

The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

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The Well-Known Novelist and the Creator of the "Craig Kennedy" Stories

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While these astounding events were transpiring in the little church, Kennedy and I had been tearing across the country in his big car, following the directions of our fair friend.

We stopped at last before a prosperous, attractive-looking house and entered a very prettily furnished, but small parlor. Heavy portieres hung over the doorway into the hall, over another into a back room and over the bay windows.

"Won't you sit down a moment?" coaxed Gerie. "I'm quite blown to pieces after that ride. My, how you drive!"

As she pulled aside the hall portieres, three men with guns thrust their hands out. I turned. Two others had stepped from the back room and two more from the bay window. We were surrounded. Seven guns were aimed at us with deadly precision.

"Gentlemen," he said quietly. "I suspected some such thing. I have here a small box of fulminate of mercury. If I drop it, this building and the entire vicinity will be blown to atoms. Go ahead—shoot!" he added, nonchalantly.

The seven of them drew back rather hurriedly.

Kennedy was a dangerous prisoner. He calmly sat down in an arm chair, leaning back as he carefully balanced the deadly little box of fulminate of mercury on his knee.

Gertie ran from the room.

For a moment they looked at each other, undecided. Then, one by one, they stepped away from Kennedy toward the door.

The leader was the last to go. He had scarcely taken a step.

"Stop!" ordered Kennedy.

The crook did so. As Craig moved



carefully, fearing it was a stall to get me off my guard.

There were Kennedy and the other crook, struggling, swaying back and forth, between life and death.

There was nothing I could do.

Kennedy was clinging to a lightning rod on the cross.

It broke.

I gasped as Craig reeled back. But he managed to catch hold of the rod farther down and cling to it.

The crook began to exult diabolically. Holding with both hands to the cross he let himself out to his full length and stamped on Kennedy's fingers, trying every way to dislodge him. It was all Kennedy could do to keep his hold.

I cried out in agony at the sight, for he had dislodged one of Craig's hands. The other could not hold much longer. He was about to fall.

Just then I saw a face at the little window opening out from the ladder to the outside of the steeple—a woman's face, tense with horror; it was Elaine.

It was Elaine!

Quickly a hand followed, and in it was a revolver.

Just as the crook was about to dislodge Kennedy's other hand I saw a flash and puff of smoke, and a second later heard a report—and another—and another.

Horror!

The crook who had taken refuge seemed to stagger back, wildly, taking a couple of steps in the thin air.

Kennedy regained his hold.

With a sickening thud the body of the crook landed on the ground around the corner of the church from me.

"Come—you!" I ground out, covering my own crook with the pistol, "and if you attempt a getaway I'll kill you, too!"

He followed, trembling, unnered.

We bent over the man. It seemed that every bone in his body must be broken. He groaned, and before I could even attempt anything for him, was dead.

As Kennedy let himself slowly and painfully down the lightning rod, Elaine seized him and, with all her strength, pulled him through the window.

He was quite weak now from loss of blood.

"Are you—all right?" she gasped, as they reached the foot of the ladder in the belfry.

Craig looked down at his torn and soiled clothes. Then, in spite of the smarting pain of his wounds, he smiled, "Yes—all right!"

"Thank Heaven!" she murmured fervently, trying to stanch the flow of blood.

"This time—it was you—saved me!" he cried, "Elaine!"

Involuntarily his arms sought hers—and he held her a moment, looking deep into her wonderful eyes.

Then their faces came slowly together in their first kiss.

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for the ladder leading farther up into the steeple.

Kennedy followed.

Elaine had recovered consciousness almost immediately, and, hearing the commotion, stirred and started to rise and look about.

From the church she could hear sounds of the struggle. She paused just long enough to seize the crook's revolver lying on the floor.

She hurried into the church and up into the belfry, thence up the ladder, whence the sounds came.

The crook by this time had gained the outside of the steeple through an opening. Kennedy was in close pursuit.

On the top of the steeple was a great gilded cross, considerably larger than a man. As the crook clambered outside, he scaled the steeple, using a lightning rod and some projecting points to pull himself up, desperately.

Kennedy followed unhesitatingly. They were, struggling in deadly combat, clinging to the gilded cross.

