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"YOU AGAIN"

They found Fernandez alone in his office. A frown crossed his face as they entered, but a moment later he was greeting them with a smile.

"You again, gentlemen?" he said. "Duty is duty. I know, but I've got a lot of money in this place and if it's ever to recover from that dreadful affair, it must have a chance."

"I know all about that, Fernandez," said Dullimore. "Would you prefer to come up to Scotland Yard to be questioned?"

"I think I would," he said evenly. "But since you're here, you may as well go ahead."

"Very well. An important witness in the case has apparently disappeared."

"Oh?" A puzzled look appeared on his face.

"Miss Stenning."

"The old lady's secretary? You don't, surely suggest that she had anything to do with her employer's death?"

"Of course I don't. When did she leave here?"

"I'm not sure. Mrs. Lewin's solicitor, of course, dealt with the matter."

"But surely, you know when she left here?"

"Very shortly after the inquest, I imagine."

"Did you see her go?"

"No."

"Up to what date was her account paid?"

Fernandez consulted a small ledger. "Mr. Rolliter paid the accounts both of Mrs. Lewin and the secretary. He paid it on Monday evening apparently. The usual week's notice, of course, from the Saturday. I have no doubt that he also paid any salary due to her. After that . . . she went."

"How did she go? By car? A taxi? She could hardly have carried her trunk to the station herself."

"I'll inquire."

"No. Just a moment. I'll inquire. Did she leave an address to which her correspondence was to be forwarded?"

"No."

"Has there been any correspondence for her?"

"Yes. Several letters. Here they are."

He crossed to a nest of pigeon holes as he spoke and handed three letters to Dullimore.

The door was opened and Sadie Pachmann came in: "Sorry," she said in the doorway. "I didn't know you were engaged."

"Come in, Sadie," Fernandez said. "These gentlemen want to know when Miss Stenning left."

"And where she is now," Dullimore put in.

"She left on Tuesday morning," said the American girl. "I saw her go. She said good-bye to me."

"What time was that?"

"During the morning. Elevenish, I should say."

"How did she leave? In a car?"

"Yes."

"What car?"

"No. I was in the conservatory."

"And seeing the strange car you didn't go to the door? Why not?"

"If I go for my—er—coffee—at eleven I'm off duty for a quarter of an hour. The lift boy looks after the door."

"The man driving the car came into the hall where Miss Stenning was waiting for him," Sadie Pachmann put in.

"I don't remember clearly, but if that happened I should take no notice, but just clear off for my elevenses," the porter said. "Anyway, when I came back the car was gone and Miss Stenning with it."

"How do you know she was with it?"

"There was no reason to think anything else," the porter protested.

"Answer the questions quietly, Jones," Fernandez said. "These gentlemen are only doing their duty."

"You sent off Miss Stenning's trunks afterwards?"

"Yes. To the cloak-room at Euston."

"And you have the receipt for them?"

"Yes. Somewhere."

"Will you find it, please?"

"I suppose I'll try," he said doubtfully.

"Of course you kept it," Fernandez said sharply. "Look for it. It's in your desk somewhere."

"Go now for it, you mean?" the porter asked.

"Yes," said Dullimore.

A silence settled on the room when the porter left. "Why the sudden interest in Miss Stenning?" Sadie Pachmann asked.

"She is an important witness in this case."

"Your attitude both to Miss Pachmann and myself is hardly courteous," Fernandez said in a deprecating tone.

"I'm going to get at the truth—somehow," Dullimore retorted.

"But what is it you're suggesting?" Sadie Pachmann asked. "Do you think that the girl is still here? You are at liberty to search the place if you think the other gentleman has not done it properly."

"She has not communicated with her friends or relations since she left here."

"That's very unkind of her. But why blame us? Surely the question should be addressed to the young man who took her away. You might even be more upset than you seem to be now if by the obvious explanation is the correct one." Sadie added an unpleasant smile to her words.

"I'M WORRIED ABOUT MARY"

Dullimore had a tight grip on himself, but the entry of the porter prevented the reply which had occurred to him.

"Here it is," the porter said and gave the receipt to Fernandez who, in turn, handed it to Dullimore.

"That part of it seems in order," the Inspector admitted when he had examined the receipt.

"It's easily verified. Why not take it along to the railway people?"

"I will."

"You might give me the number of the receipt then," said Fernandez. "Is there anything further I can do for you? Or for the Superintendent?" he went on turning to Ducros.

"I hold merely a watching brief this time," said the Superintendent.

"Well gentlemen, I hate to appear inhospitable . . ." Fernandez said, rising from his chair.

