

The Wade KIDNAP Case

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FUGITIVES' CHATTER

There was consolation in the faintness of the call which could be heard. The staccato crack-crack-crack of a firearm was probably intended as a more emphatic warning.

Nothing was to be gained by endeavouring to put a greater distance between themselves and their captors. It was better to be as near as possible to the centre of the island hiding among the rocks, than to venture down to the more open country by the shores.

Crouching in a small cleft they could hear their names being yelled, and the breeze bore some of the threats. Finally the voices died away in an even more ominous silence.

Felcete expected to hear stealthy footsteps approaching their shelter at any minute, and she strained her ears to catch every sound for what seemed like hours.

A Scotch mist of a miserably penetrating kind seeped through their clothes and the pearl-grey dawn found Felcete wondering whether it would not have been better to take pot-luck with the kidnapers, whose further intentions were only partially known.

"If I went back," she suggested, "I could strike a bargain."

"You could indeed, my dear. Safe conduct for me while you remain as hostage!"

"Yes, I'm glad— Glad nothing! Their word isn't worth a brass farthing. This business has gone beyond the ransom stage. All they want now is a woman to stand in front of the bullets; cowards' shelter. Remember, they have one 25,000 pounds. Another similar sum we know nothing about."

"Oh," she gasped. "I'd almost forgotten about Bill."

"It was a bad time to remind you."

"But I'm not going to let you down because—because—"

"Don't be precipitate in expecting the worst my dear. They used to say 'no news is good news.' All we know is that the messenger with the money has failed to turn up. Why should it be taken for granted that Bill has come to harm?"

"Thank you for that darling."

"I want you to hope for the best."

"For calling Bill, 'Bill,' I meant."

"Considering you never do anything else I can hardly avoid falling into line."

"Do you believe in feminine intuition?"

"Well, I have known it to work."

"Then I know he's all right I should feel it more here—in my heart—if he had been . . . been hurt."

"That's the right spirit."

"Isn't it funny that we should be shrinking under cover on a lonely island off the Scottish coast talking about my silly romance at goodness knows what o'clock in the dismal morning that ever was?"

"Strictly between ourselves I consider 'dismal' to be atrociously ungrammatical. Is it really a silly little romance?"

"No, the biggest thing ever."

There always had been a strong bond of sympathy between Sir Timothy and his niece, and it was hardly surprising that it should become even greater during the days of hardships and adventures which they shared.

The experiences had not been wasted on the old man. He was acquiring a new tolerance and an appreciation of the responsibilities of wealth which had previously been lacking.

A few weeks ago the idea of Felcete marrying his secretary had been a matter for grave concern, though he had never taken steps to intervene in the obviously ripening friendship.

Later he had intended to endeavour to wear her from an attachment at variance with his notions of fitness. Now he realized that human happiness, freedom of choice and action, and the right of the individual mattered far more than any dictatorial desires.

Yes it was strange—most strange—to reach these conclusions in such unlikely circumstances.

The light was becoming stronger in spite of the low cloud and misty drizzle. Actually it was still early, the short northern summer night quickly making way for the long day with all its perils. How could they expect to remain hidden once the search was seriously undertaken?

Sir Timothy was pursued, almost against his will. Breakfast, indeed, was a very potent argument. They could not eat without making a foray.

"It may be a trap," he suggested, as they began carefully to retrace their steps.

"How could it be? We heard the boat leave, didn't we?"

"Certainly we heard the boat. Whether it departed is another thing. Supposing it cruised round and returned?"

"Uncle Timothy, your imagination is stimulated by lack of food. After a good tuck in you'll feel heaps better."

"No doubt I shall, but I'm not satisfied. I didn't like the noise that engine made."

"It was a lot more pleasant than the shrieks and wails we heard last night. Just to make sure, we might take a look at the creek. If the boat is there, back we go to the hills, cold and hungry. As it won't be, we hope, the next step is breakfast."

Making a detour to avoid the hut, they were reassured by the absence of the boat and Felcete raised a little cheer. "Satisfied?" she demanded.

"More or less."

"Come on—don't be a pessimist. Not a soul in sight, no human voice, not even a footprint like Man Friday found."

Wade was beginning to believe that his fears were groundless after the kettle was singing on the spirit stove, and Felcete was busy setting the table. Yet he could not stifle the feeling that all was not well. Far from leaving them to starve, there was surprisingly little depletion of the stores as he remembered them.

Several times during the meal he stopped eating to listen until his companion was driven to protest.

"Crunching biscuits makes you hear things," she added. "That's one of the great arguments in favour of soft food whatever the doctor and dentists may say to the contrary."

Instead of amusing him her prattle brought a frown so unusual that Felcete was at a loss. The crisp biscuits sounded like a cannonade in her own ears and she found herself dipping them in the coffee to avoid disturbing the anxious silence.

Of a sudden she giggled uncontrollably. If this horrible tenseness persisted much longer she knew she would become hysterical. "I'm going outside," she announced.

He rose to accompany her but she waved him back. "No," she said. "I'm all right. The fresh air will do me good."

