

## HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB TO AID DRIVERS IN REGISTERING CARS

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9.—The Hoosier State Automobile association is arranging state-wide co-operation with Secretary of State Ed. Jackson in preparation for the re-registering of all motor vehicles in Indiana under the new abstract of title law, which will become effective when all the new laws are proclaimed, probably about June 1. According to M. E. Noblet, secretary of the state auto-association, this law will effectively destroy the market for stolen automobiles and he says further that Kentucky and Michigan now have such laws. Ohio has just passed a similar law, and the Illinois legislature is working on the same protective measure. "Motor associations such as ours, affiliated with the American Automobile association, are working for the general passage of abstract of title laws in all states as a means to put an end to the commercialized stealing of motor vehicles," said Mr. Noblet. "The legislative efforts of our association alone are of far-reaching benefit to all motorists and we are sure that if every automobile owner could understand the work this organization is doing he would insist on helping to do his part in this work."

### Must Prove Ownership.

It is stated that under the new registration law every owner must prove his ownership, having 90 days to comply with the law after it is declared in effect. The secretary of state is now getting ready for the mailing copies of the new law and application blanks which will be sent to every automobile owner in the state. Dealers and service station men throughout the state are being appointed registrars so as to be ready to fill out the necessary affidavits for automobile owners.

Spring activity of the Hoosier State Auto association includes a continuation of route marking work. Three pole marking crews are now at work on some of the main traveled highways, according to Mr. Noblet, and this work will be continued throughout the summer. "The more auto owners who join with us in this work the more routes we can mark and the better we can work for the benefit of the hundreds of thousands of car owners," said he.

### Masonic Calendar

Monday, May 9.—Richmond Commandery No. 8, K. T., will have a special meeting for drill and final preparations for the Grand Commandery; 7:00 o'clock.

Tuesday, May 10.—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. and A. M. Master Mason degree; 7:00 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 11.—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in the Master Mason degree; 7:00 o'clock.

Thursday, May 12.—Masonic club will give a subscription dance for the Masons and their ladies. Music by Price's orchestra of Eaton, Ohio.

Friday, May 13.—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Stated con-

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## The Adventure of the Second Stain

By SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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### PART ONE

I had intended "The Adventure of the Abbey Grange" to be the last of those exploits of my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, which I should ever communicate to the public. This resolution of mine was not due to any lack of material, since I have notes of many hundreds of cases to which I have never alluded, nor was it caused by any waning interest on the part of my readers in the singular personality and unique methods of this remarkable man. The real reason lay in the reluctance which Mr. Holmes has shown to the continued publication of his experiences. So long as he was in actual professional practice the records of his success were of some practical value to him, but since he has definitely retired from London and broken himself to study and bee-farming on the Sussex Downs, notably has become hateful to him, and he has promptly requested that his wishes in this matter should be strictly observed. It was only upon my representing to him that I had given a promise that "The Adventures of the Second Stain" should be published when the times were ripe, and pointing out to him that it is only appropriate that this long series of episodes should culminate in the most important international case which he has ever been called upon to handle, that I at last succeeded in obtaining his consent that a carefully guarded account of the incident should at last be laid before the public. If in telling the story I seem to be somewhat vague in certain details, the public will readily understand that there is an excellent reason for my reticence.

It was, then, in a year, and even in a decade, that shall be nameless, that upon one Tuesday morning in autumn we found two visitors of European fame within the walls of our humble room in Baker street. The one, austere, high-nosed, eagle-eyed, and dom-

inant, was none other than the illustrious Lord Bellingham, twice Premier of Britain. The other dark, clear-cut, and elegant, hardly yet of middle age, and endowed with every beauty of body and of mind, was the Right Honorable Trelawny Hope, secretary for European affairs, and the most rising statesman in the country. They sat side by side upon our paper-littered settee, and it was easy to see from their worn and anxious faces that it was business of the most pressing importance which had brought them. The Premier's thin, blue-veined hands were clasped tightly over the ivory head of his umbrella, and his gaunt, ascetic face looked gloomily from Holmes to me. The European secretary pulled nervously at his moustache and fidgeted with the seals of his watch chain.

"When I discovered my loss, Mr. Holmes, which was at eight o'clock this morning I at once informed the Prime Minister. It was at his suggestion that we have both come to you." "Have you informed the police?" "No, sir," said the Prime Minister, with the quick, decisive manner for which he was famous. "We have not done so, nor is it possible that we should do so. To inform the police must in the long run, mean to inform the public. This is what we particularly desire to avoid."

