

SERIAL STORY

The Chronicles of Addington Peace

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THE MYSTERY OF THE JADE SPEAR

"Are you Inspector Peace, Sir?" He looked what he was, a gardener's boy, and he stood on the platform of Richmond station regarding us with a solemn, if cherubic, countenance. The little inspector nodded his head as he felt in his pocket for the tickets.

"I have a cab waiting for you, sir." "Are you from the Elms?" "Yes, sir. Miss Sherrick sent me to meet you, having heard as you were coming."

We walked up the steps to the roadway, climbed into the cab, and, with the boy on the box, dragged our way up the steep of the narrow street, past the Star and Garter (the hostelry of ancient glories), and so for a mile until, at a word from our youthful

the Elms, Richmond, had been stabbed to death in a road near his house. That was the single fact telegraphed to Scotland Yard. Taking my friend here, I caught the 2:35 from Waterloo station. It is now half-past three. As you will observe, my work has not yet commenced.

"I sent the boy to meet you. I wished you to hear my story before you saw—the police up at the house. I should like to tell you all I know." "That will, doubtless, be very valuable," said the little inspector. "Can you find us a place where we shall not be disturbed?"

For answer she led the way through the wicket-gate. A couple of turns and the winding walk brought us to an open space in the laurels and rhododendrons. On the further side was a garden bench, and there we seated ourselves, waiting, with great anxiety on my part at least, for further details of the tragedy. "My father was a widower," said Miss Sherrick, "and when he died he left as my guardians and trustees my mother's two brothers, Colonel Bulstrode and Mr. Anstruther Bulstrode. Colonel Bulstrode, who had been in the Indian Staff Corps, had retired the year before my father's death, and taken this house. It was with him that I went to live. Richmond suited him, for he could spend the day at his London club and yet be home in plenty of time for dinner."

"My uncle Anstruther was also an Anglo-Indian. He had been for many years a planter in Ceylon. It was on the Colonel's advice that he took a house near us when he came home this spring.

"I first met Mr. Boyne last Christmas, when we were skating on some wooded meadows by the Thames. He is a lawyer, and though he is doing well, is by no means a rich man. Unfortunately, I am an heiress, Inspector Peace."

"I understand, Miss Sherrick." "Colonel Bulstrode expected me to make what he called a first-rate marriage. Mr. Boyne and I had been engaged for two weeks, and at last we decided to tell the Colonel. We knew there would be trouble, but there was nothing to be gained by continued postponement. Mr. Boyne made an

"The colonel has come by a so-called, miss, down by the wicket-gate. I was going for a doctor." "I did not wait to hear more. I was very fond of my guardian, Mr. Peace. He had a hot temper, but to me he had ever been kind and considerate. As I started, however, Cullen came panting up and tried to turn me back, waving his hands. Lunatic or not, I did not mean to let him frighten me. So I avoided him, and set off running across the grass to the Wilderness gate—the one through which we have just come. I had almost reached it when I met Mr. Boyne. I was surprised, for I thought he had already gone home. Beyond him I could see the gate, with two of our gardeners standing on the further side and talking earnestly together."

"I asked Mr. Boyne what was the matter, and for answer he took me by the arm and led me back towards the house. He looked very white and ill. I still begged for an explanation, and at last he told me the truth. My Uncle, Colonel Bulstrode, had been found lying in the road stabbed to death with a spear. They had no idea who the murderer might be."

"They brought up the body to the house. Afterwards they let me see him. Even in death his face was convulsed with passion. Oh, it is dreadful, dreadful!"

Her reserve gave way all in a moment, and she burst into a fit of sobbing, hiding her face in her hands. It was some time before she regained her self-control, and when she spoke again it was with difficulty and in detached sentences.

"It was about three o'clock," she said. "Mr. Boyne came into the room where I was. He told me that my uncle had spoken very bitterly to him in their interview, and that there had been a quarrel between them; but Mr. Boyne's sorrow was sincere. I am sure it was sincere. Afterwards he begged me not to believe any rumors I might hear about him. Then he went away. Afterwards, as I was looking from the window, I saw him walking down the drive with a policeman. Several of the servants were gathered at the front door watching and pointing. I don't know how—but the suspicion came to me—"

"The morning seemed as if it were never to end. As the hour approached I could wait in my room no longer. I slipped out of a side door into the upper garden, which lies at the further side of the house. I wandered about for some time in great misery. When I heard the stable clock chime the half-hour, I started back to the house. It must have been decided between them one way or the other."