Climatically there was nothing to brighten up drooping spirits for the persistent drizzle seemed to have set in for the day.

Sir Timothy joined her, apologizing for his ill humour.

"It wasn't like you darling," she told him. "My uncle Timothy is such a pleasant, level-headed man that I didn't recognize the jumpy person having breakfast. Surely you can see now that we are alone. As soon as the weather clears we must light a beacon fire, or fly a flag of distress or something."

"Yes, of course. We can't do anything yet."

"Nothing except raise your hands above your heads and keep still." Mr. Jones stepped from behind a huge boulder, an automatic glinting evilly in his hand. "I said 'keep still,' he repeated as Felcete instinctively moved to her uncle for support.

Sir Timothy was more dispirited than at any time during the whole affair. "I knew it was a trap—I knew it was," he muttered.

"My dear sir, you saved us all a considerable amount of trouble by walking into it. We all dislike the idea of traipsing over the island looking into every hole and cranny. Shifting the motor boat to a new anchorage was rather a brainwave, don't you think? Incidentally you ought to express thanks for being permitted to breakfast before this interruption. Miss Deibos, in particular, will need it. Going to sea on an empty stomach is so unpleasant."

"You unmitigated scoundrel."

"Really, Sir Timothy, that is unworthy of you."

"If you touch my niece you'll live to regret it."

"So long as I live there will be no cause for complaint. But we have no time for this."

INTO THE MIST
He whistled shrilly and the chauffeur came running forward carrying a coil of rope. Deaf to Felcete's pleading he proceeded to tussle up Sir Timothy until he was hardly able to move a finger.

"An unfortunate necessity," the chief murmured.

"Please let him loose. Please. I'll do anything if you promise not to leave him like this. If he starves to death you will have committed murder."

longed to another craft. Above it rose shrilly and heartrending, a girl's cry of "Help, help! This way! Oh help! To Be Continued"

Legion Will Stage Monster Concert for Troops at Aldershot

More About the Canadian Legion War Services.

Top-notchers in Entertainment to Give Event for Canadians

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Top-notchers of the British show world are to stage a gala concert for the entertainment of Canadian troops in training at Aldershot, it was announced here today by Captain Ben Allen, assistant general manager and director of entertainment of the Canadian Legion War Services.

The concert, to be presented Jan. 21 under the direction of Captain Merv W. Plunkett, originator and director of the "Dumbells" and now supervisor of Overseas Concert Parties for the Legion organization, will feature such famous British stars of stage and screen as Beatrice Lillie, Fred Emney, Jack Buchanan and Leslie Hensons. Their services will be rendered without pay.

The complete chorus of the stage show, "All Clear," now running at the Queen's Theatre in London, also will take part in the program, which will be presented several times throughout the day so that it will be enjoyed by all of the large concentration of Canadians at that centre.

This will be the first pretentious entertainment undertaking of the Canadian Legion War Services overseas and is the forerunner of similar concerts to be presented in England and France during the war, Captain Allen said.

The granting of honorary membership in the Canadian Legion to all officers and men of the forces has been warmly applauded by the veterans of the last war, both by those whom physical incapacities and age have kept at home and by those who again have joined the colors. The young fighting men themselves have expressed appreciation of the Legion's gesture and there is no doubt that, as a result, an even happier association will be enjoyed between the old warriors and their younger comrades to whom war is a new experience.

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British and French education authorities are fully supporting the work so that the men will be able to continue studies no matter where they may be stationed. The Legion realizes, of course, that the primary purpose of the armed forces is to win the war and that all auxiliary services must be provided in such a way as to contribute rather than to distract from this end. Definite constituencies, therefore, have been planned to include areas behind lines of fire, at leave centres, convalescent hospitals, and in neutral countries where Canadians might be interned as prisoners of war.

The C.L.W.S. rightly considers its education work the most important of its services, although all its activities are being carried out with the primary intention of helping win the war itself. Rehabilitation, in which the Legion has had more than twenty years' experience based on the first Great War, is so closely tied up with education, however, that whatever can be done to teach the men skilled trades and professions will naturally be of inestimable value after hostilities have ceased and the forces return to resume life as civilians.

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Mr. J. A. Bradette, M.P., to Move Reply to Address

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Joseph A. Bradette, Liberal member of parliament for Cochrane, Ont., will move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, it was announced Thursday after Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his cabinet members held their usual Thursday council.

W. G. Weir, Liberal-Macdonald, will second the address. No other announcements were made following the council.

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More About the Canadian Legion War Services.

Now that the 1st Division of the Canadian Active Service Force is safely encamped at Aldershot, the activities of the overseas organization of The Canadian Legion War Services are gaining satisfactory momentum.

A. E. "Jack" Moore, of Winnipeg, who headed the vanguard of Legion officers to England, is busy with his colleagues putting into operation the various welfare facilities undertaken by the C.L.W.S. for the benefit of the Dominion's armed forces.

Rigid censorship imposed, of necessity, by the British Authorities naturally restricts to a minimum the volume of news from abroad but sufficient has been received to indicate that The Legion already is an influential factor in the lives of the new troops.