"And why, sir?" "Because the document in question is of such immense importance that its publication might very easily—I might almost say probably—lead to European complications of the utmost moment. It is not too much to say that peace or war may hang upon the issue. Unless its recovery can be attended with the utmost secrecy, then it may as well not be recovered at all for all that is aimed at by those who have taken it is that its contents should be generally known."

"I understand. Now, Mr. Trelawny. You do me no more than justice, sir. Until the morning I have never breathed one word to my wife upon this matter."

"Could she have guessed?" "No, Mr. Holmes, she could not have guessed—not could anyone have guessed."

"Have you lost any documents before?" "No, sir."

"Who is there in England who did know of the existence of this letter?"

"Each member of the cabinet was informed of it yesterday, but the pledge of secrecy which attends every cabinet meeting was increased by the solemn warning which was given by the Prime Minister. Good heavens, to think that within a few hours I should myself have lost it!" His handsome face was distorted with a spasm of

despair, and his hands tore at his hair. For a moment we caught a glimpse of the natural man, impulsive, ardent, keenly sensitive. The next the aristocratic mask was replaced, and the gentle voice had returned. "Besides the members of the cabinet there are two, or possibly three, departmental officials who know of the letter. No one else in England, Mr. Holmes, I assure you."

"But abroad?"

"I believe that no one abroad has seen it save the man who wrote. I am well convinced that his Ministers—that the usual official channels have not been employed."

Holmes considered for some little time. "Now, sir, I must ask you more particularly what this document is and why its disappearance should have such momentous consequences?"

The two statesmen exchanged a quick glance and the Premier's shaggy eyebrows gathered in a frown.

"Mr. Holmes, the envelope is a long, thin one of pale blue color. There is a seal of red wax stamped with a cruching lion. It is addressed in large, bold handwriting to—"

"I fear, sir," said Holmes, "that, interesting and indeed essential as these details are, my inquiries must go more to the root of things. What was the letter?"

"That is a state secret of the utmost importance, and I fear that I cannot tell you, nor do I see that it is necessary. If by the aid of the powers which you are said to possess you can find such an envelope as I describe with its inclosure, you will have deserved well of your country, and earned any reward which it lies in our power to bestow."

"You are two of the most busy men in the country," said he, "and in my own small way I have also a good many calls upon me. I regret exceedingly that I cannot help you in this matter, and any continuation of this interview would be a waste of time."

The Premier sprang to his feet with that quick, fierce gleam of his deep-set eyes before which a cabinet had cowered. "I am not accustomed, sir," he began, but mastered his anger and resumed his seat. For a minute or more we all sat in silence. Then the old statesman shrugged his shoulders.

"We must accept your terms, Mr. Holmes. No doubt you are right, and it is unreasonable for us to expect you to act unless we give you our entire confidence."

"I agree with you," said the younger statesman.

"Then I will tell you, relying entire-

ly upon your honor and that of your colleague, Dr. Watson. I may appeal to your patriotism, also, for I could not imagine a greater misfortune for this country than that this affair should come out."

"You may safely trust us."

"The letter, then, is from a certain foreign potentate who has been ruffled by some certain colonial developments of this country. It has been written hurriedly and upon his own responsibility entirely. Inquiries have shown that his ministers know nothing of the matter. At the same time it is couched in so unfortunate a manner, and certain phrases in it are provocative a character, that its publication would undoubtedly lead to a most dangerous state of feeling in this country. There would be such a ferment, sir, that I do not hesitate to say that within a week of the publication of that letter this country would be involved in a great war."

(Tomorrow—The Adventure of the Second Stain continued.)

Many Knights Templar from different parts of the country will be present and participate. Official notification has been received from the following distinguished visitors: J. W. Chamberlain, Long Beach, Calif., deputy grand commander of the grand encampment of the United States; William N. Norris, Manchester, Iowa, grand captain general of the grand encampment of the United States, who will be the official representative of the national body; William L. Sharp, Chicago, grand junior warden of the grand encampment of the United States; William B. Mellish, Cincinnati, past grand master of the grand encampment of the United States; William R. O'Neal, Orlando, Fla., past grand commander of Florida; R. Guy Brownson, Lansing, Mich., grand commander of the Grand commandery of Michigan; Andrew D. Agnew, grand commander of Wisconsin; Thomas J. Conner, grand commander of Wisconsin, and Frank L. McNamara, all of Milwaukee, Wis.

Richmond Knights Templar meet Monday night in the Masonic hall to prepare for the trip Wednesday, to the 67th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery. Knights Templar, of Indiana, meeting in Indianapolis, May 11 and 12. Commandery officials are expecting 100 to go from here. They will leave at 8:40 o'clock Wednesday morning, from the Pennsylvania station.

