

The Social Pirates

Story No. 9

The Missing Millionaire

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(Continued from Yesterday.)

"I'll do my part—never fear!" was the firm rejoinder. And then the two found themselves inside the private office of the sanitarian, and facing a white-coated attendant, who was telling them to be seated while he notified the doctor of their presence. The attendant had been seated at a flag-top desk, on which was opened a large book, suggesting a journal or register. Mona stepped quickly across to the desk as the man left the room. As her eyes fell on the opened page before her she gave a little gasp. The latest entry in the volume—evidently a register of the patients of the institution—was

"Robert Gardner"
And it had been written in the same handwriting, which had addressed the mysterious letter at the Grand Hotel the day before.

Mona was back in her seat, staring demurely from the window when the attendant returned. With him was a middle-aged man, whose pointed beard and alert, professional manner of a physician. It needed no introduction to define him as Dr. Ludlow, the head of the institution. Mona at once rose from her chair, and drew him apart from Mary, who sat looking from the window, apparently oblivious to the other's entrance.



They Endeavored to Drag Him Back.

"May I talk to you in private?" the girl asked, indicating her companion with a little nod. The doctor nodded, and let the way into a long inner corridor, into which the outer office led.

"My sister is suffering from a severe nervous shock," explained Mona. "I don't know just how serious it may be, but I have come to the conclusion that she needs expert attendance and treatment—and your institution has been recommended to me as one where she will receive the best of care. I should like to discuss her case with you, and if we can arrange in some way, perhaps."

Dr. Ludlow nodded sympathetically, evidently not at all averse to the suggestion of a new patient. For a few moments Mona explained, in a wonderfully improvised completeness, the details of her "sister's" malady, and then the doctor set forth the nature of the institution, and the treatment which he endeavored to administer to patients of the character described by him. Mona purposely haggled somewhat over the terms, and the two were deep in a discussion of the subject when from somewhere in the building came the sounds of a violent scuffle, and the shouts of a man.

The next moment a haggard figure burst into the corridor, with a uniformed attendant hanging to his arms, and endeavoring to drag him back. It was Roland Maxwell!

With a muttered curse, Dr. Ludlow sprang back from Mona's side and rushed toward the struggling pair. Before he could reach them, Maxwell, with a sudden twist, had jerked himself free from the attendant's arms and hurled the guard limply into a corner. Without a word Dr. Ludlow flung himself on Maxwell's shoulders, and the two swayed back and forth. Ludlow, quite evidently, trying to force the refractory "patient" back into the hall from which he had escaped.

Mona could hear the scuffle continuing behind the door. She hesitated for a moment and then, stealing softly, tried the handle. It turned in her hand and the door swung open. Maxwell had been thrown into a chair, almost unconscious, while Ludlow was disappearing through another door at the end of the corridor, evidently in search of reinforcements. For the time at least the coast was clear. With a swift glance in the direction which Ludlow had taken, she ran to Maxwell's side, and as the man started up at her stupidly in a kind of vague recognition, she whispered briefly, "Help is near! Pretend to be subdued, and watch for the appearance of friends to-night."

Before the other could reply, she had darted back through the doorway and closed the door behind her. She was in the outer office when Dr. Ludlow made his appearance a few moments later, with apologies for the disturbance which she had caused by their conversation. Mona accepted his apologies with become ingenueness, and stepped into the outer office to put a few formal professional questions to her supposed sister.

At a quarter of six in the afternoon when the machine again rumbled through the spiked entrance gateway of the Sanitarium, Mary gazed about her with open uncertainty and hesitancy, but Mona met the situation serenely. She was confident that if the other girl were running into peril, she had made arrangements that would extricate her before serious results could happen. And they were playing for stakes that demanded a certain element of risk!

Dr. Ludlow came forward, rubbing his hands, and with the most sympathetic professional smile on his face. It was not until Mona saw Mary disappear into the building in his company that her first misgivings as to the outcome of it all assailed her. What if minute after minute should not culminate as she had arranged? What if some unforeseen obstacle should intervene at the last moment? She was convinced that the man of the stamp of Dr. Ludlow would stop at nothing to prevent exposure of his methods—and the consequent legal complications that would follow. But she had gone too far now to draw back! She drew another deep breath, climbed into the car, and told the driver to drive back when they were once well beyond sight of any curious observer from the sanitarium, Mona called to the chauffeur to turn his course, and to cleave back again to the institution. At a roadhouse in its neighborhood they picked up the "friend" whom the driver had brought into service, a husky, pleasant-faced young man, who gave the name of Green, and who showed a business-like pleasure in the prospect ahead, which brought a return of confidence to Mona's flagging spirits. She was sure that if the worst came to the worst, her two aides would not disappoint her in a crisis.

