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The LASH of CIRCUMSTANCE

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CHAPTER XVI--The detective calls Tom to a conference. He announces that he has discovered the person who stole the key from old Abner Holiday. Tom asks the name of the culprit. Sternly and emphatically La Due declares that it is himself, and Tom confesses that the accusation is true.

"When I began this investigation, Tom, as I then told you, I was about to commence to shift the shaft upon the wheat in order to decrease the number of objects which I would in the last analysis be compelled to examine with great minuteness. My inquiries made upon the morning I first came, together with my inspection of the house upon that occasion, satisfied me of several things, among which were that Mrs. Tebbets had possessed no knowledge of the money being in the safe, and because of that and other reasons she should be eliminated; that your uncle had in no wise spread the information of his having the currency to anyone except yourself and Bruce, and therefore that he, as a distributor of the news to outside parties, was to be eliminated; that the house must have been entered by the front door, and therefore that the idea that all parties were telling me without reservation all they knew about the matter was to be eliminated; and last, that on account of the unusual drilling of



"I Am Not Through With You Even Yet, Puppy."

the safe and the quantity and quality of the explosive used, that all thought of its being the work of a professional crackman must be eliminated. You see that brought me down to a pretty narrow field." He ceased speaking, and with my eyes still closed and my head resting heavily against the back of the chair I nodded slightly.

"I understand. Having eliminated the possibility of its having been done by a professional, you have brought it down to Bruce, who possessed a key, or to Richard Mackay or one of his friends who might have obtained a duplicate from the key I left at Mrs. Dace's. However, go ahead."

"You seem to be following me to a certain extent. Having decided that it was the work of an amateur, I was obliged to start out with those thoughts in my mind as I attempted to still further construct the circle. Your key was in the possession of your uncle at the time of the crime, and I did not believe that you had ever had another. Mrs. Tebbets and your uncle had their; Miss Winton's was missing and you had assured me that Bruce had been in the possession of me which had failed to account for that he had made rash statements about getting money; had become angry at your uncle; had been in a generally unusual and desperate frame of mind the day before, and therefore I started in to investigate him. This seemed to me the most logical way of going at it, for loomsing as big as he did among the surroundings, I must either concentrate upon him as the probable thief, or greatly simplify matters by getting rid of him altogether. You had told me of his entering a cab the evening before the crime, and so I went to a friend of mine who is an official in the cab drivers' union. They are practically all union men in this city, and he sent out a circular to every member of his association calling upon the driver who had conveyed the person described to come forward and receive reward. Within two days I was talking to the man who had driven Bruce, and in that way found out where he spent the night. The cabman drove him to a resort ten miles from this place and Bruce spent the night of the robbery there asleep." I unclosed my eyelids with an expression of surprise.

"I did not know that Bruce went to such places," I muttered. Le Due went on.

"Nor does he voluntarily. He had been dragged. But I will come to that in a moment. Having secured this information, which of course designated him as the active burglar, I went to him and told him uphull and down that he was making a blank foot of himself. When he learned that I had discovered his whereabouts on the night in question he made a clean breast of it. While he had been dragged in despair by the crash, yet he had taken but two drinks that day, one being a cocktail with you in a safe room after the last drink he had become stupefied, which fact he attributed to the reaction from his

highly nervous state, but I came to a totally different conclusion, although I said nothing to him about it at the time. With your assistance he entered a cab, and remembered mumbled a direction to the driver to take him to his rooms; yet when he awoke in the morning he found himself at a place where he had no desire to be. Fear of Miss Winton's displeasure had made him resolve to remain silent rather than hurt her by the confession that he had got drunk, as he imagined he had, and gone to such a place. I could not understand why the cabman had taken it upon himself to convey him to this resort against Bruce's directions, so I came back at the driver hard. By the dint of more questions, aided by a few judicious threats, I drew out the information that the change in address had been given by a certain party whom the driver knew to be a friend of his passenger from the fact of having seen them together, and who had stopped him and given new instructions as to where to convey the sleeping one inside. That explained the driver's peculiar actions and things were becoming decidedly interesting. Although practically satisfied now that Bruce had had nothing to do with the matter I nevertheless went a little further in my investigations. I was very much interested to find out where he had secured the money which had enabled him to resume his operations or change. When I had convinced him that I would keep the information absolutely secret, he told me that it was furnished him by a woman client who did not care to have her name mentioned in connection with speculative matters. I traced the story to its foundation and learned that it was absolutely true. That left only one matter to be explained so far as Bruce was concerned.

