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CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

"Mrs. Bates has resolved a visit from Mr. Bax," said Miss Dalrymple, with a feminine snavity that I could not too much admire; "and she was equally candid and outspoken with him. Were you not?"

"I were, miss. I do not wish to sell myself, though untold gold were offered. I am an honest woman, and no one has ever rightly accused me otherwise."

"Surely Mr. Bax has not been attempting to bribe you, ma'am?" I said, in a tone of indignation. "No one who knows you would try to tamper with your integrity by suggesting payment for information. To offer a recompense—a salable recompense—for services rendered would be a different thing, but before—tut, tut, tut!"

I knew the woman. She was one of those who are continually fancying themselves suspected; if they find a lost halfpenny or a stray stick of sealing wax they will think it laid out to "tempt them" and I will add that women of this kind are as a rule the most to be suspected.

"I told Mr. Bax why I left Dr. Awdrey, as I have told others," said Mrs. Bates; "and am not ashamed of owning to it before the Queen herself. And nothing shall make me leave Coneyford, where I am not ashamed to show my face any day in the week."

"Of course he would have been very glad to get you out of the way, as if you were a criminal?"

"But I were not going. Dr. Awdrey cannot deny that I gave him warning."

"And why did you give him warning?" I asked, seeing that the point lay there.

"Because he unrighteously accused me of meddling with his bottles, which I will take my oath I never touched. The bottles of arsenic layed there marked on the floor. I will not say that Mr. Bax is not right in saying that the doctor let it slip from his guilty hand himself, and wished to put it on me in case of inquiries. I know that he sat me over and over again to stop after I gave warning, and offered a rise in my salary, saying it must be the cat as knocked the bottle down. But I see the trap that was laid for me, and would not stay, which is mercy. I am sure or I might now be in the condemned cell."

She rambled on a long while to the same purpose, while I made notes of certain facts, and from time to time exasperated her to further rambling; but when she had repeated all her facts half a dozen times, and I saw there was no more to be got out of her, I rose and said:

"That is enough for to-day, ma'am; but I have no doubt you will repeat all you have said to-day if you are asked to do so."

She gloried her own steadfastness and sense of rectitude, and so went away. Miss Dalrymple had sunk into a chair, and met my gaze with a look of dejection. She was evidently disappointed that I had not persuaded Mrs. Bates from her adverse opinion.

"I am afraid my witness will do us more harm than good. This broken bottle adds to the weight of evidence against Dr. Awdrey."

"My dear girl," said I, taking her hand between both of mine, "that woman's evidence is worth a king's ransom to us. You have done us an incalculable benefit by bringing her here."

CHAPTER XX.

I was not astonished the next morning when my housekeeper brought in Mr. Bax's card.

"Introduce Mr. Bax at once," said I in a voice that he might hear.

Mr. Bax puffed his way into the office like an unbound locomotive, and I gave him my hand with a smile. He winked significantly, and stretched out his legs when he seated himself, feeling that he was master of the situation.

"Well," he said, "is your client willing to hand over the trust money, or—going to fight it?"

"I should not advise him to go to law."

"No," he grunted, with a nod. "Very wise, too."

"A lawsuit would drain the estate; at the same time we have the money, and possession is nine points of the law."

"The greater reason—knock the matter off at once. You propose compromise, I suppose, eh? Good job for Awdrey—got a generous man to deal with. Any one else but Lynn would have the lot. Awdrey wants a third, or something like that, eh?"

"Dr. Awdrey wants as much as he can get—reasonably. But, before I can suggest any compromise on his part, we must prove his innocence. You understand my position. I cannot run the risk of being accused of collusion."

"Prove his innocence—how do you propose to do that?"

"I suggest that we hold a meeting in this office of all the parties concerned, and invite the attendance of some well-known person—a justice of the peace, say—to give the inquiry publicity, and make a thorough examination of the affair from beginning to end. I shall try to prove my client's innocence to the satisfaction of the magistrate. If I fail, so much the worse for us; if I succeed I shall be very willing to listen to any terms you may propose."

"And reject 'em," grunted Bax; and then looking extremely sly, he pursued: "I'm as deep as you, Keene. You don't

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

### HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Republican members of congress favor emergency currency.

Little progress is being made in the Parkside trial of Abe Ruef.

Central Kansas has been visited by a rain storm that bordered a cloudburst.

The corner stone of the bureau of American republics has been laid at Washington.

Chinese rebels are becoming more active. Large forces of troops are being sent out to check them.

A tornado in Mercer and Henry counties, Illinois, did considerable property damage and killed one woman.

The National Industrial Traffic League has appealed to the interstate commerce commission to prevent an increase in freight rates.

The British house of lords is discussing a plan to tax American hops that are being imported to the detriment of the English crop.

While officers from the battleship fleet were being given auto rides, two of the big machines collided, with almost serious results.

The United States is enlisting other nations in the war against opium trade.

The Methodist general conference has asked that presidential candidates be total abstainers.