To Be Continued Tomorrow.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

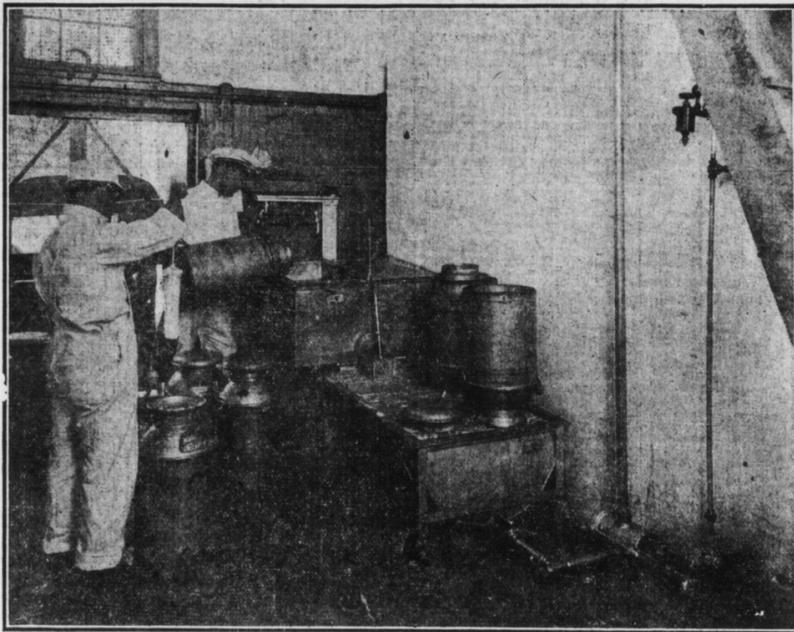
The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to be held in this city on the dates named:

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MARJORIE STERRETT

park. Shortly after the arrival of the schools the contests will be started and will continue throughout the morning, being concluded by the boat and canoe races and the award of prizes.

The children will have their basket lunches wherever it pleases their fancy. After luncheon there will be a baseball game between Lincoln and Forney schools, followed at 2.15 by the vaudeville performance in the auditorium, admission to which will be free to all the school children. The Telegraph will "set up" the peanuts, which will be supplied in such quantities that the Telegraph will not assume to be responsible for any circus day consequences.

At 3.30 or 3.45, at the conclusion of the performance, Governor Brumbaugh will make a short address and Marjorie Sterrett, the battleship girl, will be introduced to the children. Immediately thereafter the spelling bee, the banner contest of the day, will be staged, under the direction of Professor J. J. Brehm. Only two contestants from each building will be permitted, and the match will be in the form of a "spell-down" the two pupils who stand up longest being adjudged the winners of the prizes and the 20 and 10 points, respectively, for their schools.

After supper the schools will be asked to form in line and join the grand march, led by the band, which will proceed to elevated ground, where a picked chorus will lead the singing of patriotic songs under the guidance of Professor E. G. Rose. The American flag in fireworks display will be lighted by the battleship girl and the day's outing will be ended before 8 p. m.

Entries Piling In

Mercer E. Tate will be chief marshal for the contests in the morning, and D. D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the School Board, will be chief scorer. The other officials will include the Rev. S. Winfield Herman, Roy G. Cox, Dr. Charles B. Fager, Dr. F. E. Downes, H. G. Ribble, Wellington Jones, Elwood Mell, Martin Miller, George Haehlan, Hetzel Davies, Geo. Fitzpatrick, James McFarland, Carter Wear, "Dutch" Miller, Paul Moore, "Dutch" Holland, Julius Yoffee, Harold Houtz, Lloyd Marcus, Edward Wallower, William Zeigler, George Trout, Harry Mell, Walter Shaefter, Emlin Hall, Penrose Hoover, Herbert

Remmer, Paris Rapp.

