

At Sea by Carolyn Wells

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

From the veranda of the Hotel Majestic, at Ocean Town, N. J., TIT'S RIGGS, a guest, sees a man taken from the ocean and laid on the beach while a crowd gathers to stare.

The reader has been introduced to these bathers:

NED BARRON, the copper king, and his wife, MADELINE; ANGELICA FAIR and her fiancé, ROBIN SHARRS; Tobin's father, CROYDON REARDS; GAMBELITA VALDON and her companions, ROGER NEVILLE, GARRETT FOLSOM and MRS. BARNABY, whom everyone calls THE DUCH-ESS.

CHAPTER III

Clearly, few desired to stay in that room of death unless obliged to do so.

"Is—is it my master, sir?" Ross said, looking timorously at the shrouded figure.

"We assume it is," Dixon returned gently, for he was of a gentle nature.

He turned back the blanket, and with a slight shudder Ross looked at the dead man.

"Yes," he said, "yes, sir, that is Mr. Folsom. I am his man. What happened to him?"

"We only know that he died

IT? Where is the key?"

"Why I don't know, I'm sure. Probably with the bathing master, since it is not on the body. Though at that, he may have had it round his neck or wrist."

"I think not, I think Mr. Folsom usually left it at the bathing master's office. He disliked the bother of it round his neck."

"Well, hunt it out, if you can, and get the clothes and belongings from the bathroom. Have you the key to Mr. Folsom's suite?"

"I have one and Mr. Folsom had one. I daresay his is in the pocket of his coat, unless he left it at the desk."

"It will turn up then. You go, now, and get his clothes; there may be a key or valuable papers that ought to be secured. If so, turn them in at the desk and have them put in the safe. You seem to have been in Mr. Folsom's confidence."

"Oh, yes, sir. He often said I was his confidential clerk as well as his man servant. He didn't mean that exactly, but—oh, well, sir, he trusted me."

The dignity and simplicity of this statement carried weight, and after a case of deep scrutiny Dixon concluded that though he showed little grief at the sudden taking off of his master, the man was beyond all doubt faithful and honest.

Pelham agreed silently with this conclusion and Ross went off on his errand.

It was just as he departed that Roger Neville came, looking nervous and excited.

"May I come in?" he asked, as he paused at the door.



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while in bathing. Was he subject to cramp or acute indigestion, or any sudden illness?"

"No, sir. That is, not to say subject to cramp, but he has had cramps in the water, and he has also had indigestion attacks. But never what I would call serious. Are you sure he's gone, sir? He looks so lifelike, you see."

"There's no hope, my man. He is surely dead. Are you here alone with him?"

"Yes, sir. We came yesterday afternoon. Got in about four."

"From where?"

"From New York City last. But Mr. Folsom lives in Chicago."

"I know. Now, we may want to question you further later. But just now we have to do the most necessary thing's first. Who are Mr. Folsom's friends here?"

"Mr. Roger Neville, sir, is his friend and they're associated in business, too. I suppose he'll— or— take charge of everything, sir."

"Yes, I suppose so. Has Mr. Folsom left a wife—a widow?"

"Oh, no, sir, he wasn't married. He has a sister in Chicago, that's all his relatives—except a nephew."

"How long have you been with Mr. Folsom?"

"Nearly four years."

"Have you been down here with him before?"

"Yes, sir. Three years ago. Not since that."

"Where were you this morning when Mr. Folsom went in bathing?"

"I was in the ocean, too, part of the time. Mr. Folsom told me to take a dip when he did but to be back in time to wait on him when he came in. So I've been up in his rooms waiting for him. Somebody just telephoned up there and when I answered, told me to come down here. So here I am. What must I do, sir?"

"Do you're the man we want," Pelham said. "You are a friend of Mr. Folsom's?"

"Yes, I've known him for years. What really happened to him? I mean, was it death by drowning, or some sort of heart attack?"

"We're not sure yet," Pelham said. "We're waiting for Doctor Manning."

"Meanwhile," put in Dixon, "will you please tell us of Mr. Folsom's people and advise us as to what to do with the body?"

"As to his people, he has a sister in Chicago who will, of course, be the one most interested. I suppose it would be best to telegraph her and await her reply. Then doubtless the body will have to be sent to his Chicago home."

"Probably," agreed Dixon. "He was a rich man?"

"Oh, and on," said Neville, with a dry smile. "He was a lawyer, but he had various other interests. And he was the sort of man who makes a fortune one day and loses it the next."

"Speculation?"

"Yes, stock gambling. But he was an important man, and he must be looked after properly. I can't say I do anything I can, of course, but I confess I don't want to send the wife to Miss Folsom, telling her of her brother's death. Can't the hotel do that?"

