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No. 6.-An Inside Case.

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"Yes this is Cheney."

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"Oh 11's you, Van Cott. Sure thing. I'm 5-1 you're in town. Come right

Ten minutes later Mr. Cornelius Vau Cott, general superintendent of one of the large express companies, appeared In Cheney's office. Cheney and Van Cott were old friends.

"Well, what on earth brings you here, Van?" said Cheney, after shaking hands, "Whatever it is, I'm glad to see you. I'll put you up while you're in the city-"

"Hold on, Cheney, this is a business trip, not for pleasure." "Wife with you?" interrupted Che-ney, laughing.

Stop your foolishness. I came here to see you personally-on business, un-derstand-important business. You won't put me up, either, nor will you be here for a few days after I get

through with you." "Phew! It's the real thing, then." Cheney had a pretty good idea of the nature of the business. His detective service company had done a lot of valuable work for Van Cott's corporation, and whenever anything unsuual happened Cheney was called upon to do the work necessary to solve the

case. This, notwithstanding Van Cott's case. This hotwinstanting and secret service department of its own. The head of this department, John Coghian, was a warm admirer of Cherey, personally, and he had no jealons feel-ings when Cheley was called in on a difficult case.

'It hasn't been in the papers, as yet but I presume you know our St. Louis office was touched to the extent of \$100,000 a few days since. The money disappeared as if by magic. It was checked in all right, and apparently checked out the same way, but when the package was opened by the consignee it was found to contain tissue

paper." "Who was the consignee?" "Third National. It was a remittance from a Pacific coast bank. We put our own men to work on the case, and notified the St. Louis police. There hasn't been much progress made, and that's the reason I'm here. I want you to take the case-you, personally, understand.

'Suspect anyone at all?" asked Che-"No, not a soul. I've looked up the record of every man in the office, and they all appear good to me."

"Who receives the money in the St. Louis office; I mean large amounts?" "Marc Catfin received this package." "Catlin?" said Cheney, interroga-vely, "Is that your president's

"Yes, and Marc Catlin is his nophew, Oh, he's all right," "How old?" "About 38."

"Habits" "Good, now. About seven years ago he got mixed up financially. Thought he was a Napoleon of Wall street. Usu-al result—went broke and through brankruptcy. His uncle put him in the express business, and he has rince done mighty good work. We are on the eve of promoting him to a better position."

Con Cheney took down the telephone | spirit of raillery toward Van Cott, but , underneath it all he was doing a lot of thinking, and his mind was quickly

made up. "Go back to St. Louis, Van Cott. Pursue your investigation and later you will hear from me. Til be down Pursue that way before long and will see you

Van Cott took his leave and Cheney gave the case a great deal of thought that day. Miss Woods had been in an went to his room and denied himself to everybody. Darrel's reports were that day. Miss Woods had been in an adjoining room and through a con-cealed speaking tube had heard every word of the conversation, had taken it down, and later gave Col. Cheney the transcribed report. He went over it very carefully and then filed it away properly briefed. A full record was kept of every case handled by Col. Cheney or his men. He came to the conclusion it, was an "inside case." spread out in front of him and he went over them several times, making a mental note here and there. The only onclusion it was an "inside case, that is to say, the stealing was done by some one on the inside who was in the pay or power of an outsider or a gang. This was the theory on which he would work. First he wanted to find out what progress the St. Louis force was making. He wanted their theories and ideas. Already he knew ever ready to help him in his nefarious works. Cheney knew all this hefore he read Darrel's report, and the theory the express company's side of the case.

item that stood out prominently was that a certain "Red" Michelon was in St. Louis the day the money disap-peared, but he had not been seen there since. Darrel's theory was that Miche-lon was implicated in the robbery. Michelon was an all round high class crock. In a number of former robberies similar to this one he had played a prominent part and on two occasions had "done time" for his shortcomings. It was known that Michelon had confederates in several places who were

totel, where he was very well known,



THE PHILADELPHIA BANK CRASH

One of the most startling crashes in the history of American finance orcurred on Aug. 28, when the Real of are Trust company of Philadelphia went to the wall with a deficit of nearly \$7,000,000, following the suicide of Frank J. Hipple, the company's president, and the discovery that the latter had left the concern a honeycomb of wildcat speculation. The immediate cause of the failure is laid at the door of Adolph Segal, a promoter, to whom Hipple loaned sums aggregating \$5,800,000.

