

Robbery; Expert Finds Solution to Ingenious Plot Within a Few Hours.

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(Dr. Balthazard is the great crime expert when solved the extraor-dinary murder related below by methods which would make even Sherlock Holmes feel he had met a master. Dr. Balthazard is a Frenchman, well known in po-lice circles, though comparatively unknown at present to the gen-eral public even of France. He has for many years made a spe-cial study of wounds of all kinds, especially built wounds. One of the standard works on bullet wounds, in fact, has been written by this scientific detective.) movrisht 1921, by the World-Wide Ni (Dr. Balthazard is the great crime

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By NAZARIENE DAAN KANNI- other Jules Santon had been mur-BELLE.

With unfailing regularity Jules Santon had driven his handsome Surete bank in Marseilles once a week precisely at 2 o'clock.

One of the most trusted servants of the bank, it had been his duty to drive another trusted servant, Monsieur Benot, from the chief office of the bank in Marseilles to one of its local branches with a supply of gold and notes securely fastened in a strongly-bound bank box.

Precisely at 2 o'clock on January 19, 1910, Jules Santon drove the bank's car up to the side entrance of the head office. A fine stinging snow, driven by a bitter north wind, cut into the faces of those who were compelled to be out. Jules himself with his large motor coat, cap and goggles, could hardly be seen, so well had he protected himself against the

weather. Monsieur Benot, accompanied by another bank official, quickly came down the steps and crossed the snow-covered pavement with their precious box between them. As soon as the box was safely placed in the closed car the second bank official hurried out of the biting cold, while Monsieur Benot prepared to make himself comfortable for the half hour's journey before him. But that journey was to be delayed for the first time in his memory.

From out of the bank building there dashed a young man in the uniform of the bank's messengers, waving to Jules Santon not to start. "What is it?" asked Monsieur Benot.

"The manager wants to see you before you go," said the messenger. "Get inside the car, and keep an eye on that box, Jules," said Mon-sieur Benot. "I shan't be more than

a few minutes." In his hurry he did not notice as he went up the bank steps the customer who went quickly out of the swing doors and crashed into him. Together the two slipped on the

Daring Marseilles Bank He couldn't possibly have driven you did, however, when he saw the man- there is the man in the other car carry on and finish their day's work There may have been other confed-

Telltale Pencil.

detective stopped and smiled.

"That's a pretty idea," he, said

Benot was too astounded to proest. He could have sworn that he as quickly as possible, and tell them erates, but there were at least five." had been driven by Jules. In a daze then they can go home," he said. As soon as his request had been he followed the detective back to the car. The latter made an extremely thorough examination of the ger: "Monsieur Benot tells me you er. motor, going over it inch by inch, sent for him just after he had left

mistake."

see you."

doors, windows and floor were gone over minutely. His final act was to raise the cushions and look in the compartments beneath them. From one he took a cap, muffler and coat identical with the ones the dead man

was wearing. "I suppose these are a duplicate set belonging to Santon?" he asked. "Certainly not!" replied Benot excitedly. "I am absolutely sure he hadn't any other motor clothes than those he was wearing." The detective looked puzzled. It was clear to him that somehow or

won't be able to do so.' dered while in charge of the bank's car, and after his body had been thrust out of sight behind the seat, motor car up to the door of the his pace had been taken by someone dressed in duplicate clothes. who had been called into the room But when was he murdered? was anything like the one who had "Did you notice anything peculiar spoken to him.

in any way about Santon when he drove you here? Did he stop or slow up anywhere, for instance?" asked the detective.

"No," replied Benot. "We foldown, eager to finish their work and lowed our usual routine exactly." get away, for the delay had been a "Tell me everything that hapmatter of some hours. Slowly the pened, no matter how trivial, from detective passed through the rooms, the time you saw the gold and notes apparently talking to the manager put in the box till you saw it opened here," said the detective. but keenly noting every face and

Face Lights Up.

As soon as Benot came to the inident of his recall to the bank by the messenger, and the accidental collision with the bank's customer, the detective's face began to light up. "Oh, I begin to see. That accident wasn't quite so accidental as it

was 22 minutes past."

tic soul, m'amselle," he added galappeared," he said. "I suppose you don't know how long you left Sanlantly. The girl blushed. "I like my pencils to look pretty," ton in the car?" "As it so happened, I can tell to she answered, 'and so I tie ribbons the minute," replied Benot, "I looked at my watch when we were about on them. "Ah, I see you have one tied with to start, and it was just a quarter past two. When I entered the car ellow ribbon on the window sill," added the detective. for the second time I again looked at my watch mechanically, and it "Oh, I must have forgotten that!"