The first I knew of it was a horrified gasp from my own crook. I looked up



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TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

Grandma Kept Her Locks Dark, Glossy and Thick With a Simple Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair.—Adv.

DYING HAS PICTURE TAKEN

Man Who Has but Fourteen Days to Live Sits for Photograph

Phoenixville, Pa., April 1.—"I have but 14 more days to live and I want my picture taken." With this startling remark John McCann, of Byers, Chester county, walked into a photographic studio in Phoenixville yesterday and asked that his photograph be taken. "I took poison by mistake and when I left the hospital I was told I had but 14 more days to live," said McCann, "and I want my friends to have my picture."

"I went to the cellar to get some oysters and a bottle of vinegar. I poured some of the stuff on my oysters. I thought it was vinegar. It was poison. It has poisoned my kidneys and I have but 14 days more to live. This is like going to the gallows."

At Byers yesterday it was said that McCann had been ill Tuesday night, but that he had not told his friends of the accident.

IDENTIFIES AMNESIA VICTIM

Friend Says St. Louis "Lost Memory" Man Is Cincinnati Broker

St. Louis, April 1.—A man calling himself "M. W. Davies" and suffering from lapse of memory was identified here yesterday as M. W. Drury, a broker of Cincinnati.

The identification was made by C. C. Bell, of Boonville, Mo., who saw the picture of the "lost memory" man in a newspaper. Mr. Bell long has known Drury. Mrs. Drury and two sons living in Chicago were notified by telegram of the identification.

Mr. Drury said his memory failed before April, 1914.

ENDS LIFE BY WELL DIVE

When Bullet Failed, Farmer First Fired Home, Then Plunged

Warren, Pa., April 1.—Diving into a well, Adam Warren, aged 60, a farmer on Murray Hill, committed suicide after failing by pacing the muzzle of a revolver against his forehead and pulling the trigger. The bullet inflicted only a slight wound.

Warren then fired his home after which he ran to his well and plunged in headfirst. Before his wife and other members of the family succeeded in getting him out he was dead.

VICE PRESIDENT EARNS \$1

Turns Crank on Movie Machine "Taking" Egyptian Drama

Los Angeles, April 1.—Vice President Marshall got on the pay roll yesterday of a motion picture company. With several members of his party, the Vice President visited a picture camp where the movie men were filming an Egyptian drama. Just as the "veiled Princess" entered the director called upon the Vice President to turn the crank of the camera.

Mr. Marshall reeled off several yards of film, and the director thereupon handed him \$1 for work as an extra. The Vice President pocketed the dollar.

Lebanon Tradesmen Reorganize

Lebanon, Pa., April 1.—The Lebanon Board of Trade has been reorganized, and will be known as the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. A campaign was decided upon with a view to "booming" the membership to 400. The campaign is to begin May 1, and is to be conducted by experts.

Woman Dies on Day Set for Moving

York, Pa., April 1.—Mrs. Margaret Corwell was found dead in bed yesterday morning on the day set for her to change her residence. She had worked hard Tuesday preparing for the fitting. Mrs. Corwell was 60 years old.

COAL PRICES DROP

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FOUR BOLDLY LOOT BANK AND LEAVE CASHIER TIED

Substitute Serving For Brother Is Overpowered By Unmasked Bandits in Cage Carelessly Left Open—Bound Man Freed Self

Pittsburgh, April 1.—Quietly entering the Hays National bank, Hays borough, at 2.40 yesterday afternoon, four unmasked highwaymen bound and gagged Albert Ball, a clerk, the only person in the bank at the time, and gathering the bills, gold and small change from the counter, escaped with several thousand dollars.

The robbery was not made known until Ball freed himself fifteen minutes later by cutting the clothesline which bound him and called Justice Miller, of Homestead, who in turn notified the county detectives.

The cash taken is said to be \$5,000, but Hugh Nevin, vice president, later stated that the loot did not exceed \$2,000.

According to the story told by Ball, the four bandits entered the bank a short time after the messenger, W. E. Tompkins, had left to take some money to the Monongahela Trust Company, which controls the Hays bank.

