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MYSTERY OF THE BAYOU WOODS

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Herbert Wright goes to chief of police of Nilus in great agitation and tells him of his discovery of the murdered body of his father, John T. Wright, a wealthy cotton king, from whom Herbert has been estranged, in the Bayou Woods near town. The chief questions Herbert, whose answers cause the chief, with a posse, to arrest Herbert. They find body and examine surroundings but fail to discover any telltale clue.

CHAPTER II.—Warde examines mysterious footprints in the snow and hears Col. Franklin, an old acquaintance of the murdered man, of them. Herbert is arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the murder.

CHAPTER IV.—Col. Franklin is a brilliant lawyer, but says he is unable to solve the mystery.

CHAPTER V.—At coroner's inquest strong circumstantial evidence against Herbert Wright is submitted and the jury charges him with the murder.

CHAPTER VI.—Warde goes to Herbert's sister, Miriam, who believes him innocent, and tells her he will do all in his power to clear her brother. Col. Franklin says he thinks a strong case has been made against Herbert.

CHAPTER VII.—An attempt is made to poison Herbert in jail. Warde believes that he has a shrewd person to contend with who is trying to prove the charge of murder against the dead man's son, to which he is gradually succeeding.

CHAPTER VIII.—Warde is lured to a questionable resort and an attempt made to murder him, but he is saved by Fenton, a detective.

CHAPTER IX.—When Mrs. Wright's lawyer, Mr. Everett, comes to settle up the dead man's estate it is learned that although he was known to have been a very wealthy man at one time little property or money can be found, and no satisfactory explanation of its disappearance can be discovered. Fenton is discovered for his activity in the case, showing unlimited influence behind the evil mind of.

CHAPTER X.—Warde's interest in the case is now altogether for Herbert's sake. Miriam, it gives him opportunities to see Miriam, and their acquaintance has grown ripened into something stronger than friendship.

CHAPTER XI.—A rich stranger who calls on Miriam and a seemingly good friend of Col. Franklin, comes to Nilus. Warde obtains possession of a package which contains damaging evidence against Herbert.

CHAPTER XII.—Warde takes paper to Everett. It is an agreement made 20 years ago between Wright and Franklin, showing that the murdered man was the real owner of practically all of Franklin's possessions. Melville is trying to buy a valuable gold mine, part of the property Franklin holds on option, and at the point of a revolver forces the latter to sell him a copy of the agreement, stealing it to be the original, giving Everett $5,000 for it.

CHAPTER XIII.—Warde tells Miriam a startling story of a secret agreement and of her wealth and wonders if it will change her relations.

CHAPTER XIV.—The trial of Herbert Wright attracts much attention. The circumstantial evidence against Herbert Wright's case look dark for him. His defense calls Col. Franklin as first witness for cross-examination. Lawyer Everett proclaims him the murderer of Herbert's father, saying he will prove it.

It took about a day to bring out all this testimony, which the defense made no attempt to tangle up in cross-examination. An inexplicable lethargy appeared to have infected Herbert Wright's side of the case, and when the state's testimony was completed and the chain of evidence remained entirely unbroken, the lawyers present declared that the case was flawless, and that the value of circumstantial evidence was thoroughly vindicated.

Some of the lawyers who regarded the case unemotionally and purely from a legal standpoint declared that the state's case, so impregnable as a whole, was an intellectual treat.

When the defense was about to be heard Lawyer Everett arose serenely, and stated to the court that the answer to the charge of murder was a this case of exceptional complexity. It involved the details of the most thrilling romance, and it required an unusually large mass of evidence. He hoped, therefore, that the court would indulge him considerable latitude in the introduction of his testimony, and he pledged himself to introduce no matter that was not relevant to the theory of the defense.

This statement set the audience to gossiping, and aroused a considerable amount of speculation. The prosecuting attorney, who was much flattered by the perfection of his case, arose before the judge could respond, and magnanimously said: "I wish to say for the state that I hope the utmost latitude young man can catch, I have no desire to take them from him."

"The court is inclined to be indulgent," said the judge, "since both sides request it."

"We ask no other indulgence, your Honor" said Mr. Everett, "than the permission to tell our whole story in our own way."

"Call your first witness," said the judge.

"I believe I will take Col. James Franklin first," said the lawyer, examining a memorandum. "I am not certain whether a subpoena has been served on him or not, but he is present, and I presume will accept service now."

Franklin looked darkly at Everett a moment, and then bowed gravely to the court, took the witness chair, stolidly faced the lawyer, and twirled his thumbs. Mr. Everett asked him a few playful questions about his profession, his age, etc., which put him in a subdued passion, and then began in earnest:

"Do you know the condition of Mr. Wright's estate at the time of his death?"

"I do."

"What valuation would you put on it?"

"About $5,000."

"When did Mr. Wright dispose of most of his estate?"

"About 20 years ago he disposed of all his property to the Shelby



"THE COURT IS INCLINED TO BE INDULGENT," SAID THE JUDGE.

