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MICHAEL DANEVITCH

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was considered there were faults on both sides. Boruff was not well off. Such officials are poorly paid in Russia; and as he was forced to keep up two establishments his resources were severely taxed. So much did the detective learn of Boruff. Not much, if anything, to suggest that the courier had any guilty knowledge. He was a poor man, that was the worst that could be said about him. But Danevitch thought it just possible that Boruff would ultimately prove one of the pieces necessary to complete the puzzle.

He next turned his attention to Vladimir Nicolayeff. The latter was a man aged sixty. He had been in the army, and had seen service, but having been severely wounded, was discharged, and got employment under the government. He had served at the foreign office a great many years. His position, though humble, was an important one. In his lodge in the entrance hall all the keys not in use were kept. He also received messages and parcels, answered questions of inquirers and pointed the way to the various apartments.

At this stage of the affair Danevitch again sought the presence of the prince. Ignatoff received him with the eagerness of one who hopes for good news, but in response to the minister's question the detective shook his head.

"I have come to ask for more information, instead of giving any," he said. 'My object in seeking this interview was to find out who conveys your keys to Nicolayeff at night."

"No one. It is his duty to come to me and receive them. But as it often happens that it is not convenient for me to see him myself, the keys are then given to him by my valet—a fine youth named Andre."

"Did Andre give them to him the night before last, when the papers were stolen?"

"No. I gave him the keys myself."

"One more question. Did you go out that night?"

"I did. I went to the opera, returning home about two in the morning."

"Did you note if the door of the safe in your sleeping apartment was closed then?"

"I haven't a doubt about it."

"But you didn't try the door?"

"No, there was no reason why I should have done so just then."

"Were the keys in their proper places in the morning?"

"Yes. I remember distinctly taking them out of the safe myself, and handing them to my private secretary, who proceeded with me to my bureau. There is one point I forgot to mention at our last interview. When I opened the safe in the bureau, I noticed that the lid of the dispatch box was wide open. It was that aroused my suspicions, and led to my discovering immediately that the papers were gone."

"But the dispatch box had been locked over night?"

"I am certain of it."

"So that the thief must have forgotten to close it again after abstracting the papers?"

"It appears so," conceded the prince.

After this interview, Danevitch became more than ever convinced that someone in very close relations with Ignatoff had been a party to the deed, and began to look around to see if suspicion could be entertained against anyone of the inner household. Consequently he made arrangements with the prince to spend two days at the official residence in the character of a foreign visitor—the prince's guest. Andre, the valet, was to be told off to personally attend him.

In due time Danevitch arrived. He was supposed to be a German on a secret mission, who did not understand Russian; and his disguise was perfect. He found Andre to be a smart, intelligent young fellow, with a frank, open manner. There was nothing in his demeanor to cause the detective to mistrust him. The beautiful Catarina presided over the prince's household, but never sat at his table. Danevitch was puzzled at first to understand the reason for that, but in a few hours he had defined her position. Ostensibly she was Ignatoff's ward, and this was the explanation accepted by most people. But Danevitch knew better. He realized that Catarina had great influence over the prince, at times; but there were occasions on which Ignatoff treated her with coldness, even disdain, according to his mood. Danevitch came to the conclusion that Catarina was, in her way, almost as much a diplomatist as the prince himself; also he saw signs that whatever love existed between the parties was mostly on the prince's side. He was sure that Catarina was not happy, but led a lonely, fretting life in that splendid palace. In less than a week the detective sought another interview with Ignatieff.

"I have a request to prefer this time," he said.

"What is it?" asked the minister curiously.

"You have a daughter," remarked Danevitch with professional coldness, unmindful of the start that his hearer gave. "She is the wife of Kasin, who is the Russian consul at Smyrna."

"That," responded Ignatoff haughtily, "is an open secret. But let me tell you at once that I have not seen my daughter for years, and never wish to see her again. I have cast her forth from my heart forever."

"I do not wish to touch upon your domestic affairs," said Danevitch, "not more than is absolutely necessary. But I have come here to request that your son-in-law be recalled from Smyrna."

Ignatoff sprang to his feet, and gave vent to an exclamation of horror. "Great heaven, man," he ejaculated, "do you mean to say that my son-in-law had a hand in this business. But you need not answer, I can see it in your face. If Kasin is a traitor, he shall suffer the penalty of his crime. Though my own daughter, my own flesh and blood were concerned, she should suffer. My country has the first claim on me. I was the father a few minutes ago. Now I am Prince Ignatoff, Russia's minister for foreign affairs, only. Kasin shall be recalled by telegraph at once."

"I would request further," said Danevitch, "that he be commanded to leave Turkish soil in 12 hours, and to telegraph as soon as he is in Russia. After that is done, I will have a revelation to make to you."

"So be it. In three days, call here again at this hour."

Danevitch took his departure. That same evening Vladimir Nicolayeff was walking along one of the principal streets. He had been dining, and was making his way back to the foreign office. A bearded man suddenly confronted him at a corner and said:

"Nicolayeff, what was your reward for being false to your trust?"

The man addressed stared open-mouthed and horror-stricken at the speaker. The latter went grimly on:

"How much were you paid for giving up the keys of Prince Ignatoff's safe to the beautiful Catarina? Or was it her beauty alone that tempted you?"

