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The Unlatched Door
CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

Inspector Kenway's suggestion that the story told by Barbara Calendar had only served to turn suspicion once more on Roy Hemersley took both the young people by surprise. For some time they could only stare blankly at the detective. The truce had gone from Roy's face, and now, with dropped jaw and wide-open eyes, he looked the very embodiment of dismay. Barbara was first to recover the power of speech.

"Oh, but you can't suspect Roy!" she exclaimed. "He didn't even see Mr. Borden. He was only

there for my sake!"
"Is that something else you can prove, Miss Calendar?" Kenway asked coldly.

"I—no, I suppose I can't prove it; but he told me—besides he didn't want me to tell you I thought I killed Mr. Borden. He wanted me to let him take all the blame."
"Why?"

"To save me, of course."
"H'm!" Kenway snorted sceptically and glanced at Roy again. "More Hollywood?" he said. "The romantic hero making an offer of sacrifice that he knows won't be accepted, and then climbing down and trying to show his innocence by bringing the girl along to incriminate herself!"

"That isn't true!" cried Barbara, vigorously. "It is wicked to suggest it! It's horrible!"

"Let me talk to him, Barbara!" Roy suddenly laid a hand on hers and held it tight. Turning to Kenway, he said quietly: "I'm not going to lose my temper, though it looks as if that's what you would like to happen. I'm too glad to know Barbara is clear of the terror that has been hanging over her, to care about anything else. If you accuse me of shooting Borden that's your look-out. I don't think you will be able to do much about it; but if you want to arrest me, get on with the job. I don't care what you do if Barbara is all right!"

"But I care, Roy—" Barbara began, only to lapse into silence as she saw he was not attending to her. He was looking fixedly at Kenway, who was regarding him with a knitted brow. The inspector was internally reviewing certain considerations which had influenced his earlier attitude to Roy. In particular he was recalling the fact that P. C. Andrews reported having seen Hemersley at the entrance to Darnley Mansions, while the noise made by the motor cycle was at its height, with the other fact, now confirmed by Barbara, that it was precisely at that time the fatal shot was fired.

"I said nothing about an arrest," he said at last. "I haven't even brought a charge yet. I want the rest of your story, Miss Calendar. What did you do after the shot? Try to remember everything and tell it just as it happened, please."

"I'll try," she said, "but it was a frightful shock, and I was nearly off my head. I know that when I realized he was dead and saw the revolver in my hand, my first thought was to be glad I was wearing gloves."

"Thinking of finger-prints?" There was the ghost of a smile about Kenway's mouth. "I haven't forgotten your favourite reading. That looks as if you had already made up your mind to get away unsuspected if you could!"

"I don't think my mind had to be made up about that—it was instinctive. Wouldn't it be with anybody?"

"With most I'm afraid. It's always a pity when innocent people behave as if they were guilty. How did you get about getting away?"

"I laid the revolver down where it might have fallen from Mr. Borden's hand and went to the room door. I didn't want to look back—she shivered—"I switched off the light and—"

"One moment, Miss Calendar. What shoes were you wearing?"

"Gold brocade evening shoes."
"Do you happen to have noticed any marks on one of them since then—such as would be made if you trod in something white, plaster, for instance?"

"Why, yes. There was white powder round part of the sole of the left one. I had quite a job to get it off when I was putting them away."

To be continued

Gallant - Corcoran Wedding

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Bloomfield, P. E. I. was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, July 23rd when Hazel Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John James Corcoran, Pluville, P. E. I. became the bride of Arthur Desmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorice Gallant, Duvar, P. E. I.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. M. J. Rooney who also celebrated the Nuptial High Mass. One of the altar boys was Master Winston Gallant, brother of the groom. The organist for the occasion was Mr. Cyrus Gallant and the singing was capably rendered by the St. Anthony's mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Aubin Gallant B.A. The hymns rendered during the ceremony were "Pans Angelicus", "O Sanctissima" and "Mother At Thy Feet Is Kneeling". The altar and sanctuary were decorated for the occasion with summer flowers.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage as the strains of the Wedding March were being played by Mr. Cyrus Gallant. She looked lovely in a floor length gown of white satin with fitted bodice and full skirt. The yoke was of seed pearls and the sleeves came to a point over her hands. Her shoulder length veil was held in place by a band of white roses and she carried a white prayer book with streamers decorated with sweet peas and baby's breath. Her only ornament was a three strand pearl necklace, a gift of the groom.

The bride's sister, Miss Lorraine Corcoran as maid of honor, was dressed in a floor length gown of light green, nylon marquisette with matching mitts and headress. The bridesmaids were Miss Zeta Corcoran, sister of the bride, who wore a floor length gown of maize net and taffeta with matching mitts and headress and Miss Audrey Gallant, sister of the groom, who wore a floor length gown of pink sheer with matching mitts and headress. The maid of honor and bridesmaids carried bouquets of mixed flowers and roses, gifts of the bride. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Terrence.

Mrs. Corcoran chose for her daughter's wedding a gown of navy sheer with white accessories and a corsage of mixed flowers. Mrs. Gallant, mother of the groom, wore a gown of navy sheer with white accessories and a corsage of mixed flowers.