"Seven minutes-and just over two pick it up, but the detective was hours ago Good heavens, we are quicker. Seizing her wrist with a dealing with some clever criminals. grip of steel he dragged her away In that seven minutes the chauffeur from the window. "Have her taken into a quiet room, was murdered, his body thrust out of

sight and another box substituted for and guarded by one of my men," he the one containing the notes and said, and then as an after-thought, gold. It was one of the criminals, "and see it is a room where there disguised as the dead man, who are no windows. Don't let her go anywhere near windows till I come drove you here."

The detective was frankly puzzled back. I've found all I wanted here, over the chauffeur's death. His but don't let the staff go after all. first examination had convinced him I shall be back in a couple of hours that he had not been strangled, pois- at the most."

oned or drugged. There were no Before the astonished manager marks on his throat nor any signs of could say anything further, the dehow he had been killed, in fact. But tective had hurried out of the bank his second examination brought to with one of his assistants, after leavlight the way he had been killed, ing final instructions that the pencil snow and rolled on to the pavement. and it was as remarkable as the rest with the yellow ribbon was not to Among them was a print of a thumb, A thousand pardons, monsieur!" of the whole affair. He began to go be touched in any way. Just as it

cried the stranger, quickly rising, and helping up Benot. "I was in a hur-with a magnifying glass, and in only so it as left. determined and face so it as left. of the first thumb joint. This is a pecularity of a shoemaker's thumbs,

Undertaker Swears Off on Taking Checks for Coffins

taker, is not going to take anybody's out is out \$25.

Balthazard Explains. "But how did you hit on the girl complied with he said to the mana- so quickly?" asked the bank manag-

"Partly luck, partly detective inthe detective continually making the bank with the stolen box. What notes of his observations. The steps, did you want to see him about?" sent for him?" answered the as soon as they had finished their bank manager. "There must be some work they could go, that all would work quickly and forget for the "But one of the bank messengers moment. I staked on that forgetting, came up and gave me your message for I was on the lookout for some-himself," cried Benot. "And after- thing unusual, something that would wards countermanded it because an have been forgotten. And surely a

important customer had called to pencil standing by a window with a "I have seen no customer whatever most people who use pencils throw today," replied the manager. "Send for the messengers," said the detective. "Perhaps Monsieur Benot can identify the one who gave

him the message, though I fancy he "I left orders that the pencil was not to be moved, and I went outside to see from where I could see it As a matter of fact the bewildered best. The only place where I could bank official was quite positive at once that none of the messengers windows of the tall building oppowindows of the tall building opposite. I made inquiries there and I found that the only newcomers in the last few months were two men "Precisely as I thought," said Balt-hazard. "We'll now just stroll through the bank, if you don't mind." who posed as agents for a South American rubber company, I entered their office, but they were out, as By that time the clerks had settled I expected, and there was very little sign of the business they were supposed to be carrying on. However, from their window I had an excellent view of the lead pencil with the vellow ribbon. And from the caretaker I have obtained an exevery desk as he passed by. On the second floor he entered a room cellent description of the two men, who are now being watched for, unwhere there were a number of woknown to themselves, by the police. men clerks working. Beside one the Doubtless they will be caught be-

murder leaks out into the papers pointing to two pencils, one of which even. was tied round with red ribbon, an-other with blue. "You have an artis "The car used was a big touring car, olive green in color, with a deep scratch on the left hand side, and the running board removed on that side as well."

fore the news of the robbery and

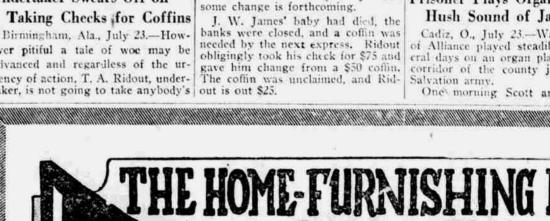
"Good heavens, how did you know that?

"Because the slashboard of the bank car had on it a large shaving of green paint where the other car had scraped against it. The length of the wheelbase and the closeness and the girl made a movement to of the wheel tracks to those of the bank car showed me that it was a big car, and to have got so close must have had its running-board removed.'

"How was Santon murdered?" asked the bank manager.

"He was murdered by a shoemaker, and with a shoemaker's tool. an awl!" came the astounding reply. 'How did you know that?'

