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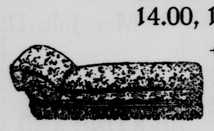


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MYSTERY OF THE BAYOU WOODS

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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 he has been estranged, in the Bayou Woods near the town. The chief questions Herbert, whose answers cause former to suspect him of the crime. The chief, with a reporter, Irving Warde, goes to scene of murder.

CHAPTER II.—They find body and examine surroundings but fail to discover any reliable clue.

CHAPTER III.—Warde examines myriad tarlous footprints in the snow and tells 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, Miriana, 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 deduces that he has a shrewd person to contend with who is trying to prove the charge of murder against the dead man's son, in which he is evidently 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 discharged for his activity in the case, showing unlimited influence behind the real murderer.

CHAPTER X.—Warde's interest in the case is not altogether for Herbert's sake, but because it gives him opportunities to see Miriana, and their acquaintance has gradually ripened into something stronger than friendship.

CHAPTER XI.—A rich stranger who calls himself Merivale, and a seemingly good friend of Col. Franklin, comes to Nilus. Warde obtains possession of a valuable paper which contains damaging evidence against the murderer.

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

CHAPTER XIII.—Warde tells Miriam Wright of the secret agreement and of her wealth and wonders if it will change their relations.

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

CHAPTER XV.—Announcement causes sensation in court room. Other witnesses are then called, and together they unravel the mystery of the murder, gradually fastening the crime on Col. Franklin. Detective Fenton is called, and the man generally known as Merivale steps forward.

CHAPTER XVI.

For a few minutes the people in the court room failed to catch the significance of the situation. Col. Franklin wondered blankly what his friend Merivale was doing on the witness stand, and what he would tell for or against him. The big cotton men who were present in large numbers were full of speculation as to what Merivale, whom they had carried through such an elongated course of heavy dinners and costly wines, could possibly have to tell in this case. Fenton's friends thought that a mistake had been made and that his testimony had been postponed; for there was actually no resemblance between this blond New Yorker, with his scant hair, his near-sightedness, his hectic color, his light beard, and the sturdy Fenton, with his plentiful dark hair and his cool, penetrating glance. But the first answer of the witness shook the crowd like an unexpected explosion; and Irving Warde was among those who were most astonished.

"What is your name?" asked Mr. Everett, with undisguised satisfaction in his voice.

"George B. Fenton."

"Mr. Fenton, you were formerly connected with our police force in the capacity of a detective?"

"I was."

"I will ask you to give the jury a minute account of your connection with this case, and the results of your investigations."

The silence in the room was profound; the astonishment was giving place to an intense interest. Fenton's voice reached even the hallway beyond the wide doors. The crowd lost not one syllable of his story.

"Very well, sir. My connection with the case began when I received the pawn tickets found on the person of Herbert Wright, the prisoner at the bar. When I discovered that young Wright had pawned a number of articles which had been taken from the body of his father, I was strongly confident that he was the murderer. It seemed to me impossible to evade the conclusive evidence of guilt. But when I went to Wright's house to look for his pistol I accidentally discovered that it had been taken away and a very pretty revolver with an empty barrel had been placed in its stead. I thought the case over this way: This pistol thus substituted tells the story of the crime. It announces its responsibility for the murder of John T. Wright. Its presence here is intended to implicate Herbert Wright in the crime and to shield the real murderer. I became at once satisfied that we of the police force had been way off the track, and I proceeded to a thorough investigation of the case. As soon as I was employed by Mr. Everett I took steps to find out the source of all the startling things that had happened to those of us who had manifested an undue interest in the crime. Herbert Wright had narrowly escaped death from poisoning; Irving Warde had come near being assassinated, and I had been dropped from the police force. My own case being the simplest I sought to unravel it first. The first substantial discovery I made was that Pat Kernigan was a stockholder in the Shelby County Real Estate & Investment company. Then a letter of inquiry to a friend in Denver showed that he was also a stockholder in the Diamond Mining company. Consequently he was a man whom James Franklin would be likely to control. In order to satisfy myself I went to Kernigan. He's a politician, as everybody knows, and likes to keep on good terms with all men, and he told me quietly that Col. Franklin had requested my dismissal and the appointment of my successor, and that he was under such obligation to the colonel that he could not refuse to use what little influence he had with the mayor. I then went to Col. Franklin and asked him why he had requested Kernigan to bring about my dismissal. Well, by playing one against the other I secured the information I desired—namely, that Col. Franklin was at the bottom of my dismissal, and that it was all on account of my distasteful activity in the Wright case. From that time on Col Franklin played a very important part in all my considerations; and every effort of mine was directed toward unmasking him.

