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CHAPTER I

THE MAN OF THE MOMENT

“THAT man knows too much !”

“Do you really think he overheard ?”

“He may not have done. But we must take no risks, my dear fellow. Remember we are at war ! With people who know too much there’s but one way—dismissal,” declared Lewin Rodwell, the tall, well-groomed middle-aged man, in morning-coat and grey trousers, who stood in the panelled board-room with his chairman, Sir Boyle Huntley, the other directors having left after the weekly meeting of the board.

“He might talk—eh ?” Sir Boyle remarked in a low, apprehensive tone.

“He would probably fear the law of libel,” said Lewin Rodwell, fair-haired, sleek, rather refined, who, at the moment, was one of the most popular and patriotic figures in London—a man whose praises were sung constantly in the halfpenny press, and who numbered peers, Cabinet Ministers and diplomats among his friends.

His companion, ten years his senior, was of a different type—a somewhat uncouth