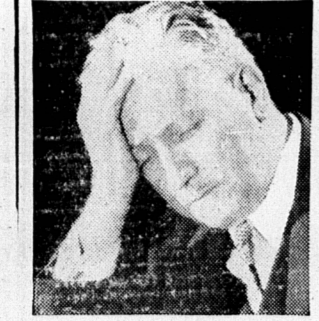


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3 STRANGE MEN By C. T. PODMORE

CHAPTER XVII NERVE

Mrs. Cordery, all excitement at the wire received from George Parmiter, presented herself post-haste at Leacenhall-street to consult with Sophie.

"Secure possession of the cottage at once"—that was the junction. And the question was—How?

"Sophie suggested Tooting's advice. Mrs. Cordery vetoed that, since the lawyers were now so rigidly neutral had been so unhelpful, and were otherwise concerned with late clients' affairs. Even less feasible was the idea that mother and daughter should take even the shortest temporary domicile at the cottage. What was George thinking of? The only rational alternative seemed to be the police. But the police were virtually in possession now, keeping close watch in the neighbourhood; and this wire would only prompt curious questions. If they were meant anything, there might be strange doings there before long.

The upshot was that Mrs. Cordery went back home. Trills Sophie's letter with heavy sighing by a telephone call to Aunger's hotel. Barling came to see her.

More than once Mr. Barling had traced contacts with what was into his pocket. "Anything else?" he said. "Excuse me, won't you?"

"Certainly." Barling drew out his wallet, from which he extracted a number of papers. These he laid upon the table. Harcy, taking up several which were marked and initialed, and finally glanced at one which appeared to have been screwed up for waste, but on second thoughts preserved it in an unaddressed note, without a signature, it ran: "Freya says Markham will see you at 11 o'clock."

Barling had forgotten this. He watched Harcy's face as he read the paper, but it gave no extraordinary sign, even as he said gently, "Ah! How do you explain this note?"

"I don't explain it. I came across it at Abinger's Hotel, where I am staying at present."

"Did you find it in your room?" "In a room that had just been occupied by someone else."

"Who was that?" "A man named Rumley John Rumley—of Bristol, I believe."

"What number was the room?" "Number 104."

"Is he there now?" "No."

"Why should you keep this note, Mr. Barling?" "Really I don't know."

"I am asking, Harcy said incisively, because I happen to know something about Freya and Markham."

"I don't," returned Barling; "and I didn't even read the note till afterwards. Some business or other. I know no more about what it was than you do."

Hardy shrugged. "Perhaps less!" he returned shortly. "Are you acquainted with this man Rumley?"

"I have met him. I should not care to cultivate his acquaintance. A crook, I imagine."

"Possibly. You're involved, you know."

Barling put a hand in his pocket. "Here's the wire from Chatham. And this—from another pocket. It's the key of the house which Miss Cordery gave me to come here."

Hardy looked baffled. "I've kept this paper, anyhow, and glad of it. When we go from here you'll be able to establish your story no doubt. But there's anything more you can tell me, Mr. Barling?"

"There's one thing. Rumley has gone from Abinger to The Pilgrims Hotel, but I don't know his real name; it may be Diggs, or it may be Boxwith. Ask for him there. He probably could not help, but realize that this inevitable line of inquiry must bring things to light, which were at present outside Hardy's ken. But he wanted to be done with Hardy; for he had not yet satisfied himself that George Parmiter's injunction was adequately met by the police. Crime kept its quarry away. Parmiter's interest was different. It attracted."

"Police or no police, Barling meant to pass the night in the house where murder had been done. And when Hardy had finally done with him, he did pass the night there."

It was a tensely oppressive vigil. He was as if numbed with listening. A bluish-kness like wet velvet was outside of heavy underrung that could be heard on the windows, and hour after hour he could hear the murmuring patter of the downfall, with a surging, rushing undercurrent that persisted, without direction and without end.

In the dark quietude of a corner in the front room, out of any chance ray that might be flashed in, he heard several times the mechanical tread of a policeman on the gravel of the path outside. He was aware, too, of some long moments when there came a dull, or he dreamed it. As if it arose from the sodden ground, he heard a very strange whimpering sound; as if a man wept as he moved away, impatient of some torment of his soul.

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1938 Provincial Exhibition—1938

The Prince Edward Island Exhibition of 1938 will be formally opened at eight p. m. on Monday evening, September 13th, at the Paton Pavilion, where addresses will be delivered by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Colonel George D. Bennett, Premier Charles Campbell and other notables. Months of preparation and a tremendous lot of effort will have culminated in what is expected to be the greatest Fair of all time.

Each year seems to witness steady improvement in all departments of the popular Provincial Exhibition. New buildings, and new equipment have been added until the plant has been practically rebuilt in the past ten years. This season a new bleacher has been built at the east end of the grand stand with accommodation for 1600 spectators. It supports great iron tables which are arranged at just the right angle for restfulness. At the south end there is a new and commodious dining room, with a bar at the rear of the grand stand, and in the rear is a ladies rest room which is a much needed addition.