"That again is simple. I have studied wounds of all kinds for vears, and I knew as soon as I found it that the wound in the top of his head was caused by some fine steel instrument like an awl. I deduced it was a shoemaker's awl after an examination of finger prints on the window of the bank's car. showing a 'corn' on the outer part



check for a coffin-especially when Prisoner Plays Organ to found. Hush Sound of Jail Break

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ry, and was not looking where I was

in return. "I. too, was in a hurry." Polite Stranger.

vestibule after these few minutes'

"Oh, sir, I'm sorry to have troubled you. has called to see the manager, and cause I shall want to know exactly he has instructed me to say he will where the car stood outside the bank see you immediately on your re- and other details," he added to turn

With a grumble at his wasted time, Benot turned and entered the bank police officials, made a careful excar again, while the driver left his amination of the side street in which charge of the precious box, and re- the dead chauffeur had been murbranch bank

At the branch bank Benot's arrival touched the marks of the big car in was expected, as it had been week in the snow. bank and helped him to carry in the tracks of a car running parallel package of bank notes. He opened strange car. opened the other bag. That, too, strengthened the theory he had alwas filled with stones. The bundle ready found. To the puzzled Benot, of notes was nothing more than a who had followed every one of his bundle of common paper cut to the movements there seemed no discovsize of bank notes.

"Good heavens!" cried Benot. 000 in notes and gold this time, more than usual.

He and the cashier hurried out to the waiting car. Jules Santon had disappeared.

Without the loss of a moment the head office was telephoned to and the police promptly informed, while instructions were given-that nothing was to be touched any further the latter had srrived. At 4 o'clock Dr. Dalthazard, one of the most famous criminologists and scientific detectives in France, arrived on the scene and took charge of the investigation, an investigation which was only to take a few hours, but was to prove one of the most wonderful in the whole history of

Chauffeur's Body.

His first step was to examine the waiting car, which had not been touched in any way till his appear-He at once made the discovery of the body of the missing chaufr wedged out of sight between the back of the rear scat and the back of the car. The unfortunate man was quickly carried into the bank and there examined by the de-

iail.

"This is the man who drove you "Yes," replied the latter. "When did you get here?" "A little over half an hour ago,"

inswered the bank official, "Impossible!" cried Balthazard.

a few minutes a small clot of blood | When Dr. Balthazard returned, "The fault is mine," smiled Benot on the hair at the top of his head accompanied by the was able to attracted his attention. He parted Marseilles police, he was able to

the hair, and there, in the skull, was give the latter, as well as the bank a small hole only about the sixteenth manager, sufficient information to as agents for the South American The two, in a typical French man- of an inch in diameter! The dead arrest the murderer of the unforner, brushed the snow off each oth- man had been murdered by some tunate chauffeur, as well as to trace er's clothes, and parted with mutual fine small-steel weapon, which had er's clothes, and parted with mutual fine small-steel weapon, which had the missing notes and gold. In an apologies for their carelessness. The been driven vertically through the amazingly short time he had not bank official had just entered the top of his head. From this wound only reconstructed the main outthe detective obtained an important lines of this remarkable crime, but of it the police were able to trace

found out all I want to know here. An important customer You had better come with me, be-Benot.

The detective, with a number of sumed his position at the steering dered. Luckily there had been very and that the clothing of the chauffeur falling had left practically un-

heavy box from the bank's car. Fol- to and close to those of the bank lowing the usual routine, the branch car. He gave certain instructcions cashier opened the box with his du- to two of his assistants, and care- had planned the robbery had a conplicate set of keys, and took out the ful measurements and particulars two large bags it contained and the were soon taken of the track of the Unfortunately this

cried the manager. eries of real importance to make, was a confederate, and that's why I very daring had made the scheme

save that the trusted servant of the "The bags were filled in front of my bank, Santon, had been murdered in particular person it was. It was, of eyes, and the notes put in the box a most mysterious and remarkable course, the girl with the pretty be- the bank confessed that the ribbons by myself. It was locked in front of way. The detective, however, seemed ribboned pencils. "Well, I think there are five peome, and has never been out of my to be getting cheerier every minute sight or Stanton's. There was \$300,- as he went over the ground so carefully

all there is Santon's double; second-signment of gold and notes was "We'll now finish up from where ly, there is the bogus messenger; nothing out of the usual, and the we started," he said, "and then per- thirdly, there is the polite stranger yellow one that the consignment was haps we shan't be long before we who knocked Benot down in the greater than usual. Her betrayal of the bank's trust brought her no gain, out our hands on the men we want, snow and spent those valuable minfor she died while under arrest.

Five or six people have been con- utes detaining him and apologizing Boudelot, the master brain behind profusely while the chauffeur was cerned in it. By the orders of the police all the being killed; fourthly, there is the the well-planned robbery, committed suicide before his trial, but his acbank employes had been gathered pretty girl with her pretty pencils, complice, Leconte, was found guilty into one room, and no one was al- who, by the means of them, gave lowed to leave the bank on any ex-cuse. The first thing the detective vorable for the robbery; and, finally, of murder and sentenced to death. The remaining members of the gang vere all captured and convicted.

