

The Unlatched Door

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

Continued

"I suppose," said Kenway thoughtfully, "Borden could have cancelled this order at any time. Of course he could. A man can always do what he likes with his own if the Chancellor of the Exchequer doesn't catch him at it!"

"What will happen about it now as is dead?"

"My honorable friend must give notice of that question. Couldn't say off-hand. I should think it will depend on how the order was worded—and the heirs may have something to say about it."

"No heirs have appeared yet." "They will! It's astonishing now the scent of unattached money brings claimants flocking round!" Rathbone looked sharply at Kenway. "What's the idea? Are you thinking somebody may have bumped Borden off to prevent his cancelling this order?"

"It's possible." "Oh, Lord, yes! Anything is possible where money is concerned! And this is just the sort of cleverly notion that would appeal to the criminal mind. Crooks never see farther than the ends of their own noses. The difficulty of getting round the bank and possible heirs would never suggest themselves."

"I suppose the bank won't object to telling me who this money was paid to?"

"Ah, that would be asking them to disclose, and the mention of the word is enough to make a bank official shy a hundred yards. Of course, you can persuade them—look here, I know the manager of this branch and how to deal with him. I shall be round that way tomorrow morning and, if you like I'll look in and see if I can get the information you want, in a friendly way. That's always better than putting on the screw."

"That's jolly decent of you, Rathbone."

"Not a bit. You'll do as much for me some day—and Quirk—that's the manager—keeps a box of my favorite brand of cigars on tap. That's a consideration in these days when hardly anybody runs to anything better than a snapper."

"Then I'll leave it to you, old man."

"Right. I'll report as soon as I've seen Quirk."

Rathbone withdrew and Kenway sat for a long time thinking over their talk. The suggestion that the form of entries indicated that Borden was making regular payments to someone whose name he did not wish to be coupled with his own was what interested him. There might be various ways of accounting for that; but what struck him as the most probable one was that the payments were an allowance made to a woman. With the hints thrown out by Green with reference to Avice Carlake it did not require much ingenuity to connect her with the transactions. It was only a surmise at present, of course, but it was exactly the sort of clue he was looking for in her case. He had been unable to fit her with a motive for washing Borden dead; if those entries did turn out to be payments to her, that was closed.

He put his papers away and was preparing to leave when his telephone bell rang.

"Hello," he said. "Inspector Kenway speaking."

"Roy Hemersley here," came the

answer. "I'm speaking for Miss Barbara Calendar. Could you make an appointment to see her tomorrow morning? It's urgent."

"Has she remembered something she thought she had forgotten this afternoon?"

"She'll tell you what it is when she sees you."

"If she is really going to tell me something I shall be delighted to see her! What time will suit her? Ten—half-past?"

"She'll be at Scotland Yard at half-past 10 prompt and so will I."

"Oh, will you? Have you something to tell me, too?"

"That depends on how you treat her. I may have quite a lot to tell you!" There was a distinctly aggressive note in the statement. Kenway smiled to himself.

"I know you can talk when once you get started," he said. "All right, Miss Calendar is entitled to have a friend present when she

makes a communication to the police, and if she chooses you as an escort that's her look out. I shall expect you both at 10.30 tomorrow."

He hung up and stood thinking. "Now where is this going to lead us?" he asked himself. To be continued

Kensington Notes

Friends throughout the Province will be glad to learn that Mrs. Eric Jessome, Kensington, is progressing favourably following an operation in the Prince County Hospital last week, and are looking forward to her return home in the near future.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Archibald, and children Ethel, Elizabeth, Calvin, and Myrna, New-

town, Guysboro County, N.S. toured points of interest on P.E.I. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Archibald spent their honeymoon here and have anticipated a return journey since that time. At Kensington they were guests of a former pastor, Rev. T.J. and Mrs. Humphrey.

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