"I had reached the drive and was walking up to the front door when I saw Cullen, the butler, come running out of the Wilderness—as we call the shrubberies where we now are—and so across the lawn towards me. He was in an excited state, waving his arms and shouting. Cullen is so stout and respectable that I could only conclude that he had gone mad. When he was some twenty yards off, he caught sight of me, and slunk away towards the front door as if trying to avoid me.

"What is the matter, Cullen?" I called to him.

"He slackened his pace, and finally stopped, with his eyes staring at me in an odd fashion.

"You come in with me, miss," he stammered. "It's no mischief of your making. Eh, eh, but it's ugly work—black and ugly work."

"What do you mean, Cullen?" I said as boldly as I could, for his manner frightened me.

TRAINMEN THREATEN STRIKE

76,000 Employees of Eastern Roads Declare for Overtures.

New York—Peace overtures have ceased between 45 Eastern railroads and 100,000 members of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, after the employees' representatives in conference with the railroad managers announced that 94 per cent of the men had voted to strike for increased wages. Final action on the proposed tie-up remains with the general committee of 100 of the conductors and trainmen's organizations.

It is the unanimous opinion in operating circles that the strike vote will be ratified unless the companies meanwhile offer to pay higher wages or agree to submit the dispute to arbitration.

During the negotiations the Erie railroad and its two subsidiaries, the New Jersey & New York and the New York, Susquehanna & Western, withdrew, leaving 42 roads in the conference. The Erie system contends that the increase demanded represents an annual cost to the three roads of \$1,200,000, and that the system in paying this sum would suffer in safety appliances and equipment.

The conference committee of managers will meet soon to consider the decision of the employees' general committee. The railroads are then expected to make their ultimatum.

It was said that at no time during the session was the Erdman arbitration act mentioned, but comment among railroad officials and union representatives showed a general expectation that the men would appeal for arbitration before definitely deciding to walk out.

T. H. O'Brien, representing the trainmen, said:

"The Erie men will insist on a compliance with their demands for a wage increase, [and unless the Erie meets their demands, the men will strike.]"

FINANCIAL PANIC AVERTED

Depositors Receive Limited Sums and Run Is Checked.

Pittsburg—To the decisive statement of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, is attributed the restoration of almost normal conditions in financial Pittsburg despite the closing of the First-Second National bank, an institution that has been accredited one of the strongest in the country.

The closing of the First-Second was followed naturally by suspension of its affiliated bank, the First National of McKeesport, and the appointment of receiverships for the banking house of J. S. & W. S. Kuhn, incorporated, and a like action with the American Waterworks & Guarantee company.

Another Kuhn interest affected, the Pittsburg Bank for Savings, suffered a run Wednesday, chiefly by small depositors. This was contained in somewhat greater magnitude Thursday, but appeared to abate as the day wore on. Small groups of depositors who entered the bank promptly received \$50 on demand, as previously, and were required to give the legal notice of 30, 60 and 90 days to withdraw other amounts above the stated figure. About \$570,000 was withdrawn from the bank, while deposits were \$20,000.

Announcement was made that J. S. Kuhn, the president, and W. S. Kuhn, vice-president, had resigned and that W. J. Jones, the former secretary and treasurer of the bank, had been made president, with A. N. Voegtli, former assistant to Mr. Jones, as secretary and treasurer, while L. M. Plummer, auditor, was made vice-president. From the time of this announcement the run perceptibly abated and the crowd disappeared, until at closing time the vicinity of the bank differed from no other business day.

President Wilson Gains Weight.

Cornish, N. H.—President Wilson has so improved in health in the last three days and likes his summer home here so well that he virtually decided to prolong his visit. Should affairs in Washington, however, become pressing, he will start back immediately.

The satisfactory progress of the tariff bill, especially the adoption of the caucus resolution by the senate Democrats insuring a safe majority for the measure, removed the last bit of anxiety the President had about spending the week away from Washington. The President has not only taken on weight, but his face bears a ruddy tan and a glow of health, the result of brisk motor rides in the cool mountain air and plenty of golf. The President found an ideal links, at Hanover, N. H., and probably will play golf there frequently hereafter. Professor Cox, of Dartmouth college, invited him over and assured him that he could play inconspicuously there.

