'Murder at Eagle's Nest'

By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

Following a party at Eagle's Nest, the home of wealthy Emily Hardy, the Baroness von Wiese is found murdered. Bhima Martin, young newspaper reporter nicknamed "Bim," a guest at the party, assists her fiance, Walter Vance, assistant chief of police, in unraveling the mystery. Bim identifies the shawl wrapped around the Baroness as Mary Frost's. Mary's husband, Ted, had been attentive to the Baroness. Bim had noticed Emily's butler and the Baroness at the party, in secret conversation and recalled the maid's scream when she too, found them together. A strip of uniform linen is found in the shrubbery. The police learn that the Baroness' maid was not in her room that night. The butler denies receiving a note from the Baroness. Bim discovers cuts on the maid's head and arm. She refrains from telling the police. The doors to the Baroness' room are found locked from the inside and her jewels stolen.

CHAPTER IX.

The maid stood there, lips, working, eyes bulging in a horrified way, so white and trembling that Bim thought she would faint again.

"There was a burglar," she managed to gasp finally. "I thought —oh, I knew I heard someone—"

Reynolds was looking at the open case, mouth pursed, and Walter's eyes were upon the maid. Em kept wringing her hands and wailing, "This is awful — awful— 't'll Hardy say now?"

[illegible]enly Jane dashed to the [illegible] and leaned her hands on cit[illegible] peering over. "It looks," [illegible] muffled tone, "like [illegible] down there."

[illegible] breathless with excitement, Bim crowded in beside Jane, straining her eyes toward the bottom of the ravine. "It is something. Walter," she cried. "It's going down."

"[illegible]," he told her. "What do [illegible] say, Jim?"

Reynolds executed one of his [illegible] shrugs and lighted a cigarette after a half apologetic glance at Em. "Might be robbery," he conceded. "Someone takes a shot at the woman so she won't show up and squawk and then comes in and ransacks her room, eh? Mebbe so. We'll get the hunt going just in case."

Bim saw at once that Reynolds placed small faith in the theory and she felt that Walter agreed with him. Nevertheless they would go through the process of throwing out a dragnet on the slight chance that some professional robber-killer had prowled through Eagle's Nest last night.

"No one is to leave town till we give the word," Walter instructed Em. "That understood?"

"Perfectly, Mr. Chief." Em bellowed. "I'll see to that."

"There's men here and there around your grounds to help," he stated dryly. "Feel like doing a little telephoning now? I'd like to talk with the folks that ate dinner here last night. Tell them to come over but don't say why."

"I will," Em assured him delightedly. "I'll get them started right away."

Leaving Reynolds in charge of the house, Walter and Bim made a slow way to the bottom of the ravine where they found, just beneath the window of the room the Baroness had meant to occupy, the soft leather case lined with chamois which Jane had described.

"It's the emerald case," Bim said. "The robber must have thought it too easily identified and threw it out the window after he'd helped himself last night."

"Not last night, honey. This morning — after the sun was up. What kind of a detec-a-tiff are you, anyway? Can't you see there's dew on everything and none at all on the case?"

"Walter," Bim began as he picked up the case gingerly, mindful of fingerprints which perhaps marked the leather. "What do you think about things?"

"What would I think? A woman gets bumped and her jewels disappear. What about it, dim-wit?"

"You think it was robbery, then?"

"Looks like it. What would you say, Miss Sherlock Holmes?"

"Well," Bim drawled, "I'd say whoever it was she met in the garden could tell a story we'd like to hear."

"Check and double check. I can see you're going to be a great help to us, honey."

He grinned down at her, pausing to light a cigarette before they began to climb up the steep path from the ravine. "Who would you say that man was, girl friend?"

"It must have been someone in the house here, the one she sent the note to by the red-haired butler. But why did he lie about it? And why didn't you make him tell?"

"Time enough for that, Bim. When you see more of this racket you'll know it's better sometimes to let them think they're getting away with it. They're liable to get careless and save the cops a lot of toil."

"I suppose so. Still, there couldn't have been more than one she'd write that to. Let's see the note — what's left of it, I mean."

He took the tattered, heel-marked scrap of paper from between the pages of his little book and they read the penciled scrawl together: "Must see you — cannot have forgotten — garden — dearest, dearest——"

"Walter, he must have been someone she'd known a long while ago; that's what she meant by 'cannot be forgotten.' She must have been referring to something in the past; something they both would remember. It sounds to me as if she was pleading with him to remember."

"Maybe." Walter was hard to convince; he hadn't, Bim considered impatiently, too much imagination.

"And it was someone she loved; at least, she wanted to give that impression. That's why she repeated 'dearest, dearest.'"

"Thought you didn't know anything about love, Bim. Thought you said a girl with a career ahead of her couldn't bother with love." He still grinned, though his eyes were serious, almost hurt.

"Walter, if you aren't the darndest. Here you go talking that way when we're at something terribly important. Can't you be serious at all?"

