

The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

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But the taxicab was no match for the powerful limousine. On up-town they went, the only thing preventing the limousine from escaping being the fear of pursuit by traffic police if the driver let out speed. They were content to manage to keep just far enough ahead to be out of danger of having Kennedy overhaul them. As for us, we followed as best we could, on up-town, past the city line, and out into the country.

There Kennedy lost sight altogether of the car he was trailing. Worse than that, we lost sight of Kennedy. Still we kept on blindly, trusting to luck and common sense in picking the road.

I was peering ahead over the driver's shoulder, the window down, trying to direct him when we approached a fork in the road. Here was a dilemma which must be decided at once, rightly or wrongly.

As we neared the crossroad I gave an involuntary exclamation. Beside the road, almost on it, lay the figure of a man. Our driver pulled up with a jerk and I was out of the car in an instant.

There lay Kennedy! Someone had blackjacked him. He was groaning and just beginning to show signs of consciousness as I bent over.

"What's the matter, old man?" I asked, helping him to his feet.

He looked about dazed a moment, then seeing me and comprehending, he pointed excitedly, but vaguely.

"Elaine!" he cried. "They've kidnapped Elaine!"

What had really happened, as we learned later from Elaine and others, was that when the crossroads was reached the three crooks in the limousine had stopped long enough to speak to an accomplice stationed there, according to their plan for a getaway.

He was a tough-looking individual who might have been hobnobbing to the city.

When, a few minutes later, Kennedy and Elaine had approached the fork, their driver had slowed up, as if in doubt which way to go.

Craig had stuck his head out of the window, as Elaine had, and, seeing the crossroads, had told the chauffeur to stop. There stood the hobo.

"Did a car pass here, just now—a big car?" called Craig.

The man put his hand to his ear, as if only half comprehending.

"Which way did the big car go?" repeated Kennedy.

The hobo approached the taxicab sullenly, as if he had a grudge against cars in general.

One question after another elicited little that could be construed as intelligence. If Craig had only been able to see, he would have found out that, with his back toward the taxicab driver, the hobo held one hand behind him and made the sign of the Clutching Hand, glancing surreptitiously at the driver to catch the answering sign, while Craig gazed earnestly up the two roads.

At last Craig gave him up as hopeless. "Well—go ahead—that way," he indicated, picking the most likely road.

As the chauffeur was about to start he stalled his engine.

"Hurry!" urged Craig, exasperated at the delay.

The driver got out and tried to crank the engine. Again and again he turned it over, but somehow it refused to start. Then he lifted the hood and began to fiddle.

"What's the matter?" asked Craig, impatiently jumping out and bending over the engine, too.

The driver shrugged his shoulders. "Must be something wrong with the ignition, I guess," he replied.

Kennedy looked the car over hastily. "I can't see anything wrong," he frowned.

"Well, there is," growled the driver. "Precious minutes we're speeding away as they argue. Finally with his characteristic energy, Kennedy put the taxicab driver aside.

"Let me try it," he said. "Miss Dodge, will you arrange that spark and throttle?"

Elaine, equal to anything, did so, and Craig bent down and cranked the engine. It started on the first spin.

"See," he exclaimed. "There wasn't anything, after all."

He took a step toward the taxicab. "Mr. Kennedy—look out!" cried Elaine.

Craig turned. But it was too late. The rough-looking fellow had awakened to life. Suddenly he stopped up behind Kennedy with a blackjack. As the heavy weight descended Craig crumpled up on the ground unconscious.

With a scream, Elaine turned and started to run. But the chauffeur seized her arm.

"Say, bo," he asked of the rough fellow, "what does Clutching Hand want with her? Quick! There's another cab likely to be along in a moment with that fellow Jameon in it."

The rough fellow, with an oath, seized her and dragged her into the taxicab. "Go ahead!" he growled, indicating the road.

And away they sped, leaving Kennedy a huge boulder against the small

taxicab, bracing it so that it would be impossible for her to get out from the inside. Then they drove off hastily.

Practically Elaine managed to loosen the rag. She screamed. Her voice seemed to be bound around by the iron walls as she herself. She shuddered. The water was rising—had reached her chest, and was still rising, slowly, inexorably.

What was that? Silence? Or was someone outside?

Coolly, in spite of the emergency, Kennedy took in the perilous situation.

The lower end of the boiler, which was on a slant on the rapidly shelving beach, was now completely under water and impossible to get at. Besides, the opening was small, too small.

Kennedy gazed about frantically and his eye caught the sign on the factory:

OXYACETYLENE WELDING CO.

"Come, Walter," he cried, running up the shore.

A moment later, breathless, we reached the doorway. It was, of course, locked. Kennedy whipped out his revolver and several well-directed shots through the keyhole smashed the lock. We put our shoulders to it and swung the door open, entering the factory.

Beside a work bench stood two long cylinders studded with bolts.

"That's what I'm looking for," exclaimed Craig. "Here, Walter, take one. I'll take the other—and the tubes—and—"

We ran, for there was no time to lose. As he ran I could estimate it, the water must now be slowly closing over Elaine.

"What is it?" I asked, as he joined up the tubes from the tanks to the peculiar hooklike apparatus he carried.

"An oxyacetylene blow pipe," he muttered back feverishly. "Used for welding and cutting, too," he added.

With a light he touched the nozzle. Instantly a hissing, blinding flame made the steel under it incandescent. The terrific heat from the nozzle made the steel glow. The stream of oxygen from the second completely consumed the hot metal.

