

The Root of Evil

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SYNOPSIS

Stuart, southern lawyer in New York, is in love with Nan Primrose. His friend, Dr. Woodman, who has a young daughter, is threatened with the loss of his drug business by Bivens, whom he befriended years before. Stuart visits the Primroses.

Nan wants Stuart to accept a place with Bivens' chemical trust. He dislikes Bivens' methods and refuses. Bivens cautions him.

Bivens is in love with Nan. Stuart refuses the offer, and Nan breaks her engagement with the lawyer. Bivens asks Woodman to enter the trust.

Woodman will not yield and sues Bivens' company. The promoter tells the doctor and Nan are engaged. Harriet Woodman is studying music. Stuart takes Nan for a day in the country.

Stuart pleads with Nan to give up Bivens, but the spell of millions is on her and she yields to it.

Nan becomes Mrs. Bivens. Harriet goes to Stuart, but he does not know it. Five years pass. Stuart becomes district attorney. He investigates criminal trusts. Nan asks him to call.

Stuart wants Woodman to end his suit against Bivens, but the doctor stands firm. Bivens aids Stuart in his investigation of crooked financiers.

Stuart's revelations aid in bringing on a crisis. Bivens promises to aid the Van Am Trust company, which is in trouble. Woodman needs money badly.

In the stock market slump engineered by Bivens, Woodman and many others are all. The trust company fails because Bivens, at command of the money king, rears his head. Stuart faces his critics in front of Bivens' bank.

The mob attacks Stuart and injures him. Stuart is in the hospital. He reveals his love. Bivens plots to ruin Stuart on a table and calls Stuart to see the money to refute rumors of his financial weakness.

Stuart is tempted to join Bivens as his confidential man. He accepts an invitation to visit the Bivens house and is received by Nan.

At a meeting of the discontented, at which Bivens is denounced, a bomb thrower is killed by his own missile. Woodman decides to continue his fight against Bivens.

Nan grasped his hand with a smile of joy.

"You are to lead me in to dinner, on, at the stroke of 8."

"I'll not forget," Stuart answered, as he faced flushing with surprise at the expected honor.

"Cal wishes to see you at once. You'll find him in the library."

Bivens met him at the door.

"Ah, there you are!" he cried cordially. "Come back downstairs with me. I want you to see some people they come in tonight. I've a lot of funny things to tell you about them."

The house was crowded with an army of servants, attendants, musicians, singers, entertainers and reporters.

The doctor had been recognized by one of the butlers whom he had depended on his arrival from the Old Field. The grateful fellow had gone of the way to make him at home, and in his enthusiasm had put an arm which opened off the ball room his and Harriet's disposal.

The doctor was elated at this evidence of Bivens' good feeling and again congratulated Bivens on his common sense in coming.

Bivens led Stuart to a position near the grand stairway, from which he had greeted his guests as they reined from their formal presentation to the hostess.

He kept up a running fire of biographical comment which amused Stuart beyond measure. It was a review of the crooked ways in which Bivens' guests or their fathers or grandfathers had amassed their millions, many of them by robbing the government, the people.

"The world has never heard most of these stories—that's funny!" Stuart exclaimed after a time.

"Not so funny, Jim, when you think the power of money to make the world forget. God only knows how many fortunes in America had their origin in thefts from the nation during the civil war, and the systematic methods that have been practised on our government since. I've turned some very sharp tricks, Jim, in stalking game in this big man hunt of Wall Street, but at least I've never robbed wounded or the dead on a battlefield and I've never used a dark lantern to get into the government vaults in Washington. I'm not asking you and for that."

"Yes, I know the answer, but speak up, his majesty the king approaches to live the king!"

Bivens spoke in low, half-joking tones, but the excitement of his voice struck Stuart only too plainly that he appreciated the royal honor his majesty was paying in this the first visit he had ever made to his guest. The king gave him a pleasant and grasped Stuart's hand with a hearty cordial grip. He was a man of few words, but he always said exactly what he thought.

"I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Stuart. We've done us a good turn in sending some of our crooks to the penitentiary."

You've changed the air and made it possible for an old-fashioned banker to breathe in New York. It's a pleasure to shake hands with you."

The king passed on into the crowd, the focus of a hundred admiring eyes. Bivens could scarcely believe his ears when he listened with open mouth while his majesty spoke to Stuart.

"Great Scott, Jim!" he gasped at last. "That's the longest speech I ever heard him make. I knew you had scored the biggest hit any lawyer has made in this town in a generation, but I never dreamed you'd capture the king's imagination. I'm beginning to think my offer wasn't so generous after all. Look here, you've got to promise me one thing right now. When you do go in to make your pile it shall be with me and no other man."

