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# THE MAELSTROM

**By FRANK PROEST.**  
Late Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation De-  
partment of Scotland Yard.

## CHAPTER IV. An Unexpected Call.

Weir Menzies fitted his form with a big arrair that flanked Foyle's dark and ragged a handful of reports secured by an elastic band from his breast pocket. Foyle snipped the end off a cigar and leaning back, puffed out a blue cloud of smoke. "It been quick work, though I say it myself," observed Menzies complacently, "especially considering it's a night job. This night work is poisonous—no way of getting about, no certainty of finding the witnesses you want, every one angry at being dragged out of bed, and all your people knocked out the next day, when they ought to be fresh."

Foyle flicked the ash from his cigar, and a mischievous glimmer shone in his blue eyes. "It's tough luck, Menzies. I know you hate this kind of thing. Now, there's Forrester—he's got nothing in particular on. If you like—"

Menzies's heavy eyebrows contracted as he scrutinized his chief suspiciously. "What gold would not have induced him to willing relax his hold in a case that interests him? I'm not shifting any job if mine on to any one else's shoulders, Mr. Foyle," he said stolidly.

"That's all right," said Foyle imperturbably, "go ahead."

Menzies tapped his pile of statements. "As far as I can hold down what we've got, this is how it stands; Old Grey-Stratton was a retired West Indies merchant—dropped out of harness eighteen years ago and has lived like a hermit by himself in Linstone Terrace Gardens ever since. It seems there was some trouble about his wife. She was a widow named Errol when he married her, and she had one son."

"Five years before the crash there was a daughter born. Anyway, as I was saying, trouble arose, and he kicked his wife out, sent the baby girl abroad to be educated, and the boy—well, he would then be about twenty—died a few years after. Young Errol came down to Grey-Stratton, kicked up a bit of a shindy, and was given an allowance on condition that he left the country."

"He went to Canada, and thence on to the States, and must have been a bit of a waster. A year ago he returned to England and turned up in Linstone Terrace Gardens. There was a row, and he swears away swearing revenge. Old Grey-Stratton stopped supplies, and neither the lawyers nor any one else have seen anything of Errol since."

Foyle rolled a pencil to and fro across his blotting pad with the palm of his hand. "What Menzies stated as facts he knew the chief inspector would be able to prove by sworn evidence if necessary. He was merely summarizing evidence. The inference he allowed to be drawn, and so far as seemed an inference that had to be placed, a guess around young Errol's neck."

"We have got this," went on Menzies, "from people in Linstone Terrace Gardens, from Grey-Stratton's old servants, from the house agents from whom he rented his house, and from Pembroke of Pembroke and Stephens, who used to be his solicitors. Grey-Stratton was seventy years old, as deaf as a beetle and as eccentric as a monkey."

"I don't believe he has kept any servant for more than three months at a stretch—we have traced out a dozen, and there must be scores more. But it is only lately that he has taken to accusing them of being in a plot to murder him. The last cook he had he made taste everything she prepared in his presence."

"He had no friends but the ordinary way, and few of those. Twice within the last year he has been visited by a woman, but who or what she was no one knows. She came evidently by appointment, remaining half an hour and went away."

"Practically all his business affairs had been carried on by correspondence, and he was never known to destroy a letter. Yet we have found few documents in the house that can have any bearing on the case, except possibly this, which was found in the fire-grate of the little bedroom he habitually used."

past nine. I don't know how Hallett struck you, Mr. Foyle, but according to his own account he must have arrived at Linstone Terrace Gardens at nine."

Foyle rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "You mean he may have been there when the shot was fired?"

Menzies made an impatient gesture. "I don't know. He may have got in immediately afterward. I own freely I don't quite take in this yarn, and yet the man struck me as genuine. He's got good credentials, and if he's mixed up with the murder, why did he phone to me?"

"Search me," said Foyle. "What about the daughter? You said there was a girl?"

Menzies stuck his thumbs in the sleeve holes of his waistcoat. "That's another queer point. She was brought up abroad, and scarcely ever saw the old man. Pembroke says she spent her holidays with an old couple down in Sussex, to whom he had instructions to pay three hundred pounds a year. When she left school he had the allowance paid to her direct. She had a taste for painting, and was apparently quite capable of looking after herself. For two years she has not called or given any instructions about the allowance."

