

# The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

By ARTHUR B. REEVE  
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On it was a small dark discoloration, around which was a slight redness and tenderness.  
"That," he said slowly, "is the mark of a hypodermic needle."  
As he finished examining Elaine's arm he drew the letter from his pocket. Still facing her he said in a low tone, "Miss Dodge—you did write this letter—but under the influence of the new 'twilight sleep.'"  
"Why, Craig," I exclaimed excitedly, "what do you mean?"  
"Exactly what I say. With Miss Dodge's permission I shall show you."

"I am in a daze. I know what I am doing—and I don't know. I go out with him, downstairs, into the library."  
Elaine shuddered again at the recollection. "Ugh! The room is dark, the room where he killed my father. Moonlight outside streams in. This masked man and I come in. He switches on the lights."  
"Go to the safe," he says, and I do it—the new safe, you know. "Do you know the combination?" he asks me. "Yes," I reply, too frightened to say no.  
"Open it then," he says, waving that awful revolver closer. I do so. Hastily he rummages through it, throwing papers here and there. But he seems not to find what he is after and turns away, swearing furiously.  
"Hang it!" he cries at me. "Where else did your father keep papers?" I point in desperation at the desk. He takes one last look at the safe, shoves all the papers he has strewn on the floor back again and slams the safe shut.  
"Now, come on," he says, indicating with the gun that he wants me to follow him away from the safe. At the desk he repeats the search. But he finds nothing. Almost I think he is about to kill me. "Where else did your father keep papers?" he hisses fiercely, still threatening me with the gun.  
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encouraged, "try—try hard to recollect just what it was that happened last night—everything."  
As Kennedy paused after his quick recital, she seemed to tremble all over. Slowly she began to speak. We stood awestruck. Kennedy had been right! The girl was now living over again those minutes that had been forgotten—blotted out by the drug.  
And it was all real to her, too—terribly real. She was speaking, plainly in terror.  
"I see a man—oh, such a figure—with a mask. He holds a gun in my face—he threatens me. I put on my kimono and slippers, as he tells me. I am in a daze. I know what I am doing—and I don't know. I go out with him, downstairs, into the library."  
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"I've got him, Kennedy!" I heard a voice pant over me.  
A scream followed from Aunt Josephine. Suddenly the portieres were pulled off.  
"The deuce!" puffed Kennedy. "It's Jameson."  
Bennett had rushed plump into me, coming the other way, hidden by the portieres!  
If we had known at the time, our Michael of the sinister face had gained the library and was standing in the center of the room. He had heard me coming and had fled to the drawing room. As we finished our struggle in the library he rose hastily from behind the divan in the other room, where he had dropped, and had quietly and hastily disappeared through another door.  
Laughing and breathing hard, they helped me to my feet. It was no joke to me. I was sore in every bone.  
"Well, where did he go?" insisted Bennett.  
"I don't know—perhaps back there," I cried.  
Bennett and I argued a moment, then started and stopped short. Aunt Josephine had run downstairs and was now shoving the letter into Craig's hands.  
We gathered about him curiously. He opened it. On it was that awesome Clutching Hand again.  
Kennedy read it. For a moment he stood and studied it, then slowly crushed it in his hand.  
Just then Elaine, pale and shaken from the ordeal she had voluntarily gone through, burst in upon us from upstairs. Without a word she advanced to Craig and took the letter from him.  
Inside, as on the envelope, was that same signature of the Clutching Hand.  
Elaine gazed at it, wild-eyed, then at Craig. Craig smilingly reached for the note, took it, folded it, and unconcernedly thrust it into his pocket.  
"My God!" she cried, clasping her hands convulsively and repeating the words of the letter, "YOUR LAST WARNING!"

to Be Continued Next Week

## CHURCH "SENTRY" ARRESTED

Gives Bail and Resumes Pulpit Vigil With Shotgun

Kokomo, Ind., Feb. 25.—After keeping members of the Church of Christ, ten miles east of Kokomo from their house of worship for ten days because a piano was installed in the church, James McKillip submitted to arrest Tuesday on a charge of trespass. McKillip placed a cot in the pulpit and began guard with a loaded shotgun, when he learned that some young members had moved the instrument in.  
He obtained bail soon after being arrested and returned to his vigil to keep possession, he said, until a court ordered him to vacate.