"I suppose you mean his possession of the key and his denial that he had it, coupled with the possibility that some one else had somehow come into possession of it," I said, breaking the moment's lull. Le Due nodded.

"Exactly. I was almost certain from the time that Miss Winton announced the loss of her key that it had somehow got into the possession of her sweetheart; for its disappearance from her keeping convinced me that you had not been mistaken when you said Bruce had exhibited it or its duplicate. I had several talks with him and her on the subject, and they still insisted upon a positiveness that I could not ignore that their original statements were absolutely correct; namely, she denied that she had ever loaned him the key, and he asserted that he had no knowledge of ever having it in his possession. I made them rehearse all their actions when together for some days previous to the robbery, and finally a thought came to her. She remembered that she had been strolling together that she had slipped her pocketbook containing the key into his side coat pocket for a few moments while she was putting on her gloves. And that in turn suggested an idea to me. Had the pocketbook been partially unclasped, the key might easily enough have fallen from it into his pocket, and not having any occasion to use it for the next few days she naturally enough had not missed it. So we got the coat he had worn on that occasion and went through it. We found a small rip in the bottom of the outside pocket, and going further discovered the key in the bottom lining. That solved the mystery. As for his having pounded on the table with it, and afterwards denied it, that was easily accounted for by the fact that in his excitement he had unconsciously drawn it from his pocket and used it as you described and then replaced it mechanically without noticing what he had held or remembering the incident. I accepted this as the correct solution of the key incident, and then she dismissed Bruce from all connection with the matter. For had he entered into collusion with anyone else and loaned him the key for the night, the other person most certainly would have been a professional who owned his own tools and knew how to use them, and that idea as you know, I had already abandoned. Do you get me?"

"I think so. And having eliminated Bruce, whom I all along told you was innocent, you turned your attention to Richard Mackay as the next possibility." My companion smiled faintly, thrusting his hands into his pockets and leaning forward in his chair.

"Yes, for about ten minutes. At the end of that time I had reasoned him out of the case. The man who strangled your uncle was described by him as a large, strong man who coughed peculiarly. That description fitted Mackay to a dot, and furthermore there was a possibility of his having been informed, through his more or less familiar connection with Mrs. Dace's establishment, of the money being in the safe at this particular time. Then, too, the incident of your having lost your keys there for some days furnished a possible way by which he could have secured a duplicate through a conspiracy with one of the household. But that he did it personally was absurd. His is a far and away above it. He is not a burglar; he is a knave. He has a

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AFFAIRS AT NATION'S CAPITOL

Information Wanted About Southern Cotton Seizure Claims. Anti-Trust Guns Turned On National Cash Register Company.

Washington, D. C., March 28--Secretary McVeigh of the Treasury Department has sent a letter to the Speaker of the House not to adopt the Sawyer and Chandler resolutions calling for information relative to the cotton seizure money on hand and asking how much cotton was actually sold to the Confederate government. The secretary objects to furnishing the information first on the ground that it would require his clerical force to give up too much time, but mainly as his letter states, for the following reason:

"Evidence that the cotton for which the claim is filed was actually sold to the Confederate government is a matter of defence to be offered in court for the protection of the interests of the United States, and in my opinion compliance with the resolution in advance of the filing of such claims in the court of claims, by disclosing the details of the government's defense against the claims, would be injurious to the public interest."

In connection with efforts that are being made to settle these cotton claims, Senator Culberson has had the speech of Senator C. K. Davis, of Minnesota, delivered on January 23, 1910, on the general subject of the Southern cotton and cotton tax claims, inserted in the record. The speech is a strong endorsement of the Southern claims by a distinguished Republican Senator.

Announcement is made at the White House that when the President makes plans for his trip to Atlanta, in April he will consider the invitation to deliver an address at the National Religious Training School for Negroes at Durham, which he received a month ago. With the campaign advanced this far, President Taft's advisers are determined that every moment of the time he spends away from the White House shall be utilized to the best advantage.

The result of the Indiana Republican meetings for the election of delegates to the State convention is the worst jolt the managers of the Taft bureau have got since Colonel Roosevelt threw his hat into the ring.

