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CABINET №7

THE 9:14 FROM PADDINGTON



HOW TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION

the "how to play" page — read this first

YOU ARE THE INVESTIGATION. Before you lies a dossier on a murder in a locked compartment. Reports, statements, a carriage plan, a timetable, photographs and evidence. Your task is to name the **murderer**, prove the **method** (how they got into the locked compartment) and the **time**, and support your conclusion with the documents. One of them is lying.

The official version — for now. The death has been put down to a **heart attack in the tunnel**, while rumour blames one of those ruined by the "Albion" affair. Both versions are convenient — and both may be false. Your task is to test them against the papers.

Players: 1-6. **Time:** 1-2 hours. **No game master required** — the solution is sealed. **Difficulty:** ★★★★★ (a notch harder than Case 47/34 — here the "how" is everything).

How to play. Study the case (who was in which compartment, who was where and when), then follow the **step-by-step route** in the memo (doc. 3), building your proof on the "Detective's Worksheet". Open the sealed envelopes only when their conditions are met. At the end, fill in the accusation form — and only then break open the "SOLUTION".

Golden rule. In this case, answer **WHEN** and **HOW** first — the "who" will follow. Do not trust your first impression of the time of death.

PARTICIPANT'S MEMO

First, take stock: the report (doc. 5), the newspaper (doc. 4), the carriage plan (doc. 8). Then work the case **step by step** – do not grasp at everything at once. At each step, read what is indicated, enter your conclusion on the worksheet (doc. 24), and move on.

STEP 1. Murder or misfortune? Check the post-mortem (doc. 20) and the report (doc. 21).

STEP 2. The obvious version – the ruined investor in the tunnel. Who has a loud motive? Read the suspect cards (docs. 10-12). Then check them against the timetable (doc. 7) and the steward's log (doc. 15).

→ Does this version hold up?

STEP 3. When did the murder actually happen? Check the victim's watch (docs. 5, 21) against the post-mortem report (doc. 20).

→ Open the "**TIME**" envelope (doc. 22), then re-read every alibi from scratch (summary, doc. 17). Much of it reads differently.

STEP 4. Who has no alibi for the established time? Check the steward's log (doc. 15). Remember: some have secrets of their own, but not every secret is about murder.

STEP 5. How – into a compartment locked from within? The carriage plan (doc. 8), the booking sheet (doc. 16), the report on the watch and the cord (doc. 21).

→ Open the "**METHOD**" envelope (doc. 23).

STEP 6. Why? The victim's letter to his solicitor (doc. 18), the excerpt on the "Albion" affair (doc. 19).

→ Fill in the accusation form (doc. 25), then open the "**CASE CLOSED**" packet (doc. 26).

Everything needed for the answer is in the case file – no game master required. There are **27** documents – check before play that all are present.

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TRAGEDY ON THE EXPRESS

FINANCIER DEAD ON THE MORNING EXPRESS

Sir Oswald Greaves found dead in a locked compartment.

Railway police have ordered an inquest.

FROM OUR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT



Sir Oswald Greaves, chairman of the Albion Investment Trust. His last portrait. Photograph: the Clarion.

Bristol. — On Saturday morning, upon the arrival of the "9:14 from Paddington" express at Temple Meads station, Sir Oswald Greaves, baronet, chairman of the notorious Albion Investment Trust, was found dead in a first-class compartment locked from within. The body was discovered by the dining-car steward, who had brought coffee shortly after the train passed through Box Tunnel.

A heart attack was at first suspected, but a post-mortem has been ordered at the coroner's request. The Great Western Railway police have declined to comment further; it is known only that none of the carriage's passengers were permitted to leave before Bristol.

THE "ALBION" AFFAIR.

Readers will recall the collapse of the Albion Investment Trust in the autumn of 1931, which swallowed the savings of thousands of small investors across the county. The official inquiry into the trust was due to open **this coming Monday**. Sir Oswald was reported to be preparing to give evidence.

WEATHER. Morning fog on the Paddington—Bristol line, clearing by midday; light westerly wind.

GWR TIMETABLE

Paddington — Bristol (express)	9:14
Bristol — Exeter	12:05
Paddington — Plymouth	10:30

IN BRIEF. The city council will consider new embankment lighting at its next meeting.

GLOUCESTER TEA — fresh delivery at grocers throughout the county.

ENGLAND ASSURANCE SOCIETY
— 22 Corn Street.

IN BRIEF. Port of Bristol: a cargo steamer from Cardiff is expected to arrive on Tuesday. — The Bath races have been postponed to Saturday owing to rain.

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