

History's Mysteries

No. 39--The Death Of Lord Bentinck

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Son of the fourth Duke of Portland, one of the most famous sportsmen of his day, there is little reason to wonder at the fact that Lord William George Frederick Cavendish Bentinck had a passionate love of sport in his blood and that racing was the dominant note in his brief life from the day when he started to accumulate a stable of his own to the time when, having failed to win the Derby, he sold all his horses and abandoned the turf in despair.

One by one all the prizes of the race-course had come to him—with one exception. But the blue ribbons which were the winner of the Derby seemed destined never to be his, despite the fact that upon several occasions they appeared to be within his grasp. So long as he remained in the Derby and the St. Leger Stakes, Lord Bentinck had actually had the coveted prize in his hands, only to let it go. How keenly he felt the blow may be gathered from the following entry on the diary of Lord Beaconsfield:

"I met Lord George Bentinck in the library of the House of Commons. He was standing before the shelves with a volume in his hand and his countenance

was greatly disturbed. Surplice, whom he had parted with among the mount and Olympic stake which had been the object of his life. He had nothing to console him and nothing to sustain him, except his pride. Even that he knew at least would yield him sympathy. He gave a sort of superb groan, this and for what have sacrificed it? "All my life I have been trying for it, and it is the blue ribbons of the Derby which I have sacrificed to myself and sitting down before a table, buried himself in statistics."

Was this disappointment the cause of Lord Bentinck's death, or was there foul play connected with it? was the question which all England asked when, only a short time later, his body was found in an open field not far from his home. He had risen that morning, apparently full of health and spirits, and at four o'clock in the afternoon had set out to walk "cross country" to Thoresby, Lord Manvers' estate, where he was to spend the week-end. His valet, who had gone on in advance, fell and the nobleman did not put in an appearance, a searching party was made up and it was not long before one of the members discovered the body, cold and stiff. Lord Bentinck had evidently been dead for some hours but what had been the cause of his mysterious death?

The coroner's jury, after considering

the evidence for some time, finally agreed to commit themselves and returned a verdict of "Death due to the visitation of God; to wit: a spasm of the heart."

But there are many who were by no means satisfied with the vague verdict of the inquest. Lord Bentinck had vigor and robust health and he had apparently never been feeling better than on the day of his death. Was it likely that such a man would drop dead during a quiet and unexciting stroll across the country? Was it not more likely that he had met someone closely related to him—someone who rumor credited with having been the cause of a violent quarrel only a few days before—and that a scene had ensued, in the course of which Lord George had either fallen or had received a fatal blow?

Unfortunately, the ground had been trampled and all footprints which might have told of such an encounter had been obliterated by the time the officers of the law arrived upon the scene, and, as the verdict of the coroner's jury gave an excuse for dropping the case, the truth as to whether Lord Bentinck was struck down by "the hand of God" or by a much more human agency remains one of the mysteries which will never be solved.

Next—"The Royal Riddle."

DR. DANIEL WILL BE BANQUET SPEAKER

Dr. D. W. Daniel, former dean of the English department of Clemson College, S. C., and widely known as one of the most entertaining after-dinner speakers of the country will be the principal guest at the banquet which the American Trust Company is to give here September 22 to 2,000 prominent business men, including bankers, during the period of the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition.

Definite acceptance by Dr. Daniel of the invitation to be the principal speaker at the banquet was made Monday afternoon to members of the Exposition staff.

Senator F. M. Simmons, Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, and Angus W. McLean, of the War Finance Corporation, will also be among the guests of the occasion. Others are to be announced later.

Governor Harding will speak to the visitors in the atrium of the Exposition at 3:30 o'clock on the day of his visit.

NEW COTTON FIRM IS OPENED AT CHESTER

Chester, S. C., Sept. 6.—H. S. McIntyre has come here from Woodruff to be associated with R. A. Oliphant in the cotton business. Mr. McIntyre is originally from Laurens, but has been at Woodruff the past two years as buyers for one of the big mills. Messrs. Oliphant and McIntyre will have headquarters for the present at the Chester Cash & Carry Grocery Co. They will buy seed for Swift & Co., and will represent Sprunt & Son and several other big cotton concerns.

