

The WOMAN with TWO SMILES

by Maurice Leblanc



CREATOR OF ARSÈNE LUPOU

CHAPTER 35

GORGERET hung up without relieving the good lady's anxiety, and sat there looking distinctly foolish.

"I'm afraid you've been rather hasty, Gorgeret. Go along to that boarding house and search her room. I'm going to send for the Marquis d'Erlmont."

Gorgeret's search was unproductive. The girl's very modest wardrobe was marked with the initials A. G. There was a birth certificate bearing the same name, Antoinette Gautier, of unknown parentage, born at Lisieux.

"Curse and blast!" growled the inspector.

Gorgeret spent three wretched hours. He could not eat a mouthful of his lunch with Flamant, could not utter two consecutive sentences. All Flamant's attempts to cheer him were in vain.

"See here, now, you're talking sheer nonsense. If Blonde Clara didn't do the job, just let her go!"

"Fool, do you believe she didn't do it?"

"Of course she did!"

"And was it or wasn't it Clara who danced at the Blue Casino?"

"I'll swear it was!"

"Then I'd like to know how you explain that she was asleep in her bed on the night the Blue Casino opened, and sitting peacefully with the manageress of her boarding house when Big Paul was knifed!"

"I don't explain it. I merely state the facts."

"And what do you deduce from them?"

"That there's no explanation!"

Not for one moment did it dawn on Gorgeret or Flamant that there might be two distinct and separate people, Clara and Antoinette.

At half past two, the Marquis d'Erlmont was ushered into the office of the chief of criminal investigation, where Gorgeret was present.

It was only on his return from Switzerland that the marquis had read in the papers of the drama that had taken place in his house, and had learned that there was a warrant out for the arrest of one of his tenants, Monsieur Raoul, and that a certain Blonde Clara had been arrested.

After the preliminary introductions, the marquis began:—

"On my arrival at the station just now, I expected to see a girl called Antoinette Gautier, who has been my secretary for some weeks, and who knew the exact time of my train. From what I gather she is somehow mixed up in this affair."

It was the chief who replied:

"This woman is actually being held in custody."

"Do you mean she's under arrest?"

"No, merely under detention."

"But whatever for?"

"According to Chief Inspector Gorgeret, who is in charge of the investigation of the case concerning Big Paul, Antoinette Gautier is none other than Blonde Clara!"

The marquis was dumbfounded.

"What?" he exclaimed indignantly.

"Antoinette is Blonde Clara! You must be mad! What does all this mean? I demand the immediate release of Antoinette Gautier, with full apologies for this terrible mistake on the part of the police which must have caused the poor child untold suffering."

The chief looked inquiringly at Gorgeret. The detective never moved a muscle. Under the rather scornful gaze of his superior, he went up to the marquis, and said airily:

"So you know nothing about the crime itself, monsieur?"

"Nothing."

"And you don't know Big Paul?"

Believing Gorgeret to be still ignorant of Big Paul's identity, the marquis shook his head.

"And you don't know Blonde Clara?" persisted Gorgeret.

"I know Antoinette, but not Blonde Clara."

"And aren't Antoinette and Clara one and the same?"

The marquis for all reply shrugged his shoulders disdainfully.

"One word more, monsieur. When you went to Volnic Chateau with Antoinette Gautier, were you together all the time?"

"We were."

"So that when I met Antoinette Gautier in the grounds of the chateau, you were with her that day?"

Feeling himself cornered, d'Erlmont could not avoid answering:

"I was there."

"Now can you tell me just what you were doing there?"

The marquis appeared somewhat embarrassed as he finally said:

"I was there as the owner of the chateau."

"What?" exclaimed Gorgeret. "You are the owner?"

"Certainly. I bought the chateau about 15 years ago."

Gorgeret could scarcely believe his ears.

"You bought the chateau . . . But nobody knew . . . Why did you buy it? Why were you so secret about it?"

Gorgeret asked for a few minutes' private conversation with his chief, and edging him towards the window, said in an undertone:

"They're all in league together, chief! It's a conspiracy! The girl wasn't the only one in the chateau. Raoul was there too!"

"Raoul!"