(In our next issue watch for another World's Greatest Detective Case.)

Vins Ford for \$15 At Legion Carnival

except that the Arndt brothers for-By FRANK E. MASON. Berlin, July 23 .- "Spectacular me- got to take the precaution of boring carnival of Greenwich post, American

But Nearly Suffocates in Trunk Instead

thods in burglary are all right for a couple of holes in the trunk for Legion, just closed, it has been an-the movies, but after this I am going air. Before Max could liberate him-nounced that the winner of the Ford to stick to the safe and sane old-fashioned second-story man rules," trunk and fainted. Railroad officials Rockefeller, son of William Rockesighed Max Arndt after his attempt became suspicious because of the feller. It was the 13th number to rob an express car by an amateur weight of the baggage and forced drawn which had Mr. Rockefeller's Houdini trunk act landed him in it open. When Max had been re- name on the card. The car cost him suscitated he stepped out smilingly about \$15. By a peculiar coincidence

Max and Paul Arndt, burglars, and bowed with the announcement Mrs. Benjamin Strong, daughter of Ltd., conceived the idea of Max per- that he was a vaudeville artist try- the late E. C. Converse, another

Ltd., conceived the idea of Max per-mitting himself to be locked into a good-sized wardrobe trunk, accom-panied by a full set of burglars' tools. Brother Paul then shipped Max from the Berlin railroad station to Spandau. It was agreed that during the trip Max was to open the trunk, step out and rob the other trunks in the express car. Ltd., conceived the idea of Max per-ting out a new Houdini trick. He might have gotten away with his sleight-of-hand alibi, but his black magic didn't include a chapter on his sleeve, the trip Max was to open the trunk iudge. Max did. So did Paul. The the express car. the express car. continue their legerdemain with a new Henry will not be known until this return.

"This man has been dead two hours. It might have worked smoothly, year's course in the penitentiary,

German "Houdini" Plans to Rob Express Car

a fact well known to anybody who has made a study of finger prints." Thanks to the deductions of the detective, the two men who posed Rubber company were arrested the following day on visiting their rooms in the building opposite the bank. Large green touring cars are not too comon, and from the description it to the ownership of a retired army captain named Boudelot.

It transpired that it was Boudelot "In the first place, I knew as soon who had engineered the crime from as I heard the outlines of the story start to finish. He had spent months that the robbery must have been planned for some considerable time," he began. "For it depended so much upon knowing the exact movements booty. of Benot and the dead chauffeur that Of the two men arrested in the

it could hardly have been one car- building opposite, one turned out to ried out on the spur of the moment. be an ex-convict named Charles Le-The fact that an exactly similar box conte. While serving a previous senwas substituted for the original one, tence he had learned the trade of wheel. In another moment the two little traffic down the street that day, was so closely imitated as to deceive had murdered the chauffeur with a shoemaker, and he confessed that he wheel. In another moment the traine down the way to the and the fine snow which had been even Benot proved how everything shoemaker's awl. He added that he had been carefully planned. had watched the chauffeur for weeks

"The next thing that struck me before the crime was carried out, was that the day chosen for the rob- learning exactly what route he took, and week out for several years, and "That's what I expected to find," bery was, as your branch manager what time he started, what cloth-an official at once came out of the said Balthazard, pointing to the informed me, one on which a larger ing he wore, and little mannerisms, consignment of notes and gold than so that he could imitate him perfectusual was being sent. That pointed ly when the occasion arose. Actualclearly, to my mind, that those who y a confederate had driven up the day of the murder exactly as the federate inside the bank, and that detective had said. Leconto had was why I immediately told one of quickly jumped in and murdered the the first bag and gave a horrified ex- track was lost in the traffic in the my assistants to phone you and keep chauffeur before he realized the danclamation as he pulled out a handful main road, but from the marks left one room till I investigated further." I want had then exchanged the one room till I investigated further." "Why, you even suspected me!" pened while a confederate was de-"Oh, no," smiled the detective. "I taining Benot by knocking him down merely knew someone in the bank in the snow and apologizing. Its

kept all there till I found out which successful. The wrecked girl confederate in round her pencils were meant as definite signs. The red ribbon meant ple at least in this affair. First of danger, the blue one that the con-

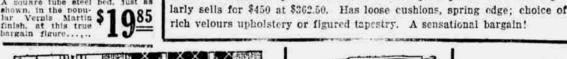
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