LIQUOR PERMITS TO BE RIGIDLY PROBED

Washington, Sept. 6.—Investigation of all outstanding liquor permits is to be begun shortly and many cancellations may follow, prohibition enforcement officials said Monday.

Some time will be required, officials declared, to subject to close scrutiny the thousands of permits authorizing the withdrawal and sale of intoxicating beverages but it is the intention of dry authorities to comb out all but bona fide users of the certificates.

THEATERS

"Appearances" At Ottoway.

Setting a new high standard for excellence, Donald Crisp's Paramount production of "Appearances," which comes to the Ottoway theater for two days beginning Wednesday, is in many respects a remarkable photoplay. In point of players and settings it is not surpassed by any photoplay production presented here this season.

The story itself is unusually captivating. It was written by Edward Knoblock, a playwright of international fame. The theme deals with that class that is given to living far beyond its means in order to keep up appearances in society—a class not confined to England alone. This propensity all but leads to a tragedy in the lives of several persons, and in the development of the story many scenes of great dramatic power arise.

The players appearing in the picture are thorough artists. Mary Glynn, the beautiful English actress who was seen in "The Call of Youth," has the leading feminine role, while David Powell, popular with Paramount audiences, has the leading man's part.

"The Lost Romance" Makes Hit At Imperial Theater.

The best screen stories should depict those situations which occur in the life of the average individual. This is the conviction of William deMille, Paramount producer, whose latest production, "The Lost Romance," opened a three days' run at the Imperial theater yesterday.

There is sufficient selfishness in the average human mentality to cause picture spectators to be most interested in situations in which they might imagine themselves the principal actors—to try and place themselves in the positions in which they see the actors and actresses on the silver sheet, as the story unfolds before their eyes. They can easily imagine themselves in a situation if it is a natural one and which they realize could logically and consistently happen in their own lives.

The principle has been faithfully carried out in all of William deMille's latest productions, including "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," "Midsummer Madness," "What Every Woman Knows," and his latest picture, "The Lost Romance."

Lois Wilson plays the girl and others are Jack Holt, Conrad Nagel and Fopina La Rue.

The added features in connection with "The Lost Romance" are the latest issue of the International News which brings before your eyes the many current happenings of interest throughout the world and Pathe's "Topics of the Day," featuring the witty sayings taken from The Literary Digest.

Big Hit For Bryant Washburn.

Three cheers for Bryant Washburn, who has the courage of his convictions! We have often wondered why specific locations have not more frequently been used as the background for a story, with credit given to the scenery as generously as to the actors.

Bryant Washburn went to London with a director, a cameraman and a rattling good scenario all about an American with pep who rescues a beautiful English girl from an undesirable marriage, and weds her himself. It came big with "The Road to London," the Associated Exhibitors fea-

IT'S PARAMOUNT WEEK!

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The Coolest Place in Town
Today and Tomorrow
WILLIAM deMILLE'S
Production of Edward Knoblock's

"The Lost Romance"

with
CONRAD NAGEL, LOIS WILSON and JACK HOLT

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BROADWAY

Today and Tomorrow
The Road To Laughter

BRYANT WASHBURN

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THE BROADWAY
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ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF MARNE

Country Observes Lafayette-Marne Day; Harding Sends Message.

New York, Sept. 6.—The country today celebrates Lafayette-Marne Day. Many cities have arranged civic ceremonies appropriate to the day that marks the birth of Lafayette and the seventh anniversary of the first battle of the Marne in 1914.

The keynote of the celebration this year, the Lafayette Day National committee announced, would be found in the message of President Harding to the committee at last year's celebration.

"Twice has France contributed to our liberty," he said. "Once when Lafayette came to the aid of America in her fight for independence, again when France stood as a bleeding bulwark for the freedom and democracy of the world against the military onslaught of an autocracy."