Nan passed and threw him a gracious smile.

"It will be with you if I go, Cal, I promise. At least the king is one exception to your indictment of all great fortunes."

"That's the funniest thing of all," Bivens whispered. "He's not an exception. Understand, I'm loyal to the king. He's a wonder. I like him. I like his big head, his big shaggy eyebrows, his big hands and big feet. I like to hear him growl and snap his answer—'Yes, No'—that means life or death to men who kneel at his feet. He's a dead game sport. But he, too, has his little blots in his early copy-books at school if you care to turn the pages."

"No!" Stuart interrupted incredulously.

"Yes, sir; he turned the slickest trick on Uncle Sam of all the bunch. He was a youngster, and it was his first deal. When the civil war broke out the government had no guns for the volunteers. He learned that there were 5,000 old Hall carbines stored away among the junk in one of the national arsenals in New York. He bought these guns (on a credit) for a song, about \$3 apiece, and shipped them to General Fremont, who was in St. Louis howling for arms. Fremont agreed to pay \$22.50 each for the new rifles and closed the deal at once by drawing on the government for enough to enable the young buccaner to pay his three dollar contract price to Uncle Sam in New York and lay aside a snug sum for a rainy day besides.

"When Fremont found that the guns were worthless he advised the government to stop payment on the balance. It was stopped on the ground of fraud. And then the youngster showed the stuff he was made of. Did he crawl and apologize? Not much. He sued the United States government for the full amount and pushed that suit to the supreme court. In the face of the sneers of his enemies he won and took the full amount with interest. He's the king today because he was born a king. His father was a millionaire before him. He's the greatest financial genius of the century."

Bivens paused and a dreamy look came into the black eyes.

"Jim," he continued with slow emphasis, "I'd rather get my fingers on his throat in a death struggle than lead the combined armies of the world to victory."

Stuart was silent.

The soft tones of hidden oriental gongs began to chime the call for dinner. The chimes melted into a beautiful piece of orchestral music which seemed to steal from the sky, so skillfully had the musicians been concealed. Nan suddenly appeared by Stuart's side, and he was given the honor of leading his hostess into the banquet hall before even the king, while the great ones of earth slowly followed.

(Continued in Tuesday's Issue.)

WILSONS' SILVER WEDDING.

Change Announced in President's Plan to Visit Cornish.

Washington, June 25.—President and Mrs. Wilson observed their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary yesterday without ostentation and merely as a "family affair." A few relatives visiting at the White House took part in the quiet observance, but there were no outsiders. Aside from attending the cabinet meeting the president had no appointments and remained at home as much as possible. Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams arrived during the day.

It was announced at the executive offices that the plans for the president's flying trip to his summer home at Cornish, N. H., have been changed and that instead of spending two days there he will remain only two days. He will leave here next Friday night and return to Washington on Monday morning.

RUSSIAN TREATY DEADLOCKED

Free Admission For American Jews Said to Be a Condition.

Washington, June 25.—Secretary of State Bryan admitted that discussions looking toward the negotiation of a new treaty with Russia had been going on ever since he came into office in the Wilson administration. The secretary said that nothing definite had yet come of these discussions. The Wilson administration is understood to be insisting upon free admission of American Jews into Russia as a condition of a new treaty.

The Russian government has repeatedly stated that it will not grant unrestricted admission into Russia to Jews of any nation. Consequently it is not seen here how the discussions now going on can accomplish anything.

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4 DEAD, SCORE DYING IN ELEVATOR BLOWUP

Buffalo Hospitals Filled With Maimed Victims.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 25.—Four men are known to be dead, sixty were injured and four are unaccounted for as the result of an explosion in the elevator and grain storehouse of the Husted Milling company at Elk and Peabody streets. Fire followed the explosion.

Of the sixty injured it is believed fully thirty will die, so frightfully are they burned and maimed.

At the scene of the accident a priest administered the last rites to twenty-five men who were believed at the time to be mortally hurt.

The explosion was caused by the puffing of dust accumulations in the feedhouse and was of frightful force, tearing out the north wall of the wooden structure and breaking windows for a quarter of a mile around.

John Conroy, engineer of a switch engine on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis railroad, was blown from his cab and received frightful injuries, from which he died in a few hours.

Several windows in cars of a passing Nickel Plate passenger train were broken. The train was brought to a standstill and many of the injured were placed in the baggage car and rushed to the station.

A boy running to the fire was struck by an automobile and instantly killed.

The body of Henry Vetter was blown fifty feet by the explosion and was found under a box car near by badly burned and mangled.