Segal, who only a few years ago, was a poor soap-maker, declares his se

dresser, unmarried and boarded way oresser, unmarried and boarded way out on Pine street. He had only been in the St. Louis office about three months, having come from Denver. His salary was but \$55 for month, and he appeared to live up to it. The next day (Friday) Cheney went to the express office Van Coll re-

to the express office. Van Cott re-ceived him graciously, and rendered him every assistance. Catlin was called in and told a straightforward story. He had received the package, verified the seals and placed it with verified the seals and placed it with a number of others in a basket. Later they were placed in the vauit. The bank messenger, Chadwick, called, re-celeted for the package and that was all there was to it. Naturally, 5103, 000, even though it be in bills of large denominations, would make a bulky Catlin's story of the receipt package. of the package was so complete Chency lying on his desk. "I've just been reading them." "I'll want to study these papers

did not call in Daniels. "Van Cott," he said, after talking it over, "I am convinced there were it over, "I am convinced there were two and perhaps three men in this desi. There's probably a man on the menute here and one outside. awhile. May I take them to the hotel with me? I'll bring them back to you in the morning." "An right colonel, and if yon want any further help, let me know." Cheney walked to the oid Planter's but the end is not yet. const, one inside here and one outside. They've worked it pretty snuothly, but the end is not yet. I am satisfled Catlin is not the man, and I'm not sure but what the change was made out ent the coast. Of course I know the safe in which that package was placed came through under seal from Frisco. Your records show it was not opened Your records show it was not opened in transit. I've sent to Chicago for one of my men, Guthrie. He'll be here tonight. To all intents and pur-poses he's one of your men, but he'll take his orders from me." Cheney left the express office and went to the city hall to see Chief Landingham and to return Darrel's reports. Darrel was there and ac-

reports. Darrel was there and ac-knowledged the introduction with a curt nod of the head and a "Howdy, colonel." His manner was the least bit resentful, as if he considered it impertinence for Col. Cheney to be on a case he was supposed to handle. Cheney did not like him a litle bit. There was something sinister about his look and manner and his eyes were shifty: but that might have been an unfortunate characteristic. He has been on the St. Louis force a number He had of years, and, truth to tell, had established a good record. Cheney watched

him narrowly. "Fve read your reports, Darrel, and mather from them you think probably "Red" Michelon may have had a hand

the case." "Sure as shootin', colonul. Micheion was here that day and in the ex-press office. I got that straight."

Where did you get that informa-tion. Dargelow "Well, you see I heard in a general way he was here, so I took his phiz out of the gallery for identification

Several people saw him here 1 1935. Yes, bu', who?"

Well, Daniels recognized the pic-ure in a minute. Said Michelon was a the office while the \$100.000 packthere

Ab, Daniels recognized him, did

"Yes, and it's all blain as mud to Catlin gave Michelon the real is 1 as and substituted the phoney The Michelon disappeared that night, at Fre located him in New York, and Monday night I'm going after him. You'll see he and Catlin are the ones. Why, it's-plain-as mud."

Yes, thought Cheney, "it is as plain As as mud. 'Of course you'll take a representa-

(14) of the express company along with you

"Yes, thought Cheney, "It is as plain He'd be able to identify him. But I'll

Darrel went out and Cheney talked owhile with the chief and left. That evening at 4 Sid Guthrie arrived from Oriesgo and reported to Cheney. He was given an outline of the case and then Cheney said: "Watch Daniels: don't let him out of your sight from the time you first see him until tomorthe time you first see him until tomor-yow morting. Be ready at all times to make a quick trip east." Guthrie was true blue: Cheney knew that. All Cheney wanted to do was to keep in touch with Darrel and Daniels until he heard from New York. Monday night heard from New York.



Made in New York

LL the good tailors in America get their

"Good God! Mr. Van Cott, 1 didn't have anything to do with I-didn't -Catlin said he-I-Speech failed him.

"Darrel was arrested this morning in Toledo. He was going to New York You were to meet him there a were hence. A third man was to join you, and the shoul was to be doin you. and the spoil was to be divided. clever scheme, Daniels-but Daniel has confessed,"

The last statement revived Danley He became the antithesis to what he had just been. Like Darrel, he fund and raged and in the end gave ever.

and raged and in the end gave even-thing away. "Who was the third man, Daties" asked Cheney. "Come, speak up, t may help mitigate your punishnes." Daniels hesitated a moment, an then told all. Sinclair, of the "Free office, was in the scheme. Darrei or, inated the idea and Sinclair and Da-iels were his dupes. Sinclair protect the package from the 'Frisco bank made a duplicate of it and sent h by mail to Danlels, care of general do-livery. St. Louis. When the real pack-age came in Catlin received h, and after entering its arrival threw h by the basket. Just then his attention was called by a man at his window That man was Darrel in disguise. Cal lin's back was only turned an instan-but in that time Daniels made the change, substituting the bogus pack-age for the real one. That night he turned it over to Darrel, who invested

the "Red" Michelson story as a good excuse to leave St. Louis. Daties as to go with him, but Cheney thrasted that. Later, Daniels was to nsm. Sinclair and he were to come to New York, divide the spoils and then leave the country. Daniels was locked up and the Daniels wortfied of Darrely av-

Landingham notified of Darrel's ar-rest. He was simply dumfounded.