Nicolayeff reeled. It almost seemed as though he were suddenly seized with palsy, and uttering a half choked cry, he sank to the ground in a swoon. A policeman approached. The bearded man whispered something to him, and disappeared. The officer blew a whistle and assistance came. Then Nicolayeff was carried to the station, and when he recovered from his faint, he found himself a prisoner. In the meantime a message had been sent to the foreign office to say that the clerk of the keys had been picked up in the street in a swoon, and was then in custody. The message was sent direct to the prince. Three days passed, and Danevitch presented himself at Ignatoff's bureau.

"Have you any news, prince?" he asked.

"A code telegram was sent to Kasin, recalling him, but he has not answered. I suspected that such would be the case," commented the detective, as he handed a letter to the prince. "Here is the revelation I had promised you."

Ignatoff glanced over the missive, and his face grew pale and stern.

"You are deserving of your reputation, indeed," he said, when he had finished reading. "How did you obtain possession of this letter?"

"I intercepted it. The writer believes, no doubt, that it is now on its way to Turkey. Nicolayeff is under arrest, and not a moment will be lost in securing Boruff. Have you any instructions for me?"

Ignatoff's face twitched, but he recovered himself by a powerful effort of will. "No," he said curtly. "I will keep this letter. You have done your duty well, Danevitch."

The detective bowed, and withdrew. The following morning, early, a closed carriage, drawn by four horses, left the foreign offices. The occupants were Ignatoff and the beautiful Catarina, and they were driven to one of the prince's country estates, on the great Moscow road. The prince often entertained large shooting parties there, but on this occasion he had no guests. The servants in charge had been apprized of his coming, and had the mansion in readiness.

Two nights later a strange thing occurred. The prince and Catarina were together in their chamber, when a shrill scream resounded through the house. It was a woman's voice. A few minutes after the prince flung open the door, and rang his bell for assistance. He was pale and agitated. When the servants rushed up, he said: "Your mistress has been taken suddenly ill. Attend to her."

When the servants entered the room, they found Catarina fully dressed, lying on the bed. Her face was ashen in its hue. Her eyes seemed to be starting from her head. Foam was oozing from her mouth and her limbs were convulsed. The servants did what they could, but Catarina never spoke. When the doctor came, she was dead. He examined her, and said that she had died from the effects of some powerful poison. Before leaving the house, however, he had an interview with Ignatoff and changed his opinion, declaring that she had died from apoplexy.

About three weeks later it was officially announced that Prince Ignatoff had retired from the foreign office by the advice of his physicians, his health having broken down.

Some few particulars remain to be told. The letter which Danevitch intercepted, and handed to the prince was written by Catarina. The writer made it evident that Mme. Kasin, who was as strongly embittered against her father as he was against her, conspired with her husband and Boruff, and Catarina, to obtain the information contained in the secret treaty, and sell it for a large sum of money to Turkey, to whom it was of immense value. Kasin, it appeared, had learned that a treaty was being negotiated, and though Boruff would not undertake to purloin the document himself, he was heavily bribed to inform Catarina that he had brought it.

Between Catarina and Mme. Kasin a very strong friendship existed. Catarina considered that the prince's daughter had been very badly used. This sympathy had led to ill feeling between Catarina and Ignatoff, who had threatened to send her adrift. She undertook to abstract the document, but she went to work so clumsily that she gave herself away. Also her careless folly in writing that condemnatory letter showed that she had not the qualities that go to make a successful thief. She told the whole story in the letter, and said that she would convey the precious document to Smyrna herself. She did not mention Nicolayeff's name, but Danevitch felt certain that the clerk of the keys had been corrupted in order that the key of the prince's bed chamber safe should be procured; and to put his belief to the test he accosted the unfortunate porter in the street in the way already narrated. His intention was, if the man betrayed himself to arrest him at once. He was not prepared, however, for the sudden collapse of the wretched man, who did not long survive the shock and disgrace.

The whole matter, of course, was hushed up as much as possible. It was deemed advisable that the details should not reach the ears of the public. It is, perhaps, needless to say that the Kasins, who were ready to prove traitors to their country, never set foot on Russian soil again. Danevitch was anxious to save the prince the disgrace of having his own daughter arrested, hence the telegram. He was sure the message recalling Kasin would sound a note of alarm to him, and he would take himself out of danger. That proved to be the case. When several months had passed, Boruff was packed off to Siberia.

Prince Ignatoff, when he had sold off a large proportion of his estates, went to France, where he spent the rest of his days in strict retirement. Before leaving Russia he erected a magnificent marble monument over the grave of Catarina, the mystery of whose death will never be solved until the secrets of all hearts are known.

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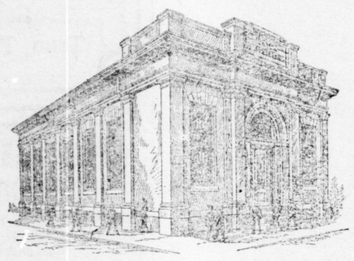

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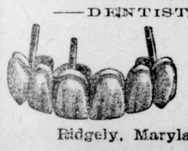

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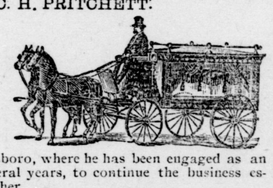

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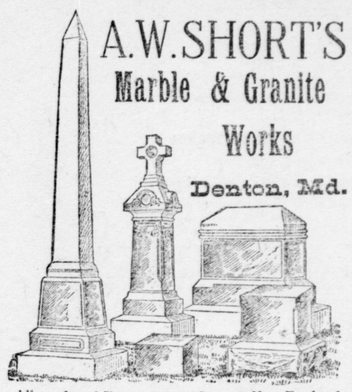

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