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CHAPTER XXIV

The comment of the Assistant Commissioner was ironic.

"Yes, sir: I've found him all right." | The tone of the Detective-Inspector expected, that the negro expressed his matched Lellant's: it held the ring of surprise. steel. "But, if I may venture to make the remark, Sir Harold, the important | "You will in a minute. Now how are thing now is to discover a much more they treating you?" vital fact."

Commissioner was still looking at the wilderment was almost comical. where.

"Who acted as the butcher?" Kentish considered he had scored off his superior officer, this passing feeling had had a trying time, and this smashing blow in the face on the part of the enemy had left him with a deeper sense of fury than any he could remember his career. To have spent the time he had done in futile inquiries when all the while Laroche had been preparing this master stroke of defiance!

ant fact is to discover, as you say, who of you." did the murder . . . hello, what's this?"

' He reached forward and pulled out | for, then?" an envelope, the top of which could be seen protruding from the breast pocket of the coat on the dead man.

"As I expected," he went on; "this is show you,' he said. addressed to me.'

He tore the flap of the envelope, extracted a sheet of paper which was inside, and read:

"Dear Sir Harold.

I have heard from various quarters that you and your slightly-comic Detective-Inspector by the name of Kentish, I believe, are particularly anxious to discover the whereabouts of one Edward Horst. To save you further trouble on this score and in order that your few brains may not become still hand door of the cupboard. On the more muddled, I am sending you the top shelf was a grisly object - the gentleman himself. Unfortunately, as severed head of the murdered Horst. you will notice, he has met with a slight accident. This is the penalty he do you like it?" he said grimly. has been made to pay for interfering | The effect on the negro was astonishwith my plans.

a favourable opportunity present itself | race came to the surface.

obedient servant. Pierre Laroche." cal, reminded the two men that there sternly was a witness to their discomfiture. Sir Harold Lellant turned on Sergeant Murphy in an infuriated manner.

"What are you doing here, Murphy?" he demanded.

The bewildered sergeant put forward the best excuse that his scattered wits longed to a man named Edward Horst could manage.

just asked me to lock the door."

made an observation.

box and its grisly contents, "is taken down to my own room, Sir Harold?" "Of course not!" was the snapped reply; "from now on you are in charge torturer. You used your favourite weaof this case. And I want you to be- pon, I dare say-a razor. Now what lieve that I'm serious, Kentish, when I have to got to say?" say that I shall expect results-and that I shall expect them quickly!" "Very good, sir."

face was sullen. Mitah Kentish," he announced

feel like talking, there's an end to it "Well, now you've found him!" he I sent for you just to see how you were getting on.'

This was so contrary to what he had

"I'se don't understand," he stated.

By this time the negro's face was "And what is that?" The Assistant puckered, and his obvious sense of be-

te Inspector.

of triumph must be forgiven him: he better get that into your head right ago-I have ways and means of making that the deepest depression had taken

having experienced before throughout boiled Detective-Inspector of the Me-'tropolitan Police.

to know better than that, Kuhn. Do you think we at the Yard haven't any-"I quite agree, Inspector," returned thing better to do than to try foolish Sir Harold Lellant; "the most import- tricks off on prisoners? I'm ashamed

had been waiting.

"There's a little present I want

"Yes, Kuhn-for you. Wait a min-

crossed the few feet of space that separated him from a large cupboard that was the principal ornament of the

"Now look carefully Kuhn-and you'll see something of interest," he announced.

The speaker threw open the right "There's your present, Kuhn-how

ing. With a yell of terror, he flung Will you kindly give my warmest re- himself to his knees, whilst a babble of gards to Sir Harker Bellamy?-and tell incoherent talk rushed from his thick him from me, that I shall be happy to lips. Quite evidently the man was perform a similar service for young Mr. striken with an overwhelming sense of Peter Renton of his Department should terror; all the superstitious fear of his

I am, my dear Sir Harold, Your very | The Detective-Inspector waited until passed. Then he asked a question. A snigger, sounding slightly hysteri | "Do you recognize it?" he asked

The Inspector moved forward so that

Edward Horst used to be in the Pierre "You didn't tell me to go, sir-you Laroche gang, but he quarrelled with Laroche and they became bitter ene-Detective-Inspector Kentish now mies. A couple of days ago Laroche raided Horst's headquarters. You were "Do you mind if this," pointing to the in that raid, weren't you?" Without waiting for an answer, he went on: "Horst was taken away and handed over to you-you being Laroche's pet

Five minutes later three Flying Squad "I'se not goin' to say anything more, cars, all packed with picked men,

The Detective-Inspector waved him Scotland Yard and travelled at racing THE FLYING SQUAD GETS BUSY to a chair.