Darrel was brought back that ight and lodged in a cell far removed from Daniels. The next morning bath es-prits were brought in to Chief Lad-ingham's office.

had a cinch." Go-given way to anger.

"Arrested Darrel this morning, Con-sents to come back to St, Louis. Will arrive tonight. Darrel wild against the civil strife into which the "Pearl of the Antilles" has been thrown, Gen. Menocal is young, intelligent, hones Daniels. Cott.

"I thought so," said Cheney to Van ott. "Now we'n have Mr. Daniels." Mr. Van Cott sent for him and he and exceedingly popular. The insurg-ents have talked of him as the man ame in blithe and chipper as a May oorning "Mr. Daniels," said Cheney as soon as the door was closed, "I arrest you for complicity in the recent \$190,000 robbery from this office." A six-shoot. er was handy, but it wasn't necessary, Daniels wilted; his knees almost sank from under him; he looked wildly from Cheney to Van Cott.

"You damned cur," growled Days, "what did you want to peach for We had a cinch." Good judgment had

"I didn't say a word until squealed," said Daniels Darrel looked from one to the word until you



awhile,

"Anyone else around Catlin while this particular package was being handled?"

There was another clerk, Daniels by name, but Catlin says the package wasn't out of his sight from the min-ute he received it until it was handed the bank messenger. And the bank messenger, by the way, was one of the purposely by the president for this re-mittance. He brought another man with him, and the package was deliv-

"That's what the package was deliv-ered to the bank as received." "That's what the assistant cashier says, ch?" "Yes, and that's true, all right, Che-ney. The bank officer, Chadwick, and the other man, are well known in so-dety financially well dived.

ciety, financially well fixed, no had hab-I've had them looked up. They didn't take it.

"You've certainly got a + sp of mys. tery there, Van Cott. Who of the St. Louis force has been active on the CHER

"The chief gave me his best man. Lieut. Darrel, and he, in turn, has had several men working with him; but, apparently, they're up against a blank wall. Now, it's up to you, Cheney, Are you willing to take it?" "Yes, I'll do it," replied Cheney. "Any other officer of the company know you were coming to me?" "No. I'm the only one You work

"No, I'm the only one. You work it out, and your reward will be com-mensurate with the size of the case." "Don't you worry about that, Van. I'll make my bill ample enough to suit all requirements." All through the conversation Cheney had assumed a

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will in a short time realize its full value and that the company will curity lose nothing through its transactions with him. Meanwhile, Segal, together with William F. North, the treasurer of the company, and Marshall S. Collingwood, the assistant treasurer, are under arrest,

'hency was a firm believer in co-operaion, where the parts co-operating were harmonicus. His relations with the po-lice departments of the various cities were most cordial and when b peared in Chief Landingham's office in St. Louis the next morning he was well eceived.

What case are you on now, colonel?" asked the chief. "That \$100,000 express robbery," re-

plied Cheney. The chief was interested at once. The express robbery, ch? Well, it's a damned puzziling case, Cheney, and

I'm not sorry you're in It. You can de-

I'm het forty ydd re fit it. for thin ac pend on my co-operation." "I know that chief, and that's why I came to you. Who have you working on the case now? I mean actively?" Of course Cheney knew Darrel was doing the work, but he didn't want the chief to know he knew it. "I put Darrel at work as soon as the express company notified me of the

robbery. You know Darrel, den't you, Cheney?"

made any progress?" "Not much, although he's worked pretty hard."

'May I see his reports?' Cheney,

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"Certainly," said the chief, handing Chency a package of papers which were

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looked like a plausible one. Cheney also knew Michelon by sight and his photograph was in his Chicago rogue's gal-lery. Every police department in the country knew Michelon, and his movements were recorded and reported from time to time. The last Cheney had heard of him he was in New York and was keeping pretty well under cover. His health was reported as breaking These things caused Cheney to down.