The two detectives sat in silence as the car passed through the park back to Ducros's hotel. Over a cup of tea, however, Dullimore opened out: "I'm quite certain that there is some particularly dirty work going on," he said.

"And I'm beginning to agree. That Fachmann woman is bad."

"Now what conceivable reason can these people have for either holding-up or murdering Miss Stenning?"

"No idea," said Ducros. "It was strange that nobody seemed to have seen her go excepting that American woman."

"Nobody!" Dullimore echoed. "But there must be a reason. She knows the son by sight—as far as I can gather she's the only one who does. She knows the will was drawn up—but for her we should have known nothing about it. But what is there in those two things to make her dangerous to this gang of crooks?"

"Look here, Dolly. I'm an older man than you are—older not only in years but in experience and in knowledge of the Force."

There was a gravity in the elder man's manner and Dullimore waited for him to continue.

"On the facts we have ascertained there is no reason why what those people said this afternoon should not be true."

"If ever people in the world were hedging—had something to hide—those two people are they," Dullimore insisted.

"They are both crooks—there isn't much doubt about that, particularly the woman but we've no charge against them. You can't arrest her for being Flash Cardew's wife."

"Is it likely that Mary would have sent her trunks to the cloak-room at Euston? Do people do things like that?"

"You can't depend on what a woman's going to do—even the best of them. She might have had reasons of her own for not going to her relatives. I'm not keen on my own relatives—apart from the missus and the kids, of course. Now do listen to me, Dolly—you're seeing the Chief this evening?"

"Yes."

"Then watch your step. You're young. You will go a long way in the service unless you start leading people like the Chief up the garden. Granted that these people are a bunch of crooks, it doesn't follow that they had anything to do with Mrs. Lewin's death and still less with Miss Stenning's curious silence. You've got a very persuasive tongue—a dangerous persuasive tongue—and if you let the Chief in for doing something silly over Miss Stenning and it turns out she's quietly staying with an old nurse or something like that, your number will be up, as far as promotion is concerned. And rightly so," Ducros added in loyalty to the Force of which he was a distinguished member.

"But hang it all, Ducros, I'm worried about Mary Stenning!"

"That doesn't justify you in acting impulsively. If you are wise you will act only on what you know to be facts."

Dullimore sat back in silence. "I'm very fond of that girl," he said at length.

"I knew that, my boy. That worries me more than anything else about the case. It clouds a man's judgement. Not," he added, after a pause, "that I blame you. She's a very nice girl."

(To be Continued)

Big Increase in Volume Ford Business in February

Windsor, Ont., March 13.—Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, reports February business volume greatly improved over the corresponding month in 1939 with a 63 per cent increase in retail deliveries of new cars and trucks, and dealers reporting the highest February total of used car sales on record.

For the year to date the increase in retail deliveries of new units is 51 per cent and the used car increase 32 per cent. The latter showed an increase of 42 per cent in February with six of seven Canadian branches of the company reporting the best used car February on record.

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WAR SERVICES FOR SAILORS, TOO



The Red Shield of the Salvation Army is for the sailors as well as the soldiers. Above is shown the interior of the comfortable sitting room of the Salvation Army Halifax War Service centre.

Aggression and Disorder Now Rule Much of the World

Cancer Eating Civilization Almost as Big as the Patient.

(From the New York Post)

Both Finland and China are backed against the wall. Disorder and aggression now rule the world from Tokyo to the Rhine. The cancer that eats at world civilization is almost as big as the patient. There are few healthy spots left. If there is to be a solution, it must be a big solution. It is too late for small solutions.

In this setting the Senate bill grants Export-Import Bank loans of \$20,000,000 apiece to Finland and China is little more than a pious wish, a gesture, a moral sop. It might almost be called conscience money. We are giving a few crumbs to peace and decency before pulling the blankets up about our ears and sinking into deep isolated sleep and sweet democratic dreams.

We refuse to entangle our fortunes with those of the belligerents because we fear to involve ourselves in war.

It is a pity this same delicacy does not lead us to cut off our relations with the aggressors with whom, in another way, we are also entangling our fortunes. Almost every ship that leaves our west coast bears copper and scrap iron and steel and oil and machinery for the use of the aggressors who have created the problem which afflicts and affrights us.

The truth is that we are arming the countries which inflict those wounds we seek to bind up by small loans. The greatest democracy in the world is bogged down in a morass of contradictions. It sells brass knuckles to the thug and iodiform to his victim. It will not defend the victim for fear of war and it will not stop arming the



That Body of Yours

(by James W. Barton, M.D.)

Difference Between Functional and Organic Diseases

You may consult your physician about some stomach or heart symptoms and are told that the symptoms are real, not imaginary, but are only functional, not organic.