"Don't worry, Kuhn-if you don't

body, and his thoughts appeared else- "You have plenty to eat?" inquired

most innocent-appearing smile that had admit she has been very naughty. I ever appeared on the face of a hard-

"What did you have me brought here

"A present? For me?"

ute and I'll show it to you."

the first attack of prostrating fear had

Kuhn tried to answer, but his chattering teeth prevented the words from being intelligible.

he now stood over the man.

"That," pointing to the head, "be-

The accused wretch had quite a lot to say. Not only did he make a full confession of the murder, but he gave the man who had set the trap for him When the negro entered the room, his some other information of great value.

zoomed out of the main entrance of

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that His Honour Judge Caron will commence to sit at the Oddfellows Hall on Friday the 23rd October next at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon to hear evidence concerning the investigation required by the Corporation of the Town of Timmins and all persons who have any information concerning the matters to be investigated are asked to come forward and give their evidence.

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CHAPTER XXV A BIT OF HISTORY

heavily on Laroche's shoulders. we said."

The other laughed. Kentish smiled. It was perhaps the with her she will be only too glad to excitement. should like to know, however, how she managed to get up here," the speaker went on. "Will you be good enough to "Game?" he repeated. "You ought look after her while I go downstairs to make a few inquiries?"

He was gone before the military

attache could give him a reply. The servant who had furnished the startling news of Sally's disappearance was waiting for him outside the room. Laroche caught his arm, and as the This was the lead for which Kentish two walked down the stairs leading to the kitchen quarters, he asked him a to number of questions. The man replied to the best of his ability, but the answers he gave only served to increase Laroche's anger.

The situation was mysterious-and With that, the Detective-Inspector perplexing. What agency had spirited Sally, a person he could absolutely trust, and the other girl prisoner, Susan Renton, away in that extraordinary fashion?

It was not until he had searched the place thoroughly that he noticed the note on the mantelpiece of the former kitchen.

It was an amazing document, and

"You got Horst and I'm going to get you. To begin with, that fancy woman of yours is for it to-night, whilst the kid you snatched away from Horst is coming back with me. Look out for yourself Laroche!"

I was signed "Ruby Trost:"

Upstairs Von Staltheim waited impatiently. If his eyes had had the power to look over several hundred miles of land and water, this feeling would have given way to a far more dramatic

For history was being written in the ountry he served that night.

Only recently back from addressing a monster demonstration—so carefully staged-managed by his Minister for Propaganda that the foreign journalists unanimously declared that they had never seen anything like it-Karl Kuhnreich staggered into his private office in the former royal palace that had been converted to his use, and flung himself into a chair. He was at

his last ounce of physical strength. This man who, by a combination of quick wittedness, deep-rooted patriotism and an amazing strength of opportunism, had risen to the supreme control of one of the greatest nations in the world's history, had been working for many weeks past without scarcely any sleep. The position with Ronstadt was desperate; like most dictatorgoverned countries, it had reached a point in its national life when the inside economic evils had to be counterbalanced by some gesture so spectacular, so well calculated to take the people's minds off their domestic and private worries that-for the time, at least -they would be perfectly willing to draw in their belts and face with more

resolution the difficulties of existence. There was only one method he could use; it was necessary to inflame the nation's pride. This for several years past-in fact, ever since the late war with Caronia-had been humbled in the dust. Ronstadt, always a proud country, had been forced to bite on the bullet and to wait. For nearly twenty dation at the "old jail" for transients years she had waited, but now, with a overnight, but recently that plan was self-appointed saviour at her head, she dropped for the sake of economy. Since was prepared to go to almost any then any needing beds overnight have length in the endeavour to restore her been accommodated at the police staold-time pride.

No one knew this better than Karl the privilege has been flagrantly abusin the great square of Pe at the recent cells under charge of vagrancy. monster demonstration.

"Ronstadt shall live again!"

He had said it-and he must fulfil fully tiresome for the human cannonthe promise. For the past five years ball at the circus. He gets fired every one to sleep and so will some of the his cohorts had been shouting it at day.

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every street corner. If he failed to that the passenger train did not jump Major Von Staltheim put his hands make good his pledge, then he knew he the switch. The switch had been was not only lost but utterly damned. | changed to heavier steel on the previous

"You realize what this means?" he His councillors came in one by one, day, he said. He tested the switch next choked, pointing to the unconscious looked at the recumbent figure and morning and found it in good condifigure of Elsie Norris, which the mas- stood aside whispering to each other. tion ter-criminal had dumped into a chair. The Chieftain-as Karl Kuhnreich was Another section man, Wellington "It means that this girl has been eaves- known not merely throughout Ronstadt | Jones, testified that when he left duty dropping behind those curtains, and but throughout the world—was a early the previous evening he noticed a that she must have heard every word strange, contradictory and perplexing switch light was out and lit it. "Is it personality. He alternated moods of possible that some vandals might have intense physical activity with periods opened the switch and blown out the "Your perception, my dear Von Stal. of the darkest despair. Ten minutes light?" Dr. Crawford asked the jury. theim, is nothing short of remark. before, he had seemed to the listening "Or were the crew of the work train "This is some game you're playing able!" he returned scoffingly; "that, no multitude to be an inspired prophet; negligent?" off on me, Mistah Kentish-and I'se doubt, is the exact position, but I would those who looked at him now in the not going to fall for it. I guess you'd remind you of what I said a minute secrecy of his own apartment knew this girl talk. When I have finished the place of his previous, almost crazed,