Reports received at the office of Grand Recorder William H. Swintz, Indianapolis, show that every Knights Templar Commandery in Indiana will be present and represented, a large number with their bands and drill corps. This year's conclave will, indications show, be the greatest in the history of Indiana Templar Masonry, and it is the desire of Raper Commandery No. 1, together with the Scot-

ish Rite and the Shrine, as basis to make it greater and grander than ever. With reduced railroad and interurban fares for the occasion, no less than 5,000 people will be present for the grand parade on the first day's meeting.

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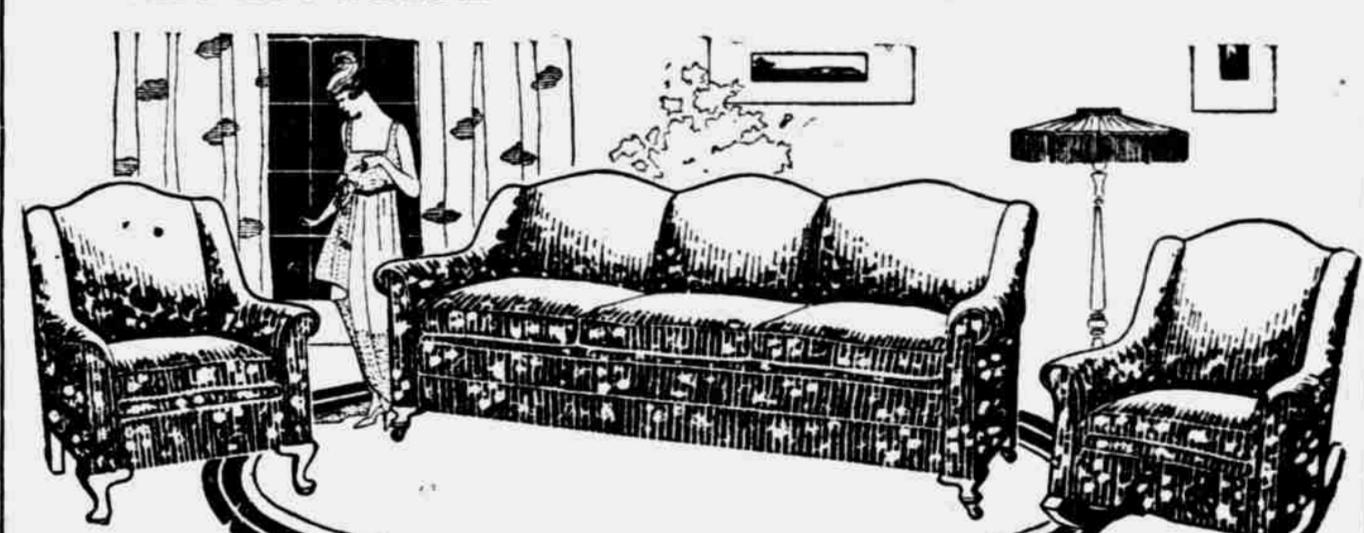
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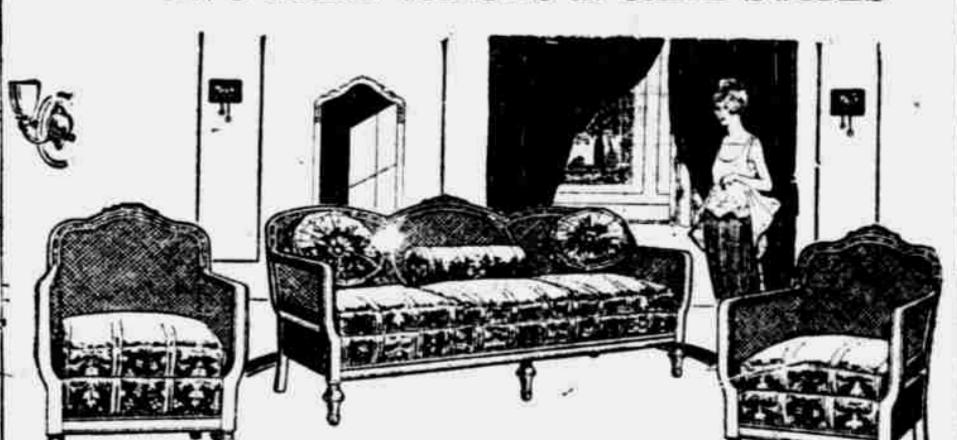


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