What makes the thing so aggravating to the Taft supporters is that in advance they had been sending broad-cast over the country statements to the effect that after the Hoosier Republicans were heard from the night would be demonstrated beyond any doubt that "Teddy" did not have a ghost of a show to scoop in delegates from any of the big States that are also vital to Republican success at the polls in November next.

The United States has decided to fire both of its anti-trust guns simultaneously in the National Cash Register suits. Preliminary steps have been concluded by the Government authorities, and it was agreed at a conference between Attorney-General Wickersham, Special Assistants to the Attorney-General Lott and Harrison, District Attorney M. Pherson, of Cincinnati, and Assistant to the Attorney-General Fowler that both the civil and criminal suits would be entered at once. The Ohio attorneys were ordered to Washington by Attorney-General Wickersham that he might go over with them every phase of the cases before they are presented to the courts. It is expected that the suits will be filed immediately upon their arrival at Cincinnati.

DEMANDS REFUSED BY RAILROADS

Locomotive Engineers and Road Managers Are Deadlocked On Increase of Wage Question. Will Submit To Brotherhood.

New York, March 28--The conference committee of managers of 60 railroads east of Chicago and north of the Norfolk & Western Railroad and their locomotive engineers have arrived at a dead lock over the question of an increase in and standardization of wages. The managers refuse to accede to the demands of the men and the engineers decline to accept this decision and reaffirm their demands.

As the matter now stand it appears that the question will have to be placed before the rank and file of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers employed by the railroads for a referendum vote as to what the policy of the engineers shall be. W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood, in a letter written to J. C. Stuart, of the Erie Railroad and chairman of the managers committee, said the engineers could not accept the decision of the managers, and that if they had nothing further to offer, the matter would be given into the hands of the engineers for decision.

Mr. Stuart replied that the managers could add nothing to their statement and that he hoped the members of the Brotherhood would give full consideration when submitted to them.

The engineers had requested a minimum wage of \$4.00 per day for passenger service, \$5.25 per day for freight service and substantial increases for overtime. They also asked increases for switch, belt line and special engines and specified that all electrical trains should be manned by engineers at steam railroad pay. The managers replied that to acquiesce in the demands would mean an increase in wages of about 19 percent, and that they were unable financially to add this burden to their already heavy expenses.

After they had read the report of the managers, the representatives of the engineers continued and it is said, agreed unanimously in that it was not acceptable. A letter, the substance of which is set forth above, was then drawn up and signed by Mr. Stone and dispatched to Mr. Stuart.

After the exchange of letters it was stated by a committee of three members of the engineers that there was no strike talk of their conferences. Not until the result of the joint conference between the engineers and the managers has been submitted to the rank and file of the 25,000 members of the engineers organization, would the question of the walkout be considered, they said.

THE COLONEL LOSES OUT

New York State's Primary Gives Regular Organization Big Majorities. Taft Rejoices.

New York, March 27--Yesterday's State-wide Republican primaries for delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, resulted in practically every district where there was a contest, according to unofficial returns fairly complete.

Claims that at least 83 of the 90 delegates will be for Taft and not more than seven for Roosevelt, were made by State Chairman William Barnes, Jr. and John W. Hutcheson, director of the Eastern branch of the National Taft Bureau.

Chairman Charles H. Duell, of the Roosevelt committee, declared that the primaries, characterized "by a complete breakdown of the election machinery had been a farce." He asserted that an effort would be made by the Roosevelt committee to rescue a real primary in this city with a full expression of Republican opinion.

"Governor Dix should be called upon to convene the Legislature in special session," declared Chairman Duell in his statement last night, "for the purpose of passing a Presidential primary law so that there may be an honest expression of the wishes of the voters. In no surer way could Governor Dix meet the wishes of the people."

Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican county committee, speaking of the organization, alluded only briefly to the operation of the new law.

"The primaries of the New York county gave the voters an opportunity to express honestly and accurately their preference for a Presidential nominee," Mr. Koenig declared.

County Chairman Koenig called the White House on the long distance telephone and told Secretary Lines that President Taft had swept New York county and that not more than three or four election districts had given pluralities for the Roosevelt nominees. The secretary said in reply that the President was much pleased that New York county had come to his support.

