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THE YELLOW SEVEN THE BRONZE JAR

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BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Peter Pennington known as "Chinese" Pennington, because of his slant eyes, is detailed by the government to run to earth the Yellow Seven, a gang of Chinese bandits. He suspects Chai-Hung, influential Chinese, of being the leader of the gang. Pennington is in love with Monica Viney, sister of Captain John Hewitt, Commissioner of Police at Jesselton, British North Borneo. Monica receives a Siamese kitten for a present and names it Peter after Pennington.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Pennington held a roving commission. The extraordinary accident of birth had condemned him to go through life with two diagonal slits for eyes, had been mainly responsible for the unusual career he had selected. When occasion demanded, he assumed a guise of a half-cast trader, of a Chinese shopkeeper, a coolie, or even a mandarin. And in his jungle wanderings, the natives who had dubbed him "he who sees in the dark" had endowed him also with sundry other powers.

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to an orderly on duty outside.

"I am going to arrest you, my friend," he said grimly.

The servant's eyes dilated with terror and he shrank back against the wall, both hands outstretched in front of him.

"But why, tuan?"

"Because I have seen a certain man who was in Lien-Yin's shop when you went." He paused to observe the effect of this feat of imagination. He heard you warn Lien-Yin that my men were coming to take him."

The features of the swarthy face hardened as the Chinaman's eyes fell upon the figure of the orderly who lurked inquiringly on the threshold.

"It is a lie, tuan," the servant protested sullenly, "because there was nobody in the shop when I went."

Hewitt turned abruptly to conceal the smile that played at the corners of his mouth.

"Take him away," he commanded, "and don't let him out of your sight."



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light, coining from the house, fell upon the soft earth at the foot of the steps and, just beyond it, he saw the forms of six men, their garments contrasting weirdly with the intense blackness without. A short, uniformed figure in a round hat and bare feet, came smartly to attention as he approached.

"Well, what is it?" inquired Hewitt.

Before the native non-commissioned officer could reply, a tall Chinaman pushed to the top of the steps and stood before the Commissioner.

"Great tuan," he began, speaking rapidly in Malay, "I am Lien-Yin, the agent of the great Chai-Hung—who is dead."

Hewitt looked up sharply.

"Go on," he commanded. "Presently I shall have something to say to you, Lien-Yin."

"Chai-Hung is dead," pursued the other, unperturbed.

"So I believe," put in the Englishman coldly. He was gazing toward a dimly-outlined case suspended from two poles the extremities of which rested on the shoulders of four men.

"How, exactly, did Chai-Hung die?"

"He was poisoned, tuan. I cannot tell you the manner of his death, because I was not there. You will understand that I was the agent of Chai-Hung, paid to do his bidding. It is to further carry out his wishes that I have come to you tonight. There is a boat leaving for Singapore tomorrow, tuan, and it is desired that the remains of my late master should be conveyed in it to the tomb of his ancestors."

The Commissioner gasped.

"The remains of Chai-Hung" he echoed.

"Yah, tuan."

"Where are they?"

"There, tuan." He pointed a long fingernail toward the garden, indicating the case Hewitt had already seen.

The Commissioner drummed on the woodwork of the table with the tips of his fingers. He found it difficult to reconcile the enormous figure of the Chinese bandit when alive—with the ridiculous box that was supposed to contain all that was left of him when dead!

"How do you mean—there?" he demanded presently. "What does that case contain?"

"It contains a bronze jar" said Lien-Yin calmly, "and in the jar are the ashes of Chai-Hung."

Hewitt sprang to his feet and began pacing the verandah.

"What nonsense is this?" he jerked out over his shoulder. "Since when have you commenced burning your dead?"

For the first time Lien-Yin smiled. His evil pock-marked face puckered up into innumerable wrinkles and he groped in the depths of a voluminous sleeve. He produced a yellow document, wound on a rod of black wood with tassels of red silk at either end.

"These are the last wishes of the great Chai-Hung," he said.

"State them briefly," commanded Hewitt.