"I am serious. There's nothing more important than you and I," he said dejectedly. "The two of us together. Listen, honey; can't you change your mind? Suppose I get this cleared up all by myself? Fury'd just have to quit; he hasn't turned a hand in years, anyway. There I'd be with a swell salary—anyway it'd be swell enough to get married on. Aw, listen, sweetheart."

"You can just hush up, Walter Vance. This is the first time—the very first time — I've had a real chance at reporting and I don't want it all cluttered by you going mooney on me." However she was touched by his dejection and her tone softened as she slipped a hand through his arm. "Be a dear, Wally, and keep to the case. There's loads of time."

"Is that a promise?" he asked eagerly.

"Walter, please. Let's talk about what's happened. You just don't know how thrilled I am. And I do want you to clear it up all by yourself; I do really."

The young assistant chief of police appeared to take heart at this and he put his arm around the girl as they strolled up the last of the path from the ravine and under great, overhanging trees into the garden.

"Who," she mused, "got into the Baroness' room and out again with the key left on the inside? How did they get out, anyway? Not through the window, you can be sure."

They stood there looking from the high, bowed window to the bottom of the ravine. It would have been impossible for any human being to have negotiated that drop; quite as impossible, Walter remarked, as for anyone to have gained the little balcony at the casement of the linen room from the window ledge below.

"There's probably a simple explanation," he told her. "Only we don't know what it is—yet. Maybe after we talk to Em's dinner guests we'll know more."

"Walter, you don't think—"

He shrugged rather in the manner of Reynolds. "How do I know what goes on in other people's minds? Ever think of this, Bim, that there are two of everybody—the person you see and talk to and the other person — the real one—behind the mask? It's the one behind you have to get acquainted with when you're looking for a killer."

Bim shivered as they stepped from the terrace into the cool, quiet mansion. Em said she had telephoned the Frosts first and they were on the way over and while they waited Walter asked to see the Baron.

Somewhat reluctantly Em conducted him, Bim following, to the west wing and the chamber at the left of the dressing room, where Jane had spent the night.

They found a sick old man who could tell them nothing more than they already knew; an old man who grieved for the loss of his beautiful wife in spite of the life they all suspected she had led him.

They remained there only a moment, returning to the library as William admitted Ted and Mary Frost.

(To Be Continued)

FALL IN BATHROOM TAKES MAN'S LIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 — M. J. Delshunt, 65, died today from injuries suffered January 22 when he slipped and fell to the tile floor of his bathroom. He failed to rally from the severe shock.

RETURNING TO ROSEBURG

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

SMITH RIVER, Jan. 26.—Mr and Mrs. Gene Shrum are preparing to return to Roseburg where they resided prior to moving to Smith River. Mr. Shrum recently underwent an emergency operation at Keizer hospital in North Bend and expects to be able to leave soon. Mrs. Shrum moved her household goods to Reedsport Friday on the Vulcan and is arranging for shipment to Roseburg.

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LOOKINGGLASS

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LOOKINGGLASS, Jan. 27.—Mrs. I. B. Howard, who is in the Roseburg General hospital, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Ruth Beach, of Roseburg, a former graduate of the Lookingglass high school, is visiting in this valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones were dinner guests at the home of the Montgomery's last Sunday.

Among the people of the valley who are on the sick list this week are the following: Maxine and Martha Buell, Lila Meredith, Alvin Heard, Grace Montgomery, Mrs. J. E. Torbet and daughter, Olive, and Mr. Stromquist.

Negotiations are in progress for volleyball games with the girls' teams of Camas Valley and Canyonville.

DRAIN

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DRAIN, Jan. 28.—Felix Mattin has about completed the removal of the Faunce warehouse from railway property here. A part of the heavier lumber is being used for foundation material for a building Mr. Mattin is erecting on the lot next to Benton Mires' store for the owner, A. E. Grauerholz. When completed the building will be rented for some business purpose.

Last Saturday evening the Drain community hall was the scene of a delightful dancing party enjoyed by about twenty-five couples of local young people. Like other previous events given by this group this party was a no-host affair but hereafter a small committee will have charge of the plans for the evening. Music is furnished by a local orchestra composed of Mrs. Grace Moorman and her four children.

Ben Butler, a prominent pioneer farmer of the Elkton vicinity, was visiting and attending to business affairs in Drain this week.

Doctor Bertha Devore reports the birth of a son, January 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Letsom of Drain.

Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Peters have returned to their home here after a month spent visiting relatives and friends in various Washington towns.

Among those who attended the annual meeting of the Drain grange held Friday at Yoncalla were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Eccleston, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cowles and Mrs. L. G. Davis. Election of the officers for the coming year was a part of the purpose of this meeting.

The Addison Burns property in South Drain is being improved this week by the building of a new sidewalk along the entire front. A new owner of the property is expected here in about two weeks from California to take charge of his place.