Firemen succeeded in cooling the ruins of the burned elevator, so that a search of the outlying debris was possible. The body of a man was taken out so charred that identification was not considered probable.

The finding of the body led to the belief that several others failed to escape and that their bodies would be found when the great mass of twisted steel girders and charred timbers are removed.

MEXICAN BATTLE UNCERTAIN.

Insurgents Look For United States Recognition if They Win.

Douglas, Ariz., June 25.—Lack of news from the front above Guaymas caused much uneasiness among insurgent state officials along the border. Because of strategic advance it was expected that General Obregon's state troops would have routed the federal column under General Ojeda, but the government troops evidently still are holding their own.

Federals and insurgents alike place more than local importance on the battle. The insurgents believe that if General Ojeda was defeated, leaving Sonora in complete control of the insurgents, recognition by the United States of the revolution will result.

ACQUITTED OF RING DEATH.

Arthur Pelky, Whose Blow Killed Luther McCarty, Is Set Free.

Calgary, Alberta, June 25.—Arthur Pelky, a pugilist, was acquitted of the manslaughter charge which was placed against him as a result of the death of Luther McCarty. It was charged by the government that McCarty died from a blow administered by Pelky.

The jury was out forty-five minutes, and the verdict was to the effect that the contest was a prizefight, but that Pelky was not guilty of manslaughter, inasmuch as the blow he struck was not intended to produce fatal results.

HARRISBURG LETTER

At midnight Monday both houses of the Legislature were in session, and while no definite action had been reached upon any of the important bills still under consideration, it is believed that there will be final adjournments of the General Assembly before the end of this week.

This may mean that the House resolution providing for an adjournment sine die at noon on Thursday, June 26, will be technically, if not literally, carried out. This will require the employment of the time-honored custom of "turning back the hands of the clock."

In other words, while the legislative day may still be Thursday of record, it will or may be actually Friday or Saturday. While no final conclusion was reached on these bills there is reason to believe that the Legislature before adjournment will pass bills providing for the following:

A State-wide primary.

A party enrollment governing primary elections.

A non-partisan ballot covering judicial elections and possibly cities of the first and second class, but so much objection has been raised to this feature that the non-partisan bill may be finally limited to the judiciary.

A child and Woman Labor bills.

A Public Utilities bill.

The Senate passed finally the Child Labor bill by a vote of 31 to 0 as amended, and it now goes to the House for concurrence.

There were two conferences Tuesday on the State-wide primary bill. Both sides express a belief that there will be an agreement.

The Party Enrollment bill is being held up pending action on the State-wide Primary bill.

Possibly, the greatest obstacle in the way of an adjournment on Thursday is the fact that there is a clash over the Public Utilities bill.

This is a lengthy measure, and if many amendments shall be made at the last hour the State printer will have a big job turning out copies for both Houses.

The printer had a double force of copy readers waiting and an extra staff of compositors at work, but the copy was not forthcoming from the Senate Committee on Corporations which has the Utilities bill in its keeping.

The conferees on the Workmen's Compensation bill, which seems to be included among the casualties of the session, could not get together because of the State-wide primary conferences. They were told there may be a meeting soon.

The House passed finally the bill calling for a State-wide primary for the nomination of two candidates for the Superior Court next fall.

The Senate defeated the bill which gives the State Fire Marshal additional powers. The measure was opposed by the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh city administrations. The vote was 21 to 28, 26 being necessary to pass the bill.

Report Two Election Bills.

Two election bills were reported to the House from the Elections Committee. One of them was the McNichol bill, which passed the Senate and provided for the election of candidates for the United States Senate in the same manner as candidates for Governor are chosen.

This would mean that if there shall be no State-wide primary bill passed, Senator Penrose's successor would be nominated in the fall of 1914 by a State convention. The House committee, however, completely changed the bill, and as reported to the House it provides that the candidates for United States Senator shall be nominated by a direct vote at a State-wide primary.

The other bill reported out refers to the appointment of division registrars by the Receiver of Taxes to act as deputy poll tax collectors.

As amended in the committee, the bill requires the Receiver of Taxes to appoint one of the registrars who shall represent the majority party in his division. As this bill passed the Senate, it made no restrictions as to the selection of the registrar.

HAS AMUSED SHOW PUBLIC FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS

Thirty-two years of success as an amusement purveyor to the American public is a record of which any man might well be proud, and that is the record of Frank A. Robbins, who will bring his "All-Feature Show" to Honesdale this year on July 3. Starting while yet a very young man, with the smallest kind of a wagon show, he has gradually developed his business until to-day he is putting on the road a show, which while not the largest, is fully up to any in the features presented.

