

# DONALD DONALDSON, JR.

Being a True Record and Explanation of the Seven Mysteries Now Associated With His Name in the Public Mind, and of an Eighth, Which is the Key of the Seven

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**CHAPTER XV.**  
**THE PREDICTION OF DEATH.**  
**L**ET'S see once more how the thing stands," said I. "Practically every share of the whole 10,000 can be placed now."

I sat down by my desk and made out a table, which I will present here somewhat abridged. It is not necessary to include the names of the small stockholders whose position was perfectly well known to us, nor of those whose proxies were held either by Kelvin or myself. The event proved that we were right about this matter to the last share. Therefore the list may be given in this form:

**HARRINGTON.**

John Harrington	4,150
Donaldson	100
Archer	100
Bunn	100
Slus Harrington (proxy)	200
Proxies and small holders	575
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,025</b>

**KELVIN.**

Kelvin	2,900
Thorndyke	225
Proxies and small holders	850
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,975</b>

Harrington's majority, 50. There was considerable discussion in regard to the smaller holders who would personally vote and in regard to the proxies, for, though Donaldson and I were perfectly agreed, Jim Bunn differed from us very widely. He believed that of the 850 shares which I had credited to Kelvin in the above table at least one-half would go to us, thus making the result of the election sure. I don't know how he could so far deceive himself, but he was perfectly sincere in his opinion and persisted in crediting us with the votes of men who were as sure to vote the Kelvin ticket as Kelvin was himself. Among them were two members of the present directory of the company. It was they who had objected to moving the office, as I mentioned somewhere in the early part of this narrative.

It will be remembered that Donald had made a startling prediction in regard to Bunn and that it had been verified by Bunn's redemption of his stock which had stood in my name. But I had received Bunn's solemn pledge that this stock should not pass out of his control, either by sale or proxy, and that it should never be voted against me. He was a stockholder of record at the date prescribed, before the election, and I counted upon him with the same certainty that I counted upon Donaldson or Archer.

When my table had been made up and sufficiently discussed, I showed it to Donald.

"This may be all right, Uncle John," said he, "but I will bet a million dollars against a teaspoonful of east wind that it won't come out that way. However, if you win you don't care what the vote is."

"I'd like to know what you think it's going to be," said I.

"I'm ashamed," said Donald. "It's silly for me to pretend to know anything about it."

Bunn was hitching about in his chair. "I think it may be very interesting," said he. "I'd like to know whether you think the same way that I do about it."

"Your opinion is far the worst of the lot, Mr. Bunn," responded Donald jokingly. "You're not right, even about



"If you have anything to say upon this matter, speak now," said the grand total, without regard to the way the votes fall upon one side or the other.

"No, no, Donald," said I. "Mr. Bunn figures as we do, that every share will be voted."

The boy looked surprised.

"I thought he estimated them a hundred shares," said he.

Bunn slowly raised himself from his chair.

"I must get back to my work," said he.

Donald meanwhile was writing on a slip of paper.

"This is my prediction," he announced, "and if you won't bet a million dollars against a teaspoonful of east wind that it won't come out that way, I'll bet you a million dollars that it will."

In a very small envelope I put it into my waistcoat pocket.

In the course of the next day or two I had several opportunities for exerting my powers of persuasion upon Mr. Isaac Thorndyke. He was evasive, but his intent was clear. The man could be counted absolutely with the Kelvin party. What inducements Kelvin offered him I have never learned, but I have suspected that they consisted in promises to invest money in a crazy invention which Thorndyke controlled and in which he had just sense enough not to sink all his own money.

No change occurred in the situation up to the day before the election. On the afternoon of that day Donald and I were walking along the business street of Tunbridge, where most of the stores are and the principal hotel, a sorry place of entertainment, I regret to say. As we approached it I saw Detective Gillespie come out. He paused upon the edge of the upper step, and I noticed that he was a trine unsteady, as if under the influence of drink.

I had had no interview with this man since the day when he had made his extraordinary and baseless charge against Donaldson. I knew that he had remained in town, and I had taken some pains to make sure that he was not repeating his accusation. Had he done so I should have made trouble for him. But so far as I could judge his main business was to drive about the town in a light top buggy and look mysterious.

The vehicle in question was standing before the door of the hotel, and the horse was fastened to an iron hitching post. As we approached the spot from one side Kelvin and Thorndyke came up from the other, so that it seemed likely that there would be a rather interesting encounter before the door of the hotel.

Gillespie remained poised upon the step, and as we came near Donald bowed to him.

"Aha, the wonder-boy!" said Gillespie. "What sort of weather are we going to have next Christmas?"

"The weather is fine today," replied Donald, pausing. "Be content with that."

Gillespie turned to me.

"I've got some interesting facts for you, Mr. Harrington," said he. "They won't please your young friend there very much."