"Yes, I found them there together. So you see, chief, now it all fits together—the Marquis d'Erlmont, the girl . . . and Raoul! All confederates! But there's better still to come!"

"What?"

"The marquis was one of the chief witnesses in the Volnic drama, when the singer Elisabeth Hornain was murdered and robbed, 15 years ago!"

"Good heavens! That's serious!"

Gorgeret waxed still more expansive:

"There's more than that. I've succeeded in finding the hotel where Big Paul was stopping at the time he was stabbed. He left his things there, and I've made two very important discoveries among his papers. I was only waiting to have them examined before telling you. First, I've discovered that the marquis was intimate with Elisabeth Hornain—a fact he concealed at the inquest. Why? Secondly, Big Paul's real name is Valthex! Now, Valthex was Elisabeth Hornain's nephew, and Valthex, so I am told, frequently visited the marquis. What do you say to that?"

The chief, who seemed most intrigued by these revelations, said to Gorgeret:

"The case is taking on quite a new aspect. We must change our tactics. It would be fatal to accuse the marquis now. For the time being, Antoinette Gautier must be set at liberty. Then you must get to work to investigate the whole business thoroughly, particularly the part played in it by the marquis. Don't you agree with me?"

"Absolutely, chief. We shall only get Raoul if we make a pretense of giving in. Moreover . . ."

"Yes?"

"I may soon have something more to tell you."

Antoinette was set free immediately. Gorgeret informed the marquis that he would call on him before another week had passed to ask further information, and then took him to Antoinette's cell.

On seeing her godfather, the girl ran to his arms, laughing and crying at once.

"Little humbug!" growled Gorgeret, and turned away in disgust.

But in spite of all, Gorgeret had come into his own again that day. As the puzzle was pieced together, and he kept his chief informed, he regained control of his brain, and was once more able to reason things out in his usual fashion.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

First Great Leader Of Women in India

W.M.S. Hear Story of Pandita Ramabai at Meeting on Thursday, Last Week

Pandita Ramabai, the first woman of India to take the part of leadership on the stage of modern public life was the central subject of a most interesting and informative paper given by Miss Susie Smyth at the May meeting on Thursday last of the Women's Missionary Society of the Timmins United Church.

No story of fiction could be stranger or more fascinating than that of this cultured Brahmin woman, who studied in both England and America before giving her outstanding service to her home land.

The theme of the meeting was:—"The Pathway of Love for Others on the Highway of World Friendship."

The president, Mrs. Bruce Millar, presided in capable way. She was assisted by Mrs. DeMille, at the piano, and by Mrs. Monck, the Presbyterian president, who read the scriptural lesson. Others taking part were Mrs. Moisiey, Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Gillies.

During the preceding month 97 calls were made in the Presbyterian, mostly by Miss Smyth, the W.M.S. worker, a comparative few by her assistants.

Plans were made for the W.M.S. tea, which is held once a year to raise money for local needs. It is planned to make this tea, which will be held early in June, of special missionary interest.

At the June meeting the subject of "Temperance" will be discussed.

The W.M.S. meets the second Thursday of each month and extends a most cordial invitation to all ladies who are in any way interested to attend.

Women Benefit Most From Life Insurance

Life Insurance Week Should Be of Special Interest to the Women of the Community

The "Save and Be Safe with Life Insurance" campaign of the life insurance companies and the life underwriters should attract as much interest from women as it does from men. One life insurance official points out that, when the average estate is settled, it is found that 87 per cent. of the assets consist of life insurance on the husband and that usually it is made payable to the wife. More and more, women are becoming possessors of capital and they should realize not only the benefits that have come to them from life insurance payments but the advantages that life insurance has to offer in protecting themselves.

That they are going so is proved by the fact that one out of every ten life insurance policies now issued is on the life of a woman and that the percentage is still higher in the case of annuities.

By nature provident and thoughtful, women have responded quickly to the advantages of life insurance for both investment and protection. Often the sole support of a mother or an invalid father, a woman in business must of necessity turn to the life insurance company for the protection needed in case her life should be cut short. She chooses either a straight life policy which will give her the maximum amount of life insurance for what she is able to set aside for insurance; or she will combine life insurance protection for her dependents with a guaranteed cash or income provision for herself later in life.