"The name of Lafayette brings to our hearts the name of France—it calls forever to our gratitude. If the

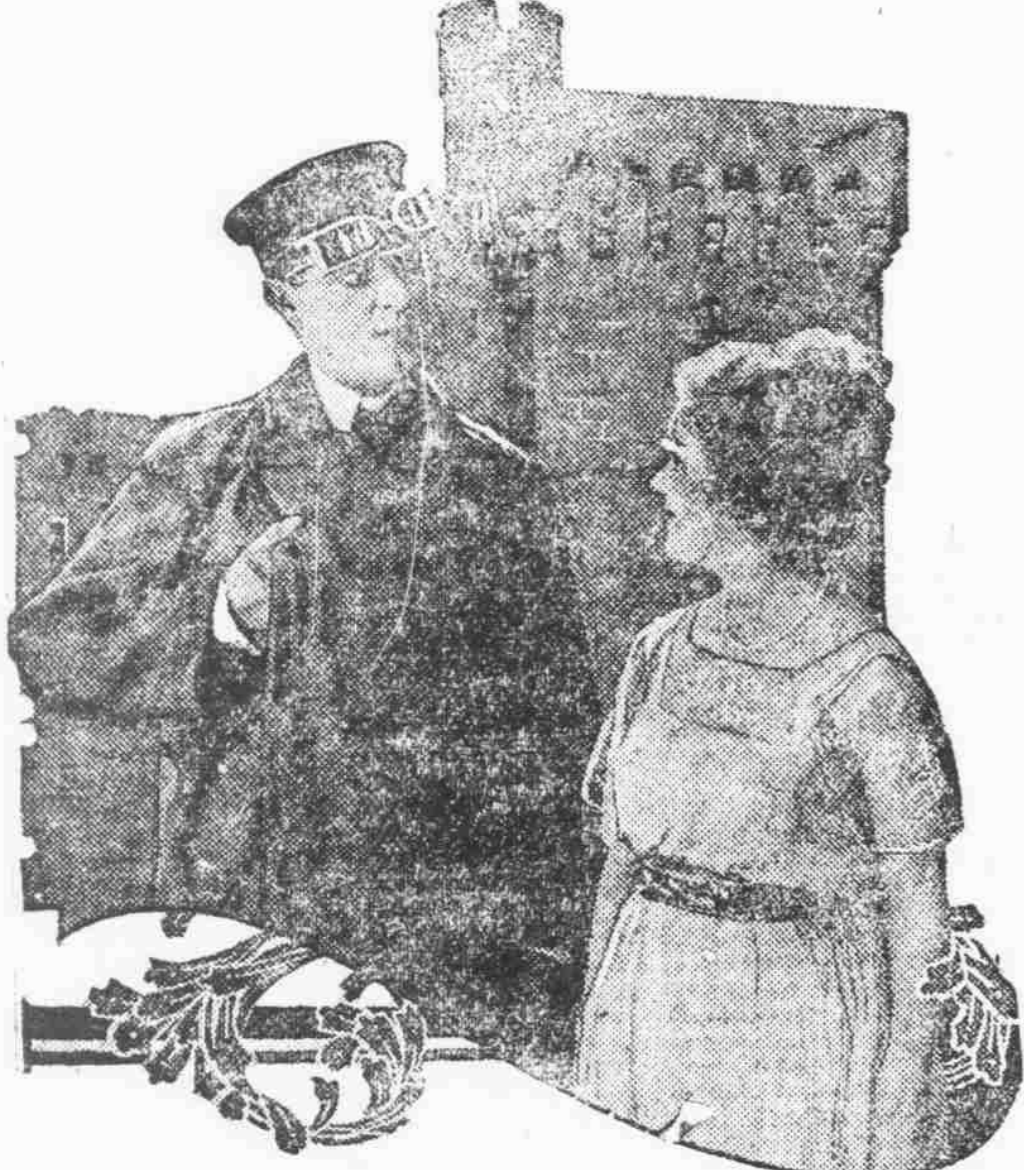
opportunity ever comes to me I will represent the American people in giving practical proof of our national friendship. Our true friendship may only be effectively expressed in deeds rather than in words, in a relationship that will stand rather than fall, in workable machinery of international goodwill and good faith. Such a relationship can only have permanence and value to France when it is approved not by a part but by the whole of the American people."

Andrew Jackson, president of the United States, in his general order of June 21, 1834, announcing to the army the death of Lafayette, said of him "his memory will be second only to that of Washington in the hearts of the American people."

ANDERSON OPENING CAMPAIGN.

