

SERIAL STORY

The Chronicles of Addington Peace

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THE MYSTERY OF THE CAUSEWAY

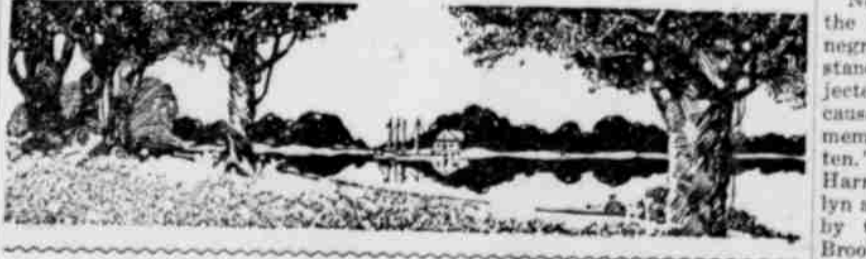
(Continued.) "Well, well, no one can think of everything," said Peace, with a flicker of a smile. "Come and show me where you found him." The dark stain upon the slabs between the nodding reeds was sign-post sufficient. The little detective took one look at the spot, and then stood with his hands behind his back, peering about him. "Were the prisoner's clothes wet?" he asked quietly. "No, sir; quite dry." "And how deep is the lake?" "From three to six feet deep, or so I've always heard."

tinued the little man, with a benevolent interest. There was still no reply. "I understand the foxes are very troublesome." Warner threw down his spade and strode up to where we stood. His eyes had in them the dumb agony of a wild thing in a trap. "I am a married man, sir," he said. "For my wife's sake take me away quietly." "I have not come to arrest you, Jake Warner," said Peace. "If you are responsible for your master's death, it was by sheer accident. But the question is, are you responsible?" "No, sir, I am not. But I can never prove it." "Perhaps it would be best if you explained."

"No, sir." "Where was Sir Andrew hit?" "The chest, sir; he got it full in the chest." "So I understood. A curious elevation of the muzzle, eh? Did you expect a fox over five feet high?" Peace brought out the words with a snap, but the keeper answered him without hesitation. "That is the point, sir," he said. "That is why I am not responsible for the master's death. I set the gun at a level of eight inches from the ground, which I reckoned would take the fox about the shoulder. Some one altered the elevation of the muzzle after I had gone." "The second forked stick that supported the gun was in the mud. Might it not have sunk under the weight, and thus raised the muzzle?" "No, sir. I had pushed it through the mud down to the gravel. It was a good foot deeper when I went to look at it. A man must have used great force to get it so far through the gravel."