Was Michelon really here on that day? Darrel said in his report he heard he was." Cheney asked himself. "It won't be a hard matter to find out." he sollioquized. "This is Thurs-

day. I ought to have an answer by Tuesday next. I'll write McCarren; he can tell me." McCarren was chief of tell me." McCarren was chief of New York detective force. Cheney the New York detective force. Chency wrote the letter, asking if McCarren knew where "Red" Michelon was on the day (naming the date) of the ex-press robbery. After mailing the letter Chency busied himself investigating Catlin, Daniels, Chadwick and the oth-er man. He merely verified Van Cott's proort about them. Chadwick ard his report about them. Chadwick and his friend were above reproach. Catlin, too,

of withstanding his previous experiences, was apparently living a decent life. He was married and resided in Kirkwood. Daniels, the other clerk referred to by Van Cott, was a good

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Tuesday morning knew right at that Cheney letter. minute who the culprits were, but he didn't want them to get wind before he was ready to act.

The next morning (Saturday) Guthrie reported. Daniels had gone home stayed there until 9 o'clock, slipped out of the house, gone down to some re-sorts on lower Pine street, and spent money pretty freely. At 1 a. m he starled back home and at Twelfth and Pine streets met Darrel and talked for a few moments. They seemed to know each other pretty well. On the way down-town that morning he stopped at the postoffice and received mail at the general delivery

the posteness and general delivery. "Good," said Cheney. "Just hang around now where I can get you quick; things are moving." Chief Landingham sent for Cheney and consulted with him on the advis-ability of arresting Catlin. "No. I wouldn't do that just yet, chief." said Cheney. "I'd have Catlin shadowed for a day or so so he won't get away. He can be arrested any time and we want all the culprits together. Let's play them, chief."

and we want all the cupints togenut Let's play them, chief." "All right, Cheney, I guess you're right, but I don't want to fail." "You won't fail, chief. We'll have the thieves within three days." And Cheney smiled to himself.

Sunday was a day seemingly of in-activity. Cheney dined with Van Cott. One of Chief Landingham's sleuths was watching Catlin and Guthrie spotted Daniels.

Daniels. Monday morning there was a confer-ence in Chief Landiughum's office. Cheney was there, so was Van Colt and Darrel. To all intents and purposes Cheney and Van Cott acquiesced in Darrel's plan to leave that night for New York to arrest Michelson. Darre had used the time from Friday until Monday to get the necessary extrad tion papers. Every one complimented Darrel on his perspicuity and good judgment.

"I'll send Green, one of our trusted men, with yon, Darreh," suid Van Cott, "good he can represent the company in any transactions you may have. He's a good man and you can trust bin." "All right, Mr. Van Cott, there won't be any trouble, I reckon." The meeting broke up. Cheney and Van Cott went to the express office, Guinrie was there.

"Sid, suid Chenney, "your name in 'Green' for the next few days. You have tonight for New York with Dur-rel of the St. Louis force. You will take breakfast in Tolelo tomorrow morning. I will probably sead you a massage there, follow its directions implicitly, Keep your eyes and edrs open and if Darrel should attempt to lose you be-tween here and Toledo arrest him and notify me. He's a bad man in a gun

play. Look out for him," "All right, colonel, I'll be 'Johnny on the Spot." " Guthrie was always facon-

16. At 9:50 that night Darrel and Guihnie left over the Wahash for New York via Toledo. Chency had one of his St. Louis men watch Daniels. He didn't want to lose track of him just yet. He had also made arrangements with the postmaster to send up any mail which might arrive from New York that night. The fast mail was due at 10 o'clock. Chenew and Yan Cott waited o'clock. Chevey and Van Cott waited. At 11:45 a messenger came with the ex-pected letter from McCarren. Cheney broke the seal and scanned the brief contents.

"I thought so, damn him. Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus is an old pre-capt of law, Van Cott, and it applies here. McCarren says on the day the robbery was committed "Red" Michelson was in Roosevelt hospital, had been op-erated upon for appendicitis and is there yet. A likely story of Darrel's. A telegraph blank, please, Van." Cheney sent the following telegram to Guthrie at Toledo: "Solt Green or any fund 1 for a M

10 Guinnie at Toledo; "Seth Green, care Supt. L. S. & M. S. depot, Toledo, Ohio: Arrest Darrel for \$100,000 robbery-bring him back if he'll come-if not turn him over to To-ledo police and await papers. Daniels has confessed-wire report. (Signed) "CHENEY."

(Signed) "CHENET." "Read that and have it sent, please,

they want at the head of the govern-ment. Menocal is very tactful, and he, if any one, can effect a compromise arrangement. So far he has kept aloof from each side.

"Yes, but-Cheney-you say Daniels has confessed. He hasn't. "Oh, I know that," laconically replied Chency, "but he will before another day

of the men in the office. he realized what had been down "Well, by the eternal, Cheney, yo given us the double cross all right "Call it that if you want to," and neney. "You'll probably have and Cheney. ple time to think it over." "Fifteen years! He certainly did. said the judge a few months lat



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