

At Sea

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Death strikes. Garrett, Folsom while swimming with a party of friends at Ocean Town, N. J. At the Hotel Majasaca, where they all had been guests, an inquiry is begun, after a doctor, perfunctorily examining him on the beach, pronounces him dead.

Folsom's companions had been Robert Neville, Mrs. Helen Barnaby and Carmelita Valdon. It is established that Folsom, just before his death, had been standing next to Ned Barron, who was one of a party including his wife, Madeline, Angelica Fair and her fiancé, Robb Sears, and his father, Croydon Sears.

It is decided to telegraph Folsom's sister, Anastasia, in New York.

Carmelita Valdon sneaks in Folsom's room but is surprised by a chambermaid. Then the startling announcement is made that Folsom had died by a stab wound—has been murdered.

Now go on with the story:

CHAPTER VIII

Still no word was spoken by the silent bearers.

Dixon, his face glued to the faces of the pair who listened, and Tuttle, who was standing by, watching about, afterward that both Mr. Neville and Mrs. Valdon seemed amazed and astounded beyond all power of speech.

"Naturally, I did not know of this

what must we do? The inevitable procedure is to communicate with the police at once. But Mr. Peckham requested me to tell you about it first, as the nearest friend of the victim present."

"Yes," Neville spoke heavily, and as one agreeing under protest. "I know enough of these things to realize that it must be so. Go ahead then; so far as I have any reason to sanction your procedure, I do so. But I claim no real responsibility in Mr. Folsom's affairs. I am only doing what I can, in the interests of friendship, and also to be able to report to Miss Folsom, when she arrives, what has been done in the matter."

"Yes," said Dixon, nodding his head. "That is all we want of you, Mr. Neville. And Mrs. Valdon, also a friend of Mr. Folsom's sister, will tell her that we—the management—have done all we can to obey the law, and also keep the matter as private as possible."

Carmelita Valdon smiled a little. "Personally, I should thank you, Mr. Dixon," she said, "for keeping things quiet. But I may as well tell you that Miss Folsom is not like that. She is—how shall I put it?—rather given to publicity, rather fond of it—noticeably. I do not mean that she would make capital of her brother's death to bring herself into the limelight, but she is not at all averse to prominence in print."

yet been made known."

Dixon looked at him curiously.

"You're a strange man, Ross. Where were you educated?"

"At public schools, sir. I've no store of book learning, but I've knocked around a bit with Mr. Folsom, and I've picked up some wisdom here and there."

"Knocked round with him—where?"

"Traveling, about. For three years I've been with him out of America. In England, mostly, but sometimes on trips to Egypt and the Orient, sir."

"I see. You're a traveled man, then."

"As Mr. Folsom's servant, sir. But he was a kind master, and he gave me many advantages. Will you tell me what killed him, sir?"

"Yes, it's your due, Mr. Folsom was murdered."

"What!" Ross was startled out of his conventional manner as well as out of his usual calm.

"Yes. He was stabbed while in bathing."

"Stabbed? I don't understand."

"Doctor Manning then took up the tale and told the astounded looking valet what had happened to Garrett Folsom."

"But—but who could have done it, sir?" the man asked, as the tale came to its close. "Almost nobody down here knew Mr. Folsom at all, and those who did were his friends."

"Was Roger Neville his friend?" Though said in a quiet voice, the query was flung out suddenly, and purposely with an intent to take Ross off his guard.

(To Be Continued.)

The valet implicated in the murder of Folsom? Watch for new developments in the next chapter.

Around the County

LOOKING GLASS NEWS ITEMS

The high school has had seven absences during the past week on account of measles. Three of these are expected back Monday. We hope that from now on we may go ahead with our work interrupted by sickness.

The primary and intermediate grades have been ordered closed by the county health officer for a period of eleven days on account of measles. The grade school was closed on February 9th. It will open again on February 21st.

Rev. T. F. Allen our new Methodist pastor, preached his first sermon here last Sunday evening, February 6th. He created a good impression in the community.

Mr. Cazad, who has been sick for some time, is reported to be worse. Mrs. Cazad is also ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clingenspeel visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Best of this valley during the week-end.

Allie Chambers spent the week-end here visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Fitzgerald.

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Barbara Alice Matthews, of Reston, was held at the Looking Glass church Sunday February 6, Rev. Matthews of the Roseburg Baptist church, delivered the funeral sermon. Burial followed in the Looking Glass cemetery.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hodges, of Roseburg, Mrs. Hodges was a student of our high school up until the time of her marriage.