In the case of self-supporting women without dependents, the choice is more likely to be some form of life annuity payable at the age of retirement, the income being guaranteed on a monthly basis for her remaining lifetime. She is thus assured of the absolute safety of her investment while laying aside something each year from her earnings, and has happy assurance of a guaranteed life income therefrom for her old age, free of the worries attending so many other forms of investment.

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A Flying Machine In the Off Season

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Seasonal flying in the North still has some disadvantages. During the weeks just past when the ice on the little lakes was breaking up, the "close season" was on. In the fall when the ice is forming, the same awkward condition arises. Something is needed to fill the gap between summer and winter. Those places that have good landing fields are immune to the trouble, but the majority of towns in the North to which flying means the saving of days in other modes of travel have not yet reached the stage where expense can be lavished on a large field.

Recent developments in the autogyro field would seem to indicate that an ideal machine for spring and fall flying in the North will be available soon. When the first queer 'giro made its appearance with LaCivra at the controls, the world of movie goers and newspaper readers took it for "just another useless fad." Fortunately, no serious accidents marked its introduction to the field of transportation; it looked flimsy but was and is safe. The 'giro of to-day is a much different thing than it was some years ago.

The foremost advantage is the very small space in which the thing will land and it is for this reason that it has been recommended for use in the North in off seasons. Little effort is required to make a space suitable for a landing "field." The most lonely spots in the North have more than likely the space needed.

The latest model of the 'giro has no wings and will rise almost vertically. It has a top speed of more than 100 miles per hour, a cruising speed of 90 miles per hour, take-off speed of 25 miles per hour and a minimum speed of about 17 miles per hour. It weighs 600 pounds and will carry another 540 pounds. Just 350 miles can be travelled with a single load of gasoline. The cabin is closed in and seats two people comfortably.

Control of the new 'giro has been simplified so that very little instruction is required—little more than when learning to drive an auto. The whirling blades over the top of the machine are now made so that they can be tilted in any position, fore and aft, or laterally. This alone is almost sufficient to do all manoeuvring, although a rudder is still mounted. With the elimination of the wing, the ailerons have disappeared too, so that another complication that greets the novice flyer has been done away with. The operation of the thing is so simple that the use of the machine may sweep the continent with surprising rapidity.

It is not probable that any but the

Queen's Graduates From North Land

Northern Students Taking Degrees and Winning Prizes This Year at Queen's University

Announcement has been made from Queen's University, Kingston, of the successful candidates in final examinations for diplomas in arts and engineering, and for the prizes and scholarships won during the year.

John R. Leng, Schumacher, who graduates this year in Arts, won the Mary Fraser McLeilan prize in Hebrew.

Those who receive diplomas on May 15th at the convocation are:—Bachelor of Arts: Douglas Wilfred Carriere, of Timmins; William Langhill Hogarth, Jr., Timmins; John Ronald Leng, of Schumacher; James Douglas Thompson, South Porcupine. Master of Science: Frederick James Thomas, B. Sc., of Timmins. Bachelor of Science: Arthur Stewart Bayne, Timmins, mining and metallurgical engineering.

Others from the North who will graduate on the same day are Barbara Annie Gowans, Kirkland Lake, who honours in new system of studies, English and History; Marion Elizabeth Bartlett, Cobalt; Florence Cramp, Kirkland Lake; Mary Josephine Lalonde, North Bay; Margaret Elizabeth Lee, North Bay; Madeline Leslie, Halleybury; Alexander Donald Matheson, Sudbury; Alden Moore, North Bay; Catherine G. McPhee, Kirkland Lake; Edith Gertrude Warrell, of Cochrane. In engineering Frank William Hughes, North Bay, Leo Jarvis of Sudbury, W. Ross Lowe of Sudbury, John Norman Milne of Halleybury, Murray Edmond Watts of Cobalt, Arthur Grenfell White

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of Sudbury, all will receive diplomas in various branches. H. S. Sawrey, of Kirkland Lake, won the N. F. Dupuis scholarship in first year and the university scholarship in first year applied science.

Fire Drill on Friday at The Holy Family School

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