Kennedy was actually cutting out a huge hole in the still exposed surface of the tank—all around, except for a few inches, to prevent the heavy piece from falling inward.

As Kennedy carefully bent outward the section of the tank which he had cut, he quickly reached down and lifted Elaine, unconscious, out of the water.

Gently he laid her on the sand. It was the work of only a moment to cut the cords that bound her hands.

There she lay, pale and still. Was she dead?

Kennedy worked frantically to revive her.

At last, slowly, the color seemed to return to her pale lips. Her eyelids fluttered. Then her great, deep eyes opened.

As she looked up and caught sight of Craig bending anxiously over her she seemed to comprehend. For a moment both were silent. Then Elaine reached up and took his hand.

"Craig," she whispered, "you—you've saved my life!"

Her tone was eloquent.

"Elaine," he whispered, still gazing down into her wonderful eyes, "the Clutching Hand shall pay for this! It is a fight to a finish between us!"

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Potatoes, per cwt.—Good whites, \$1.25 cash; other grades from \$1.00 down.

Onions, per cwt., \$2.00.

Beets, turnips, carrots and parsnips, per lb., 1½c.

Grains, Etc.

Oats, per cwt., \$1.50

Wheat, per cwt., \$2.00

Barley, per cwt., \$1.50

Butter and Eggs

Butter—Ranch, 25c cash; 27½c trade.

Eggs—Per dozen, 15c cash; 17½c trade.

Poultry

Hens, per dozen, \$5.50 @ 7.00

Fryers, per doz., \$5 @ 6

Rooster, old, per lb., 8c

Dressed Meats

Pork, per lb., 8c @ 9c

Veal, per lb., 10c @ 11c

Lamb, per lb., 12c

Mutton, per lb., 10c

Livestock

Steers, per lb., 6c @ 6½c

Cows, per lb., 5c @ 5½c

Stock hogs, per lb., 6c @ 6½c

Hogs, per lb., 6c @ 6½c

Veal, per lb., 10c @ 11c

Mutton, per lb., 10c @ 11c

Cured Meats

Shoulder, per lb., 12½c

Bacon, per lb., 18 @ 20c

Ham, per lb., 17 @ 18c

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET

Steers—No. 1, weighing 950 to 1100 lbs., 7½ @ 7½; 1100 to 1300 lbs., 6½ @ 7c; second quality, 6½ @ 6½c.

Cows and heifers—No. 1, 6½ @ 6½c; second quality, 5½ @ 6c.

Bulls and stags—Good, 5 @ 6c; fair, 4 @ 5c.

Calves—Light weight, 9 @ 9½c; medium, 8 @ 8½c; heavy 6 @ 7c.

Sheep—Wethers, 6½ @ 6½c; ewes 5½ @ 5½c.

He Had to Be Shown

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Yearling lambs, 7½ @ 8c.

Hogs—Hard grain fed, weighing 100 to 200 lbs., 7½ @ 7½c; 200-300 lbs., 7c; undesirable hogs, 5 @ 6c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET

Cattle

Steers—Prime light, \$7.25 @ 7.75

Choice, 7.00 @ 7.25

Medium, 6.75 @ 7.00

Cows—Prime, 6.00 @ 6.25

Choice, 5.75 @ 6.00

Medium, 5.50 @ 5.75

Heifers—Prime, 5.75 @ 6.25

Good, 5.50 @ 5.75

Bulls—Prime, 5.50 @ 5.75

Stags—Prime, 6.00 @ 6.25

Choice, 5.50 @ 6.00

Calves—Prime, 6.00 @ 6.50

Hogs

Prime light, 175-225 lbs., 6.75 @ 7.00

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Light, 90-140 lbs., 6.25 @ 6.50

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Sheep

Wethers—Best yearling, 7.00 @ 7.15

Ewes—Best, 6.00 @ 6.15

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PORTLAND LETTER

Cattle receipts were only moderate last week and took a lower level in price. New prices established were 15 to 25 cents lower than former prices. The market is considered steady at 7.75 for top steers and other lines in proportion.

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The sheep market can best be exemplified by one word "excellent". Prime lambs are bringing 8.25 and extra good quality would no doubt bring at least a quarter more than this figure. All killers seem short of supplies.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until Monday, the 8th day of March, 1915, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the city hall, in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, (and at such time and place all proposals received will be opened), for the purchase of \$19,040.76 city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, coupon improvement bonds, payable ten years from date of issue, bearing a rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable at the office of the city treasurer or at the Fiscal Agency of the state of Oregon, in New York, principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America. Said bonds will be issued in denominations not exceeding \$500.00 each, and numbered from 1 to —, inclusive. Said bonds are authorized by Ordinance No. 349, of the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of improving Third street, from Main street to California avenue, including intersections. Said bonds will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, and for no less than their par value and accrued interest.

Each proposal to purchase said bonds must be accompanied by a check for 5 per cent of the amount of the proposal, certified by some responsible bank, payable to the order of the undersigned.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals to Purchase Third Street Improvement Bonds."

The council of said city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Said bonds will contain a provision to the effect that the city reserves the right to take up and cancel such bond, upon payment at any time of the face value, with accrued interest to date of payment, at any semi-annual coupon period, at or after one year from the date of such bond or bonds.

A. L. LEAVITT, Police Judge of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, February 25th, 1915.

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