Every year for thirty-two he has improved his equipment, and searched all over the country for star acts, and those which will be seen this year are said to eclipse any in the past. It has always been the custom of this successful circus man to give the public just what he advertises that he will, and his reputation for keeping his word has become so great that he is able to return to the same town year after year, a thing which has been found next to impossible by other circuses. In addition to strengthening his show he has increased his menagerie and parade this year at great expense. Two performances will be given, at 2 and 8 o'clock, preceded by band concerts for one hour.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Indian Orchard, June 26.—On the afternoon of June 12 a number of Beatrice Williams' young friends joined in giving her a surprise party, it being her eleventh birthday. She was the recipient of a number of very nice gifts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Williams and daughters, Mary and Helen.

A number from this place attended the shower given Miss Florence Maloney of Laurella Saturday evening. Miss Maloney, who has taught several terms in the Laurella school was given some very handsome and useful articles. She is a sister of Mrs. E. C. Ham of this place.

Mildred Bayly, of East Honesdale, who is well known here and who has been so seriously ill, is gaining nicely.

John and Clara Dills, also Edna Toms left Monday morning for Honesdale where they will attend the summer school.

On Sunday, June 15, Rev. Will H. Hiller of Honesdale, preached an excellent sermon in the Bethel school house to an appreciative audience. It is twenty-eight years since he preached regularly at this place. S. K. Dills was the only one present on Sunday who heard him preach at that time.

Rev. Walter Walker of White Mills will preach in the school house Sunday, June 29th at 3 p. m. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crosby, also Mr. and Mrs. Minor Crosby and family spent Sunday at Beachlake.

Mrs. G. H. Hm called on Mrs. E. W. Avery on Monday last.

Miss Laura Ham, a graduate of the Scranton Business College, has secured employment in an office in that city.

ARIEL.

Ariel, June 25.—The arrangements have been completed for the holding of the annual camp meeting of the East Pennsylvania conference of Seventh Day Adventists in Emmanuel Grove, Allentown, beginning on Thursday of this week and continuing until Sunday, June 29. Practically all of the ordained ministers, licensed preachers, Bible teachers, and church and school workers will attend the conference.

Among the leading ministers of the denomination who have expressed their willingness to attend are: Elder A. G. Daniels, recently re-elected president of the world's conference; Elders B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union conference; Professor E. G. Salsburg, the newly elected president of the Mount Vernon College, Ohio; J. H. Schilling, head of the German work in the Eastern United States, and W. C. Hankins, a retired missionary

from China. This will also be the first time that Elder H. M. J. Richards, president of the East Pennsylvania Conference, has attended a camp meeting of this conference as its leader.

Among the cities that will be represented at the camp meeting are: Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Reading, Lancaster, Scranton, East Stroudsburg, Carlisle, Fleetwood, Carbondale, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Chester, Pottsville, and many other places in the eastern part of the state.

Among those who will attend the meeting from Ariel and Gravity are: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rahn, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swingle, Mrs. Friend Osgood, Mrs. Elsie Evans, Miss Grace Swingle, Lovel Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb, Mrs. Olive Cobb, Mrs. Nettie McKinney, Miss Anna Schenck, Miss Bertha Wilson, Rev. Charles S. Baum, of Hamlin.

More than one hundred cottages are in the grove, in addition to pavilions for business sessions and evening services, young people's meetings, and meetings for the Germans and Scandinavians, several tents will also be pitched for the accommodation of those who will attend. Special music will be rendered by a large choir and an orchestra. During the campmeeting sermons will be preached at night on "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Millennium," "The Inheritance of the Saints," "The State of the Dead," "Nature of Man," "The Origin of the Sanctuary," "Nature and Ministration of Angels," "History and Destiny of Satan," and other doctrinal subjects. During the business sessions plans will be outlined for the advancement of the denomination in this part of the country during the coming year, licenses and credentials issued, officers elected and appointments made.

In the year 1846 the Seventh Day Adventists, as a denomination, really had their start. At that time, one man, Captain Joseph Bates, of Fair Haven, Mass., proclaimed in part, the doctrines and teachings of this people, starting in obscurity and poverty, it has grown in power of numbers, and extended in influence, until today the sun never sets but upon their organized work. Thus within a period of less than seventy years they have so covered the face of the earth that there is scarcely a country where their workers may not be found. The Seventh Day Adventists have entered fifty fields, and in ten years have sent 750 adults abroad. They now have in non-Christian and non-Protestant countries 586 foreign missionaries and 974 native workers, making a total of 1,560 workers. There are 140 main stations, 145 sub-stations, 413 churches with a membership of 17,565.

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