

'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 was found murdered. Rhina Martin, young newspaper reporter, nicknamed "Bim," a guest at the party, assisted her fiancé, 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. The jewel case is found outside the window. Bim believes that the murderer had the guilty party if they could find the person whom the Baroness met in the summer house. The Frosts are called.

CHAPTER X.

Bim saw in a moment that Ted's grief had endured over the night. He was meticulously suave; yet his eyes gleamed whenever they rested upon his wife in a way which caused Bim to recall tales that were told of their confused, unhappy existence together.

"The incredible fact was that in spite of the easy code which governed his own conduct — which permitted him to philander here and there at will — Ted was wildly jealous of Mary Frost."

After he had as Bim knew from having watched them wonderingly — Mary with pity and Ted with bitter impatience — fly into a rage if Mary so much as exchanged simple amenities with another man. The very while he expected her to ignore or at least treat with indifference his own "flirtations." Yet Mary, as everyone in Kingcliffe knew, was above suspicion.

Mary looked pale and worn; her fine, gentle eyes were heavy as if from lack of sleep and even her gray-sprinkled dark hair seemed dull and lifeless.

Nevertheless, she greeted them all in her kind voice with pleasure and went to sit beside Bim, turning upon the girl a tired little smile.

"We're always glad to be invited to Eagle's Nest," she remarked. "Though we're hoping that nothing has happened."

Walter again seated himself at the small table upon which he spread the note-book, moving rather deliberately. Bim thought, before Ted's cynical gaze. Reynolds had contrived it so that Ted faced the light himself sitting with his back to the window.

"Something has happened," Walter stated at length. "The Baroness von Wiese was shot and killed last night."

Mary's cry was hardly more than a gasp, yet it cut through the room and set Bim's nerves on edge. Bim saw weakness go out of the worn face and a shocked intense-ness take its place as Mary murmured, "I'm sorry — oh, I'm so very sorry."

Ted said nothing, though he half rose and then sat back with his mouth hanging open, eyes staring. He started to reach for a cigarette but let his hand fall stupidly.

"Probably a plain case of robbery," the sheriff put in, as it seemed to Bim, irrelevantly. "Her jewelry is gone. Sorry to bother you folks but we'll question everybody as a matter of form."

"She was so beautiful," Mary said softly, tears in her eyes. "So — so alive — there was something about a robbery early in the evening, wasn't there? It's — it's rather terrible."

Bim, moving nearer the older woman, took her hand and found that she was trembling all over. "Don't mind me," she whispered. "Of course it's terrible but we'll have the — the one that did it in no time; you see if we don't."

Instead of helping Mary, this soothing attempt of Bim's seemed to set her trembling more uncontrollably. She gave the girl a startled, stricken look and, to Bim's surprise, withdrew her hand.

But Bim had no opportunity to nurse a sense of rebuff for Walter was beginning to question Ted and she was too eager to hear what he had to say to think of anything else.

"What time did you leave her last night, Mr. Frost?" Ted did not reply at once. He had regained his nonchalance and now lighted a cigarette, taking his time about it, before turning a cold little smile upon his interrogator.

"Am I to understand," he enquired, "that this is official?" "We're attempting to fix a murder," Walter retorted.

"I see," Ted's smile was almost a sneer. "No doubt you've overlooked the fact that I — we are free citizens, Vance. My movements are my own business and not something to be pawed over and paraded to cover up police inefficiency. In other words, I propose to stand on my constitutional rights until such time as you show proper cause for prying into my affairs."

"Ted!" There was shock and pain in Mary's voice. She made an outraged gesture in the direction of her husband.

"Of course we'll answer any questions we're asked," she went on more calmly, turning to Walter. "We left early last night; before the other guests. I think it was some time around half past ten, wasn't it Emily?"

Em nodded, glad that Ted's outburst was smothered. "I saw you off among the first, dear. Remember how Ted nearly slid all the way downstairs?"

Mary flushed and hesitated and Bim wondered how much Ted had

drunk after the dinner. "Ted went out and started the car," Mary continued. Then, in an explanatory tone to Walter and the sheriff, "We live at the end of Lowland Drive, the last house at the southern end. It's quite a walk, being uphill all the way. I don't like to climb much," she smiled a little. "Climbing's all right for young-uns, like Bim. Besides there's no street light on the mountain and the trees grow right against the road on each side so it's dark as the inside of a pocket. That's why we always drive even though the actual distance is short."

"Who else lives out that way?" Walter asked. "Mr. Baird's bungalow is the next house this side," Mary said. "He's a quiet fellow and his eyes gleamed. 'He's quite a distance back from the road though,' she added. 'In a thick pine woods. There's a private drive leading from Lowland Drive to his place.'"

