THE SPY NET
by ARED WHITE

CHAPTER 24

"The Swiss Navy, perhaps, Jacques?" he called out to the boatman. "You will keep them in sight."

He surrendered the glasses to the one-man crew of the Filisur and centered his attention back upon Elton.

"But Lenine, he is the sly wolf, much too sly for the Imperial Russian secret agents. He manufacture his revolution and when it is ready, he go to Russia, and Russia goes up — poof! For the month Madame Lomonosoff is without news, then comes the word that the Russian secret service it is gone and Vladimir he is dead defending his Czar."

"A beautiful lady of the secret service, monsieur," Rougemont continued, "who no longer has a country, or a husband, she shall not be left idle when there is the conniving von Kulm to deal with. His agents prey upon madame and soon she is in their service. Then comes Lomonosoff out of Russia, a shadow who slinks under cover, until he learns what he may suspect. When he knows the worst he takes the Prussian oath monsieur — the dip of the German ball pen in his open veins — but not in the name of Lomonosoff; and to this day the Madame Lomonosoff does not know that he has come alive out of Russia, nor does von Kulm suspect the adder that he holds close to his breast."

Elton's brows knit as Rougemont stopped speaking to light his pipe with a look of triumph.

"But I don't quite understand," said Elton, "why the Russian should hide himself from his wife, or why you conclude on that account that he is hunting revenge."

"Is it not that I have made myself clear, monsieur?" said the Frenchman, with surprise. "Ah, perhaps I should speak more plain. Madame Lomonosoff is very young, very beautiful, and the Boche he make of her the spy, yes. But also, monsieur, the mistress."

"Of von Kulm!"

"But no! Von Kulm, he is the man of superb intelligence, monsieur, the monster without heart or bowels. Too shrewd a man, much too cunning is von Kulm, to knot his feet in petticoats. It was one of his younger satellites, one whom to Lomonosoff remains a shadow, an operative who since has gone to Belgium, and is not returned."

"Then why," puzzled Elton, "the blood grudge against von Kulm, instead of the count's guilty henchman?"

"Monsieur, I perceive you do not understand the Russian mind. To Lomonosoff it is the greater revenge that grow in his mind. After all, since he do not find the guilty puppet, then what a deathblow he can deliver to the German secret service — by taking the life of von Kulm. That, monsieur, is a Russian revenge — and Vladimir Lomonosoff is Russian."

For some moments Elton searched the logic of Rougemont's words in reflective silence. The motive of revenge was sound enough, he concluded, and Lomonosoff the man to wreak vengeance upon the betrayers of his wife. Little as he liked the idea of assassination, even as a wartime extremity, after all it was not his affair. And Elton held no doubt that the destruction of the German spymaster of Switzerland meant the prompt destruction in Switzerland. e had known tion in Switzerland. He had gnown even great corporations of peacetime to crumble and fall at the death of a master, because there was no one to fill the shoes of genius.

"And monsieur's plans?" the Frenchman queried.

"At the present moment, my captain," said Elton, "I have no other plans than to complete what we might call my detailed reconnoissance of the German secret service in Switzerland. Of course, I want to do everything I can."

"Ah, but with the death of von Kulm," rejoined Rougemont, "there will be much to do. Like rats will we trap these witless henchmen when their master is out of the way. We will clear the lake of their boats, the frontier of their runners, the legation of their sharp ears — and in France we will fall upon their outposts, at Paris, at Le Havre, at Bordeaux, at San Sebastian and Madrid, and perhaps in London and every capital of the world."

The Frenchman's gray eyes were aflame as he rose to the picture of their victory. His cool reserve gave place to a burning enthusiasm

"The Imperial secret service was a ject, monsieur," he exclaimed, a jest, monsieur," he exclaimed. man who must have sprung from civil life, since his name is not known to the secret records of France, nor England nor Russia. They were no match for the French, or even for the English. It was as simple as trapping dumb sheep. And when the mind of von Kulm is put to sleep we shall laugh at them again."

The shrill notes of a siren came over the water. Rougemont looked up quickly and fixed his eyes briefly upon a long, lean tinger of light that cut the darkness of the lake aft the launch.

"The Swiss navy, it is most curious tonight," he said calmly. "It is perhaps that we shall have the visitors aboard the Filisur."

"A Swiss lake patrol?" Elton queried.

Rougemont laughed ironically.

"More likely the audacious Boche," he replied. "To their effrontery, monsieur, there is no limit; not even do they hesitate to prowl the lake as Swiss when they wish to pry." He crossed his legs and filled his pipe complacently. "But please to have no uneasiness, monsieur, they will come aboard, only to find two innocent passengers who have nothing to say."

Elton half rose. He suppressed an involuntary jerk of his hand to the hiding place of the letter to Farnham. The Filisur was cutting the water at high speed toward the lights of Geneva. Behind, the patrol was gaining measurably.