"That, because I have lived both in the West and in the East and have seen customs that are bad and some that are good, I would wish my body to be disposed of in a manner that I believe to be good. That, in the event of my death in any place outside China, my body shall be burnt and the ashes placed in an urn made by my people and suitably inscribed, and shall be transported with as little delay as possible to the home of my ancestors."

"I see," broke in the Commissioner, taking the scroll from his hand. "You will come to me in the morning, Lien-Yin, for my decision. In the meantime both this and the package must remain here. Do you understand?"

The Chinaman appeared to hesitate.

"They are the ashes of the dead," he reminded the Commissioner.

"Precisely," agreed Hewitt. "But you forget, Mr. Lien-Yin, that I still hold a warrant for the arrest of Chai-Hung, dead or alive!"

He stuck the thing on the top of the safe in his office.

Captain John Hewitt had long ago given up collecting curios, and yet this great bronze jar fascinated him. If indeed the ashes of the great Chai-Hung reposed within, his own troubles were at an end, Pennington was free to return to Singapore, and the whole of the scattered white community of the island were at liberty to retire tranquilly to rest. Moreover, it seemed as if within the funeral urn of Chai-Hung lay the key to Monica's happiness.

He rose presently and, lifting the jar from its perch, turned it round and round in his hands. The thing was a masterpiece of Oriental craftsmanship, and the lettering that he had believed to be painted on the bronze surface—was inlaid, a process that must have taken years of patient toil to accomplish. And yet Chai-Hung had only been dead for a matter of days! He found himself wondering what the inscription implied, and wishing that Chinese Pennington—who could have speedily enlightened him—had chosen any other time but this to be away. For some reason or other, he began to feel dissatisfied with the way in which the trophy had come into his possession. It was a perfectly natural sequence of events, after all, and perhaps it was that which worried him most.

Hewitt flicked the ash from his cigar. Turning abruptly, he saw Monica standing in the doorway. She was wearing the same kimono as when Pennington had surprised them in the office, and the Siamese kitten was tucked snugly under one arm. It seemed to the Commissioner that she was unusually pale and there were dark lines under her eyes that he had not noticed before.

(To be continued.)

Sea Port and Air Port

London.—If weather conditions permit, Montreal will have the privilege of being the destination of the first voyage of the new British airship R-100, which is nearing completion at Howden, according to a statement to the British United Press by Commander Burney, the designer.

A large party of members of Parliament will travel to Howden by special train early in July to inspect the airship, and keen interest in the undertaking is being maintained here.

It is understood that every berth has already been booked, at very high prices, for the inaugural flight, which will probably be made in August.

Although there has been much condemnation of airships, because of the assertion of experts that the margin of safety is too low in bad weather, Commander Burney's faith in them is still great.

The possibilities of regular airship service between Britain and Canada is being widely discussed, but nothing will actually be done until the R-100 has successfully completed her maiden voyage.

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Predicts Ocean Aerial Service

Big Airship from Britain to Land in Montreal This Summer

Toronto.—A regular passenger service across the Atlantic ocean by air in a few years is believed to be a possibility by Sir Frederick Stupart, director of the local meteorological office. Sir Frederick recently returned home following a visit to Great Britain.

"In a few years it will be quite the regular thing to travel by air across the Atlantic," said Sir Frederick. "Toronto needs to act at once to provide an airport."

Sir Frederick stated that Great Britain was making rapid advance in aviation. While there he saw two large airships in the course of construction. One being built by the Government and the other by a private firm, but on condition that the Government may later take it over. These aircraft, said Sir Frederick, will carry approximately 100 people. The ship which carried Umberto Nobile and his crew on their Polar expedition is small in comparison.

According to the information furnished Sir Frederick the two ships will be used on long trips to the Dominions. One is coming to Canada and will land at Montreal this summer, while the other is scheduled for a trip to India.

Ottawa.—Montreal's new aerial mooring mast will be finished in September, according to expectations in Vickers Company, which has the contractual circles here. The Canadian tract, is going ahead with it and indications point to the work being finished by the date mentioned.

There is much more uncertainty, however, as to when the airships being built for the British Air Ministry, will come over. Advice on the point are conflicting. The two dirigibles are both intended for the Eastern service, but they will make incidental trips across the Atlantic and probably be supplemented by craft for a more regular service.