A. S. Urbank has found it quite difficult to continue his duties as S. P. agent here during the past week on account of a painful minor operation on his back, which was performed last Sunday. He reports that he is considerably improved now, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Razor and child of Everett, Wash., are visiting her with Mrs. Razor's mother, Mrs. Lillie Craig, and other relatives.

A hail storm of about twenty minutes duration, accompanied by one sharp clap of thunder, visited this section Thursday afternoon about three o'clock and covered the landscape with a carpet of white.

Wilfred Brown Jr., who is doing journalistic work in the office of the Register-Guard in Eugene, visited here over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Brown Sr., and other relatives in the Sunnydale section. Neal Brown, his brother, who is attending O. S. C., also visited at home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sneed and children were up from their farm home near Elkton on Sunday and visited with the former's father, John Sneed and wife, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whipple and daughters, Lois Ann and Betty May, made an over Sunday visit here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Whipple, and other relatives.

REEDSPORT

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

REEDSPORT, Jan. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baldridge returned Wednesday from a visit of several days in Portland. Accompanying them were Mr. M. and Miss Edna Baldridge, mother and sister of Mr. Baldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smiley and family, including Mr. Smiley's mother and sister Mary, motored ta Loon lake Sunday. They found the road in excellent condition.

Sunday guests at the Ralph Foster home were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Plum and son Ted of North Bend, accompanied by Mrs. Plum's mother, Mrs. Ingerson, and Miss Alice Drosch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker and children at Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown of Elkton called at the R. P. Bernhardt home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moeck of North Bend, Miss Florette Janelle of Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chapin and Howard Hinsdale were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Benson for dinner Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Billington were hosts at Sunday dinner to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mathers, Doris Amspoker and Oscar Olson, the latter two of Eugene, who spent the week-end visiting at the Mather home.

G. Spencer Hinsdale and Miss Frances Scott were guests of Mrs. O. B. Hinsdale for the week-end.

Tom Lillebo departed early on Monday morning for Yachats on business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lillebo and children, spent the week-end in North Bend, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McCulloch, the occasion being Mr. McCulloch's birthday. Other guests from Reedsport were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hines. The Walker and Lillebo families were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Errington of North Bend.

George Lienkaemper motored Eugene Saturday to attend the Washington-Oregon game. Accompanying him were Melvin DeVelbiss and Irving Nelson.

Mrs. H. D. Butler spent Wednesday at the Frank Wade farm on the Umpqua.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Vanderpool and daughter Verna motored to Roseburg Thursday to have X-ray pictures taken of Verna's hip. She has been lame for some time. Their further destination will be determined by the pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clarke have purchased the Staples property on Schofield heights, and plan to take possession as soon as Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Pettit find a suitable residence.

ELKTON

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

ELKTON, Jan. 26.—John Conder was an Elkton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anna Johnson were visitors at Reedsport and Gardiner Tuesday.

Frank Madison is working on J. E. Haines house in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mack were Roseburg visitors Wednesday.

Asa Andrews motored to Roseburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hutchinson and Dick Weatherly were Roseburg visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Pete Ponthus and daughter, Betty, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binder.

Walter Haines was a Eugene visitor Thursday.

C. C. Hancock was in Elkton Thursday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levenhagen were in Roseburg Thursday looking after business matters.

Cleve Sparks and Bill Goodman were Elkton visitors Thursday.

H. E. Brown received a shipment of turkeys Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Luff were called away the last of the week by the death of Mrs. Luff's father.

MISS FAUNIE POOLE IS HOSTESS FOR RIDDLE FRIENDS

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

RIDDLE, Jan. 28.—Miss Faunie Poole proved herself a delightful hostess Thursday night when she entertained a group of her friends at a dinner party, given at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marvin Ball. A delicious chicken supper was served at 7 o'clock at a table decorated with candles and spring flowers. The evening was spent with cards, dancing and other amusements. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ball, A. W. Gibson, Ed Tomlin, Dr. John Wilson, Clyde Poole, Pep Willis, Abner Logsdon, Edna Dunbar, Helen Riddle, Myrtle Ada Pfaff, Marvel Cripps, Lillian Logsdon and Burnell Ball.

YONCALLA

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

YONCALLA, Jan. 26.—The seventh and eighth grades enjoyed a party in the Epworth hall Thursday evening. Games were played and a very pleasant evening spent following which delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ed Newby and Miss Bertha Sutherlin left Thursday morning for Ashland, where they will visit Mrs. Newby's daughter, Mrs. Viola Smith, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stonaker spent Sunday visiting at the Barton Helliwell home at Roseburg.

Miss Glenda Ross of Cottage Grove spent the week-end here visiting Professor and Mrs. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Wise attended the basketball game between U. of O. and University of Washington at Eugene Saturday night.

Miss Ilah Kelso and uncle, Wade Crowe, and Tommy Palmer made a business trip to Maple Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson of Scotts valley have as their guest, Mrs. Cristabelle Harris, of Newberg.

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