

THE SPY NET

by ARED WHITE

CHAPTER 12

When Captain Elton arrived at headquarters a few minutes before ten, he found his chief seated at his desk, wrapped in austere silence. The colonel continued to stare at him ominously as the young officer stood waiting for his superior to speak.

"Well," the colonel acknowledged. "The British came through with what I went after," said Elton. "Also I got some unexpected information at the French Bureau, and an extraordinary piece of good luck quite on the side."

"You left here two weeks ago with orders taking you to Switzerland," said Rand uncompromisingly. "There was no date implicitly stated, sir," explained Elton. "I admit freely that the colonel was not insistent on having me start that I may have left the impression I was going to Switzerland."

"When higher authority learns that I have no operations in Switzerland after nearly three weeks, sir," Rand said deviously, "my position will be rather embarrassing to say the least."

"Elton helped himself to a seat on the lighted cigarette," said Elton. "The colonel must speak to me frankly," he said quietly. "If I am expected to get results on a case involving what we believe to be the cream of the Prussian secret service, it can hardly be expected that I can reach them by going simply to Bern or Geneva and inserting an advertisement in the Swiss newspapers."

"Implying what?" "That the colonel has got to back me up in handling this case my own way, without too much interference. I have reason to believe, sir, that I've accomplished a great deal to date. It may be just optimism, but I see the chance of setting a net that may reach over several continents before we get through with this case, sir. A flush round-up of Boche operatives, in fact, that may ruin the German secret service organization."

"Your reason for that remark is," "Confidentially," explained Elton. "I've got from the British Intelligence at London some confirmation of our suspicions that Wilhelmstrasse is centering its secret-service in Switzerland on a large scale. Also, from my friend Lieutenant d'Auteuil, of the French Deuxieme Bureau, I've got something even more important—a means of effecting contact with an operative they have in Switzerland. While the French have just started work on the von Kuhl case, contact with their service may prove of great value. d'Auteuil even hinted at a spy double, a Russian, who ought to be able to give me a great lift if I can get

wind of him when I cross the frontier."

Rand unobtrusively leaned back in his chair to light a cigar. The captain took a letter from his pocket and passed it across the table.

"Also, sir," he added, "through a bit of rare good fortune, I've got my hands on this little document from Geneva."

Colonel Rand studied the letter, turned it over, adjusted his glasses and read it again with knitted brows. The letter was addressed to Corporal Emanuel Vaud, American Military Police, rue Saint Anne, Paris, and read:

My Dear Corporal Vaud: I am having a pleasant time of it here in Geneva. The scenery is wonderful. Too bad the whole A. E. P. can't come up here and bask in the Alpine glow, not to mention the Kursaal and the Casino. Give my regards to mutual friends as you see them.

Very Sincerely Yours, Edward Farnham, Capt. S. C. U. S. A. "I see nothing in this," said Rand, glancing up sharply. "It doesn't even read like it might be a code."

"Isn't it, sir? But I suspect it is going to be a mighty interesting document. I'll ask the colonel to inspect it again tomorrow. And now, may I ask the colonel to excuse me? I wish to give Sergeant Walters some detailed instructions. If I may have his services for the next few weeks; and then I have another matter that will take all night, if not several nights."

"All right," Rand assented grudgingly. He rose slowly and took up his cap. "But tomorrow you'll be here, sir, like a fly outside the net, unless you can show better cause than I've seen tonight for staying out of Switzerland so infernally long. Good night, sir!"

In the outer office the faithful Sergeant Walters was waiting in a fever of restlessness. At a nod from Elton, the sergeant followed to the captain's office far down the stone corridor, entered, and stood expectantly while Elton switched on the light.

"You have a keen nose, sergeant," Elton greeted his assistant in many a past operation against the German secret service. "It takes intuition to sense that I was going to want you tonight, and he right here handy this way."

"Sure, sir. It isn't that," said the veteran non-com. "For two weeks I've been hanging close to the office, like a fly outside the net, waiting to get in on the game. When I saw the captain take off in a plane, I knew there was something in the air. What's been fretting me is whether I get in on it this time, sir."