The Looking Glass boys' basketball team, has had a very successful season this year, winning seven out of ten games played. The team lost one game to Oakland, one to Riddle and one to the Junior High of Roseburg. Our team scored 248 points against our opponents. 164. Our team was coached by Wallace Tapp, former Roseburg High star. Robert Paulsen, forward was high point man on the squad, with 84 points. Tom Strickland, guard, ran him a close second with 80 points. Walter Steinhauser, lanky center, was third with 43 points. John Montgomery, snappy forward, fourth with 21 points. Lester Jordan, fifth, with 16 points. Jordan was injured toward the middle of the season and therefore did not get a chance to do his stuff in the last four games. Archie Millard, mainstay guard, and Vernon Davis, substitute guard, clipped two points each, and were very good at those positions. We are looking forward to another successful season next year with the same team that played this year. The girls' team did not do so well, but played all games to a very close score. They won two games, one from Wilbur and one from Canas Valley.

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"You amaze me, Mrs. Valdon," Dixon said. "I had pictured the sister as a shrieking, retreating soul."

Dixon hadn't pictured the lady at all, but he was cleverly getting all the side-lights he could on this darkly mysterious affair.

"Oh, no," Carmelita exclaimed. "Anastasia Folsom is one of the most decided characters I have ever known. She is fearless and outspoken to a degree. And you can count on her for help, if needed, in solving the mystery of her brother's death. I suppose it is a mystery."

"The most mysterious case I have ever heard of," Dixon assured her. "Too big for me to tackle, but it may be the police will make short work of it."

"How can they?" asked Neville. "Granted that Folsom was stabbed in the ocean; that gives about a thousand possible suspects to choose from!"

"Oh, come now, Mr. Neville, we can't consider those who were too far away from him. But even taking the nearby ones, there may well be a hundred or more who can be said to have had opportunity."

"Surely, then, you have to look for motive. Now, there's the trouble. The man who had motive is an unknown quantity and will, of course, remain so. I don't see where your police are going to make a start."

"I confess I don't see clearly myself," Dixon agreed. "But that's up to them. Now, Mr. Neville, since things are as they are, the matter passes out of your hands—at least to this extent. I'll ask you to hand over to me the key of Mr. Folsom's room. I shall give it to the police and, of course, no one will be allowed access to the suite."

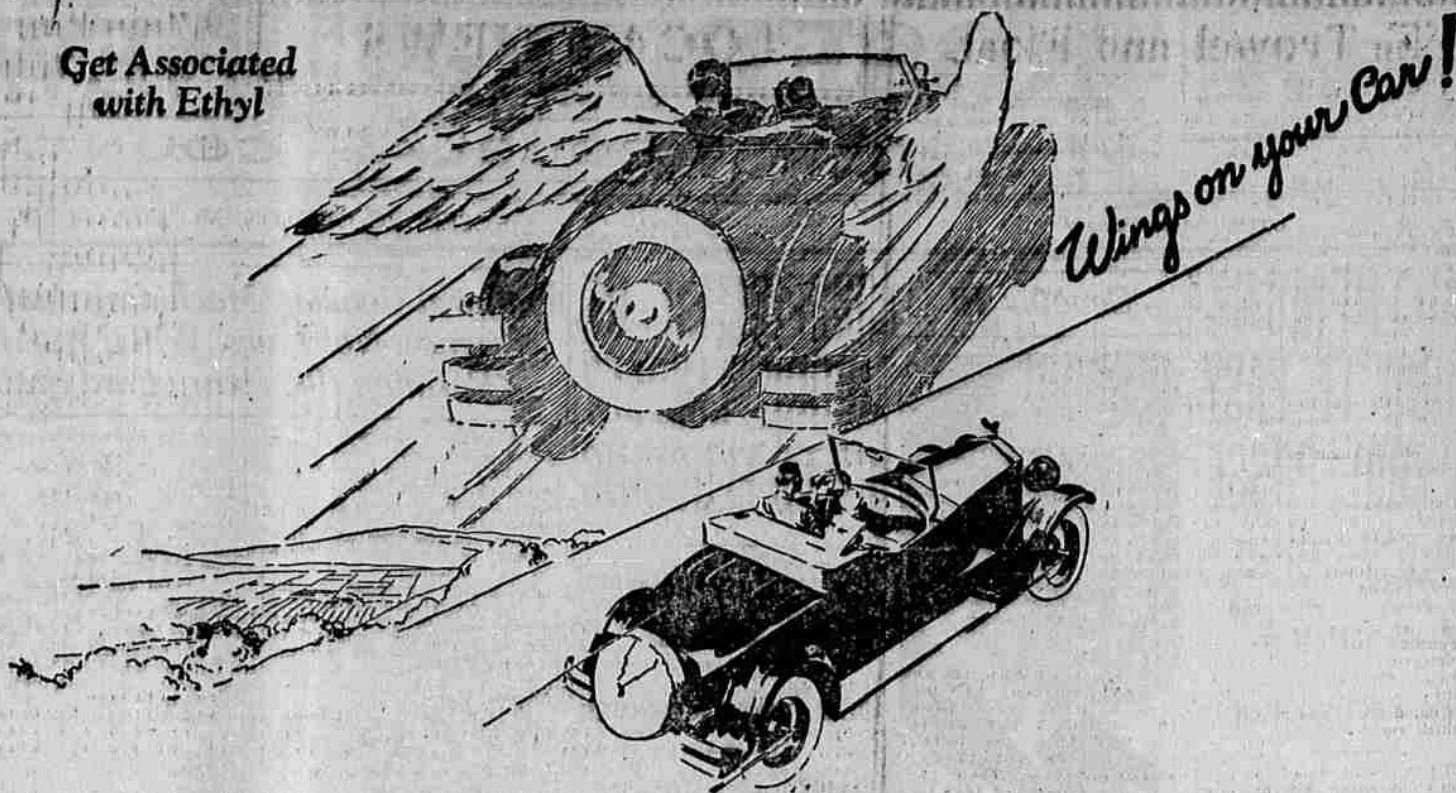
"What about Ross, the valet?" "I've sent for him, and shall, of course, take the key he has also. The passkeys of the service will be attended to."