Lexington, Va., Sept. 6.—Henry W. Anderson, Republican nominee for Governor of Virginia, formally opened his campaign here Monday in a speech in which he scored the Democratic party as a "political machine," demanded a "business" administration of the state government and outlined his party's platform.

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Scene from "The Road to Random," featuring Bryant Washburn, which will be shown at the Broadway Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.



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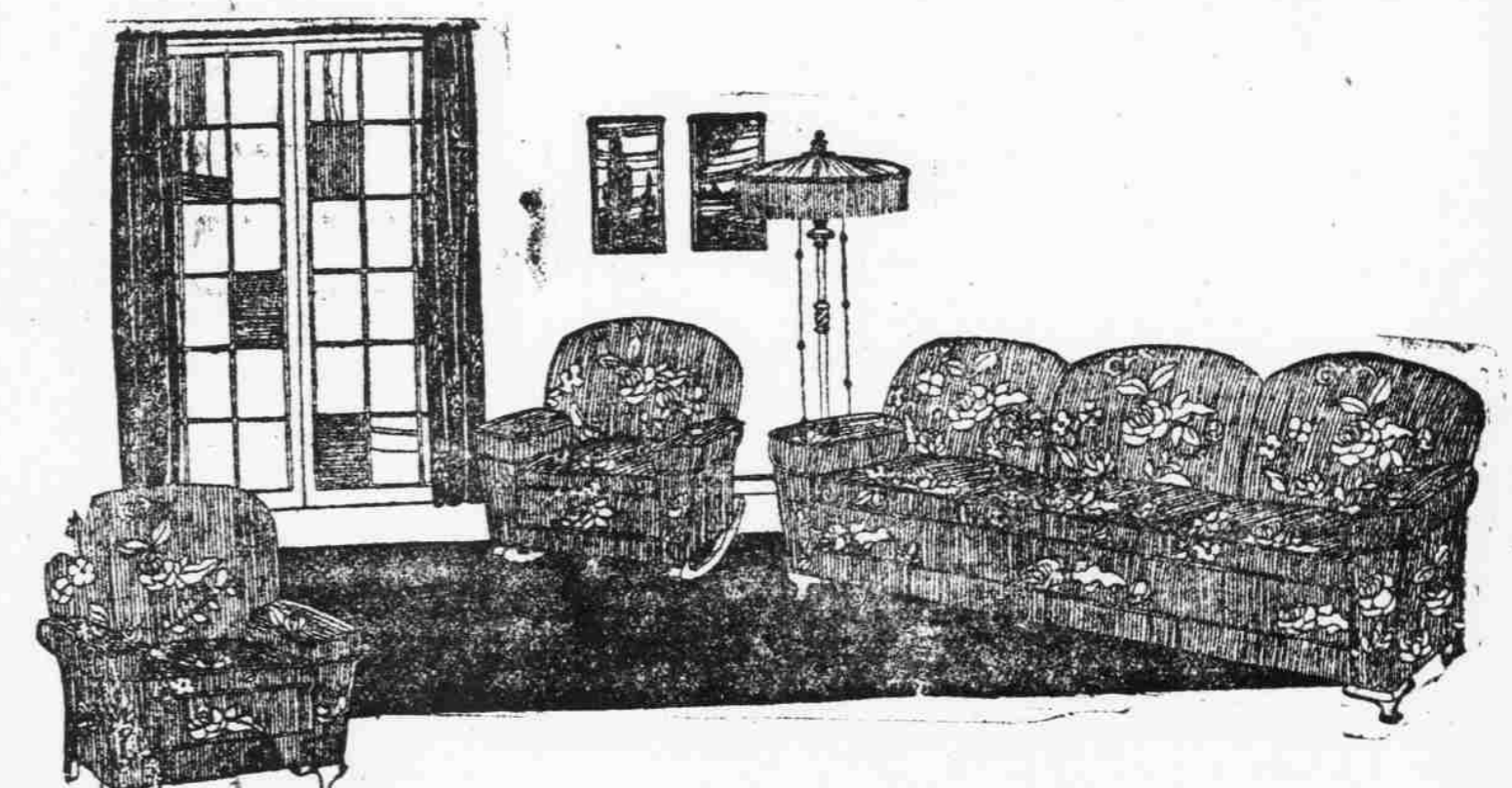
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