"There was plenty of hard work of a pretty character to do. For instance, I went to every shoe store in the city in search of a pair of arctics of a particularly broad and square-toed make, but only at Hauptmann's could I find them. Having settled this point I had no trouble in ascertaining that a pair of these arctics had gone to the office of Col. Franklin. Then I took that unidentified watch and went from jewelry store to jewelry store until at last I was fortunate enough to find the man who had sold it. Again I ran across Col. Franklin as the purchaser. The unidentified diamond pin was also traced to him. A good deal of minor information was incidentally picked up, which has been found to fit in the case. I paid a visit to Uncle Dick Norris, and again crossed the trail of Franklin, learning that he had been in the Bayou woods on the day of the murder. In the meanwhile I studied at odd times the lives and characters of Old Tom, Bob Parker and the real planter. I felt sure that all of them were in communication with the man whose presence seemed to pervade the case from end to end.

"Having gathered a great deal of evidence here and done all that could be done for the time, it was decided that I should go to Colorado and find out the actual facts about the mining tract. I made my way to the mine adjoining the Wright tract, and there I found a horde of miners waiting hungrily for the signal to begin work in the new field. A great stony wedge which marked one of the boundaries of the tract had, by some upheaval centuries ago, been thrust straight across the vein of gold. This doubly rich vein, it had been found, extended into the Wright tract. Old gold hunters told me that it was probably the most valuable piece of land in the state, and that it would make its owners fabulously rich.

"It was my good fortune while I was boring about the mine to become acquainted with Mr. Frederick Merivale, the chief stockholder in it. He had come out from New York some time before, when the report reached him that his vein had run up against a stone wall, and that the jig was up. The object of his journey was to make a thorough investigation, locate the severed thread of gold, and purchase the land that continued it. A very casual examination convinced him that just over the wall of stone lay the biggest bonanza in the state. The next thing was to get hold of it. It was registered in the name of the Diamond Mining company, of which Franklin was apparently the president and chief stockholder. Well, Merivale wrote to Franklin and asked if he wanted to sell. He did not get an answer for some time. Franklin was evidently investigating through other sources to see what was up. Finally came the answer, which I have here and will read:

"'I would be willing to sell providing you can meet my price. The tract referred to being now the most promising gold land in the west, I do not propose to part with it for a song.'

"Several letters passed between them, and finally Merivale made a proposition that they should open the mine as joint owners. He would put in all the necessary appliances, which he had near at hand; would stand all the expenses, take all the risks, and give Franklin half net of the gold output the first year. After that they were to share expenses and profits together. A letter to this effect is also in my possession.

"Finally there came a hitch in the transactions. Wright had learned something of the value of his tract through Moses Dennison, formerly of this part of the country, but who had moved to Colorado years before, and who had purchased this very tract for Mr. Wright. Mr. Dennison rather plumed himself in his sagacity in having picked out such a big thing 20 years before, and he wrote to Wright in a very enthusiastic manner. Merivale got wind of the fact through Dennison that Wright claimed the ownership, and he wrote to Franklin to know whether he could give a clear title. By various misrepresentations, which the letters in my possession set forth, Franklin managed to get considerable sums out of Merivale, and with the money thus obtained the work of thievery and assassination was carried on.

"I found Merivale to be a very good sort of a fellow, and straight as that kind of man generally is. He was tricky and cold-blooded when it came to the manipulation of stocks. He didn't care where he hit provided he had his own way, and he was not the kind of man to stop and shed any tears over the corpses cast along the shores of finance by the flood of speculation; but he wasn't a thief, a murderer or an assassin, nor knowingly a partner of one. He received me very cordially, and when I had got fairly acquainted with him I gave him an inkling of my business, and then I began to stuff him full of my suspicions and surmises regarding Franklin. I satisfied him that Franklin had been using his money for criminal projects, carried out to secure unlawful possession of the property. I persuaded him that Franklin was deceiving him in a most indefensible manner, and that he was doing himself an injustice in furthering his schemes.

"I then made a proposition to Merivale. I told him that I would alter my appearance and go back to Nilus, taking his name; and that by pretending to sympathize with all of Franklin's schemes I should get into his confidence and worm from him the truth. In return for this privilege, I promised Merivale that I would use all the influence I had, reenforced by Mr. Everett, to induce the real owners of the mine to consent to the proposition he had made

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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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