"The Frosts live between Baird's bungalow and Eagle's Nest, then?"

"Yes. They have the cottage just outside the grounds of Eagle's Nest where the road curves around the side of the mountain."

"I see. You and Mr. Frost went directly home from here?" Ted made a rasping, protesting noise but Mary answered quickly. "Yes, we went home and Ted put the car in the garage while I got ginger ale from the ice box and made sandwiches. Sarah, my maid — I kept only one — had gone to bed and Ted likes a little lunch before retiring."

Bim pictured Mary and Ted, sitting under the light late at night over the little lunches Ted liked before taking himself off to sleep. The two of them — Ted, the de-omnair, the selfish; and Mary, the patient, the long suffering; Mary, eager for his comfort, watching over him, pampering him with little services, always trying to win back the love he must have felt for her in some olden, golden day.

She remembered the surprise of everyone when he married Mary. He had been engaged to Marjorie Allan, Laura's older sister; they were seen everywhere together and the day for their marriage had been set. Then something had happened. Laura had come home from school and almost immediately the two Allan girls had gone abroad and old Judge Allan had announced that the wedding was off.

Marjorie Allan had married in London and Laura had remained with her sister over a period of five years, returning only a year ago and associating herself with the Pine Hill crowd in spite of her father's violent protests.

Mary Brenner, everybody said had caught Ted on the rebound, for a few months after Marjorie Allan had left Kingcliffe they were married. Mary had been madly in love with Ted and he, as it seemed, with her, though his unfaithfulness had begun practically at once.

"There was nothing unusual about your leaving last night, Mrs. Frost?" Walter went on. "No unusual incident connected with your leaving?"

"Why — why no. We left just as we always do. We left just as we always do. I remember."

"Mary, dear," Bim dropped into the sudden silence. "What did you do with your Spanish shawl?" (To Be Continued)

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SPENCER'S DEFEAT RAMBLER QUINTET

Exciting Game Ends 33-19 and Banishes Loser's Chance for Title.

Score of League Games
Lions 22 Methodists 10
Faculty 47 National Guard 14
Spencer's 33 Ramblers 19

The Roseburg Ramblers lost their chance to clinch the city league basketball championship last night when they went down to defeat before Spencer's by a score of 33 to 19. The game attracted the largest crowd that has turned out for any basketball game so far this season, and a great deal of excitement was furnished by the contest.

Two earlier games lacked luster and were not very interesting. The first contest, between the Lions and Methodists, was a very good game in the first half, the score at half-time being 10 to 8.

The Lions played a ragged game during the first two quarters. In the last half, however, the Lions got their second wind and began playing a smoother game, while Black Lion forward, thrilled the spectators by several sensational shots.

The Faculty smothered the National Guard in the second game, winning 47 to 14. The teachers took a fast start, with Jackson, Finlay and Warren carrying a fast offense and with Turner directing a close defense. At half time the Faculty had a lead of 23 to 7.

The final game of the evening was a whirlwind contest and furnished the large audience plenty of excitement. The first quarter was featured by very close checking on the parts of both teams, while both groups opened up with more basket shooting in the second period, the score at half-time being 23 to 10, with Spencer's on the long end.

In the third quarter the Ramblers opened up a very fast attack, with Koenig and Hull dropping in long distance shots and arousing the crowd to a frenzy. Spencer's changed style and sent Hoffman, who usually alternates with Beckley at center, into the game at forward, and the other players of the team began feeding him the ball. This shift in style immediately resulted in Spencer's again taking a safe lead, putting the Ramblers on the defensive for the rest of the game.

The feature of the entire game was the sensational guarding by "Brig" Young, who was assigned to watch Miles, the highest average high point man of the league. Miles was never able to shake Young during the entire game, and never got a clear shot at the basket, making only one point, on a free throw, during the contest.

The lineup for the last game was:
Spencer's (33) Pos. Ramblers (19)
Fisher (7) F. Koenig (8)
Collins (7) F. Miles (1)
Beckley (9) C. Ferguson
Young (4) G. Robertson (4)
Bayles (1) G. Hull (6)
Substitutions: Spencer's, Hoffman (12) for Collins, Collins for Fisher.

HUNTLEY GORDON HEADS HOOPSTERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29 — Huntley Gordon, Washington State college's flashy sophomore center,

retained his individual scoring lead this week in the northern division Pacific coast conference hoop race, but had his margin cut away to a scant two points by John Fuller, Washington forward, another sophomore.