"Yes, certainly. Who else here was a friend of Mr. Folsom's?"

"He only came yesterday, you know, and though I daresay plenty of people here in the hotel knew him, or knew of him, I'm not sure I can name any."

"You were with him this morning, when he was in the party?"

Reluctantly Neville gave the names of Mrs. Barnaby and Mrs. Valdon. He knew they would report this, for it might lead to unpleasant publicity, but he could see no way out.

"Why do you beatify Mr. Neville?" asked Dixon. "Surely these ladies can have no objection to announcing their friendship with Mr. Folsom."

"No, not that," Neville responded, "but they naturally shrink from the idea of being interviewed by reporters, and all that—"

"Oh, I don't believe Mr. Folsom is such a widely known character that his death will make a great stir so far away from his home."

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EDDY AND FISHER INTRODUCE 13 IMPORTANT BILLS

Members of County Delegation Working Hard at This Session of Legislature.

SALEM, Feb. 8.—(By special correspondence to the News-Review.)—Senator R. L. Eddy introduced the second measure put before the senate (No. 2), which is known as the "1927 Educational Bill." It creates a state board of education and is among the much discussed measures, delegations from various sections of the state having visited the statehouse in support of it. These include the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs and other organizations.

Among other bills introduced by the Douglas county senator is one to provide for state highway maintenance at state expense; revision of the state proportion of grade crossing expense, which involves some important tax-saving features for his district; inheritance tax reciprocity with between states; provision for ex-officio regents for University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college; an act to regulate fishing for trout in the north and south Umpqua rivers; creation of the Umpqua highway improvement district and declaring an emergency thereon; regulating highway improvement petitions and providing that all such must be subject to approval of highway commission; protecting Clear lake watershed from pollution.

Representative Walter S. Fisher has introduced four bills, among them the free textbook plan, which he has introduced by Representatives Paulson, Bailey, King and Hazlett. The bill caused much discussion in committee and has not been returned to the house, although it passed second reading. It is instigated by the parent teacher association. Fisher's bill providing for changes in stock laws in Douglas county, passed and was signed by the governor. House bill 56 by Fisher relates to boundary lines between Douglas and Josephine counties, passed February 4. On the same date Fisher's bill 389 relating to filing notice of tax levy was passed.

Convicted



Carl Shelton



Earl R. Shelton



Bernard Shelton

These three brothers, notorious Williamson county gangsters, were convicted at Quincy, Ill., last Saturday of mail robbery and sentenced to 25 years each in the federal penitentiary. The sentence is expected to halt the Shelton-Birger feud which has been raging in Williamson county for nearly a year and which has brought death to several participants.

WHICH HE FELT HAD HARBORED TOO MANY CELEBRITIES TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED WITH THE DEATH OF A CHICAGO LAWYER.

"Well," Dixon said, "I'll send the telegram to the sister—what is her address, Mr. Neville? And would it be better to send it to someone else, a brother lawyer or business friend, and let him tell the lady?"

"No," Neville told him, "don't try to break it gently. Miss Folsom is not that sort. Tell her the straight facts. She will take it standing, and unless I miss my guess, she will come here by the first possible train."

"I hope she will," Pelham said. "That will relieve us of all responsibility. Meantime I think we can send the body to the undertaker."

"After we get the doctor's certificate," Dixon amended. "Were you at Mr. Folsom's side when he went under, Mr. Neville?"

"Oh, no, I was some distance away. Mr. Folsom was holding on to the rope."

"Who was next to him? The ladies of your party?"

"I suppose so, I'm not sure."

"I must see them. It is necessary to learn more of the particulars of his death, if possible."

(To be continued.)

STRIBLING BEATS HUFFMAN; BATTLE IS UNINTERESTING

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The figure of William (Young) Stribling, slayer from Georgia, cast but a pale shadow over Tex Rickard's heavyweight tournament today.

Although victorious in his ten-round match with Eddie Huffman, Los Angeles light heavyweight, at Madison Square Garden last night, Stribling failed to impress fans with his ability just as he failed in his 1926 fight with Paul Bernbach for the 175 pound championship. Stribling mauling his way to victory over Huffman in a featureless match, marred by clinching, bounding and acrobatic feats. Stribling from the start waged a defensive campaign that left the spectators yawning. There was little snap in his long left jab, little desire to force the milling.

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GOOD SNOW SURFACE EXPECTED FOR SKI CONTEST TO CRATER LAKE

FORT KLAMATH, Ore., Feb. 8.—When experts from all parts of the Pacific coast arrive here for the big 42-mile snow derby between Fort Klamath and Crater Lake lodge on February 22, they will find plenty of hard-packed snow for this unique ski marathon.