Elton sat for some time looking at Walters, the suggestion of a smile on his face. His eyes were fixed now on the sergeant's square, wind-burned face with its grayish-green eyes and straight friendly face, but upon the first of his five service ribbons; the blue one with the tiny white stars stamined in its fabric.

"You've never told me, Walters," he said softly, "how you came by the Medal of Honor. I don't want to be personal, but I've been wanting to ask you about that for a long time."

Walters blinked rapidly, the blood mounting his cheeks as he shifted uncomfortably on his stool. "Sure, sir, just a bit of good luck, and that's all," he replied. "If the captain insists, I'll tell him. We was down in Jolo riding herd on a bunch of Moros, and since the U. S. had bought off the Sultan of Sulu for cash, we wasn't expecting any trouble. One morning a flock of four jarumantados run in on us while the troop was at setting-up exercises just after reveille. It was so quick and sudden that everybody couldn't do nothing but bolt out of the way. I was standing alongside the captain and saw the whole Moros' quartet come down at him, swinging their knives like lunatics. All I did, sir, was the only thing I could do under the circumstances. I had my pistol and I got it into action. Six shots did the trick, which was luck enough, as that was all I had in my gun."

"And they gave you the Medal of Honor for that, eh?" smiled Elton.

"Nobody was more surprised than me that I got it, captain," said Walters. "Why, it wasn't even good pistol marksmanship. I was firing at that close range, and I couldn't hardly make it. I made one low three at four o'clock, clear down on the rascal's neck. But the other four was clean bull's eyes, square through the head."

"Thank you for telling me about it, Walters," said Elton. "But getting back to business, I'm sending you to Switzerland at once, and while there are no jarumantados in that sweetly peaceful neutral land, it might be well to take your service pistol along."

"Thanks," grinned Walters. "I always feel sort of underdressed when I have to leave my sidearm home."

Elton sketched in Walters' further instructions rapidly. "You can take Corporal Sands along. Get him out of the motor pool, but with nothing bigger than a motorcycle and sidecar. Convince him he's deaf and dumb until he gets back to headquarters again. Have him drive you to Bonne, near the Franco-Swiss frontier, where you'll leave him to hang around a few days and then have him go to Thonon on Lake Geneva, French side, where he'll wait for you to show up. You'd better arrange a secret meeting place where you can get together out of Thonon by night. From Bonne, you make your own way into Thonon, alone, the best way you can. Wear civilian clothes, which you might take along in a bundle in the sidecar, changing out of your uniform only after you have separated from Sands. In

Thonon, it'll be up to you to arrange for some rascally Frenchman or Swiss to slip you up the lake by motorboat by night and into Geneva. Do you follow me?"

"Perfectly, sir." "Once in Geneva, you can let it drop that you're an American deserter with a dark past. But don't impart any information. Your only job will be to stay around Geneva, establish some means of returning to Thonon, and hang around the Kursaal at nights. You'll have no trouble finding that place. It's expensive, but I'll see that you are given a good bundle of francs for expenses. Be sure to go to the Kursaal by the east entrance, at nine o'clock each night."

"Yes, sir." "One thing more," Elton concluded. "As you come to the Kursaal entrance, light a cigar. That's important."

The sergeant drew himself up at attention. A score of questions might have surged from some men's lips. How was he to find Bonne and Thonon? Was it certain that a boat could be arranged for? What was the purpose of all his maneuvers, what was the game in which he was playing this part?

"Was there anything further, sir?" Walters asked quietly. "No, that's all. A pleasant junket."

