

Through the Wall

By CLEVELAND MOFFETT

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"Oh," sneered the other, "I thought you were a skilled wrestler!"

"Come back to the point," put in Hauteville. "Had the chambermaid ever seen this lady before?"

"Yes, but not recently. It seems that Kittredge moved to the Hotel des Etrangers about seven months ago, and soon after that she saw the lady with him. She says the lady was young and good looking."

Gibelin chuckled harshly. "I have kept the most important thing for the last. I'm afraid it will annoy my distinguished colleague even more than the loss of the leather fragments. I have found the owner of the pistol that killed Martinez."

Coquell started.

"I should tell you also that the balls from that pistol are identical with the ball extracted from the body. The autopsy proves it, so Dr. Joubert says. And this pistol belongs in a leather holster that I found in Mr. Kittredge's room. Dr. Joubert let me take the pistol for verification—and there, you can see for yourselves."

With this he produced the holster and the pistol and laid them before the judge. There was no doubt about it. The two objects belonged together. Various worn places corresponded, and the weapon fitted in its case. "Besides," continued Gibelin, "the chambermaid identifies this pistol as the property of the American. He always kept it in a certain drawer. She noticed it there a few days ago, but yesterday it was gone, and the holster was empty."

"It looks bad," muttered the judge. He spoke abruptly to Gibelin, "Did you see about his boots?"

"No; I thought you would send to the prison and get the pair he wore last night."

"How do you know he didn't change his boots when he burned the letters? Go back to his hotel and see if they noticed a muddy pair in his room this morning. Bring me whatever boots of his you find. Also stop at the depot and get the pair he had on when arrested. Be quick!"

"I will," answered Gibelin, and he went out, pausing at the door to salute M. Paul mockingly. The latter soon followed to see if the casts of the footprints had been completed.

Then for nearly an hour the judge buried himself in the details of this case. He also began notes of questions that he wished to ask Kittredge and was deep in these when the clerk entered to inform him that Coquell and Gibelin had returned. They entered. Coquell was silent, but Gibelin replied exultingly: "We have found a pair of Kittredge's boots that absolutely correspond with the plaster casts of the alleyway footprints. Everything is identical—the shape of the sole, the nails in the heel, the worn places—everything."

CHAPTER IX. BY SPECIAL ORDER.

ALICE passed a night of suffering and sleeplessness after her lover's arrest. The next day Mother Bonneton brought before her a lady of striking beauty, who wanted to see the towers of the ancient cathedral. When alone with her Alice was amazed to hear her visitor speak of knowing Lloyd Kittredge, and she learned that the woman in some mysterious way was connected with the shocking murder of Martinez. That the strange visitor had come to further some purpose associated with Kittredge became evident to Alice, whose amazement grew apace, for, in addition, the woman seemed to know considerable about M. Coquell.

Finally the visitor said: "You must go to M. Coquell at once. Tell the old sacristan I have sent you an errand for 20 francs."

Alice smiled faintly. "I can manage that. But what shall I say to M. Paul?"

The woman drew forth a roll of 100 franc notes and handed them to Alice. "Speak to him about getting a good lawyer for the prisoner—and the money; I will send more if necessary. Tell him what has happened between us and then put yourself in his hands. Do whatever he thinks best. There is one thing I want M. Kittredge to be told—I wish you would write it down so as to make no mistake. Here is a pencil, and here is a piece of paper." With nervous haste she tore a page from a little memorandum book and dictated a message to the American prisoner in the congerie, which Alice took down carefully.

It was not until after vesper that Alice was able to leave Notre Dame and start for the Villa Montmorency.

Left alone in Coquell's study by a servant to await his coming, Alice glanced in surprise about this strange room. She saw a photograph of Caesar and his master on the wall and went nearer to look at it. Then she noticed his collection of plaster hands and was just bending over it when Coquell entered. She turned with a start.

"I beg your pardon," she murmured.

"Are you interested in my plaster casts?" he asked pleasantly.

"I was looking at this hand," replied she. "I have seen one like it."