"He wrote to Grey-Stratton, who retorted that it was none of his business—that the allowance would be paid over to his firm, and that if the girl did not choose to ask for it, it could accumulate. He did not seem at all concerned at her disappearance. Take it from me, Mr. Foyle, we shall run across some more damned funny business before we get to the bottom of this. There's not even a ghost of a finger-print. If only we could find Errol—"

Foyle was too old a hand to offer conjecture at so early a stage of the case. Nor did Menzies seem to expect any advice. Hard as he had driven the investigation during the night, the ground was not yet cleared. Until he had all the facts in his possession it was useless to absolutely pin himself to any one line of reasoning."

There was now one man who on known facts might have committed the murder. But plausible as was the supposition that Errol was the man, the detectives knew that at best it was only a suspicion. And suspicion now-a-days does not commit a man. It does not always justify an arrest. There must be evidence, and so far there was not a scrap of proof that Errol had been within a thousand miles of Linstone Terrace Gardens on the night of the murder.

(To be continued.)

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Douglas Stewart, former inspector of penitentiaries for Canada, died at his home in Ottawa from heart failure. He was 70 years of age and was born in Williamsdale, N.E. He entered the Civil Service in 1879. He acted as secretary at several important meetings, including the Canadian Newfoundland convention in 1902; was secretary to the Canadian arbitrator at the Behring Sea Tribunal in Paris in 1903, and joint secretary at the Intercolonial Conference here in 1904.

After a most active career, Louis Vincent Bouvier, Toronto's oldest citizen, passed away recently. He had attained the age of 101 years and 8 months and was hale and hearty almost up to the last. Deceased was a great lover of flowers and every Summer might be seen busily engaged in his garden.

The opening of the Federal Parliament at Ottawa on February 14 will be marked by all the old-time display. The ceremony will be full-dress and will be held in the new Chamber of the Senate and for the first time since the outbreak of the war. Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and the Duchess of Devonshire, will subsequently hold a drawingroom. This will be held in the Senate Chamber on the Saturday after the opening of Parliament. Following the example set in drawing-rooms at Buckingham Palace, feathers and voile will be worn. There will be the usual guards of honor both for the opening of Parliament and for the drawingroom.

Walkerton has decided to hold an Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion from June 23 to 30 next. Former citizens of Walkerton and Bruce County will be welcome. A very extensive programme is being arranged for the whole week and visitors can rely on having a pleasant time.

The Board of Education at a special meeting adopted the report of the teachers' committee, recommending salary increases to six teachers of the Collegiate Institute, including Principal W. E. Shales. The increases are as requested by the teachers, who stated that if they were not granted their resignation could be considered to take effect March 1, but are for a six months' period. The arrangement will terminate June 20.

The Normal and Model School teachers of the Province sent a deputation to Hon. R. H. Grant to press for an increase in salaries. Last year the teachers asked for a 25 per cent increase and received about fifteen per cent. They are now seeking the balance of the original request. The minister promised consideration.

In view of the "changed attitude" of many Canadian brokers toward the arrangement made by Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, with agents, brokers and bankers not to lend their facilities for the purchase of foreign-held securities, the voluntary committee, by which this arrangement was made a syndical embargo, have been dissolved.

The Civil Service Commission announces the promotion of G. S. Hewitt, from Customs examiner at Belleville to collector of Customs, grade 1 port.

A. P. Gundy, principal of Galt Collegiate Institute, has been appointed to the senate of the University of Toronto.

War veterans of Canada will be represented at the empire-wide convention of veterans to meet in Cape Town, South Africa, February 26, by R. B. Maxwell, Dominion president of the Great War Veterans' association, and T. Morgan, D.C.M., member of the executive of the Army and Navy Veterans' association.

## The Mystery of Gout.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

**LESSONS ON CITIZENSHIP.**  
(May be used with temperance applications.)

**Lesson—Deut. 8: 5-7; Matt. 22: 15-22, 34-40. Printed Text—Matt. 22: 15-22, 34-40.**

**Golden Text—'And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself' (Matt. 22: 37-39).**

**Historical Setting.**  
Time—April, A. D. 30. Place—Court of the temple.

**The Lesson Text.**  
15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in his talk.

16 And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and carest not for any one; for thou regardest not the person of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?  
18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites?  
19 Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a denarius.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?  
21 They say unto him Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22 And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him and went away.