The show which was destroyed by fire at the close of last year's show have been rebuilt with improvements to make them more comfortable for the spectators. Other repair work and improvements have been made to stock stables, and the entire exhibition grounds have been repainted and the interior of the Main Building painted and redecorated.

The prize list has been revamped and that is out-of-date has been discarded and the most modern and utilitarian classes substituted. The stock breeders have been consulted freely in all changes. The most leading artists, and other authorities, have been called in to advise, with the result that this year's Prize List which is issued in a very attractive form is receiving favorable comment from all classes of people and in increases list of entries is expected.

LIVE STOCK ENTRIES Live stock, horses, cattle, sheep and swine, are the backbone of agriculture in the Garden of the South, and it is from these sources the Exhibition draws its greatest attraction. In the show ring the horse ring and cattle ring, show days, and hundreds of farmers together with their wives, spend their leisure hours, and as they walk around the animals and make their selections. Nearly all of them are excellent judges of the same, and their neighbors are represented at some time in the show ring.

This year the horse judging will be held in the show ring which was constructed on the old site last year. It is about one-tenth of a mile and the turns have been levelled and the ground is the most comfortable for spectators in the provinces, with its stand in the center, and a man who makes the hottest day peasant. The stand background has been tinted buff color so as to remove the glare from the eyes of the judges. The 500 are usually completely filled. This year there will be more than 500 entries, and the judging because of the presence of Senator Duncan Marshall, former Minister of Agriculture in the Hon. J. A. Campbell's cabinet, and a man who has had a very wide experience in various parts of the Dominion of Canada. Senator Marshall will judge the best cattle classes.

By the way, the matter of selecting judges is one that carries considerable responsibility. The management of the Provincial Exhibition should be proud of the fact that when our exhibitors go to the Royal Winter Fair or other places, they will have the advantage of having appeared before men of equal calibre to those who will place their awards at Toronto.

To a person unacquainted with the Province and its people it seems strange that only 90,000 people and its small area could be capable of producing live stock that could compete against the larger provinces, but as a matter of fact, the Provincial Exhibition can go to other fairs on the mainland and to the R-yal Winter Fair and win in the most of the provinces of the world. I was this idea that the promoters of the Provincial Exhibition had in mind, namely, to develop the very best of the Province so that the stock breeder and farmer could reap their reward both in achievement and in dollars and cents. Certain it is that the gory, the greatness and fame that the Islands as a stock breeding centre, can be credited to the Provincial Exhibition.

The horse and cattle classes this year are expected to have a total entry list reaching nearly 1000. Horses of various types with number more than 400 and this does not include the Riding Club horses or race horses, but the only standard breed that are used around the farm and the general purpose horses young and old. Sheep, pigs, and poultry will have large quotas as usual and will be top specimens of the classes.

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HORSE RACES Horse racing has always been a leading feature of the Prince Edward Island Exhibition and this year's four-day program of the three races each day will be no exception. The very best horses and drivers in the Maritime Provinces will be on hand to race for \$5000 in purses. Races and premiums racing will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Afternoons. Interspersed between them will be the Cavauex Girls with their brilliant lighting effects will be one of the highlights of the evening program and of course all other numbers of the Cavauex Girls are being rotated on the balcony act will be given. Bonette's slide for life preceding the fireworks which will conclude each night's show.

FIREWORKS These always have an appeal to young and old, and the management are strong in the belief that notwithstanding the expense involved it is well to provide the best in pyrotechnics. The fireworks this year will include many new set pieces that have been ordered months ago and are being rotated on the balcony act will be given. Bonette's slide for life preceding the fireworks which will conclude each night's show.

BILL LYNCH'S MIDWAY Bill Lynch has put up a lot of new capital into his Midway, and has reorganized his show thoroughly. He discarded his old equipment and returned it. He has almost a new show with rides and other popular features that appeal to young and old. The Great Lynx shows are certainly a credit to him and to the Maritimes.

TRANSPORTATION Transportation will offer no difficulty this year. Two car-ferrys, the Charlottetown and Prince Edward will run for the days preceding and after the show. Patrons simply drive on and drive off, at \$3 fare per car paying the cost of transport of the vehicle, plus a small sum for each passenger. The car-ferrys will be running on Sunday, August 14th, so that visitors desiring to come here a day in advance of the show can do so and get settled early. A modern paved highway from Borden to Charlottetown, is a fine piece of road construction, when one arrives in the capital there are hotels, inns, and open houses everywhere offering the visitor no lack of accommodation, while excellent restaurants give attractive meals at very reasonable prices. In fact accommodation of all kinds is satisfactorily provided in Charlottetown, and one can have a good time for very little money.

EXHIBITION RESTAURANT A great many people like to spend a whole afternoon and evening at the Fair, some a whole day, so it is necessary to provide eats for them. Steadily this catering trade has grown from year to year and in order to cope with it properly the Exhibition management has provided an up-to-date restaurant which is capable of seating 300 persons. Great preparations are being made by the Ladies Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital to have the best food stuffs so that every person can be assured of a good meal at a reasonable price. Diners and suppers will be served daily. Just let us remind you again

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