Coquell shook his head good naturedly. "That is very improbable." Alice looked closer. "Oh, but I have," she insisted.

"You mean in a museum?"

"No, no; in life."

"You have seen a hand with a little finger as long as this one?"

"Yes; it's as long as the third finger and square at the end. I've often noticed it."

"Then you have seen something very uncommon, mademoiselle. That is the most remarkable hand in my collection. It is the hand of a man who lived nearly 200 years ago. He was one of the greatest criminals the world has ever known."

The detective's curiosity was aroused. "Would you mind telling me the name of the person—of course it's a man—who has this hand?"

"Yes," said Alice, "it's a man, but I should not like to give his name after what you have told me."

"A man that you like?"

"Why—er—why, yes, I like him."

But the detective noticed a strange look in her eyes. He changed the subject.

"You'll have a cup of tea with me, won't you? Then we can talk comfortably. You haven't told me your name."

"My name is Alice Groener. My family lived in Belgium, but I have only a cousin left. He is a woodcarver in Brussels. He would pay my board with the Bonnetons, but I don't want to be a burden, so I work at the church."

The girl was seated in the full light, and as they talked Coquell observed her attentively, noting the pleasant tones of her voice and the charming lights in her eyes, studying her with a personal as well as a professional interest, for was not this the young woman who had so suddenly and so unaccountably influenced his life?

"Would you mind telling me something, mademoiselle?" he said suddenly.

"What is it?"

"I'm asking this in the interest of M. Kittredge. Tell me if you know anything about this crime of which he is accused. Do you know who was murdered?"

Alice shook her head blankly. "How could I? No one has told me."

"It was a man named Martinez?"

She started at the word. "What—the billiard player?" she cried.

"Did you know him?"

"Oh, yes; very well."

Now it was Coquell's turn to feel surprise.

"You knew Martinez very well?"

"I often saw him," she explained, "at the cafe where we went evenings."

"Who were 'we'?"

"Why, Papa Bonneton would take me, or my cousin, M. Groener, or M. Kittredge."

"Then M. Kittredge knew Martinez?"

"Of course. He used to go to see him play billiards."

(To Be Continued.)

ORDINANCE No. 323

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, without grace, with interest thereon from the date hereof until redeemed, or until the time of the semi-annual interest payment next ensuing the publication notice of the city of Medford that this bond will be taken up and cancelled and that interest thereon will cease at the interest payment period next following such publication, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in like coin on the first day of and of each year on the presentation and surrender of the proper coupons hereto annexed, principal and interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the city of Medford.

This bond is one of a series authorized by an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon entitled "an act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installments," filed in the office of the secretary of state, February 22, 1893, as amended by and act entitled "an act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of an act entitled 'an act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvements of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installments,' filed in the office of the secretary of state, February 22, 1893," approved February 28, 1901, and is an obligation of the city of Medford, aforesaid, and is not to be deemed or taken to be within or any part of the limitation by law as to the indebtedness of said city, and it is further certified that all the requirements of the law have been fully complied with by the proper officers in the issuing of this bond and that the total amount of this issue does not exceed the limit prescribed by said act.

This bond is redeemable at the office of the said treasurer of the city of Medford, upon payment of the face value thereof with accrued interest to the date of payment at any time, annual coupon period at or after one year from date hereof as provided in said act.

For the fulfillment of the conditions of this obligation, the faith and credit of the city of Medford are hereby pledged.

In witness hereof this bond has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the recorder of said city of Medford and the corporate seal of the city of Medford hereto affixed this day of A. D. 1910.

Attest: Recorder of the city of Medford

Section 3. Each of said bonds shall have attached thereto twenty coupons, each of which shall be in the following form:

City of Medford State of Oregon Will pay to the bearer, in gold coin of the United States of America at the office of the treasurer of said city on the first day of being six months interest on improvement bond, No. unless said bond is sooner redeemed as herein provided, which redemption will render this coupon void.

Attest: Mayor Recorder of the city of Medford

Said coupons shall be numbered from one to twenty, respectively.