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Consider Plan to Give Discount on Tax Prepayments

Town Would Have Use of Money Paid Early in the Year Before Taxes in.

If a plan now under consideration by town officials and by members of the council, is put into effect a discount will be given for prepayment of taxes. At a meeting of Council on Friday a resolution ordering that plan be drawn up, was passed.

Councillor Wilfred Spooner introduced the plan. He said that it would be a benefit not only to taxpayers who paid before the due date of their tax bills but also the taxpayers as a whole. The town would benefit as it was likely to get enough money early in the year to take care of operating expenses and so obviate the necessity of borrowing from the bank. The town would thus be saved the interest on the money borrowed from the bank.

People would come in early in the year and enquire as to the amount of their taxes. Basing on their tax bill for the previous year they would be able to know just about how much to pay. If they paid too much or too little adjustments would be made later.

The amount of the discount was not given out at the meeting. The Town Treasurer, A. L. Shaw, said that he was working out the details of the plan and hoped to have it completed in the near future.

Asks Rate of Interest
Councillor Eyre asked if the interest rate the town paid on money borrowed from the bank had been checked lately with that paid by other towns of a similar size.

Mr. Shaw said that a reduction in the rate was obtained in 1936 and that a check-up in 1939 showed that Timmings was paying no more than other towns.

At the same meeting the sum of \$673,000 was ordered borrowed from the bank at an interest rate of four and three-quarters per cent.

Advices Lions to Avoid Double Standard With Sons

School Principal Says What is Right and Wrong for Sons Must Also be for Fathers.

Thursday evening was Father and Son night at the Lions Club. Members came with their sons, if they had them, or if not, with someone else's son.

Mr. P. A. Boyce, Principal of Schumacher Public School, was the speaker. Mr. Boyce, who was introduced by Philip Farfitt, talked first to the sons on the significance of names. He advised them to take pride in the family name and to resolve that by their actions they make the name well and favourably known.

Then Mr. Boyce addressed his remarks to the father. It was their duty, he said, to avoid a double standard with their sons. What was right for the father, by reason of his age, should not allow himself privileges he would not allow his son.

Fathers should learn not to expect too much of their sons at first, said Mr. Boyce. Age and experience made many things possible to a man.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of South Porcupine, entertained the lions with an acrobatic display.

Another guest, Rick Roberts, assisted Lion Garfield Bender with the music and the community singing during the meeting.

Mr. Boyce was thanked, on behalf of the club by Douglas Carriere.

Bishop of Hearst to be One of the Conservators

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Right Rev. C. L. Neilligan, Bishop of Pembroke and head of the Catholic Army Chaplain Service, and Most Rev. Joseph Charbonneau, Bishop of Hearst, will be the co-conservators at the consecration here February 2 of Most Rev. Alexandre Vachon, Archbishop Coadjutor-elect of Ottawa.

The ceremony will take place at the Ottawa Basilica with Archbishop J. G. Forbes acting as consecrating bishop. Sermons will be delivered by Most Rev. J. C. Cody, Bishop of Victoria, B.C., and Most Rev. Eugene Limoges, Bishop of Mont-Laurier, Que.

North Land Should Have More Members in House

(From The Sudbury Star)
At the meeting of Northern Ontario federal members of parliament at North Bay on Wednesday, when a movement was launched to urge the Dominion government to make full use of the Northland's manual and material resources in prosecution of the war, another subject of considerable interest to the northern part of the province was also debated.

The proposal is not by any means new, but it has not received much attention of recent years, apparently awaiting the new federal census that is scheduled to be made in 1941. The matter has reference to greater representation for the growing North Country in the House of Commons, which is now warranted by the substantial increase in population.

Reference to this question was made at Wednesday's meeting by J. A. Bradette, member for Cochrane district, who ventured the opinion that Northern Ontario is now due for a larger representation in parliament at Ottawa. Mr. Bradette, of course, gave voice to a view that is quite largely held in all parts of the North—that due to the economic importance, the extent of territory and the exceptional growth of population, the Northern Ontario districts should be divided and at least two members be apportioned to this part of the province.

The 1931 census gave the aggregate population of the three electoral districts of Nipissing, Timiskaming and Cochrane as 184,475. It is fairly safe to assume that this figure has grown to at least 300,000, through the immense development of the mining industry, establishment of new communities and growth of towns and cities established two and three decades ago. Nine years ago the population of Nipissing riding was placed at 88,597, and a conservative off-hand estimate at the present date would be 130,000. Cochrane riding's population was recorded as 58,284, but it must be 100,000 today. Timiskaming in 1931 had 37,594 people but today there are 25,000 in the Kirkland Lake mining area alone.

One member of parliament in each of three districts enumerated thus represents about 100,000 people, in addition to a vast expanse of territory. The total number of members in the House of Commons is 245, which gives each representative an average of around 45,000 constituents. Many of the counties have only from 25,000 to 35,000 people for one member to represent.

That the three northern districts are out of line in comparison with other ridings in the Dominion is thus readily

seen. The North Country has shown probably a greater rate of population growth than