

DOWNPOUR FLOODS CONNERSVILLE STORES; DAMAGES ARE HEAVY

CONNERSVILLE, Aug. 18.—Damage to property and to stocks of merchandise in the retail establishments in Connerville, which according to early estimates will total a sum of many thousands of dollars, the heaviest of its kind ever recorded in this city, was caused by the deluge of rain which swept the city and surrounding sections about noon Wednesday. The downpour, which at times assumed the dangerous proportions of a cloud burst, and which was accompanied by severe electrical shocks, lasted for half an hour and during that interval two and one-half inches of rainfall was recorded by the government instruments at the H. T. Swindler drug store on Ninth street.

Excitement prevailed. The rain burst upon the city with scarcely a moment's warning. For many minutes excitement ensued among the residential quarters and in some sections of the business district a state of panic existed for a short time, particularly when sheets of water poured into store rooms through skylights that had given way under the deluge. Reports reaching Connerville at 1:00 p. m., indicated that the heavy rainfall had been general throughout the county and that roads in several sections had been considerably damaged. Loss of livestock was not reported and it was understood from the results of a brief survey that lightning had not caused any great damage.

Heating Problem Gave Little Concern Years Ago

The heating problem for the small house was for our ancestors a very simple mechanical device, consisting, as we all know, of either the fireplace or the stove. The former method still has a charm which we are not willing to dispense with, although we do not depend upon its efficiency to do the actual work of warming, but install some more complicated system, such as a steam-heating plant, to perform the practical work. A fireplace has a sentimental and intellectual warmth that no radiator can supply.

Even the stove has a certain fascination for many, recalling cold wintry nights when the family sat about the red-hot casting, the women knitting and the men burning their shoe-leather and snoring. Some advocates of the stove are so energetic in their arguments concerning the efficiency of this method of heating that one almost doubts the defects which lead inventors to manufacture other devices. But the housewife knows the labor of shoveling coal into three or four stoves, knows the great clouds of hot, fine ashes which rise into the atmosphere and settle upon the shelves, the tops of picture-frames, and the polished surface of the piano.

And the inventor saw the tired, worn look of the housewife, removed the stove to the cellar and installed tin pipes from this central heater to the various rooms, and then waited for applause and purchasers.—Scribner.

U. S. NAVY TRAINING SHIP, ON CRUISE, NOW AT ALGIERS ALGIERS, Algeria, Aug. 18.—The United States training ship Newport arrived here today from Naples. She has on board 100 cadets, who have been students in the New York state nautical school. The steamer is on a three months' cruise.

DRIVER ABANDONS CAR ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 18.—Charles Hiock of Detroit, Mich., abandoned his automobile here after the car struck a machine driven by James Shafer of this city. The car was taken to police station to await the owner.

A Scandal in Bohemia

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PART FOUR.

This Godfrey Norton evidently was an important factor in the matter. He was a lawyer. That sounded ominous. What was the relation between them, and what was the object of his repeated visits? Was she his client, his friend or his mistress? If the former, she probably had transferred the photograph to his keeping. If the latter, this question depended whether I should continue my work at Briony Lodge, or turn my attention to the gentleman's chambers in the Temple. It was a delicate point, and it widened the field of my inquiry. I fear that I bore you with these details, but I have to let you see my little difficulties, if you would understand the situation.

"I am following you closely," I answered.

"I was still balancing the matter in my mind, when a hansom cab drove up to Briony Lodge, and a gentleman sprang out. He was a remarkably handsome man, dark, aquiline, and mustached—evidently the man of whom I had heard. He appeared to be in a great hurry, shouted to the cabman to wait, and brushed past the maid who opened the door with the air of a man who was thoroughly at home.

"He was in the house about half an hour, and I could catch glimpses of him in the windows of the sitting-room, pacing up and down, talking excitedly and waving his arms. Of her I could see nothing. Presently he emerged, looking even more flurried than before. As he stepped up to his cab, he pulled a gold watch from his pocket and looked at it earnestly. 'Drive like the devil,' he shouted, 'first to Gross & Hankey's in Regent street, and then to the church of St. Monica, in the Edgware Road. Half a guinea if you do it in twenty minutes!'