Section 4. The mayor of said city is hereby authorized and directed to sign said bonds, and the city recorder to countersign the same by attaching hereto the seal of said city, all on behalf of said city.

Section 5. The recorder of said city is hereby directed to register said bonds and number the same on the blank provided therefor in the foregoing form, in accordance with section 2730 of said codes and statutes of the state of Oregon.

Section 6. The recorder of said city is hereby directed to advertise said bonds for sale, and that the same will be sold for the highest price obtainable, not less than par and accrued interest, in said advertisement, he shall announce that he will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of said bonds or any portion thereof at his office at any time before 4:30 p. m., May 3, 1910.

He shall publish said advertisement three times in a daily newspaper published and printed in said city, and shall submit the sealed proposals received in accordance with said advertisement to the council at its next meeting thereafter.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, on the 19th day of April, 1910, by the following vote, to-wit:

Welsh, aye; Merrick, aye; Emerick, absent; Wortman, aye; Elfert, aye; Demmer, aye.

Approved April 20, 1910. W. H. CANON, Mayor

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder

RESOLUTION Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon:

That it is the intention of the city council to improve Knight street in said city from Vermont avenue West to the east boundary line of Fairmount addition, by grading same, and to assess the cost thereof on the property abutting on said portion of said street.

The council will meet at the council chamber in said city on the 3rd day of May, 1910, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at which time all protests against the making of said improvement and the assessing the cost thereof will be heard.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the city council on the 19th day of April, 1910, by the following vote: Welsh aye, Emerick absent, ferrick aye, Wortman aye, Elfert aye, and Demmer aye.

Approved April 19, 1910. W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

Haskins for Healths.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon: That notice is hereby given that a special election in and for the city of Medford, and in and for the territory hereinafter described, has been ordered by said council to be held, and the same will be held on the 24th day of May, 1910, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m. and 5 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said city at said election the following question:

Shall the boundaries of the city of Medford be altered by including therein the following described territory, to-wit:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 36, township 37, range 7 west of the Willamette meridian; thence south on the east line of said section 36 to the north line of donation land claim No. 85, in said town and range; thence west along the north line of said donation land claim No. 85 and donation land claim No. 84, of said town and range to the northwest corner of said donation land claim No. 84; thence north to the north line of said section 36, being the present boundary of said city of Medford; thence east along said north line of said section 36 and the present boundary of said city, to place of commencement; all in Jackson county, Oregon.

The following are hereby designated as the places in said city at which the polls will be open within said city:

First ward—Commercial Club rooms.

Second ward—Nash hotel.

Third ward—City hall.

The following is hereby designated as the place in the territory above described at which the polls will be open:

Fourth house from south city limits, on west side of county road extending south from the end of Newtown street in said city.

The following have been and hereby are, appointed and designated as judges and clerks of said election:

First ward in said city—L. B. Damon, judge; G. P. Lindley, judge and clerk; C. W. Davis, judge and clerk.

Second ward in said city—L. B. Warner, judge; J. Bellinger, judge and clerk; William Ulrick, judge and clerk.

Third ward in said city—M. F. McCorn, judge; Scott Davis, judge and clerk; H. B. Cady, judge and clerk.

In the territory heretofore described—C. W. Rinaberger, judge; R. A. Johnson, judge and clerk William Murray, judge and clerk.

The electors of said city of Medford, and the electors of the territory heretofore described, are hereby invited to vote on said proposition by placing upon their ballots, "for annexation" or "against annexation" or words equivalent thereto.

Resolved further, that this notice be published in the daily Mail Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in said city of Medford, and in the territory above described, for a period of four weeks prior to such election, and also four copies thereof be posted in four public places in said city, and four public places within the territory above described, for a like period, by the city recorder or under his direction.

The foregoing resolution was passed on the 19th day of April, 1910, by the following vote:

Merrick, aye; Emerick, absent; Wortman, aye; Elfert, aye; Demmer, aye; Welsh, aye.

Approved, April 20, 1910. W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the next regular meeting of the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon at No. 16 South Fir street, in said city, for a period of six months.

O. M. MURPHY.

Dated April 21, 1910.

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