Gordon, with seven games played, advanced his score to the 75 mark, and Fuller, with one more game than the leader, had 74. The husky ace climbed from sixth place last week, ousting Ken Fagan, Oregon State checker, who dropped to fourth position with 66 counters.

THYE AND SARPOLIS WRESTLE TO DRAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Jan. 29 — Ted Thye, Portland heavyweight wrestler, and Dr. Karl Sarpolis, Cleveland, wrestled five rounds to a draw here last night, each taking a fall.

Thye won the first fall after less than three minutes of wrestling in the first round with his wristlocks. Sarpolis evaded matters in the fourth with a flying body scissors.

John Evko, Cincinnati heavyweight, took two out of three falls from "Wild Bill" Beth, Lansing, Mich.

SPORT SHORTS



By ROGER DICK

Well, the Spencer's certainly did knock the Ramblers' championship aspirations sky-high last night in their scheduled city league game. And most of the credit must go to Young and Bayles, sterling guards of the victors, who gave an exceptional exhibition of how to take care of high scoring forwards. Young probably had the tougher assignment in covering Miles who, in former games, proved himself a dead-shot if given half a chance. If a forward like that can be held to two or three baskets in an evening his guard can feel well satisfied, but Young is evidently not built to be partially satisfied, for he prevented Miles from getting even one field goal, and limited his total scoring to one point. Koenig, the Ramblers' other big scoring threat, managed to gather eight points, but he would have needed a great many more to enable his team to win. While all the Spencer's men played heady basketball, I think the two guards were the chief causes of victory.

Does that win last night assure Spencer's of the first city championship and the right to have their name engraved on the News-Review cup? Let's see, they have yet to play the Methodist church and the Faculty. It would be an upset of the biggest kind should the church team beat the league leaders, but that Faculty outfit, with a few more weeks of practice, will have a mighty good chance to win. The two teams play February 18th, the last night of the schedule, so if the teachers ever at their peak it should be then. It's a game worth looking forward to, at any rate.

Locals on Up-Grade
The Southwestern Oregon League, with which the Roseburg Indians are affiliated, is made up of the teams of Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. Roseburg won the championship of the district last year. The conference, however, has a system whereby the right to play at the state championship tournament in Salem is settled by a tournament at Marshfield, and not by league leadership. Roseburg started the season with an inexperienced, untrained team, but the squad has made very rapid improvement and now is playing a very high grade of basketball, considerably above the average for high school teams. The boys have in mind the winning of the tournament at Marshfield and are determined to use every effort to win the chance of representing the district in the championship tilt for state honors at Salem.

Support on the part of local fans has not been good so far this year, and the players and school officials are hoping for a good turnout of fans at the game Friday night.

Saturday the team goes to Eugene for a game at that place.

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R. H. S. HOOPSTERS TO PLAY COQUILLE

Indians Rapidly Improving and Making Strong Bid for District Title.

The Roseburg Senior high school Indians will play the Coquille basketball team Friday night in a game which promises plenty of speed and action. Comparative scores indicate about equal strength for the two teams, giving every prospect of a hard-fought battle at the local gymnasium. Roseburg defeated North Bend 18 to 11 at North Bend, while Coquille won from the same team at Coquille 33 to 15. Marshfield won from Coquille 29 to 11, and from Roseburg 19 to 15, both games being played on the Marshfield floor.

Coach Turner's Indians are working desperately for the district championship this year. The players have their hopes set on winning the championship tournament at Marshfield, and if possible the conference title as well. At present Marshfield is in the lead, being undefeated. Roseburg has lost one game, being defeated by Marshfield, but plays a return game with that team February 13, when an opportunity will be given to even the honors and at least tie with Marshfield for the district honors. Coquille, however, with a strong team, offers a serious obstacle, and Roseburg will fight hard Friday night, the coach reports, to maintain second position in the league until they can again meet Marshfield and will have an opportunity to tie for first place.

Brigadier-General Robert E. Callan, U. S. A., on his arrival in Washington, D. C., from San Francisco, to assume his new position as assistant chief of staff, to be stationed at the war college. He was formerly commandant of Fort Monroe.

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West's First Woman Owner of Baseball Club



Mrs. C. R. Thomas, of Tulsa, Okla., is said to be the first woman ever to own a baseball club in the west. She is the wife of a Tulsa druggist and she owns the Tulsa Oilers of the Western league.

New Assistant Chief of Staff of U. S. Army

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All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to file their objections, if any, to said final account at or before the time so appointed for final hearing. Dated this 28th day of January, 1931.

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