23 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together.

24 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, trying him: 25 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?  
26 And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

27 And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

28 On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.

**Comments.**  
Verse 15. Believing themselves to have been personally attacked in the preceding parables, the Pharisees and Sadducees saw the necessity for the utmost skill and strategy. They could not meet Jesus "off-hand" because "never man spake like this man." They were hypocrites and knew not how to meet Jesus' honesty.

Verse 16. The leading rabbi sent their astute pupils, while they stood aloof and watched the result. The Herodians were a political party who hoped to retain for the Herod family at least a fragment of government.

Verse 17. These shrewd tacticians had failed to note one peculiarity of Jesus. He never said, "I think" so and so. He spoke with authority. If Jesus said "Yes," He would become unpopular with the Pharisees, who despised tax-paying. If He said "No," He would be guilty of treason to Rome.

Verse 18. He saw their motives and practically said, "You are a pretty bunch to question my motives."

Verse 19. A silver denarius was worth about seventeen cents, and was the price of a day's labor in the parable (chap. 20: 2). It was the daily wage of a Roman soldier.

## Keeping Fit

BY DR. SAMUEL HAMILTON.



It is because of the war that the perfect physical man has all at once become the idol of the world. You can make of yourself, even rather late in life, almost anything you like. You are not going to get fit in one day, one month, or perhaps, a year, unless you take enough outdoor exercise to keep the circulation going and practise the athlete's first principle—to keep the system clean. He does not give his body a chance to absorb poisons. He not only takes his cold shower, after exercise, but he knows a cleansing of the intestines is important, and he takes occasionally a good regulator and liver cleanser, such as a dose of castor oil, or, what is much better, a tiny pill made up of May-apple, aloin and jalap, and sold by almost all druggists in the land as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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## LIVE STOCK REPORTS

Toronto (Union Stock Yards):—Sales during the week consisted of 1162 cattle, 538 calves, 3,229 sheep and 4,807 hogs, whilst 409 hogs were received on through billing. With approximately 3,700 cattle on sale on Monday, trading opening very draggy and before much of the cattle had passed over the scales, prices had dropped a good 50 cents per hundred, a few choice heavy steers sold from \$10 to \$10.50, choice butchers from \$8 to \$10, good from \$8 to \$8.50, and \$8 to \$9, good cows from \$7 to \$8 and fair from \$5 to \$6.50. Canners sold from \$3.00 to \$3.50, and cappers from \$4 to \$4.50. Good bulls with not too much weight sold from \$8 to \$8.50, heavy bulls from \$7 to \$7.50, and the more common grades from \$5 to \$5.50.

The milk and springer trade, while unchanged in price, showed very draggy. Under a light run during the balance of the week, cattle prices closed about steady. The steer and feeder market remained very inactive. Farmers appear to be holding off until the market becomes a little more settled. The quality of the cattle throughout the week was fair but many loads of good breedy cattle were on the market in a half-finished condition. With an additional sixty to ninety days' feed, most of these would be fat. With a light run of calves on the market for the week all classes sold at steady prices on the basis of the previous week's close. Choice veal sold from \$15 to \$17, medium \$12 to \$15, common \$8 to \$12 and grass calves \$6 to \$7. The demand is for choice quality veal and it appears that these will continue to bring good prices.

With a fair run of sheep and lambs on the market, sales were a trifle easier with choice graded lambs selling from \$12 to \$12.50, choice yearlings from \$8 to \$9, and a few as high as \$10. Choice hand-weight sheep moved from \$7 to \$8, and heavy fat sheep and bucks from \$5.50 to \$6.50. Heavy lambs and very thin lambs were hard to move. Choice sheep seem to be in very good demand and sell readily.

There has been a fairly good run of hogs on the market and on Monday they sold as high as \$16, fed and watered. Local buyers have endeavored to lower prices for some time and on Wednesday bid \$15.25, fed and watered. Apparently they would not bid any more with the result that outside buyers obtained the majority of the hogs at \$16. On Thursday, fed and watered hogs sold from \$15.25 to \$15.75. The future of the hog market appears to be unsettled.

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A Children's Strike.  
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