There are now 121 inches of snow at Crater Lake rim with snowstorms brewing about this magnificent body of water. John Mablin, caretaker at the lodge, reported that a terrific snow storm last Sunday added several feet of new snow, and this will be packed solid by the latter part of this month.

Amateur ski enthusiasts of this section are now practicing daily in anticipation of this big event, and some of the experts from other points will find strong competition among the hardy ranchers and woodmen of Klamath county.

The race will be from Fort Klamath to Crater Lake lodge and each way, a distance of 21 miles each way. A cash prize of \$250 for the winner will be given by the Fort Klamath community club, which is sponsoring the event. Second prize of \$100 and a third prize of \$50 also are offered, making \$400 in all which will be given the three winners.

Indications are that hundreds of enthusiasts and spectators will be here from many points along the Pacific coast to take part and witness this novel event.

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GRANGE SUGGESTS SUPER ROAD DIST. BE ESTABLISHED

An expression of thanks for improvements made to the Roseburg-Dixonville road, together with a proposal that this road be made a major project for a super road district with special funds to be matched from the market road money, has been made by the South Deer Creek Grange. The proposition was discussed at a meeting of the Grange last week, and the following letter sent to the county court:

The members of the Douglas County Court, Roseburg, Oregon, Gentlemen:

We, the members of the South Deer Creek Grange wish to thank you for repairing the road from the city limits of Roseburg to Dixonville.

We realize that the roadbed is largely worn out, and that what gravel is left is not enough to entirely fill all the holes in the center of the roadbed, and we appreciate the fact that some permanent work will have to be done on this road in the near future.

For the above reasons we appreciate what you have been able to do in making the road fairly good for the past month.

As this piece of road is part of the highway being demanded to the city limits, we believe that the large majority of the taxpayers east and south of Dixonville are in favor of creating one large road district for that purpose of levying a special tax upon all users of this road, which may be called the neck of a large bottle.

If the Court could guarantee the matching of any funds raised by a special tax, with funds from the Market road fund, such tax would not fall heavily upon any user of the road who is a taxpayer in these districts. A comparatively small tax would not only make a standard roadbed, but would straighten out the curves that are now more or less dangerous for auto traffic.

Adopted by the South Deer Creek Grange in regular session this fifth day of February, 1927.

WM. A. KARCHER, Master South Deer Creek Grange. MRS. T. E. LUNGAN, Sec'y. South Deer Creek Grange.

FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE CARRIED TO ENTIRE COUNTY

"Prevent Forest Fires, It Pays", is the message being carried into every part of Douglas county this month by Mr. W. V. Fuller, of the State Foresters office at Salem, Oregon, and by Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of the Mount Hood national forest. In order that it might be possible to present this message to many of the public schools located off of the main highways a Dodge truck fully equipped with a home light electric plant, both a moving picture machine and a stereopticon and canvas coverings enough to darken thirty large windows is used in order that the meetings might be held in the day time. Eighty beautiful colored lantern slides and four reels of moving pictures are used which illustrate the value of the timber in Douglas county from a recreation value, grazing value, stream control and timber value. What Oregon is doing to restore much of its burned over lands and logged off lands is also shown and explained. Every effort possible is being made this season in Douglas county to cut down the fire loss and to prevent man caused fires.

To date the following schools and organizations with their attendances have received the program: Camas Valley school, 65; Wilbur, Ore., high school, 200; Roseburg school "Green", 30; Sutherland, Advent school, 65, 2 p. m.; Sutherland, P. T. A. Advent school, 85, 8 p. m.; Oakland, high school, 185; Sutherland, high school 175; Brockway, school, 20; 10 Mile school, 25; Myrtle Creek, high school, 140; Winston school, 84; Dillard school, 35; Edenwenger school, 30; Looking Glass school, 100; Roseburg, Liberty theatre, 1200; Roseburg, Fullerton school, 100; Melrose school, 28; Roseburg junior high, 400; Roseburg Benson school, 200; Roseburg, Kiwanis luncheon, 45; Roseburg, American Legion, 60; Tiller school, 84; Drew school, 6; Days Creek school, 52; Roseburg, high school, 300; Roseburg Rose school, 275; Dixonville, Grange hall, 15; Gilde school, 88. The total attendance was 4,042.

The meetings were arranged by State Fire Warden Harvey Q. Brown of Douglas County Fire Patrol Assn., and by Forest Supervisor Carl Neal of the Umpqua National forest. Next week points further south in the county will be scheduled and later the northern part of the county will complete the schedule.

At many of the meetings the cooperation of various business men of Roseburg has been received. The meeting at Tiller was addressed by H. E. Cully, secretary of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. Lloyd Crocker, deputy game warden, J. Farrington, manager of Roseburg Telephone Co. Lloyd Crocker also addressed the meeting at Gilde.

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