## Cut This Out Now

If you don't want it to-day, you may next week. Send this advertisement and 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You receive in return three trial packages—Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup and grippe; Foley's Kidney Pills, for weak or disordered kidneys or bladder; Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a pleasant, wholesome and cleansing purgative, just the thing for winter's sluggish bowels and torpid liver. These well known standard remedies for sale by George A. Gorgas, 16 North Third street, P. R. R. Station.—Adv.

## Crayon Luxury Spares Her Jail

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 25.—Touched by Annie Gray spending her last \$12 to have a crayon enlargement made of her two-year-old son, whom the United Charities took from her, Burgess Davis, of Freeland, changed his mind about sending the woman to jail for running a disorderly house and ordered her to leave town.

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## ACQUIT WOMAN OF MURDER

Court Refuses to Admit Alleged Confession Under the Third Degree

Mays Landing, N. J., Feb. 25.—The refusal of Supreme Court Justice Black to admit statements purporting to be confessions of Mrs. Nettie Salins, an Assyrian woman, of Atlantic City, weakened the State's case and brought a hasty acquittal on the charge of murder yesterday afternoon.  
The State charged that Mrs. Salins administered poison to her husband, Alexander Salins, December 21 last, so that she could collect \$1,000 insurance.  
Before the Court refused to allow the statements offered by Captain Whalen, of the Atlantic City detective force, and which he said had been made to him by Mrs. Salins on the night of her arrest, Whalen was obliged to admit "third degree" tactics.  
In his charge to the jury Judge Black warned the jury to exclude from their minds any thought of confessions, so called, unless they believed Mrs. Salins had volunteered a statement.  
Attorneys for Mrs. Salins brought her mother, 82 years old, into the courtroom at the closing minutes of the trial.

## AMERICA VOLUNTEERS IN JAIL

Two Young Women, Captain and Lieutenant, Refuse to Pay Fines

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Ida M. Hilty, staff captain of the Volunteers of America in this city, and Lieutenant Mary Rush, of the same organization, were sent to jail yesterday for a period of 30 days because they refused to pay a fine of \$10 each for soliciting alms in the city without a license. As Mrs. Hilty was led away to prison she declared "The Lord has taken the yellow streak out of me and I don't fear jail."  
Both officers of the Volunteers will have to serve the full sentence unless they change their minds and agree to pay their fines.  
During the holiday season Mayor John V. Kosek investigated the work being done by the Volunteers of America in this city and claimed that he discovered that money given the officers for charitable purposes was converted to individual use. Mayor Kosek then ordered Captain Hilty and her officers to stop soliciting aid, and he even denied them a license for such work.  
No attempt was made to solicit until Tuesday night, when Captain Hilty and Lieutenant Rush visited a saloon and solicited funds.

## JUDGE RICE DETERMINED

Superior Court Jurist Reiterates Intention to Retire

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 25.—Editors of lawyers and friends of President Judge Charles E. Rice to persuade him to reconsider his decision to retire from the bench have been of no avail. Many lawyers and friends of the jurist have appealed to him in person and in letters to reconsider the matter, but the Judge is deaf to all appeals and declares that his mind is firmly set. The decision of Judge Wilson, of Philadelphia, to retire and claim half pay under the act of 1911 brings to light that Judge Rice must be entitled to half pay under the same act.  
Mayor John V. Kosek, who has announced that a public mass meeting will be held with the hope of getting Judge Rice to change his mind and again become a candidate has not fixed a time for the meeting, but declares he will go ahead with the plans and will probably hold the meeting next week.

## EVICTED PRIESTS SAFE

Banished From Mexico City, They Finally Reach Vera Cruz

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25.—Catholic priests, detained at Mexico City by the Carranza officials, arrived yesterday at Vera Cruz, according to official Carranza advices received here. The news bulletin conveyed the following version of the affair:  
"The priests were expelled from Mexico City for failure to contribute \$500,000 for the relief of the poor. They are being criticized for not making this contribution, though they gave Huerta 40,000,000 pesos."

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