublin sailed on Friday for home but without a \$10,000 cross presented to him last year by Pope Pius XI. The cross was taken for examination by some visitors to the Lord Mayor while he was in New York and there has been apparent forgetfulness in the matter of returning it.

Hitler is said to have offered to sign a pact to accept the present boundaries of Germany for ten years and thus practically guarantee peace for a decade.

Leo Daoust, 33 years of age, died in an Ottawa hospital on Friday from the effects of bullet wounds in the head. He had been acting queerly and when he attempted to take an automobile, an officer attempted to question him. He fled and when overtaken struggled with the officer. He tore the officer's gun from his holster and two shots were fired close to the officer's face. A third shot entered Daoust's head and it was from the effects of this that he died.

The group calling themselves the unemployed had another deputation to make demands on the Ontario government last Thursday. There were about 1,000 in the delegation but only ten were allowed inside the parliament buildings. A fence or barricade had been erected on the parliament grounds to keep back the crowd and the grounds were fully covered by police. The premier and Hon. D. Croil and Hon. A. W. Roebuck promised to make a personal inspection of houses on relief in answer to charges that some families on relief

were in danger of starvation. While the ten were in consultation with the premier the 2,000 were enjoying fiery red speeches by agitators. University students dampened the pleasure somewhat burlesque addresses and interruptions of the red tirades.

Repudiation of power contracts by the Ontario Government struck a serious blow to industry and to 800 working men of Hamilton last week when Beauharnois and MacLaren-Quebec Power Company orders being filed by the Canadian Westinghouse Company at Hamilton were cancelled.

Four masked bandits held up an Illinois Central train last week and robbed all the passengers. One passenger when told to "stick 'em up," thought it was a joke and turned away. He was shot in the leg and had to be taken to hospital later.

A fifty million dollar programme for housing was presented at Ottawa last week. It is said that ten million dollars would finance the scheme now.

The last riot and fire in Kingston Penitentiary was planned as "a blow-off" before the election. Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie said last week in the House of Commons. He based the statement on an anonymous letter handed to the warden by a prisoner a few hours before the riot.

During the past six months Toronto has had 9,676 cases of measles.

SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS FOR TRYING TO BLOW BRIDGE

Two years less one day was the sentence given George Lemire, Kirkpatrick township, near North Bay, when he came before the spring assizes at North Bay last week. He will serve the term at Burwash. He destined to make any statement at the trial when given the opportunity, but previously had claimed that he made the attempt to blow up a highway bridge on March 6th with the plan of directing attention to the plight of his family and so securing proper relief. To judge took this claim into consideration but apparently did not find it warranted. By the use of stolen explosives attempt was made to wreck the bridge but little damage was done. Had the plan been fully successful the loss would have been heavy and lives would have been endangered.

Stratford Beacon-Herald.—Owners of 78 parking lots in Toronto threaten to close them because the city has increased its fee. If such a thing happened it would be a good example of that fine old saying: "The power to tax has within it the power to destroy."

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That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D., Toronto

A Simple Test As To Ability of Stomach To Empty Itself

Notwithstanding the fact that a slow or dropped stomach is naturally slow in emptying it will however empty itself in "reasonable" time.

As you know the usual type of individual with dropped stomach is thin and narrow. The narrowness of the body does not allow the stomach enough room to lie crossways in the abdomen and so its upper end lies lower than it should; hence the slowness of emptying itself into the small intestine.

Now it so happens that the majority of patients with ulcer of the stomach (not all of course) are likewise thin or narrow and of the "nervous" type.

Sometimes the question arises as to whether a stomach ailment is due to ulcer or to simply a low hanging or dropped stomach.

Dr. F. Smithies, Chicago, says that a simple test for the emptying time of

the stomach is the "raisin and rice" test meal.

The patient eats a regular supper, and, two hours afterwards, is given a bowl of boiled rice in which 20 raw eating raisins have been mixed. The next morning at seven o'clock the stomach is emptied with a tube. The persistent presence of the raisin skins, with or without rice, is proof of the stomach's inability to empty itself.

Now the fact that the stomach doesn't empty itself overnight—a matter of about ten hours—is of value in finding out whether there is any disease of the stomach.

It was found that 42 per cent. of ulcer of the stomach, 58 per cent. of ulcer of the first or small intestine (duodenal ulcer) and 91 per cent. of cancer of the stomach, show this persistent overnight delay of the stomach in emptying itself.

What about the dropped stomach? Was there any delay in its emptying?

Dr. Smithies states that despite its low position it usually empties itself overnight. In the most pronounced cases, where the stomach was very low in the abdomen, less than 3 per cent. of stomachs retain or hold food overnight.

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North Bay Nugget.—Boy, that sun feels good.

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Mr. Greathead has Great Problem to Solve Now

(Chesley Enterprise)

One of the best stories we have heard in some time was related to us last Thursday by Jack McGowan and "Doc" Merton of Southampton. Jee Greathead purchased the United Church sheds in Southampton and engaged a gang of half a dozen men to tear down the building. Five of the workmen meandered over to the United Church sheds after dinner and commenced razing the structure.

However, the sixth man, Howard Brechow, got his signals crossed and hid himself by mistake to the Presbyterian sheds. At supper time Brechow ran into the other quintette coming from work. They asked him why he hadn't reported for duty, and the puzzled Brechow replied by asking why nobody had come to help him.

Suspecting something was wrong Greathead went over to the Presbyterian sheds and imagine his consternation when he discovered that Brechow a hard worker, had torn all the shingles off the other side. Now both sheds are practically demolished although only one job was ordered, leaving Mr. Greathead in the nice predicament of either having to go ahead and buy the Presbyterian shed too or else rebuild it.

ROADS NOW BARE IN PLACES; WAGONS MAKE APPEARANCE

"Wheeling" began last week in Timmins as Third Avenue and some of the other main streets began to show pavement through the icy ruts. The accrued sand and dirt of the winter, now left on top of the ice makes sleighing difficult in town, though the runners still slide easily enough on country roads.

Kincardine Review-Reporter:—"Oh, Bob," shouted the lady of the house to her husband, "how do you expect to drive a nail in the wall with that tooth-brush? For goodness sake, use your head."