County Real Estate & Investment company, and, I believe, to some western company."

"The Diamond Mining company?"

"I believe it was."

"You are interested in the Shelby County Real Estate & Investment company?"

"Yes."

"Own about nine-tenths of the stock, don't you?"

"Can you tell me what all this fol-de-rol has to do with this case?"

"Well, yes, I could tell you," said Everett blandly, "but that is not material. Answer my question, please."

"Answer the question, Colonel," said the judge.

"Yes; I do."

"You also own virtually all the stock in the Diamond Mining company?"

"Yes."

"Then you are to-day the owner of nearly all that has been regarded as the Wright estate?"

"I suppose I am."

"Will you please tell us what that estate consists of?"

After considerable haggling Franklin mentioned the various city lots and plantations, but omitted any mention of the Colorado tract.

"There was a tract in Colorado, was there not?"

"Yes."

"It was purchased by your mining company?"

"Yes."

"For a consideration of $1,000, was it not?"

"I don't remember about how much?"

"Twenty-five thousand dollars."

"Was it a bona fide sale?"

"It was."

"And you paid Wright $25,000?"

"About that sum."

"What do you mean by that?"

"He owed me something for legal services, which was credited on the amount?"

"What is all this property worth now?"

"It has increased very largely in value in 20 years, as a matter of course."

"What figure do you put upon it?"

"I should say that it was worth between $200,000 and $300,000."

"Of course that does not include the Colorado tract?"

"Well, no; I was not thinking of that."

"What is that worth?"

"That is impossible to say."

"You have some idea?"

"If it should prove to contain gold it would be a very valuable piece of land. If it contains no precious metals I should not think it was worth a song."

"Is it worth $10,000,000?" asked the lawyer, quietly.

"Why, sir, I could not place any valuation on a piece of land I have never seen and that has never been mined."

"Well, I'll put the question in another way. If you could show a clear title to that mining tract could you not sell it at once for $5,000,000 cash?"

Franklin looked at his questioner keenly for a moment, but the latter was casually examining the contents of a letter as if he were preparing to propound another query from something he found therein. The witness answered somewhat savagely:

"Yes."

"Couldn't you easily get $10,000,000 for that property?"

"I suppose I could."

There was a tremendous sensation in court when Franklin, with evident reluctance, made this admission.

"You have recently, I believe, been in correspondence with capitalists regarding the Colorado tract?"

"Yes."

"I believe that is all I want to know on that branch of the subject, but there is another point on which I wish to question you."

Franklin was evidently aware of what this point was, and he put on a swaggering air of victory.

"When all the Wright estate was turned over to you 20 years ago, was not a secret agreement drawn up between you and John T. Wright specifying that no consideration was ever paid by you, and that the transfer was made in order to protect Wright from damage suits that might be brought by the family of Jeremiah Baxter?"

"No."

"And did not this paper state that you pledged your honor to take steps to re-vest the property in Wright whenever he desired it?"

"No."

"And did not this agreement specify the Wright homestead, several pieces of city property, plantations in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, and tracts in Colorado and Texas?"

"No," said Franklin, with increasing vehemence. "There was no agreement of the kind between us. It was a bona fide sale."

"You were at my residence a few weeks ago?"

"Yes," reluctantly.

"I received you in my library?"

"Yes."

"Did you not at the point of a revolver compel me to sell you a copy of this very agreement, which had been in the possession of Wright, for the sum of $10,000?"

"The idea is preposterous. You are evidently losing your wits, sir. Such a betrayal of trust on your part could not be to your credit. I deny it in toto."

"You also deny in toto that there was any such agreement?"

"Most emphatically."

Lawyer Everett now took from his pocket a yellow paper which he lightly shook at the witness as he propounded the next question:

"When you came to my house that evening, Colonel, I had just had the agreement, whose existence you deny, copied on an old piece of paper and dried thoroughly before the fire to conceal its age. When you were announced I threw the original in the back of one of my bookcases, and the copy I placed in my safe. At the point of your pistol, I was more than willing to sell you the copy for $10,000. Now you can refresh your memory sufficiently to tell whether this is your signature appended to this paper, and to reconsider your denial of its existence."

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Tour to the Grand Canyon.

On account of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., beginning May 3, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally-conducted tour to Los Angeles, visiting the Grand Canyon of Arizona en route, at unusually low rates. A special train of the highest grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg on Wednesday, April 27, running via Chicago and Santa Fe route to the Grand Canyon. Sunday will be spent at this wonderful place, and Los Angeles will be reached on the evening of May 2. Round-trip tickets, including transportation, one double berth, and meals on special train going; and transportation only returning on regular trains via direct routes or via San Fransisco, will be sold at rate of $106 from New York, $105 from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and $100 from Pittsburg. Tickets will be good to return any time before June 30. Tourists returning via St. Louis may stop off for ten days to visit the World's Fair, by depositing ticket and paying $1.00 fee. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

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