It was the first trial of the new primary law and the working of it had been looked to with special interest on this account. Ballots in many of the districts ranged from 10 to 44 feet and so great had been the haste to get out that in some cases they were in sections, there having been a lack of time to paste them together. The Democrats who elected delegates only to their State convention and members of organization committees had little trouble, but Republican, Independence League voters and prohibition voters in some instances were unable to vote. Notwithstanding the confusion there was no disorder of importance, voters venting their complaints in ridicule of the primary system.

FIRST FAIR THIS YEAR

Executive Committee of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association Will Perfect All Arrangements Friday Night.

The Eastern Carolina Fair Association will hold its first Fair during the Fall of 1912. There need be no doubt about this. The Executive Committee will meet at the office of the Secretary Friday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the various sites available for a fair ground.

Every citizen who owns land in the vicinity of New Bern available for fair purposes, is requested to come before the Executive Committee Friday night and state on what terms the property can be secured.

It is very probable that the site for the fair ground will be selected within the next twenty days, and the erection of buildings etc., will begin at once.

The coming of the Fair will mark a new era in the development of New Bern and Eastern North Carolina. To make this Fair a great success every citizen of Eastern North Carolina is asked to help "boost" the movement.

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Vincent Goes to Atlanta.

The many friends of Mr. R. W. Vincent will be sorry that Bob goes to the Atlanta Georgian. Bob was here for the Charlotte Observer during the Bicentennial and greatly added to the list of his friends. The Journal sends best wishes with regrets to Bob Vincent, a most excellent newspaper man and gentleman.

No Room for Hobos.

A displaced young hobo blew into the city yesterday morning ignorant of the fact that the presence of gentry of this class is not desired here, and shortly after his arrival walked into the protecting arms of one of the local police. Yesterday afternoon he was told to either return to his native heather in sterner or become an inmate of the county jail. Needless to say he left the city without further delay.

Let the sun shine in by using Pittsburgh Perfect Fencing around your city lot. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Noted Temperance Worker To Lecture Here Soon.

That noted temperance worker, Herbert Booth, will conduct a series of meetings at Centenary church in this city beginning on April 4th and continuing until the 16th. Mr. Booth is one of the most noted speakers in the United States, and the public is extended a cordial invitation to come out and hear him.

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For Delegates at Large to National Democratic Convention in Baltimore.

The State Democratic Convention will soon meet in Raleigh, and one of the most important matters to come before the Convention will be to select delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

There is no man in North Carolina who is better known, and who will represent his State with more credit as a delegate at large to our National Convention at Baltimore than General J. S. Carr. He has been prominent in politics for many years, and is a loyal democrat in every sense of the word. While General Carr has never received any high honors or emoluments from his party, still he has worked for the party from his early manhood to the present hour, and has voted the Democratic ticket in every State and National election. The Democratic Convention would honor itself and the State by selecting General Carr as one of the delegates at large for the State, when it meets in June.

FOR HARBOR CAPE LOOKOUT

Senator Simmons Introduces Bill to Appropriates Five Hundred Thousand Dollars to Begin Work.

Washington, March 27th--Senator Simmons has been appointed a member of the subcommittee of commerce, to which the river and harbor bill has been referred. The subcommittee will take up the bill next Monday.

Senator Simmons introduced in the senate a number of amendments to the bill, among them being an amendment providing \$500,000 for the beginning of work of constructing a harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout; \$245,000 to begin the work of improving the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal which the government has contracted to buy; \$300,000 for the improvement of the Cape Fear below Wilmington, and \$30,000 for deepening the channel in Core Sound by way of Carrot or Taylor slough route.

Joe Pogue, of Raleigh, believes the Malvin bill, which would appropriate \$100,000 to provide for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture and industrial exhibits in the various states, will become a law either during this session or the early part of next Congress. "If this bill becomes a law," said Mr. Pogue, "it would mean so much to the farmers of the country. It would mean that the North Carolina state fair would be run on a much larger scale and that the federal government would build a handsome building in Raleigh for the display of farm products."

Mr. Pogue says he believes all members of the North Carolina delegation in the House will vote for the measure.

Judging from the enthusiasm at the banquet given to representatives Underwood by Governor Goldsborough and members of the Maryland legislature at Annapolis recently the Alabamian has many friends in Maryland, and it was real sentiment, too. There was not a "drop of anything stronger" than black coffee. Mr. Underwood impressed every one most favorably.