"When the messenger left the bank," said Ball, "he forgot to close the door leading into the cage. I did not notice that it was open. About fifteen minutes after the messenger left four men came into the bank. I was busy at the books and did not look up for a minute or two. Two of the men entered the cage while I was engaged in work and one of them, a stout man, wearing a green cap, pushed two revolvers in my face and yelled, 'Hands up!'

"I threw up my hands and the second man, who was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds and who was wearing a dirty brown overcoat, drew part of a clothes line from his pocket and tied my hands. He then placed one handkerchief in my mouth and tied another over my mouth.

"The man with the revolvers ordered me to lie down on the floor and I did as I was told. The other two men were outside the cage. One of them stood near the cashier's window, while the other stood at the door. After the second and smaller man in the cage had gathered up the money from the counter, they joined the two outside the cage, and all four left the bank together. I could not see from my position on the floor which direction they took.

"I worked with my hands for some time and finally succeeded in getting them in position to draw my penknife from my side pocket. Seizing the knife, I cut the ropes on my wrists and removed the gags from my mouth. I then called Justice Miller, of Homestead, and notified Mr. Nevin, who came to the bank in an automobile."

Ball, who is about 23 years old and who resides near Dravosburg, is not steadily employed at the bank. His brother, Arthur Ball, the cashier, has not been at the bank for several weeks having undergone an operation at the South Side hospital. In the meantime Albert has been attending to his brother's duties at the bank.

VINCONE FIVE COMING

Fast Philadelphia Team Will Meet Independents

The Vincome team, of Philadelphia, one of the fastest basketball organizations of the east, will close the local season here Saturday night with the Harrisburg Independents. The game will be played in the Chestnut street auditorium. On the Vincome's first trip to Harrisburg the local won after a hard fight by the score of 20 to 26.

The visitors have McNamee and Pike on the two forward positions; Longstreet at center, and Zahn and Newman at guards. Harrisburg will line up in their regular order.

SILVER FOXES AT \$312 A PAIR

Government Sells Animals to Be Used Only for Breeding

Washington, April 1.—The Department of Commerce has sold ten pairs of silver gray foxes to the Alaska Silver Fox and Fur Company at Fairbanks, receiving \$312 a pair for them. These foxes were raised on the Pribilof islands by the Government for breeding purposes.

The fur company is obligated not to kill them for their pelts, but to use them for breeding.

"PUSHMOBILE" A VEHICLE

Court Finds Boy Had Right of Way Under Traffic Rule

New York, April 1.—Justice Benedict in Brooklyn has held that a child's "pushmobile" is a vehicle under the law and has refused to set aside a verdict of \$900 in favor of Rudolph Barr of No. 728 Cleveland street, against Harry Kaplan for injuries sustained by Leo Barr, ten years old, who was injured by one of Kaplan's grocery delivery wagons.

The accident happened August 26, 1913, when Leo was riding his "pushmobile" on Blake Avenue near Essex street. He was on the right side of the roadway when struck. James P. Kohler, Barr's attorney, asserted that a "pushmobile" is a vehicle and Leo had the right of way over Kaplan's wagon.

AUTOS LICKED UP BY FLAMES

Wealthy People Suffer Losses When Repair Plant Is Destroyed

Philadelphia, April 1.—Automobiles and carriages, the property of wealthy residents of the suburbs of this city, were destroyed by fire yesterday that burned the factory of C. W. Scott & Company, at Bryn Mawr. The vehicles were either being repaired or rebuilt.

Among the automobiles destroyed were those owned by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad and Wayne MacVough, a former Attorney General of the United States.

Hassler A. C. to Practice Saturday

Candidates for the Hassler A. C. will get try out on Island Park Saturday afternoon. Players are invited to try for the team. The following last year's regulars will be on hand: Lynch, Gerdes, Boas, Andrews, Rhinehart, Ross, Peters, Gardner, Kline, Murphy and Shearer.

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DENIES ENDORSING NOTE

Retired Altoona Grocer Says He Never Signed Paper Given by Auran

Altoona, Pa., April 1.—Thomas M. Gift, a retired Altoona grocer, yesterday received notice from the Farmers' National bank, of Selingsgrove, that a note for \$1,000 bearing his name as endorser would be due on May 5.