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Twenty Lives Lost When "Sand Sucker" Goes Down

The most tragic accident in many years on the Great Lakes took twenty lives this week-end when the Sand Merchant, "sand sucker," loaded with 30,000 tons of sand and building materials, sand off Sandusky in Lake Erie. Seven members of the crew were saved.

Captain MacLellan, master of the vessel, said the storm in which great waves swamped the ship, was one of the worst he had ever seen on the lakes. He gauged the wind at 50 miles an hour

newest boats of its type on the Great | it did not." Lakes, having been built at Collingwood a few years ago. The vessel was demethod and not for carrying loads long distances on the lakes. Hatches were permanently open.

Lions to Hold Dance on Armistice Day

Open Forum Last Thursday at Lions Club on Plans for Celebration Timmins 25th Year.

11th. At last week's meeting of the for the night." club J. M. Belanger was appointed | The brakeman replied, "You're all set chairman of a committee of which you're locked in for the night," he con-Charles Brown and S. G. Fowler are tinued. The engineer explained he

Open forum was held on the proposed plans for the celebration of Timmins 25th year of incorporation next summer. Members of the committee in charge of the event were able to get a lot of good suggestions from the discussion and will probably incorporate some of them in the completed

Service Club Council

Council of Timmins was given. This is ! formed of representatives of the Lions and Kiwanis, with P. T. Moisley chair- the switch set correctly for the main man. The Council is to see that the track. work of the clubs does not overlap in any way and when either club de- pay-day and the crew had collected cides to sponsor an event, the action their cheques. will be reported to the council so that there may be no confusion as to dates or the disposal of funds. Each club or hadn't you cashed your cheques:" has three representatives on the coun-

Funds raised at the Armistice Day dance will be devoted to the tubercuing the children in Timmins schools but there is still a great deal to be 46 was the passenger train which hit to it.

Free Beds Stopped at North Bay for Transients

North Bay used to provide accommotion. Now that has been withdrawn as

Kuhnreich. He had risen to power- ed. In allowing the use of part of the Sudbury area and the finding of one such power as the world had never police station for shelter for transients stolen car painted over and otherwise known-on this teaching. It had been the police had to insist on cleanliness, disguised leads to the suspicion that the resounding note of practically every but a number of transients going there there may be an organized gang of car speech he had made; he had adopted recently so flagrantly disregarded all thieves working in the Sudbury area. it as his watchword and his marching ideas of cleanliness that the police The disguised car had been stolen about song. From hundreds of loudspeakers station has been withdrawn as a place a week previously and it was so altered the slogan "Ronstadt shall live again!" of lodging for transients. The only that close scrunity would be necessary lately that I could publish. had been broadcast to the hundreds of accommodation in this line now for to identify it. When found the stolen thousands of people who had gathered transients, on a free basis, is in the car was equipped with a Toronto

Sudbury Star:-It must become aw-

Jury Cannot Place

Crew of Passenger Train Absolved at Enquiry into Wreck at Novar.

Finding that the death of three railway men sleeping in the caboose of a work train at Novar a month ago was caused by a C.N.R. passenger train entering an open swith and colliding with the caboose, an inquest jury under Chief Coroner M. M. Crawford Thursday night last at Huntsville absolved the crew of the pessenger train.

The jury expressed inability to determine who was responsible for the switch being opened. Included in the verdict was recommendation for the promptness of Engineer Edward Ayres of the passenger train in trying to avoid

The collision occurred early on the morning of Sept. 16 and cost the lives of Cyril Desourdic, Noah St. Clair and W. C. Miller. The passenger train was proceeding to Toronto from North Bay. George Allen, section hand testified

In summing up the evidence Dr. Crawford complimented railway engineers and noted that they "do not take chances. They know lives are in their care and they fear demerit marks," he

Eight witnesses testified including Engineer George Spearn of the work train and Walter Moody, general superintendent of the C.N.R. for Northern Ontario. Crown Attorney Walter Clairmont assisted the coroner.