Suffragists In Parade.

Erie, Pa.—Through streets thronged by cheering thousands, school children and advocates of woman suffrage marched in procession as the principal event of the third day of Erie's centennial celebration of Perry's victory at Put-In-bay. Following the yellow and white banner of the Pennsylvania Equal Suffrage Association several hundred women from a dozen or more states marched through the streets after the children's parade. Handsomely-gowned women represented the states where women can vote.

Stamp Change Protested.

Canton, O.—Resolutions adopted by the McKinley club of this city, have been forwarded to President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson protesting against the substitution of the picture of Jefferson for that of McKinley on postal cards.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

BULL MOOSE VERY SCARCE

Per Cent of Progressives So Far Registered Very Small.

Salem—Assertions of special writers of prominence for Eastern magazines that the Progressive party is well organized and stronger than when Colonel Roosevelt was its candidate for president are not proved, so far as Oregon is concerned, by the registration figures so far this year. The figures received to date by Secretary of State Olcott from 14 counties show that the Bull Moose party has about 4 per cent of the total registration.

OREGON "AD" TO GO ABROAD

Resources of State Will Be Given In Foreign Languages.

Portland—Authority has been given by the Oregon Immigration commission to proceed with the translation of accurate information concerning the resources of the state, into German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish languages. An immigration booklet in German has already been prepared by Paul E. Schwabe, an employee of the immigration board, and the other booklets will be issued as soon as possible. The second edition of the Oregon Almanac by E. M. Davis, will be ready before the close of summer.

The immigration board also has given Mr. Chapman authority to prepare for a comprehensive exhibit at the Chicago Land Show. Mr. Chapman will attend the show.

Pensions Given Widows.

Two applications for widows' pensions have been granted in Lincoln county. In each instance the husbands died from natural causes and the widows were left to maintain their homes and support their children solely by their own efforts.

County Judge Fogarty holds that no pensions should be granted where there is any possibility of the pension money being used for the benefit of any other person or any other purpose than the maintenance of the home and the minor children of a dependent widow.

Those granted amount to \$27.50 a month.

Treasurer Issues Statement.

Salem—State Treasurer Kay has issued a statement of disbursements for the six months ending June 30, as follows: Total, \$1,976,536.64; balance, \$1,265,128.13; balance January 1, \$1,457,487.02; receipts, \$1,784,177.75; disbursements from the general fund, \$1,408,695.27; balance, \$533,605.19; balance general fund January 1, \$1,072,613.03; receipts, \$369,687.43. The common school fund increased during the period \$125,852.18, the total Jan. 1 being \$6,265,566.40. The fund June 30 was \$6,391,428.58.

New Map Given Teachers.

Hood River—Teachers of Hood River county have each received a topographical map of the district west of Mount Hood. It is one of the latest publications of the United States Topographical survey and is called one of the Atlas sheets of the Mount Hood Quadrangle. It shows in detail the topographical features of the region around Lost Lake and over which the dispute as to the Bull Run road has arisen between Hood River citizens and the Portland Water Board.

Anti-Hanging Bill Appears.

Salem—A copy of a bill to abolish capital punishment, advocated by the Anti-Capital Punishment Crusaders, has been submitted to the secretary of state. It is the intention of the promoters to have the measure voted on at the first election for the initiation of bills. The bill and blank petitions accompanying it were referred to Mr. Olcott for him to determine whether the form and paper comply with the law.

La Grande Chautauqua Pays.

La Grande—The fourth annual Chautauqua of La Grande, which recently closed, it is believed, netted enough money to clear last year's deficiency of about \$500. The weather was threatening during the assembly and held the receipts down. The camping feature was a decided success this year.

Farmers After Squirrels.

Airle—Squirrels in the woods surrounding this place are showing themselves numerous this year and efforts are being made to halt an increase. Poisoned wheat is distributed in the timber to kill the pests. The squirrels are the silver gray species and destroy the grain crops.

Land Cleared for Fruit.