The hotel detective dismissed them just as Ross appeared, led by the redoubtable Tuttle. The valet, his face drawn with emotion, but otherwise calm, came into the room, and Dixon closed the door.

"You have heard," Dixon said, watching him closely, "that your master did not die of any natural cause?"

"Not quite that, sir, but the bell-boy was so excited and queer, that I quizzed him a bit on the way down here, and I couldn't help thinking there was something to be told more than I had already heard. Then I learned that the doctor was here, and I was sure that there was more to be told than had

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COWBOYS AND REDS CLASH; 3 KILLED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 11.—A cowboy and two Navajo Indians were killed in a battle last night on the Indian reservation near Pueblo Alto, a message to the Albuquerque Journal today said. Sheriff's officers from Sandoval and McKinley counties are on their way to the scene of the battle. It was said that trouble arose over some range cattle.

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EXODUS OF MISSIONARIES IN CHINA CONTINUES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 11.—The first group of foreigners to evacuate Szechwan province, 160 in all, 27 of them American, arrived here today on a river steamer built to accommodate only 30 persons. Most of the Americans are missionaries.

Interviewed, the refugees declared they had had no difficulty in getting out of the province and had not been molested, although the anti-foreign feeling was appar-

ent. They were able to bring most of their personal effects.

About 200 missionaries remaining in Szechwan are expected to evacuate within a week.

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CORVALLIS BOY NAMED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11.—Governor Patterson has appointed Harry N. Burnside, of Corvallis, to take the entrance examinations for admission to the United States military academy at West Point.

POSTMASTERS RE-NAMED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

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STUDENTS BEAT SOLDIERS

MERFORD, Ore., Feb. 11.—In a hotly contested game here last night, Southern Oregon normal basketball team defeated Merford company A, 29 to 24.

MRS. E. E. SANDRY DIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Sandry, for thirty years a resident of Redding, Calif., and for fifty years a resident of California, died at her home in Rogue River, Oregon, today.

Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY hereby gives NOTICE that on January 13th, 1927, it filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, at Washington, D. C., its application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require (a) the acquisition by it of the railroad of the Oregon and California Railroad Company which extends from the California-Oregon state line in a northerly direction to Portland, Oregon, with several branch lines, having a total mileage of 682.82 miles, and, (b) the acquisition of the railroad of the Marion and Linn County Railroad Company, which extends from a point near Hoover in an easterly direction to Idanha, a distance of 2.24 miles, all in the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Harvey Smith, of Glendale, spent the day here attending to business matters and shopping.

Mrs. Stanley Shrenk, of Looking Glass, was in Roseburg today visiting with friends and shopping.

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