What do functional and organic mean?

When there is a functional disturbance of stomach, heart, or other organ, it means that the disturbance is not caused by any change in the structure or tissues of the organ, but by some other cause—nervousness, some disturbance of a nearby or distant organ.

When an organic ailment is present, it means that there is a change in, or something wrong with, the tissues of the organ which causes the symptoms.

For instance, if the heart is beating rapidly, due to an overactive thyroid gland, it is a functional disturbance of the heart; if the heart has to beat rapidly because it has lost some of its muscular power, then it is organic heart disease.

It is, therefore, most important that patients understand the difference between functional and organic.

To tell a person who has real heart disease that his heart is normal may not be so bad although it may prevent that person from taking proper care of himself and he may expose himself to risks he should not take; but to tell a person with a perfectly normal heart that he has heart disease may produce a neurosis (fear of a disease that is not really present) which, in many cases, may make him a semi-invalid. The difficulty is that so many of the symptoms of heart disease are also symptoms of other conditions. Pain in left breast suggests heart disease whereas if pain were in right breast it would be called neuralgia. I am quoting Dr. J. Murray Kinsman, Louisville, Ky., in Medical World.

Similarly, while breathlessness is a sign of failure of the heart muscle, breathlessness may be due to too much acid food or to blocked nose passages. Try to remember the difference between functional and organic diseases. Functional disturbances are not serious but their cause should be sought.

Neurosis

One who worries and is convinced that he has a disease which medical tests do not reveal is called a "neurotic." Dr. Barton's booklet entitled "Neurosis" (No. 103), explaining such conditions, is of interest to everyone. Send Ten Cents to The Bell Library, Post Office Box 75, Station O, New York, N.Y., and ask for this booklet, mentioning the name of this newspaper.

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upon us to make. It does not involve the risk of war. By dragging the brakes on war and tending to reduce the area and severity of war embargo serves the cause of peace everywhere and thus the cause of peace for our country.

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Some of the Mackenzie King Administration Wartime Accomplishments

It united Canada as never before—Every province is heart and soul behind the Empire's war effort this time, thanks to the Administration's truly national policies.

Great Britain's war financing problems have been lessened through the co-operation of the Canadian Government.

The First Division, completely equipped, has been sent overseas to a Mother country prepared to receive it.

War Contracts totalling well over \$100,000,000 have been placed, stimulating every branch of Canadian industry.

The Second Division is recruited, equipped and ready to go over.

Canadian employment has hit an all-time high owing to these orders and to good internal business conditions.

The great Empire Air Training Scheme—sponsored and mainly financed by Canada, has been launched on a planned and ordered basis.

Armament deliveries are approaching full-speed; aeroplanes, Bren guns, tanks, artillery accessories, ships—all coming forward in impressive quantities.

Naval Defence for both East and West Coasts including Air Force, Mine Sweepers and Convoying, has functioned efficiently since the outbreak of War. Of it, a Senior British Naval Authority has said: "No finer work is being done anywhere by the Royal Navy itself."

Large purchases of Canadian wheat,—preventing a serious wheat glut—have been arranged through a special mission sent to London by the Mackenzie King Administration.

Price Control of all commodities, including such vital necessities as wool and sugar, has been established, with prices pegged low for the poor man. The profiteer is out, and will be kept out—in marked contrast to the free-for-all of the last war.

5,600,000 pounds of bacon will be shipped to Great Britain each week, as well as large quantities of flour and fish.

Shipping Control and Foreign Exchange Control are firmly established on sound lines and are functioning smoothly and effectively.

Huge shipments of steel and other materials essential to the conduct of the war have been arranged for.

A \$200,000,000 War Loan was over-subscribed within two days of its launching, a record that proves public confidence. Its reasonable rate of 3 1/2% contrasts with 5 1/2% tax-free rate of the last war.

Make Your Vote Support Canadian Unity

Such a record simply didn't just happen. It resulted from the efforts of a strong administration working on behalf of a country united in all its parts as never before. And this singleness of purpose—conspicuously absent in 1914—is due to the vision, understanding and drive of individual Canadian and Empire-minded Statesmen who back the Empire's participation in the war with their eyes wide open and with full determination to play their parts to the full.

Political and Private Patronage has been stamped out: merit is the sole basis for selection or promotion in our armed forces.

We appeal to the people of Canada for the support which is essential to carry on and complete a task, the groundwork for which has been laid carefully, soundly, wisely . . . with foresight, determination and resolute courage.

On March 26th show your faith; vote for the Candidate supporting Mackenzie King and help make sure there can be no break in Canada's steadfast stand in these critical times.

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The National Liberal Federation of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.