"Very good, sir, and thank you." (To be continued tomorrow)

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Mary Julia Robertson, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of said estate, of Mary Julia Robertson, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 25, 1931. W. D. STRANGE, Administrator of the estate of Mary Julia Robertson, deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by an order of the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, appointed executor of the last will and testament of said estate, of Mary Julia Robertson, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Mary Julia Robertson, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1931. A. L. LASSWELL, Executor of the last will and testament of Mary Julia Robertson, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Urban Barrett, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Urban Barrett, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Urban Barrett, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 25, 1931. R. A. MOORE, Administrator of the estate of Urban Barrett, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by an order of the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of said Urban Barrett, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said Urban Barrett, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated February 26, 1931. D. J. EVANS, Administrator of the estate of Urban Barrett, deceased.

Do FALSE TEETH

Rock, Slide or Slip?

Patented a new, greatly improved powder to be sprinkled on upper and lower plates, holds false teeth firm and comfortable. Can not slide, slip, rock or pop out. No pain, no odor, no pus, no sore, no bleeding. Makes breath sweet and pleasant. Get False Teeth today at Chapman Drug Store. (Adv.)

Getting Up Nights

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, Frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Tablets. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system, and gives relief in a few minutes. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced "Sik-sis") today. It's a harmless, gentle vegetable extract, making when it comes to making the bile flow freely. But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Retailers everywhere.

Nathan Fullerton, the Retail Store.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Elia Brost, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Elia Brost, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Elia Brost, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 26th day of February, 1931. BROS, Administrator of the estate of Elia Brost, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Carl Johan Tollaasen, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Carl Johan Tollaasen, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Carl Johan Tollaasen, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published February 26, 1931. P. P. CLEMENS, Administrator of the estate of Carl Johan Tollaasen, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Alfarata Pettit, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of said estate, of Alfarata Pettit, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Alfarata Pettit, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 12, 1931. JENNIE MAY ARTHUR, Executrix of the estate of Alfarata Pettit, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Amariah Rathmell, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by an order of the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of said Amariah Rathmell, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Amariah Rathmell, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 12, 1931. GERTRUDE HARTFIELD, Administrator of the estate of L. L. Matthews, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of L. L. Matthews, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of L. L. Matthews, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said L. L. Matthews, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 12, 1931. GERTRUDE HARTFIELD, Administrator of the estate of L. L. Matthews, deceased.

Wedge Cushion Savings

Now's your big chance to buy at tremendous savings all the Wedge Cushions you need—for the car, office, porch and beach. Black waterproof covered wedge cushion, well stuffed. A splendid value regularly, reduced for our ANNIVERSARY SALE to 57c.

Chamois and Sponge Offer

Another Wonderful Bargain in clean-up materials. An extra quality French oil process tanned chamois of generous size and a soft Cuba wool sponge—both sold regularly for \$2.05, reduced for this great ANNIVERSARY SALE to \$1.56.

Big Savings on Repair Materials

Radiator Hose, per ft. 18c to 39c. Fan Belts, 21c to \$1.10. Neverburn Brake Lining, 24c to 47c. Cylinder Head Gaskets, 24c to 75c. Wire Solder—acid core—19c.

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE—WITHOUT CALOMEL

And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rarin' to Go

If you feel sour and sunk and the world looks punk don't swallow a lot of mineral water, oil, laxative candy or chewing gum and expect them to make you suddenly feel like a new man. You need a liver and bile tonic.

For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get the poison out of your system. An Ohio woman lost 10 pounds with one bottle—Adv.

It takes time to get the liver and bile flowing freely and make you feel like a new man. You need a liver and bile tonic. You need a liver and bile tonic. You need a liver and bile tonic.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Catharine Adeline Oden, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Catharine Adeline Oden, deceased, by the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Catharine Adeline Oden, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published February 26, 1931. GEORGE ROSEBRAKE, Administrator of the estate of Catharine Adeline Oden, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Belle R. Austin, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Belle R. Austin, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Belle R. Austin, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of the County Court in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published February 26, 1931. GUY CORPON, Administrator of the estate of Belle R. Austin, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the matter of the estate of Job Aspinall, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Job Aspinall, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned administrator at the office of Rice & Orcutt in Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 12, 1931. N. L. CONN, Administrator of the estate of Job Aspinall, deceased.

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