The Forney baseball team will line up against the Lincoln school nine as follows: Hibman, c.; Phillipelli, p.; Poland, 1b.; Snyder, 2b.; Page, 3b.; Zimmerman, ss.; Miklevitz, cf.; Fredrick, lf.; Leiby, rf. Lincoln will put these men in the field; Davis, c.; Beck, p.; Garner, 1b.; Craig, 2b.; McCord, 3b.; Coble, ss.; Story, cf.; Reed, lf.; Blackwell, rf.

Entries for the spelling bee have come in from ten of the buildings; the remainder may enter any time up to the actual opening of the competition in the afternoon. Entries must be made to Prof. Brehm.

The following have turned in their names, two to be chosen from each school:

Hamilton Building — Lena Lapkin, Elmer Crossley, John Robbins, Evelyn Stevens, Gloyd Blesinger.

Maclay Building — Ernest Baker, Sylvia Gingrich, Pauline Boyd, Earl Ward, Mildred Jackson, Leonard Kapner.

Penn Building — Meyer Isaacman, Wilson Smith, Simon Blum, Jacob Abramson, Lillian Katzman.

Reilly Building — Esther Frank, Jessie Bloom, Kathryn Truss, Jennie Freedman, Mary Gross.

Camp Curtin, (four schools) — Frances Fisher and Esther Stence, Frances Ellenberger and William Morris, Isaac Jeffries, Robert Spahr and Katherine Zeiter, Margaret Kunkel and Stewart Smith.

Melrose Building — Mable Dice and Gustave Erdman, with Edwin Prince and Elizabeth Taylor as alternates.

Foose Building — Elsie Keller and Thomas Toomey.

Forney Building — (Four schools) Clarkson Soult, Richard Robison, Harry Putt, Albert Childs, Bernard Kopolovitz, Ella Nelson, Emma Jones, Stevens Building—Mary Keigel and Violet Ledman, with George C. Gerner as alternate.

Woodward Building — Jane Bittner, Fred Morgan, Catherine Edmondson, and Preston Hefflinger.

After the outing at the park on Tuesday, Marjorie Sterrett will be whisked into the city where she will appear on the stage of the Majestic Theater on that evening for both performances. The little battleship girl will explain in a few words her ambition to have a battleship built that will enable Uncle Sam to "lick all creation like John Paul Jones did."

PAYS \$800 FOR PENNY

Burlington, N. J., June 17.—A penny in the collection of the late Griffith W. Lewis of this city, has been sold for 80,000 times its face value and has set a new record for American one-cent coins. This penny, which is considered the gem of the collection recently put on the market by Howard F. Lewis, executor of his father's estate, is a big copper cent coined by the State of New Jersey in 1785. Hilyard Ryder, of Elmira, N. Y., is the purchaser of the Lewis penny for \$800. Senator Lewis gave \$50 for it ten years ago. A \$2.50 gold piece, bearing date of 1806, has been sold for \$150, and a \$4 gold piece that brought \$60 were other famous coins in the Lewis collection.

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SUPREME COURT NEAR RECORD

Washington, June 17.—More cases were disposed of by the Supreme Court during its recent term than during any other term since 1890 according to a summary of business just completed by James D. Maher, clerk of the court. A total of 547 cases were passed on, while in 1890 the court considered 610 cases. There still remain on the docket 522 cases.

Name Battleships For Civilian Naval Cruise

Much interest is manifested in Harrisburg for training on board battleships, commencing August 15, and closing September 12. At the local navy recruiting station inquiries are being made daily.

The general object of the cruise for training volunteers is to afford to civilians an opportunity to gain, by close contact with naval life and naval duties, some experience and understanding that will help them to perceive the way they may best fit themselves for service in navy in time of need.

The battleships on which the civilians will make the cruise if available will include Virginia, at Portland, Me.; Kearsarge, at Boston, Mass.; Illinois at Newport, R. I.; Kentucky and Maine at Philadelphia; Louisiana at Norfolk, Va.; and New Jersey at Charleston, S. C. The enrollment will be limited to 2,500 for nine ships.

JACOBS FAMILY REUNION

Marietta, Pa., June 17.—The Jacobs family have decided on August 16 as the date of their reunion at East Berlin, York county. An interesting program is being prepared, and many counties will be represented at the meeting.

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