World Kiwanis Sounds Battlecry in War on Vice

Seattle, Wash.—"Never will vice permanently prevail over virtue so long as we have minds to reason and souls to aspire," John H. Moss of Milwaukee, Wis., past-president of Kiwanis International, said at the twelfth annual convention here this week.

"There must be, however," he declared, "a continued combat with crime and vice and excessive excitments. The criminals, the vicious and the constant pleasure-seekers are never habitual duty-doers. The conditions which challenge our earnest efforts for correction are of such a character as to demand the thoughtful attention of the serious-minded portion of our people. Kiwanis is one of those forces which is thoughtfully waging the combat for the suppression of vice and the supremacy of virtue. One of its cardinal objects as expressed in its constitution is: "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life."

at Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C., where the Harding International Good Will Memorial is located, delegates and visitors to the convention heard Henry C. Heinz of Atlanta, Ga., president of the friendly relations existing between Canada and the United States.

"The State of Washington and the Province of British Columbia are of different colors on the maps," he said, "but the waters on each side of the line are just as blue, the trees are of the same shade of green, the sun, the sky and the air are common to all, for ours is one continent and we are one people in idealism."

More than 1,700 Kiwanis clubs are now engaged in giving a greater personal service to under-privileged children. J. Hayden Oliver, of Scranton, Pa., chairman of the committee on under-privileged children, told the delegates.

It is estimated that 5,000 Kiwanians from the United States and Canada are attending the convention. Dr. Thomas Arkle Clark, dean of men, University of Illinois; Dr. John MacKay, Manitoba College, Winnipeg, and United States Senator C. C. Dill, of Washington, are expected to speak during the week.



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Friendly Relations Between Canada and United States Lauded

Springfield Republican: (A party of British Congregationalists numbering 1,250 are on a "mission of peace and good will" to the United States.)

In Boston and its suburbs and in Plymouth the English visitors were on the soil of the pioneers and in the places where the relics of their sojourn are most numerous. They will visit New York City, but unfortunately their stay in this country is to be so short that they will have no opportunity for a broadly comprehensive experience of the country, of its hospitality and of the working of the heaven which has made all America in large measure the spiritual heir of the little group of fugitive Englishmen whose memory they are honoring. But they may well take the part that they have seen for the whole, as America will take their visit and their utterances as representative of the great people of which they are a part.

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Mary: She let that fool kiss her.
Marie: But worse still, she let that kiss fool her.

Canada is Ahead Of Vermont State In Maple Products

St. Alban's, Vt.—Vermont's claim to leadership in the production of maple products is being challenged by Canada, the monthly statement of the Vermont Customs District shows. More than half the \$58,821 in revenue collected at Newport during April came from duties paid on maple sugar products crossing the border from Canada. Nearly 1,500,000 pounds was imported.

Automobile travel showed a marked increase. A total of 28,916 cars with \$2,415 passengers crossed the line during May.

The British Pilgrims

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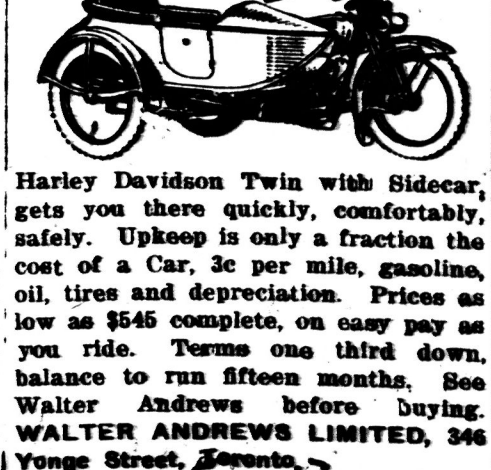
"They say there isn't much to be made out of the whaling business now."

"Such a pity—once there was a great prophet in a whale."

The Worker

You said that I must do this, and this, And not what I love, if I must have bread,
But I have said that my soul shall have bread,
I will never consent to live and be dead.
You said, "We need but a common clod,"
But I heeded you not and appealed unto God.
Oh, do not fear, I shall give you your due,
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