Roy B. Wagner, formerly of Asheville, will leave Washington for Greensboro, where he will join Mrs. Wagner, who is ill at St. Leo's hospital.

The Patriotic Sons of America and other labor and agricultural interests, with representatives at Washington, have ordered 15,000 copies for general distribution of Senator Simmons' speech on his educational test amendment to the pending immigration bill. The senator's speech appeared in Monday's Record. It covers nearly 14 pages of the Record, and is regarded as a thorough and exhaustive discussion of the question.

Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, won the first round of the battle over the validity of his seat in the senate when by a vote of 29 to 27 a resolution by Senator Jones, of Washington, declaring the Wisconsin senator illegally elected, was rejected.

Notice.

There will be a name party and Ice Cream supper at the school house at Reelsboro Friday night, March 29th for the benefit of the school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Buster Brown Last Night.

Buster Brown held the boards of the Masonic Theatre last night. The house was about half filled, and after the first act at least one half of the audience returned home. The voices of the members of the chorus reminded one of the shows that one finds on the midway in the "Mysteries of Egypt" and the costumes looked as if they had come over in Noah's ark. Taken as a whole, the entire show was one of the "brightest" that has come to New Bern this season.

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Runs Into Wire Fence.

While driving his motorcycle along a road leading into the city yesterday afternoon, Mr. Albert Connor who holds the position as shipping clerk with the Coca Cola Bottling Works in this city, had the misfortune to run into a barbed wire fence which had been stretched across the road and received painful injuries. The public road at this point had been closed for repairs and the road which Mr. Connor took ran through private property for a short distance. The owner, not wishing anyone to travel over this had placed the wire across the road.

THE ELFRIEDA SETS SAIL

Will Enforce the Fish Laws in Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds at the Mouth of Guas.

Owing to the extreme low water in Neuse and Trent rivers yesterday the gunboat Elfrieda and a crew of local Naval Reserves, who had been ordered to Albemarle and Pamlico sounds to compel the fishermen in that section to obey the State fish laws, were not able to leave yesterday morning as they expected to do.

At 3:30 yesterday the water had risen to such a height that navigation was possible and sail was set. On the boat was Captain C. D. Bradham, Commander, and a crew of twenty-five of the Naval Brigade. At Elizabeth City ten other men will be added to the crew.

Captain Bradham stated to a Journal reporter that he hoped they would have no trouble with the fishermen, but that he intended to enforce the law on this trip even if violence had to be resorted to.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

WHY DOES SUCH A CONDITION EXIST?

Mr. Editor:

A few Sundays ago the writer accompanied by a friend, walked across the Trent River county bridge; and really were appalled at the state of affairs that existed near the foot of the bridge in James City. Drunken men, and even drunken boys, both white and black staggering around, cursing and blaspheming and without any restraint whatever making themselves a public nuisance.

We were informed by some of the best citizens of that little village that such was the state of affairs nearly every Sabbath afternoon. Many of the men and boys coming from New Bern for the express purpose of getting drunk, as whiskey was sold without fear of the law, and apparently with the full consent of those whose duty it is to prevent it. They also informed us they would be glad if the Sheriff would send a deputy over there to assist them in keeping order and to break up the selling of whiskey; and they would give every support to their power to any officer of the law who was sent to protect them from this outrage.

Now Mr. Editor this state of affairs is a menace to every good citizen, white or black; is bound to deplore such a state of affairs. Now if it is allowed to exist sooner or later, and very likely sooner, there will be such a tragedy emanating from such lawlessness as will make every one of us cry aloud and ask "what has become of the law and of those who have sworn to enforce it."

Our fair name, our intelligence is at stake. Shall the Blind Tiger element rule, or will the good people get behind their sworn officers and make them enforce the law?

"Clean City."

Subscribers were sentenced to jail in London.

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Officers Rowe and Smith Given Hearing

Police Officer F. P. Rowe, of this city and officer W. H. Smith, of Vanceboro, were given a hearing yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Justices of the Peace W. R. Harrington and D. S. Jones by Gary Hawk, charging them with swearing falsely against the plaintiff at a recent term of court when he was convicted of selling whiskey. After the evidence had been heard the Justices ruled that the charges were absolutely without basis and that the plaintiff be taxed with the costs in both cases and that if he did not pay within thirty days that he be sent to jail.

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