Chicago street railway men are to vote on a general strike.

There is an increase of tipping among English society women.

Indications point to Taft men controlling the Oregon republican convention.

New York's unemployed have formed an association and will hold a national convention.

The Union Pacific reports an increase in earnings, and is putting shopmen back at work.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is to investigate the proposed increase of freight rates.

A French mob tried to lynch a woman who had murdered many children, but was prevented by the police.

If the weather permits the battleship fleet will stop off Coos Bay on its way from San Francisco to Seattle.

A number of senators are preparing to denounce Roosevelt as a usurper because he claims supremacy over the army.

Methodists have called on Speaker Cannon to aid prohibitions.

Helmke has been sued for the losses of the Aetna Bank, of Butte.

There have been several serious outbreaks in Ohio against the tobacco trust.

The man who blew up the Burlington train at Hôte has proved to be only half-witted.

Prince Philip zu Eulenburg, once favorite of the kaiser, has been arrested for perjury.

Japan has issued a peremptory demand that China stop the boycott of Japanese goods.

Roosevelt denies the power of congress to restrict authority over the army and navy.

Kentucky continues to have trouble with night riders, who are burning tobacco warehouses.

The Ruef bribery trial is the scene of many threats and almost open fights among the lawyers.

California people have drawn up a memorial to congress asking for the promotion of Rear-Admiral Evans to the grade of admiral.

Senator Hayburn, of Idaho, wants the government to survey all unsurveyed lands in Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon and California.

Great Britain is considering an old-age pension.

Japan denies the report that the Cocon emperor is to be banished.

Japan has filed another protest with China against the boycott of Japanese goods.

Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchy, will give a series of addresses in Portland, commencing May 23.

The cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburgh, has been arrested for embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds.

Great Britain's financial budget, just issued, shows conditions to be as such good shape that the duty on sugar is to be reduced.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William R. Wheeler, of California, to be assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

President Campers, of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter to congress urging the passage of many bills of interest to labor.

### NONE SAY GOOD-BYE.

Venezuelans Show No Courtesy to Minister Russell.

Willemstad, May 12.—W. W. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela, sailed from here today on the steamship Caracas for the United States, where he will spend his vacation of two months. The American Minister arrived here from Puerto Cabello, sailing from that port yesterday afternoon after a visit to the United States gunboat Paduach. His departure from Puerto Cabello was signalled by a salute of 15 guns. That there is tension in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela was shown in the fact that none of the local officials was on hand to bid Mr. Russell good-bye.

Thomas P. Moffatt, the American Consul at La Guaira, is still in that city without means of communication because of the plague, and it is feared without necessities of life.

It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul, because at present there are no American in terests requiring his presence.

President Castro's decree shutting off La Guaira may be prolonged indefinitely or until a full week passes without new cases of plague appearing. There is great distress among the unemployed, of which the number is large. Merchants in La Guaira are doing little business and are no longer able to support the chamber of commerce in Caracas for help. A second relief train was sent to the isolated city yesterday with provisions. The death list is growing, and the whole town seems to be infected.

### FLEET VISITORS VICTIMS.

Petty Swindlers Sell Bogus Tickets for Trips to Warships.

San Francisco, May 12.—The thousands who wished to visit the warship-today furnished a rich harvest field for a number of petty swindlers. Bogus tickets were sold without interference from the police by vendors who represented no launch company whatever. Not that invited guests were taken on the flagship, although thousands bought tickets which they thought would enable them to board the Connecticut, and many of the excursion steamers did not land passengers on any warship, but merely cruised among them.

Because his indignant passengers demanded the return of their money when he failed to land them on the battleship Vermont today, Captain Henry Prieh, of the excursion steamer St. Helen, drew a revolver and threatened to shoot John Babcock, the spokesman of the protesting excursionists. Police Officer Charles Wedeking was on the dock when the trouble began, and he lost no time in disarming the steamboat captain.

### QUIET IN THE ISLANDS.

Basilian Moros Lay Down Arms Without Serious Trouble.

Manila, May 12.—The disarming of the Basilian Moros is progressing with out serious trouble. The Lanao districts are quiet. The trouble against which the troops were recently operating was sporadic and neither general nor serious.

Major General Weston, who has returned to Manila from an inspection of the entire district, reports that conditions are quieter than usual. He pronounced the recent operations to have been police rather than military.

The government is being urged to secure a loan for the purpose of installing an extended system of irrigation. The islands must purchase 10,000,000 pesos of foreign rice this year, making a total purchase, during the past ten years, of 100,000,000 pesos worth. It is believed that irrigation will restore the crops.

### JOAQUIN MILLER IS COMING.

Portland, May 12.—One of the picturesque attractions of the Portland Rose festival during the week June 1-6, will be the appearance here of Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras." Miller is a native of Oregon, and when the request and invitation was sent to him by the festival management to take part in the spectacular street pageant "The Spirit of the Golden West," he readily accepted, agreeing to appear in some feature of the cavalcade that would be typical of the life, habits and customs of the early days of the Oregon pioneers, in the times in which he was a conspicuous figure.