Following the ceremony, breakfast was served at the bride's home to about sixty guests. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with white streamers and white bells. The bride's table was centered with a three tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. A toast was proposed to the bride and groom by Rev. Fr. M. J. Rooney and very fittingly responded to by the groom.

In the evening a reception was held at the groom's home where a sumptuous supper was served to about two hundred guests. They young couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts including furniture, china, linen and a sum of money.

Following the reception the happy couple left on a motor trip to points of interest on the island. For travelling the bride chose a navy suit with white and navy accessories and a corsage of red roses. A large circle of friends wish the young couple many years of happiness.

Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered a shower at her home where she was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Out of town guests were: Mrs.

Burlington and Vicinity

L.A.C. Harold Proffitt left on Monday, August 18th, to return to his unit in Moncton. Mrs. Proffitt and family will remain longer at Margate and Long River.

A supper and dance held in Irishtown Hall on Thursday evening, August 21st proved very successful, both socially and financially, when a good time was had by all and a gratifying sum was added to the Women's Institute treasury.

Mrs. Oscar Johnstone, Long River, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Johnstone, and her daughter, Miss Jennie Johnstone, Montreal, where she was joined by her husband on his way home on the Overland Special.

Mrs. Albert Craswell has returned to her home in South Rustico, after a pleasant two weeks visit at Clermont, where she was the guest of her niece, Miss Amelia Mill and other members of the family, and at Burlington, where she visited her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Paynter.

Queen's County Magistrate's Court

In Queen's County Magistrate's Court Friday, before Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, a speeder from Southport was fined \$10 and costs or 10 days and a resident of the city, for a similar offence in the West Royalty area, was similarly dealt with.

A resident of the city pleaded guilty of speeding near the Kinloch road and was fined \$25 and costs or 30 days and his drivers licence was suspended for 6 months.

A triple accusation brought a triple fine in the case of an offender who failed to stop at the scene of an accident, when a horse driven by a boy was injured by a truck driven by the accused, also for failing to stop at the scene of an accident when the truck in which he was driving was in collision with another motor vehicle, and finally for driving a motor vehicle while his faculties were impaired by alcohol. Fines were imposed as follows, the horse incident \$15 and costs or 30 days, car collision \$25, and costs or 30 days and driver's licence suspended for 6 months, and for driving while impaired the fine was \$75 or 2 months, with a three months suspension of driver's licence.

For theft of goods to a value of less than \$25, two men were fined \$50 each or 2 months, and required to make restitution.

Spanish Army Pay Chief Is Missing

MADRID, Sept. 2 (AP)—Spanish police said Monday the chief paymaster of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's War Ministry is missing with at least 4,000,000 pesetas (about \$360,000). They issued an international alarm for his arrest.

The missing man is Capt. Julian Rodriguez Pastrana. Army officials said he had asked and was granted a temporary leave of five days. When he failed to return on Aug. 27 an investigation was launched.

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Napoleon was born at Ajaccio, capital of Corsica.

most prominent and interesting places were visited and they, like Mr. Warren were delighted with all they saw, noting especially the rich "greenness" of the countryside, and regretting that their time here was so short.

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WINNERS

BROWN'S BISCUITS, Moncton, N. B., are pleased to announce that

MISS MARY WAVE, Newcastle, N. B., was the winner of the **GRAND PRIZE** for August and

MRS. ROY MACGILLIVRAY, 191 Weymouth Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was the winner of the 4-lb. carton of Fancy Assorted Biscuits, drawn for weekly.

The Overland Special has returned a happy group of Maritimers to their respective homes after a trip which will long be remembered. Among those returning to the Kensington area were Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacGougain, Mr. Charles MacKay, Mrs. Eva B. Pickering, Mrs. Athol Cotton, Mrs. David Clark, Mr. Bruce Bell, Mr. W. E. Johnstone, Miss Adeline Campbell, Mrs. L. G. Ramsay and son, Donald, Mr. John Howard, and Mrs. Jessie Carruthers. Miss Mamie MacKay stayed over with her sister in Victoria, B. C., and Mr. Oscar Johnstone stopped off in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Warren, Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Warren's sister, Mrs. Emma Barrett of Cincinnati, Ohio, paid a recent visit to this province, and called on their cousins, Mrs. Lewis Wickett, and Mayor Darrach in Kensington, and other relatives. Mr. Warren was loud in his praise of the loveliness of our island, which he had never before visited. Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Bennett were making their first visit in 46 years and saw great change and progress. The J. H. Blanchard, Mrs. Harry Conway, Mrs. Edmund Arsenault and Miss Mary Richard-R.N., Charlottetown; Mr. Joseph Clark and Mrs. Alvina Gallant, Montreal; Mr. Gary Walker, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Allison Richardson, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Marie Arnold, Lowell, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Gallant; and Dr. and Mrs. A. Dolron, Summerside; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. DesRoches, Eunice and Dolore and Mr. and Mrs. Ben DesRoches, Miscouche.

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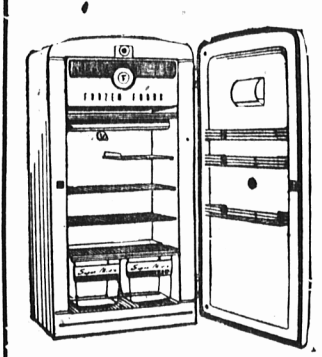
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