"I would suggest that this is hardly the place to disclose them," said I.

"No," he answered, "and I'm not quite ready yet."

"That was he trouble with you the other day," said I judiciously. "You fired off the gun before it was loaded."

It is a fault of mine that I am always impatient with a drunken man. Nothing else makes me so angry as foolishness, and at the of this occasion Gillespie was seized with the sudden and absurd anger which often marks a certain stage of intoxication.

"If you want me to talk right here," said he, "I'll show the whole business up. I'm dead on to this boy. I can tell you the whole game from A to Z."

A crowd was collecting. Kelvin and Thorndyke had stopped and were interested spectators. I caught a glimpse of Donald out of the corner of my eye and saw that he was pale with some strong emotion, which I judged to be wrath, though it was really mere misery, as I afterward learned.

"Why don't you go on?" said he to Gillespie. "Tell what you know here and now."

"Tomorrow will do," said the detective, beginning to descend the steps.

"Tomorrow I'll come to see you at your office, Mr. Harrington."

"I shan't be there," said I.

"Then I'll find you over to the Junction," he rejoined. "Oh, I shan't have any trouble in keeping track of you tomorrow."

Donald stepped forward into the man's path. I saw that some unusual impulse was upon the boy, and it affected me with a peculiar thrill. I had often seen him show the same aspect, but never with such intensity.

"Frank Gillespie," said he, "if you have anything to say upon this matter speak now. Tomorrow will be too late. If you wait till then, I warn you that you will not speak at all. Now is your time, and there is no other."

He extended his right hand and touched Gillespie upon the breast over the heart. He has declared since then that the gesture was entirely accidental, that he was wholly unaware of it. And I think that is one of the strongest points in the case.

As to the immediate effect of his words and manner, I never saw the like. There was such a silence that it seemed as if the whole town of Tunbridge had stopped to take its breath. In certain moments Donald undoubtedly exercises an influence upon those about him which has no rational explanation.

Gillespie put up his hand and covered the spot which Donald had touched.

"Borneo poison!" he cried somewhat hoarsely. "I'll attend to your case tomorrow."

He turned past Donald and walked toward the hotel with no such nervous haste as the animal was believed to have.

Let's see the reins with his right hand, slipped upon the step and turned about so that he was thrown against the hitching post, the iron ball upon the top of it striking him with considerable force upon the breast. The horse stopped, and Gillespie tottered back against a wheel of the buggy. His face was very white and somewhat contorted.

Such was my state of nervous and superstitious apprehension that I expected to see the man fall dead, though in ordinary circumstances I should not have feared a serious result from the accident. Evidently I was not alone in my alarm, for a strangely suppressed and inarticulate cry went up from the group upon the sidewalk, and several men stepped forward to assist Gillespie. He recovered himself, however, without help, climbed into his carriage, this time with sufficient care, and drove away.

"Donald," said I in his ear, "what did you mean?"

"Mean?" he repeated as if dazed. "Nothing at all except that I wanted him to speak. I wish to heaven he could have exposed me right there in the public street."

"Well, my boy," said I, "if anything happens to Mr. Gillespie after what you told him just now you may be exposed by the recording angel, and it will have no effect in Tunbridge."

**[TO BE CONTINUED.]**

### OUR SENATE.

An English View of Its Power, Authority and Performance.

The senate has played a very great part in American history, and, on the whole, the tremendous power and authority wielded by the senate have been well exercised. The majority of the senators are statesmen of great political ability as well as men of high character.

There are few sights in the political world on either side of the Atlantic more impressive than the senate in session. The sense not only of a very high standard of personal capacity, but of the immense powers which it wields, seems to pervade the assembly. The smallness of their numbers, the fact that they are armed with authority which is executive as well as legislative and the knowledge that they represent not mere localities, but states, in their corporate capacity, and states which are often as populous as European kingdoms, naturally fill each individual senator with the sense of personal distinction. A United States senator is a very great man, and he knows it, and the senate, as a whole, is intensely conscious and proud of the might, majesty and dominion which it wields. To make a comparison, it matters very little what an individual member of the British house of commons thinks and means to do, still less what an individual British peer thinks and means to do on any given subject, but it matters a very great deal what a single United States senator thinks and means to do.

The senate can veto every appointment made by the president, whether the man nominated for office be a judge of the supreme court or an ambassador or merely a collector of customs. Again the senate can, by refusing to pass it, veto any bill sent up from the lower house, no matter whether the bill is concerned with the raising or spending of money or with alterations in the law. Lastly, not a majority, but any minority which numbers over a third of the senate can refuse to ratify any treaty presented for ratification by the president. Thus the executive can make no binding treaty with any foreign power unless it can obtain a two-thirds majority in the senate. In other words, the senate can say the final word not only in regard to all legislation, but in regard to all finance, all appointments to high office and to foreign affairs of the nation—London Spectator.