"Away they went, and I was just wondering whether I should not do well to follow them, when up the lane came a neat little landau, the coachman with his coat only half-buttoned, and his tie under his ear, while all the tags of his harness were sticking out of the buckles. It hadn't pulled up before she shot out of the hall and into it. I only caught a glimpse of her at the moment, but she was a lovely woman, with a face that a man might die for.

"The Church of St. Monica, John," she cried, "and half a sovereign if you reach it in twenty minutes."

"This was quite too good to lose, Watson. I was just balancing whether I should run for it, or whether I should perch behind her landau, when a cab came through the street. The driver looked twice at such a shabby fare; but I jumped in before he could object. 'The Church of St. Monica,' said I, 'and half a sovereign if you reach it in twenty minutes.' It was twenty-five minutes to twelve, and of course it was clear enough what was in the wind.

"My cabby drove fast. I don't think I ever drove faster, but the others were there before us. The cab and the landau with their steaming horses were in front of the door when I arrived. I paid the man and hurried into the church. There was not a soul there save the two whom I had followed and a surprised clergyman, who seemed to be expostulating with them. They were all three standing in a knot in front of the altar. I lounged up the side aisle like any other idler who has dropped into a church. Suddenly, to my surprise, the three at the altar faced round to me, and Godfrey Norton came running as hard as he could toward me."

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"Thank God!" he cried. "You'll do. Come! Come!"

"What then?" I asked.

"Come, man, come, only three minutes, or it won't be legal."

I was half-dragged up to the altar, and, before I knew where I was, I found myself mumbling responses which were whispered in my ear, and I was vouching for things of which I knew nothing, and generally assisting in the secure tying up of Irene Adler, spinster, to Godfrey Norton, bachelor. It was all done in an instant, and there was the gentleman thanking me on the one side and the lady on the other, while the clergyman beamed on me in front. It was the most preposterous position in which I ever found myself in my life, and it was the thought of it that started me laughing just now. It seems that there had been some informal about their license, that the clergyman absolutely refused to marry them without a witness of some sort, and that my lucky appearance saved the bridegroom from having to sally out into the streets in search of a best man. The bride gave me a sovereign, and I mean to wear it on my watch chain in memory of the occasion.

"This is a very unexpected turn of affairs," said I; "and what then?"

"Well, I found my plans very seriously menaced. It looked as if the pair might take an immediate departure, and so necessitate very prompt and energetic measures on my part. At the church door, however, they separated, he driving back to the Temple, and she to her own house. 'I shall drive out in the park at five as usual,' she said, as she left him. I heard no more. They drove away in different directions, and I went off to make my own arrangements."

"Which are?"

"Some cold beef and a glass of beer," he answered, ringing the bell. "I have been too busy to think of food, and I am likely to be busier still this evening. By the way, doctor, I shall want your co-operation."

"I shall be delighted."

"You don't mind breaking the law?"

"Not in the least."

"Nor running a chance of arrest?"

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"Oh, the cause is excellent!"

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"I was sure that I might rely on you."

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"But what is it you wish?"

"When Mrs. Turner has brought in the tray I will make it clear to you. Now," he said, as he turned hungrily on the simple fare that our landlady had provided, "I must discuss it while I eat, for I have not much time. It is nearly five now. In two hours we must be on the scene of action. Miss Irene, or Madame, rather, returns from her drive at seven. We must be at Briony Lodge to meet her."

"And what then?"

"You must leave that to me. I have already arranged what is to occur. There is only one point on which I must insist. You must not interfere, come what may. You understand?"

"I am to be neutral?"

"To do nothing whatever. There will probably be some small unpleasantness. Do not join in it. It will end in my being conveyed into the house. Four or five minutes afterwards the sitting-room window will open. You are to station yourself close to that open window."

"Yes."

"You are to watch me, for I will be visible to you."

"Yes."

"And when I raise my hand—so—you will throw into the room what I give you to throw, and will, at the same time, raise the cry of fire. You quite follow me?"

"Entirely."

"It is nothing very formidable," he said, taking a long cigar-shaped roll from his pocket. "It is an ordinary

plumber's smoke-rocket, fitted with a cap at either end to make it self-lighting. Your task is confined to that. When you raise your cry of fire, it will be taken up by quite a number of people. You may then walk to the end of the street, and I will rejoin you in ten minutes. I hope that I have made myself clear?"

