

At Sea

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Carolyn Wells

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Garrett Folsom is stabbed to death while swimming at Ocean Town, N. J.

Folsom's bathing companions had been Roger Neville, a business partner; Mrs. Helen Barnaby and Carmelita Valdon.

Anastasia Folsom, eccentric and masterful sister of the dead man, takes command. At the inquest it is learned that the death was not a picnic, an Oriental knife and it had been bought on the boardwalk.

It is learned that one Croydon Sears is a fancier of curious weapons. He admits buying two knives but not the pichag.

Anastasia engages Titus Rizza, an architect, to work on the case. Dan Pelton, the dead man's nephew, arrives and is puzzled by some curious French dolls in Folsom's room.

Croydon Sears sends for Fleming Stone, famous detective. He tells him Folsom had been black-mailed and he had lied at the inquest but was innocent.

Stone meets others of the circle, including Ned Barron and his wife, Madeline, and begins quietly to work.

Now go on with the story

CHAPTER XXXVIII

Ned Barron was a simple-minded, single-hearted man, whose only interest, outside his business life, was his devotion to his wife and

Titus Rizza always sat alone at his table in the dining room. Often, however, his dinner over, he would saunter to the table of some friends and have his coffee with them.

He came now to the Barrons' table and was welcomed there.

"I bring a message," he said, as he accepted a cup of coffee, "from Miss Folsom. She has learned who our visitor is, and she demands an interview at the earliest possible moment."

"Demands?" and Stone raised his eyebrows a trifle.

"Yes, but Miss Folsom always demands. It's one of her little ways. What shall I tell her?"

"Tell her," Fleming Stone said, "that I will grant her demand, but in my own good time. Tell her that I propose to have a ride in those chair things and that when I return I will keep my appointment as she may make. We must see her, Sears, and her nephew, too, as soon as may be."

Stone's manner changed suddenly from gay banter to a serious tone, and then he invited the whole party to go on a chair ride, stipulating that he was to have Mrs. Barron as his companion.

He caught the faint flush of unwillingness in her eyes, but she accepted his invitation gracefully and they started off.

The night was pleasantly cool, and the gay boardwalk, with its

of some sort over Croydon Sears, and that he was about to use it.

"What nonsense! As if a man like Croydon Sears could be afraid of anybody!"

"A man may be fearless on his own account, and yet be disturbed on the account of others who are dear to him."

"Yes, that is true. You mean Robin, of course. Well, Mr. Stone, I wish I could help you. If I knew anything I would most certainly tell you. But I can only assert my faith in Croydon Sears and his innocence, by reason of my respect and admiration for the man and my knowledge of his general fitness of character and integrity."

"And your knowledge of Garrett Folsom?"

"Is only what I have heard of him since his death. And that runs the entire gamut, from the exalted opinions of his sister to the far less eulogistic expressions of his nephew."

"Young Pelton had small love for his uncle?"

"It would seem so. Though I know little of these things save as I have heard them discussed by others. Why do you select me for your questioning, Mr. Stone?"

A sudden touch of resentment gave a sharp tone to Madeline's voice, and she looked steadily at Stone as if demanding an answer.

(To be continued.)

Stone believes he is on the right trail. In the next chapter he examines Folsom's papers.

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GRIFFITH AT SALEM

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—Fred H. Paulus, of Salem, has been appointed deputy state treasurer to take the place of George Griffith, who resigned Saturday. It was announced this morning by T. B. Kay, state treasurer. Paulus has been cashier in the state treasurer's department for three years, or since Kay took over his office. Griffith has been deputy state treasurer for the same length of time. His resignation was made necessary by poor health, it was announced.

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WOMAN IS KILLED

IN RUNAWAY AUTO

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 21.—Mrs. George Keesee, 35, who lived on the north fork of the Newaukum, southeast of Chehalis, was killed yesterday when the automobile in which she and her husband and their two sons were riding became unmanageable on the steep barbee hill west of the Chehalis city limits. The brakes failed to hold and the car plunged over the bank.

Mrs. Keesee's skull was crushed. The other occupants of the car were cut and bruised.

Fishing tackle and ammunition at Powell's Furniture Store.

FOUR ALLEGED THIEVES

IN LA GRANDE JAIL

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

PENIDLETON, March 21.—Ray Donagell, Charles West, Pat Kane and a negro, name unknown, charged with entering a store at La Grande, were arrested in the "jungle" near Rich Saturday and returned to La Grande. They admitted the theft of clothes and these were found near their camping place.