This parade will symbolize the advancement of civilization in the Northwest from the earliest days down to the present time. Many cities of Oregon will be represented by beautiful floats in the line of march.

### TRAIN STOPPED IN TIME.

Wenatchee, Wash., May 12.—With a roar that could be heard for miles around, the waters of Lilly Lake came rolling down the Stemilt Creek Canyon, about five miles from Wenatchee, this morning at 4 o'clock, in a flow that swept everything that came in its way. Just before it found its way into the Columbia River, it washed out about 90 feet of the Great Northern roadbed, just a few minutes before the Great Northern overland came speeding along, eastward bound, and was stopped just in time to prevent a wreck.

### DYING BY THE HUNDREDS.

Kiev, Russia, May 12.—A frightful epidemic of exanthematous typhoid is raging in the city prison. More than 200 deaths so far have occurred, and practically all of the inmates are infected. The authorities are withholding details.

### MEMORIAL DAY IN SOUTH.

Raleigh, N. C., May 12.—Yesterday was generally observed throughout North and South Carolina as Memorial day. The observance was especially marked at Charleston, Charleston, S. C.

## STORM IN OKLAHOMA

Whole Town of Vici Is Torn to Pieces and Scattered.

### EIGHT PERSONS KNOWN KILLED

Huge Hailstones Destroy Crops and Injure Livestock—Devastation in Farming Districts.

Woodward, Okla., May 12.—At least eight persons were killed and scores of others injured in the several tornadoes in Northwestern Oklahoma yesterday evening.

There was a succession of tornadoes between 5 o'clock and 10 o'clock P. M. They appeared first in the western part of the devastated district and moved toward the east. The most serious results were in the vicinity of Arnett, where fully 30 persons are believed to have broken limbs. Nearly all of these victims are residents of the farming districts.

The only town known to have been destroyed is Vici, a postoffice town in the southern part of Woodward county, where it is said there is not a house left standing. Postmaster E. A. Speck has asked that a postoffice inspector report on his office, which was demolished and the contents scattered in all directions.

The report of four deaths at Arnett includes the two at Little Robe, and is confirmed by the news that four caskets have been sent overland from Gage to Arnett, Gage being the nearest railroad point.

Reports from the neighborhood of Vici state that the heavy hail that accompanied the storm did much damage to property, crops and cattle. Hailstones measuring 15 inches in circumference are said to have fallen.

### ALL FOR GOOD OF PRODUCER

Commission Favors Produce Business of Express Companies.

Washington, May 12.—An important report was transmitted to the senate by the Interstate Commerce commission on the results of inquiry made by the commission as to whether the express companies of the country were engaged in the business of buying, selling or handling consignments of fruit, vegetables and oysters entering into interstate commerce.

The commission finds that for the handling of perishable commodities the express companies have established order and commission departments. The agents of the companies undertake to do a market for producers and to handle the products offered. The products are marketed and the proceeds, less the express charges, are turned over to the producers.

The commission reports that express companies do not buy or sell commodities transported by them in their own account. Agents of the companies who have done so have been prohibited from continuing it by the companies.

Accordingly it recommends that all express companies and their agents be prohibited from buying or selling on their own account commodities transported by express, but that express companies be permitted to continue their present methods of conducting interstate business through order and commission departments, subject to the provisions of law against unjust discrimination.

### O. R. & N. TO FIGHT.

Starts Suit Against Lowering of Rates on Freight.

Portland, May 12.—Suit was filed in the United States court yesterday by the O. R. & N. Co. to enjoin the Oregon railroad commission from enforcing its order of April 22, directing a reduction by the railroad company of 15 per cent in its distributive rates in Oregon, between Portland and points east of The Dalles. In support of its application for a temporary injunction the railroad company alleges that the proposed action of the commission is in violation of federal and state constitutions, conflicts with interstate commerce, and necessarily would involve a complete revision of all interstate rates. By the order of the railroad commission the reduced tariffs were to go into effect tomorrow.

### MORE "GRAFF" CASES.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.—The second of the alleged "graft" cases having to do with the building and furnishing of the state capitol was called for trial today. This is the metallic furniture case, in which the defendants are Architect Houston, Congressman Casswell, former Auditor General Snyder, former State Treasurer Mathews, former Superintendent Shumaker and Traveling Auditor Irvine. Former Governors Stone and Pennypacker are among the notables who are to be subpoenaed as witnesses at the trial.

### WRONG CHASE.

Jimmy—What do you think of old Ponce de Leon going into de woods looking for de fountain of youth?

Peteey—What a foolish guy! He might have known dey wa't no soda water fountains in de woods.

### UNIVERSAL FAD.

Gunner—I wonder what will be the first communication we receive from Mars?

Guyer—Oh, a souvenir postal, of course.