"I am to remain neutral, to get near the window, to watch you, and at the signal to throw in this object, then to raise the cry of fire, and to wait you at the corner of the street."

"Precisely."

"Then you may entirely rely on me."

"That is excellent. I think, perhaps, it is almost time that I prepare for the new role I have to play."

He disappeared into his bedroom, and returned in a few minutes in the character of an amiable and simple-minded Nonconformist clergyman. His broad black hat, his baggy trousers, his white tie, his sympathetic smile, and general look of peering and benevolent curiosity were such as Mr. John Hare alone could have equaled. It was not merely that Holmes changed his costume, his very soul seemed to vary with every fresh part that he assumed. The stage lost a fine actor, even as science lost an acute reasoner, when he became a specialist in crime. It was a quarter past six when we left Baker street, and it still wanted ten minutes to the hour when we found ourselves in Serpentine avenue.

It was already dusk, and the lamps were just being lighted as we paced up and down in front of Briony Lodge, waiting for the coming of its occupant. The house was just such as I had pictured it from Sherlock Holmes' succinct description, but the locality appeared to be less private than I expected. On the contrary, for a small street in a quiet neighborhood, it was remarkably animated. There was a group of shabbily-dressed men smoking and laughing in a corner, a scissors-grinder with his wheel, two guardsmen who were flirting with a nurse-girl, and several well-dressed young men who were lounging up and down with cigars in their mouths.

Tomorrow—"A Scandal in Bohemia," Continued.

SHELBYVILLE RAIL YEGGS GET 89 CENTS

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 18.—Detectives of the Pennsylvania railroad and local officers are investigating the robbery at the local freight office, which was broken into yesterday morning. The outer door of the office safe was blown off in an attempt to rob the place. Eighty-nine cents missing from the cash drawer in the office

was the entire amount obtained by the yeggs.

Four charges of explosives were used to blow open the safe and an attempt was then made to jimmy the inner door.

The explosions were heard by Thomas Evetts, operator at the local Big Four tower, a short distance away. Mr. Evetts believed the reports were from the exhaust of an automobile. The office furniture and interior were somewhat damaged from bits of steel of the safe which were blown about the room in the explosion.

MAN 9 FEET 5 INCHES TALL
TAKES BRIDE 5 FEET 4

PORT ARTHUR, Ontario, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Jan VanAlburt, who became a bride yesterday, will always look up to her husband. He is nine feet five inches tall and she is five feet four. They went to school together in Holland and met recently at Winnipeg, when the circus that employs VanAlburt was there.

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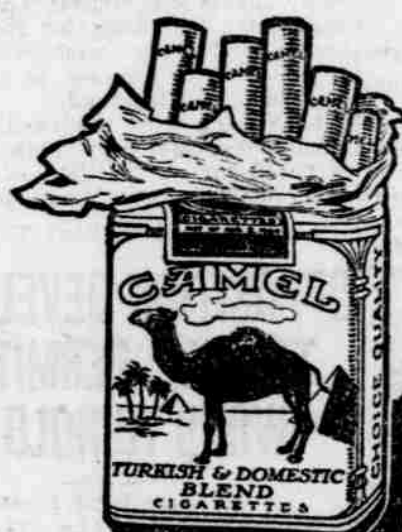
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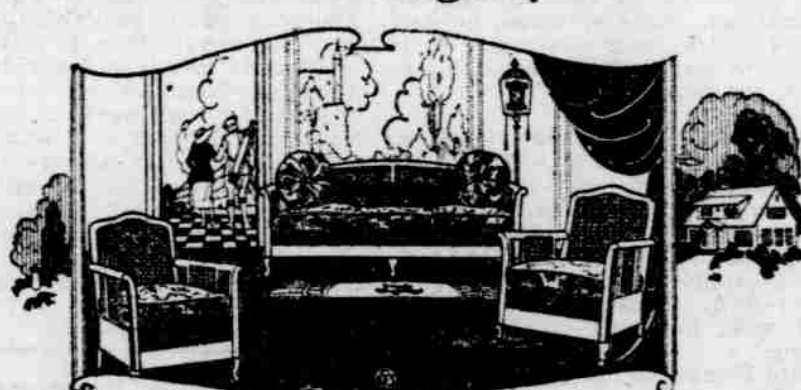
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