In addition to the three killed, there were six injured, one seriously George Allan, a section worker at Novar, told of examining the switch at the siding. It was, he declared, properly in position to permit the passenger train using the passing track, but not locked. A green glass in the switch lantern was broken, and the light was

"Did it look as if the locomotive could have jumped the switch?" asked Crown The Sand Merchant was one of the Attorney E. W. Clairmont, K.C. "No-

On the day before the accident, Allen testified, the switch had been changed signed for dredging by the suction to a heavier one. The work was completed by night. On the morning after Musical Evening, Oct. 27th Canada Lags Behind in the accident he had examined the switch and found it in perfect condition. Wellington Jones, sectionman, told of

seeing the switch lamp not lighted on

and lit the lamp, and left the switch as it was-open to the passing line. The work train was out, he noted, so he did not turn the switch to the main line. Dr. Crawford pointed out that sectionmen were not supposed to change

a switch unless they had been working Engineer George Spearn, in charge of Plans are being made by the Tim- the work train, testified that when the mins Lions club now for an Armistice engine was finished for the night, at Day dance to be held at the River- about 7.50 p.m. on the 15th, he asked side pavilion on Wednesday, November his brakeman if things "were all set

made a habit of asking if the switches were correct as he was in a measure responsible for the safety of the train.

"Who was the brakeman?" he was "Brakeman St. Clair." "And he was one of the three killed

in the caboose?" In response to a question by Dr Crawford, the engineer said he in-The report of the new Service Club | terpreted the brakeman's remark that | Good work! "we're all locked up for the night" as meaning that everything was clear and

> "Pay-day," interjected Dr. Crawford, "had anybody been drinking that day

The engineer mentioned the day was

"There was no drinking," replied the our pay cheques for a week."

About two o'clock in the morning of September 16, Karl Kuhl, of Allanlosis clinic. Much good has already dale, watching the engine of the work caberlary. Not every boy can be gift- broken leg during the hearing of an "I heard 46 blow," he testified, (No.

> the caboose). "The first thing I knew it was coming into the siding. It hit the engine and knocked me senseless for a short while. When I came to was out of the cab. "I knew the three men were in the

> caboose. I went for help. Help was

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So as in our Apple Day let us all | The charge had been laid by Police stick to it.

how old a person is. Request him to to get Turra in any trouble. He said write down the date of his birthday he had entered Turra's cafe in an intoxand number of the month, placing the | icated condition and had been ejected figures side by side. If it is March 14 by the owner. He slipped on the sidehe writes down 143. Tell him to double | walk in front of the cafe and broke his that number and add 5 to it; next leg, he said. multiply the resulting number by 50; He denied to Magistrate Tucker that add his own age then substract 365. he had been paid not to testify against Now ask him for the last result and to the accused, but finally admitted that it you add 115. There you have the Turra had arranged to pay his doctor's date of his birth and his age. In the bill and that he was being given room example of birthday March 14 and a and board at the latter's cafe until boy 10 years old, the answer would be his condition permitted him to return 14310, the last two figures being his ago. to work.

merican Boy Scout magazine. And by that Bertman had created a disturbance the way I haven't had any questions in the restaurant and that forcible

Good Scouting. S. B. ROWE, District Scouter.

Perth Courier: - A careful driver ap-Toronto Telegram:-Ether will put ed and listened. All he heard was the

the Consumption of Fish

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Compared to the people of England, lovers and those who enjoy a pleasant 'Canadians are poor fish eaters, in the evening of the better class of enter- cpinion of Alfred H. Brittain, head of tainment is the musical evening to be Canada's largest fish producing comheld in the basement of Trinity Unit- panies and former president of the week, Oct. 27th, commencing at 8 p.m. | in the Old Country the consumption of ent taking part on the programme, and person. Here in the Dominion it is all should mark the date-Oct. 27th as about 21 pounds per capita. Yet, according to reports presented to the fishing industry, Canadian fish is noted

the world over for its flavour and qual-Mr. Brittain has continuously advocated an educational and advertising campaign by the government to help increase markets within the Dominion for Canadian fish. If the national consumption of fish were to be increased by only ten pounds per capita it would

mean approximately another 100,000,-With the present crusade for the increased consumption of fish now appearing in the newspapers and magazines of the Dominion that goal seems materially to the general welfare; it would benefit the transportation companies and affiliated industries; it would increase the revenue of the primary producer; and it would provide a real stimulus for the entire fishing in-

Victim of Assault Did Not Wish Case Pressed

Kapuskasing, Ont., Oct. 16th, Special to The Advance.

Sam Bertman proved an unwilling witness when he was called to the stand

Chief Noyes, and Bertman protestetd to Here's something! How to find out | Magistrate Tucker that he did not want

This I got from "Boy Life," the Additional evidence was to the effect

means had been used to eject him when he refused to pay for his meal. Magistrate Tucker released Tuura but warned him to call a police officer in settling any future difficulties, and effect financial settlements in criminal

proached a railroad; he stopped, look- warned him that it was improper to car behind him crashing into his gas actions until after they had been heard in court.