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### Curious Rest.

At Broughton, near Brigg, in Lincolnshire, England, some lands are held by the following tenure: "Every year on Palm Sunday a person from Broughton enters the church porch at Calster having a green silk purse containing 2 shillings and a penny tied up at the end of a cart whip, which he cracks three times in the porch and stays there until the second lesson begins. Then he enters the church and cracks the whip again, finally depositing the purse and contents."

### Long People Are Seldom Fat.

Some persons are born with a normal tendency to become fat, others with a tendency to leanness. It is the same among the lower animals. The hog is a sort of machine for transforming the odds and ends of food into fat, but the farmer knows beforehand that a little pig with long legs and snout will work off the fat as fast as it can be made. So a long legged person seldom inclines to obesity.

### A Quaint Epitaph.

The following epitaph is from a monument in a cemetery in Newark, N. J.:

Here lies the body of  
 John Black,  
 Aged 46.  
 That cherry tree of luscious fruit  
 Beguiled him up too high;  
 The branch did break and down he fell  
 And broke his neck and died.  
 Also three infant children.

### CASTORIA.

The Kid You Saw Always Bought

Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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Tickets on sale from points in Virginia, April 20th, 21st and 22d. Final limit April 28th, 1903. From all other points, April 20th and 21st, final limit April 28th. One and one third fares.

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TIME TABLE NO. 28

In effect Sunday, Nov. 8, 1902, at 7:30 a. m.

#### WESTBOUND TRAINS.

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10
Goldboro-arrive	11:05	8:30	5:45						
Laurance	10:25	7:57	4:55						
Falling Creek	10:05	7:37	4:35						
Kinston	10:15	7:27	4:25						
Dover	9:45	7:17	4:15						
Care Creek	9:30	7:00	4:12						
Tuscarora	9:20	6:50	4:05						
Newbern	9:00	6:30	3:10						
Havlicek	8:00			9:45					
Newport	7:45			9:35					
Morhead City	7:35			9:25					
Morhead City Depot	7:05			9:30					

#### EASTBOUND TRAINS.

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10
Goldboro-leave	7:30	8:00	9:00						
Laurance	8:00	8:30	9:30						
Falling Creek	8:15	8:45	9:45						
Kinston	8:25	8:55	9:55						
Dover	8:45	9:15	10:15						
Care Creek	8:55	9:25	10:25						
Tuscarora	9:05	9:35	10:35						
Newbern	9:25	9:55	10:55						
Havlicek	10:00			8:30					
Newport	10:10			8:40					
Morhead City	10:20			8:50					
Morhead City Depot	10:30			9:00					

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### Notice of Election.

Under and by virtue of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Kinston, N. C., passed April 15, 1902, and in pursuance of and conformity with the provisions of law contained in an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina at its regular session of 1902, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act entitled an Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Kinston, in the county of Lenoir, North Carolina," being act of 1902, Chapter 180, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held at the court house in Kinston, N. C., on Monday, the 4th day of July, 1902, being the first Monday in May, for the purpose of obtaining the consent and approval of a majority of the qualified voters of said town, to issue the bonds of said town of Kinston, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of such denomination, not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and in such proportions as the Board of Aldermen may deem advisable, and running for a period or periods of years not exceeding 20 years, and at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, and the bonds shall not be sold below par. The bonds bearing interest from date of issue are paid, at such place or places as may be deemed advisable by said Board of Aldermen; said bonds to be of such form and tenor and transferable in such way and the principal thereof payable and redeemable at such time or times, not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, and at such place or places as the Board of Aldermen shall determine.

Provided that said Board of Aldermen may divide such bonds into classes as they may determine best and have them mature at different convenient dates before the limit aforesaid. That the said bonds are to be and shall be issued, if approved and authorized by a majority of the qualified voters at said election, for the objects and purposes set forth and prescribed in the said act of the General Assembly of 1902, to-wit: The money arising as proposed from the sale of said bonds shall be expended for the purpose of providing and maintaining a system of Waterworks, Sewerage, Electric Fire Alarm System and Improvement of Electric Light and Street and Public Buildings of said town as the said Board of Aldermen may order the same to be disbursed. The said election will be held under the supervision and inspection of the inspectors and pollholders or judges of election appointed for the purpose of holding and conducting the election of Mayor and Aldermen for said town, and the polls will be open on the day of election from seven o'clock in the morning until sunset. At said election those qualified voters who are in favor of issuing said bonds shall vote "Yes" and those opposed shall vote "No." Approved on written or printed ballot. This April 15, 1902.

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H. C. V. PEEBLES, [SEAL] [SEAL]  
 C. H. POOL, [SEAL]

March 27, 1902.

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