Hood River—One of the largest clearings made in any mid-Columbia fruit section this summer is the 55-acre tract just improved by J. A. Vinchell at Mosier. The task has just been completed at a cost of \$150 an acre.

OREGON FAIR BOARD NAMED

Commission of Five Will Manage State Exhibit in 1915.

Salem—R. A. Booth, Eugene; C. L. Hawly, Polk county; W. L. Thompson, Pendleton, and O. M. Clark and John F. Logan, of Portland, were appointed commissioners to have charge of the Oregon exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. They were appointed by a committee named at the last session of the legislature, consisting of Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay, Speaker of the House McArthur and President of the Senate Maloney, the governor being the only member who did not attend the meeting.

It is expected that the commission will organize immediately, as it has much work of importance. The success of Oregon's undertaking will depend upon the work of the commission in expending \$175,000 appropriated by the legislature for the exhibit of the state.

The appropriation is larger than that made by the neighboring states of Washington and Idaho, and the members of the commission believe it will be ample for an adequate showing.

The bill places in the hands of the commission the entire supervision of the building of buildings, employments, salaries of employees, and the general conduct of the state's affairs.

Members of the commission will receive no salaries. Mr. Booth was selected to represent the Southern district, Mr. Hawly the Willamette valley, Mr. Thompson Eastern Oregon, and Messrs. Logan and Clark the Portland district.

LONDON MAN WILL LECTURE

Dr. F. H. Hayward to Make Address at Summer School.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Prominent educators of Oregon and at least two other men of note in the educational world will take part on the program of an educational conference called for Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, as a part of the summer school sessions of the University of Oregon. Besides a lecture on the social status of the teacher in Great Britain, by Dr. F. H. Hayward, inspector of schools of London, England, there will be papers by Superintendent Meek, of Boise, Idaho; Superintendent Alderman, of Portland; Superintendent Hug, of Eugene; Professor Schafer, of University of Oregon; Professor Resaler, of Oregon Agricultural college, and many other educators of the state.

Big Mill Goes to Seaside.

Seaside—With the closing of a lease, presumably with A. Welch, electric power magnate of the Northwest, Seaside is assured of a sawmill, which will begin operation about October 1 next. The lease was made by Washington capitalists through J. L. Oates. Other names were withheld. The lease runs for 50 years.

Construction of the mill will start August 1. Considerable money has been paid to Olson Bros. for a supply of logs already cut. Olson Bros. are guaranteed to supply the mill with logs during the life of the lease.

The mill site adjoins the Seaside electric power plant, adjoining the site of an old mill which has been out of use for some years.

The deal assures Seaside of an industrial population throughout the year.

Women Exchange Cooking.

Hood River—number of families of the Upper Hood River valley have adopted a unique plan for conducting their household work on a co-operative basis this summer.

In this district domestics are scarce, and the households, all within a short distance of one another, will assemble alternately at one of the homes, where the meals will be prepared. During the past two weeks the residents of the China Hill district of the valley have been taking their meals at the home of Homer A. Rogers, a Portland real estate man, who passes the summers on his ranch here.

Big Mill to Be Rebuilt.

Charles T. Early, managing director of the Oregon Lumber company, announces that the big 180,000-capacity mill of the company that was destroyed at Dee last week will be reconstructed at once. The new mill will be driven by electricity, as was the old plant. The orders of the lumber company will be diverted to nearby mills. "Our policy has been," said Mr. Early, "to spend our money as close to home as possible. A great many of the orders will be filled by the smaller mills in the valley."

Tillamook to Have Fair.

Tillamook—There was a good attendance of dairymen at the courthouse here last week, when a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing the Tillamook County Fair association. Chairman Will Spalding, one of the committee from the Commercial club, announced that sufficient stock had been subscribed and the association was organized. It was decided to hold the fair early in September.



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conductor, the cab drew up at a wicket-gate in a fence of split oak. As we stepped out a girl swung open the gate and stood confronting us. She was a tall and graceful creature, with the delicacy of the blonde coloring a beautiful face. There was fear in her blue eyes, a fear that widened and fixed them; and a tremor of the full red lips that told of a great calamity.

appointment with him for one o'clock today.

perhaps it was through what Cullen had said. I ran down the stairs and ordered them to answer. At last they told me—he had been arrested—for the murder.

(CHRONICLES TO BE CONTINUED.)