The note was placed in the bank two years ago by the Rev. C. M. Auran, who died under mysterious circumstances, and was renewed last year. Gift declares the note a forgery and says he never endorsed it. He is a member of Temple Lutheran church, of which Dr. Auran was pastor. The two families were very intimate and had planned a trip to the Holy Land last year, but were prevented from taking it by the war.

Heirs of Robert Taylor, one of the leading members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Martinsburg, of which Dr. Auran was pastor, were notified by a Selingsgrove bank that a note bearing his name is due. They pronounce it a forgery.

TWO WAREHOUSES BURN

Fire in Diamond Glass Works at Royersford Threatens Industrial Section

Royersford, Pa., April 1.—Fire broke out at the plant of the Diamond Glass Works about 5 o'clock last evening and for a time threatened the destruction of a large part of Royersford's industrial section, fronting on the Schuylkill river.

The fire was conquered after the hardest kind of a fight by the fire departments of both Royersford and Spring City. The flames were confined to two warehouses of the Diamond Glass Company.

Besides the loss of the warehouses, many hundred gross of glass bottles were destroyed. The loss will total about \$15,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

P. & R. Indicted by Grand Jury

Philadelphia, April 1.—A grand jury in the United States District Court here yesterday returned three bills of indictment against the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company on the charge of violating the Interstate Commerce law in coal shipments to and from Philadelphia.

Wilkes-Barre Has Paid Firemen

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 1.—Wilkes-Barre now has a full paid fire department beginning with yesterday. All former call men have lost their positions, and the appointment of fifteen former call men to the positions of regular firemen gives the department a full paid department. Eight reserves have also been named.

Woman, 80, Dying From Fall

Sunbury, Pa., April 1.—Thrown from a wagon near her home in Rockefeller township Northumberland county, when the horses ran away, Mrs. Harriet Persing, 80 years old, received a broken arm and many lacerations. It is feared she cannot recover.

Aim to Acquire Game Preserve

Locust Summit, Pa., April 1.—The Locust Summit Gun Club opened negotiations yesterday with the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company for a 200-acre tract of mountain land to be used as a game preserve.

LEGATEES MUST KEEP FARM

Will of Charles Henry Geissler Directs Heirs to Retain Ancestral Estate

Reading, Pa., April 1.—The will of Charles Henry Geissler, heretofore known as Henry C. Geissler, was admitted to probate here yesterday, and disposes of an estate valued at \$150,000 among his three sons and one daughter.

After the death of all the decedent's children and grandchildren the real estate securities mentioned in the will, aggregating \$72,416.77, are to be divided share and share alike among decedent's great-grandchildren.

The daughter is bequeathed outright the income of real estate aggregating \$19,381.08, which decedent estimated to be the equivalent of his tin store and mantle business left to his sons.

The document directs that the farm of Samuel B. Knabb, grandfather of the children, which is willed to them, be continued in them until the death of the last survivor of them and to the extent of expending the entire fortune to keep it in repair.

TO MEET AFTER 50 YEARS

Brothers Separated Half Century Will Hold a Reunion

Shamokin, Pa., April 1.—Jacob Martin received a letter yesterday from his brother, Henry M. Martin, Easton, Miss. It was the first news he received from him in fifty-one years. Another brother, James Martin, who resides at St. Josephs, Miss., has not communicated with Jacob Martin in forty-seven years.

When the Civil war occurred the three brothers and their father enlisted in the Union army, after which they quit Pennsylvania for Ohio, from which state Henry and James went south and Jacob returned to this state. The three brothers will hold a reunion next summer.

HAVE NOT PICKED PRINCIPAL

School Board Committee Will Not Report

No report of the special committee having in charge the recommendation of a successor to the late William S. Steele, principal of the Central High school, is expected to be sent to the School Board at its meeting to-morrow night. This committee will meet next week and likely return a recommendation to the board April 16.

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee of the board will be held this evening.

Lebanon's New Chamber of Commerce

Lebanon, April 1.—Members of Board of Trade, in special session solved themselves into the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and decided to award a contract to the American Bureau, New York, to take hold membership campaign in this city. organization is devoted to city building and has the distinction of being successful in every city in which its representative, L. E. Wilson, has worked.

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