100,000 MARCH ON MONTENEGRO Austrian Troops Rush Forward By Land and Sea. Italy Expected to Support Austria—Greek and Servian Forces Face Bulgarians. London—One hundred thousand Austrian troops now are moving in the direction of the Montenegrin frontier, according to an Antivari dispatch to the Mail. A large number of Austrian troops also are proceeding to Antivari by sea. A Vienna dispatch to the Times says that in the event of Austria attempting to coerce Montenegro there is little doubt that she would be supported by Italy, which probably would occupy Santa Quaranta and Avlona, while Austria would proceed against Lovchen Mountain and Scutari. In order to avoid needlessly offending Russia, the action against Scutari would be carried out through Albania, not from Herzegovina. The Sofia correspondent of the Times learns that the Greek and Servian forces now massed in Southern Macedonia aggregate 220,000. They are confronted by three Bulgarian divisions, totalling 60,000 men. Almost all the remaining Bulgarian forces are still before Bulair and Tehtalja. The Bulgarian government, the dispatch adds, is exhausting every means to arrive at a friendly arrangement with Servia and Greece, but the danger of a conflict is still imminent.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc. HIGHWAY CHANGE OPPOSED Grants Pass Men Want Pacific Route Left as at Present. Merchants and Growers of Rogue Valley Behind Move. Medford—As an auxiliary to the irrigation movement plans were formulated Saturday at a joint meeting of the merchants' association and the canning factory in the valley. The merchants of the city were asked to subscribe \$2000 and the growers will furnish \$5000. A committee, consisting of John H. Campbell, W. F. Isaacs, George T. Collins, Steenstrup and E. A. Welch named, to solicit subscriptions from the merchants and active work has been started. It is expected that \$2000 will be readily secured. As soon as this money is obtained a mass meeting of ranchers was called, the outline of the proposed canning presented and the \$2000 loaned without interest to the proposed association. The canning will be similar to one now operating at Puyallup, Wash. Ranchers may subscribe for stock \$10 a share to any amount, but subscriber will have but one vote. The profits of the association's operating expenses will be distributed among the growers. A large board of directors, small executive board will be named and if the canning is built a program from Puyallup will be secured take active charge. LATE HARVEST IS ADVISOR Oregon Growers Told How to Get Pears Successfully. Washington, D. C.—If the growers of the Rogue River valley, Oregon, will delay picking their fruit for at least two weeks beyond usual picking season, and then pick cool and store their fruit properly, they can, in the judgment of the department of agriculture, extend their marketing season as seven weeks and get better prices in the East, after the California pears are gone. This conclusion is reached by J. Stuenkel and H. J. Ramsey, who were sent to the Rogue River valley last fall to make experiments to determine just how the Oregon pears can handle their fruit in the market to best advantage in the East. Their report, which contains much technical information for pear-growers of the Rogue River valley and other sections of Oregon who raise pears is published in Bureau of Horticulture Circular No. 114. Crop Contracts Secured. Hood River—The management of the Apple Growers' association, Hood River's new amalgamation of marketing agencies, is now securing the signatures of growers to contracts for the shipment of the year's crop of apples. The proportion of next week will be passed to the members of the association holding a series of meetings in important sections of the valley where all of the details of the selling concern will be explained. P. S. Davidson has been elected president of the new association. C. W. Hooker, secretary, who has been a member of the board of directors of the Apple Growers' association. Clatsop Pupils Progressing. Astoria—L. R. Harrington, field worker for the juvenile industrial branch of the Oregon Education department, passed the past week company with County Superintendent O. H. Byland, visiting schools in Clatsop county, with a view of arousing interest of the pupils and parents in the work. Mr. Harrington is familiar with this branch of school work and has succeeded in enlisting pupils and parents in the industrial work. He recommended the county superintendent to the teachers on the progress that has been made and predicted that Clatsop county will rank high among the counties of the state in its exhibits in agricultural and industrial, at the state and state fairs. Ashland Farmers to Exhibit. Ashland—Agriculturalists in this locality are preparing to enter lists of Eastern land show exhibits recommendation of the Oregon Development league. Inasmuch as the State Immigration commission has the expense of forwarding and exhibiting these displays, it is planned to gather a large collection of dry beans and other products from this district during the coming summer and to them classified in a systematic manner to forward East in due season. Students Study Engines. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Advanced students of the power machinery at the college are studying four types of tractors, which recently have been shipped to the college for demonstration purposes. The students are testing the engines on the campus and college grounds. Eight-Hour Day to Be Urged. Salem—Plans to initiate a bill providing for an eight-hour day for women were announced by C. E. Hofer and a mass meeting will be held here to promote the move.



MULE DEVoured THE PIANO Animal Totally Wrecked a Musical Instrument Near Him on a Steamboat's Deck. "Mule ate piano shipped. Send another next boat." This message was received recently by a local piano house from an "up-the-river" purchaser whose \$500 instrument had been forwarded via Mississippi river steamboat. In its usual pine box the piano was installed on the lower deck next to a lanky, sleepy looking mule bound for the cotton fields of the upper bends. Although provided with plenty of oats and hay, the mule

ripped off a portion of the outer box, disposing of six octaves of black and white ivory keys, running the chromatic scale up to "G" in the treble clef. He had gnawed away the mahogany panels in front, masticated felt dampers and hammers by the dozen, completely wrecking the melodious "insides" of the instrument. Steamboat Bill, stoking a boiler twenty feet away, said the mule "must have had his foot on the soft pedal," as he did not hear a note. When discovered the animal was unconcernedly gazing longingly across the river at a grass covered levee. It will cost \$300 to repair the piano.—New Orleans correspondent Montgomery Journal.

Police Herd "Pie" Beggars. Washington, D. C.—Hungry job-hunters, among them many who have despaired of gaining the official pie counter through official influence, gathered in such numbers Wednesday night in the vicinity of the Civil Service commission headquarters that the police reserves were called out. Aviator Wins \$10,000 Purse. Paris—Ernest F. Guillaux, a French aviator, whose aeroplane flight on Sunday last when he traveled from Biarritz, France, to Kollum, Holland, a distance of nearly 1000 miles, won a prize of \$10,000 and the Pommeroy, or single-day distance, cup.