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ITALIAN FLIER SAFE

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

BUENAS AIRES, Argentina, March 21.—The Western Telegraph reports that Commander De Pire, Italian aviator, who left Manaus, Brazil, this morning for Para, down the Amazon, alighted at Iteocitara.

(Iteocitara is 120 miles east of Manaus, on the Amazon.)

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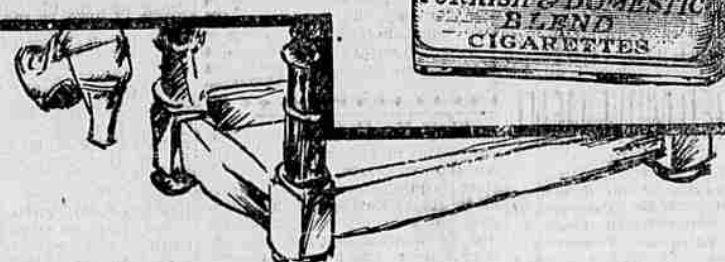
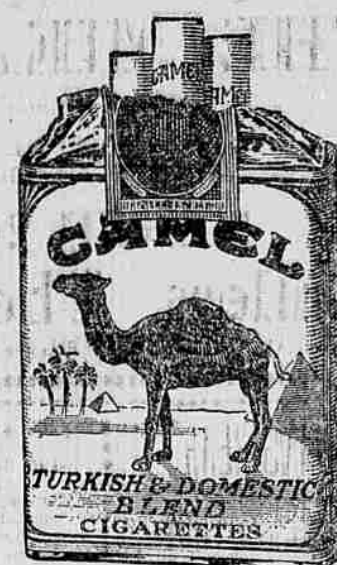


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KILLER WANTED WIFE OF VICTIM, WIDOW'S STORY

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—Mrs. Ruth Snyder today asserted to the police that Henry Judd Gray, now under arrest in Syracuse, had murdered her husband, Albert Snyder, art editor of a magazine, in order that she might be free to marry him.

According to the alleged assertion, Mrs. Snyder said that Gray was concealed in their home in Queens Village, while she, her husband and their 3-year-old daughter, Lorraine, returned early Sunday morning from a card party.

Gray, according to Mrs. Snyder, beat Snyder to death and then wound a picture wire around his throat. After the murder Gray bound Mrs. Snyder in order to throw an aspect of burglary over the crime. Police said Mrs. Snyder had told them she had known Gray for two and one-half years and that she wanted her husband out of the way in order that she might marry him.

District Attorney Newcombe said that a charge of homicide would be filed against Mrs. Snyder. He declined to say what charge would be placed against Gray.

According to the story Mrs. Snyder told the police she returned home from a "rather wild party" with her husband and their daughter at 1:30 a. m. Sunday.

They went to bed at 2:15 o'clock. Her husband went to sleep immediately, she said, lying on his left side so that his left ear was muffled by the pillow. He was deaf in his right ear and so could not easily have been awakened.

"Somebody went down and let Gray in," Mrs. Snyder is reported to have said. She talked for a while with Gray and it was decided that the latter should kill her husband, the police reported.

Snyder was struck by an iron bar while he was asleep.

Detectives learned that Snyder had recently increased his life insurance from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Police said another incident that

aided in accounting for the surprise attack on Snyder was that at the card party Mrs. Snyder asked that her husband be given all the liquor he desired.

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FIRE FORCES MAN AND THREE SONS FROM THEIR HOME

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

DALLAS, Ore., March 21.—Fred Ashbacker and his three sons were forced to flee in their night clothes when fire, believed to have been started in a brooder, destroyed their ranch home near here early this morning. Ashbacker received a cut injury while climbing through a window. The house and about 100 two-week-old, babe chickens were destroyed with practically no insurance.

Earl Carroll, tub party man, must serve sentence

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Earl Carroll, the theatrical manager, must serve the sentence of a year and a day imposed on him for per-

jury as an outgrowth of his famous bath tub party. The supreme court today refused him a review.

He may delay commitment by asking a rehearing but such requests seldom are granted.

Carroll was taken before the grand jury twice during investigation of the party at which it had

been reported that a chorus girl, partly immersed in liquor in a bathtub, served drinks to the guests. After he had denied that the girl was in the tub, he was indicted and convicted of perjury. He claimed and was granted immunity, however, from prosecution under the national prohibition law.

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