

BLACKSHEEP!

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(Continued from Last Week.)
CHAPTER IV.
"You were on that train!" he exclaimed—the most fatuous of questions and the poorest possible opening for a conversation.
"I thought I had made it sufficiently plain at Portsmouth that I resent your following me! The meeting there might have been by accident, but seeing you here I am convinced—I am convinced that you are spying upon me!"
"But, Miss Perry—"
"I should think," she interrupted, "that knowing or suspecting what I am trying to do you would show me some consideration!"
"But I can explain; really I can explain if you will give me a moment."
"I understand perfectly that, but for me you would be loitering here! And you practically acknowledged at Portsmouth that you were interesting yourself in the affairs of the Congdons."
"We are playing at cross purposes quite unnecessarily," protested Archie. "Why not confess just what your interest is in that family? I told you quite plainly at Portsmouth that I had reason to believe I had shot Putney Congdon at Bailey Harbor! But for the courage you put into my heart I should never have done that!"
"If you did that you have ruined everything. A dastardly act for which I hope you will pay the full penalty of the law!"
This was wholly unreasonable and quite beside himself he shook his finger in her face.
"You seem to forget that you advised me to flout the law; to do

just the things I have been doing, roving the world shooting and plundering!"
"Everything has gone wrong," she said, "and you may have all the satisfaction you can get out of your interference, your intrusion upon affairs of the greatest delicacy, in which my assistance and my honor are pledged. That car standing yonder belongs to me and before I leave I want you to walk away from here as rapidly as possible and not turn your head."
He did not even confirm her statement as to the propinquity of the car, but crossed the platform with the crestfallen air of a child in disgrace.
He knew nothing save that he was enormously tired and he went to the hotel and crawled wearily into bed.
He was sitting on the edge of the bed when a gently insinuating knock caused him to start.
"Come!"
The door opened slowly, wide enough to permit a man's head to be thrust in. A face wearing an amused smile, a familiar face, but the last he expected to see, met his gaze.
"Hist!"
The Governor widened the opening in the door and squeezed through.
"My dear Archie!" he exclaimed as he locked the door, "how infinitely relieved I am! I was afraid some harm had befallen you, but to find you here safe and sound fills my heart with gratitude."
He flung down his cap and linen

duster chose a chair by the window and seated himself with a little sigh.
"I hope," Archie ventured timidly, "that you came alone?"
"Oh, yes; I'm alone! Trust me for that; but my friend Walker was necessarily shaken. And his provocation! O, my boy, his provocation to justifiable homicide and all that sort of thing."
"Well, I only did what I thought was right," Archie declared doggedly. "I wasn't weighing the consequences."
"Splendid, my dear Archie, to see how beautifully you rose to the situation—a situation that spoke powerfully of your generous heart. If there has been any error it is mine. I should have known from the way you played up to the Seebrook girl that you were far too susceptible to be trusted with women. The error is mine, not yours, Archie; I don't blame you a particle. Sally is a winsome lass; she has a way with her, that girl!"
"If you don't mind," said Archie with dignity, "we'll stop talking nonsense. What happened?"
"Just a little curious are you, as to what followed your amazing breach of hospitality? Ran away with a pretty girl, assisted in marrying her to an undesirable son-in-law, and now you want to know how the old folks took it! Oh, Archie, for sheer innocence you are a wonder."
"Walker had no right to force a girl like Sally to marry an old curmudgeon she hated. I never hesitated as to the course I should take after she told me her story. The marriage was in proper form and

I haven't a single regret."
"What you did, Archie," the Governor resumed paternally, "was to marry Sally the incomparable, Sally the divine, to Pete Barney, the diamond thief."
"You mean—you mean I married the girl to a crook?" gasped Archie.
"One of the smoothest in the game. And Sally knew he was a crook. I suppose it was the diamonds that fetched her. If you'd looked at his hands you would have noticed that he hadn't the paws of an honest Green mountain farmer. Pick-pocket originally and marvelously deft, but precious stones are his true metier. The trifling little necklace he had on his person when he struck Walker's is worth a cool hundred thousand. He'll have to break it up and sell 'em in the usual way, and it will take time."
Archie sank upon the bed; he had done a horrible thing; hardly second to murder, and his penitence weighed heavily upon him.
"It doesn't seem possible that the girl would have deceived me!"
"We never know when they are going to deceive us, Archie. Sally hated the farm and was crazy to escape. She lifted a couple of hundred dollars the old man kept under a plank in the parlor floor—an emergency fund in case he ever had to run for it. A nasty trick, I call it, most unfilial on Sally's part. The Walkers are crushed by her conduct. And I had vouched for you at Walkers; it's almost as bad as though I had betrayed them myself. You will not, of course, make the serious error of knocking at the Walker door again. That would be rubbing it in."
"I don't want you to think me ungrateful!" Archie stammered. "The girl made a fool of me, I see it all now!"
"She made a fool of you but you in turn made a fool of me! And while I'm not cavilling, you will pardon me, son, if I suggest that hereafter you play square with me. I don't mean to curb your personal enterprise or set any limit on your little affairs of the heart. But let's have no more foolishness."
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Tula Women's Club Puts Ban On Tramp Peddlers

Becoming somewhat "wrought up" over the presence recently of so many peddlers of foreign merchandise in their town, the members of the Women's Study Club of Tulla has begun what seems to be an effective campaign condemning such itinerants.
They have petitioned the local merchants to pay taxes, help on civic improvements and keep home dollars at home, the club has resolved recently to ban peddlers who, they allege, are merely birds of passage, making no adjustments in the event their goods are unsatisfactory and carrying nothing for town advancement. The Tulla Chamber of Commerce has become aligned with this movement and it is also being backed by the local newspaper, the Herald.

Texico-Farwell To Have Natural Gas Next Year

Citizens of Texico-Farwell will be burning natural gas by the first of next November, according to a contract just let by that city to the West Texas Gas Company, the same concern which is to install gas here. The franchise was let Monday night of last week by the Texico city council.
Gas for Texico-Farwell is being supplied by the same line which is to furnish gas to the cities of Canyon and Hereford and which is expected to some day include also the towns of Bovina, Clor's and Portales.
Artist—"The fact is, not one purchaser in town knows a good picture from a bad one."
Critic—"That's what I call luck for some of you fellows, eh?"

Contract Let for Big Midland Business Block

Contract for a new two-story business building for Main Street has just been let at Midland. The building will be one of the largest and most beautiful of any similar structure in the city.
It will be 25 by 80 feet and will be made of hollow tile, designed in the Spanish style. This is another of the many structures in Midland's big expansion program. Completion of the building is set for December 25.

Jack Dempsey thinks the boxing game should have a dictator—like Landis in baseball and Haynes in the movies. That's fair enough—and on the record President Calles has made in handling opposing factors in Mexico, we nominate him for the boxing job up here.

In a way Secretary of Navy Wilbur really promoted Admiral Macruder by placing him on the "waiting list." Now the Navy is 100 per cent waiting—waiting to see what happens—and unprepared.

Star want ads get the business.

Portales Will Install More Electric Lights

Arrangements whereby the city of Portales may obtain more lighting by a plan similar to that recently put into effect in Hereford were discussed there last week by President I. H. Kelso of the New Mexico Utilities, an associate organization of the Texas Utilities concern.

Portales already has an extensive street lighting system, but as a result of recent company investigations of towns along the power line serving that town, it was announced that the city could install about sixteen more lights for "practically the same money."

All the Time Consistent.
Employer—"My goodness, here you have been working an hour and you have accomplished almost nothing!"

New Man—"Well, I dare say I could have done better, but believe me, I never was a man for showing off."

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