"There is the danger that they might search us?" Elton aked with unconcealed anxiety.

"It is possible, monsieur," said Rougemont. He sobered as he sensed Elton's dilemma. "If it is that you have papers of identification, monsieur," he prompted, "it is discret that you leave their ashes in the lake at once."

"But that is impossible!" cried Elton. He surveyed the situation swiftly. The light of the Jetee des Eaux Vives was straight ahead, the right bank of the lake two hundred meters to his left. Elton got to his feet.

"A sharp turn of the boat to your right!" he shouted at the boatman.

"But monsieur——"

He heard Rougement's cry of remonstrance as the boat heeled sharply in a band of white spray while he stood balanced at the gunwale. The next instant Elton plunged into the lake, fully dressed, his cap tucked in the pocket of his trousers. The momentum sent him spinning drunkenly under the churning surface of the icy water. When he finally got himself under control, he rose to the surface guardedly, gulped air into his lungs, and dived. Swimming mostly under the surface of the lake, he made his way to the shore.

As his hand came upon the rocky shore he looked back across the lake. The pursuit boat had come up with the Filisur which had shut down her engines and was standing by obligingly. Elton drew himself onto the shore and set out toward the nearby lights of the northern environs of Geneva.

The vital letter reposed safely where he had concealed it in his shirt. As for the dive in the lake, he knew the water would not destroy the invisible ink of the German symbols. But he knew that he dared not return to the Beau Rivage drenching wet. There would be strain enough on German credence when he explained later that the Farnham letter got into the wrong envelope by mistake at the legation. The letter Farnham would receive offered verification of such a claim. But a leap into the lake late at night was a circumstance that might turn the balance against him.

In an obscure little street of small residences, leading into the avenue Favre, he selected a house in which the lights still burned and presented himself at the door. A small accident to his rowboat, he explained. A hundred francs for the privilege of a fire at which to dry himself.

The hundred francs were spurned. Swiss hospitality was not for sale. But the house was his, and the offices of monsieur and madame. He dried his clothes, pressed them, even starched and ironed his collar and shirt, and pressed his tie. At minight he left the place dry, and at one o'clock a taxicab dolivered him at the Beau Rivage, immaculate in the clothes which he had worn at leaving, ready for the minutest inspection by the sharp eyes that knew observed his return.

He went to his room, read the Geneva newspaper published in French, undressed and went to bed. For an hour he lay without moving. Then he rose noiselessly, stole through the dark room into his clothes closet, and closed and locked the door.

(To be continued tomorrow)

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WEATHER BLAMED FOR FATAL CRASH

Inquiry Following Rockne's Death Shows Coating of Sleet on Airplane.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, April 8—Tricky weather has official blame for the airplane crash that killed Coach Knute Rockne and seven others at Bazaar, Kansas, on March 31.

After saying unofficially that ice broke the plane propeller, the commerce department asserted yesterday that a coating of sleet on the wings of the plane apparently was responsible for the mishap.

In formal findings, the department said its aeronautics inspector found evidence which indicated weather was the "primary cause of the accident."

After the plane pilot received radio reports from Wichita, Kansas, that the weather was clear at that point, the statement said, he probably attempted to get above the clouds.

"In doing so," the findings said, "it is thought that ice collected on the plane and possibly rendered inoperative certain instruments that function through the air stream.

"Without these instruments to assist the pilot, the plane apparently went into a steep dive. The results seem to indicate that on coming out of this maneuver, the change of direction occurred with such unusual rapidity as to build up an enormous load on the wings, which in turn brought about the wing failure."

The decision was changed, it was explained, because a missing propeller had been found. It was thought at first ice had shattered the propeller, the subsequent vibration tearing off a wing, but the missing part was discovered buried in the ground.

AUTOIST INDICTED FOR BOY'S DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, April 8 — John E. Mathews of Portland, district manager of a chain store company, has been ordered to appear in Pendleton next Monday for a hearing on an involuntary manslaughter charge against him.

A secret indictment was returned against him by the Umatilla county grand jury in connection with the death of Harley Maynard, 8 years old, who was struck by an automobile March 4.

FREIGHTER IN GRIP OF SEA; CREW SAVED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

EUREKA, Cal., April 8 — Captain S. E. Mattson and his crew of 17 were aboard the freighter San Lucas today while his little wooden steam lumber schooner, Cleone was abandoned to the seas, 12 miles north of Blunt's reef lightship, a menace to navigation.

Messages from the San Lucas said the Cleone's seams had sprung allowing water to leak into the hold. The vessel rapidly became waterlogged.

If possible the Cleone will be towed back to Eureka although it appeared the vessel may sink before she could be brought into port.

ROCKNE MEMORIAL PLANS LAUNCHED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 7 — Plans for a memorial to Knute Rockne were under way today at the University of Notre Dame.

Severeid for Hollywood; Freitas, nell, president of the university, revealed that a number of donations already have been received from admirers of the late football coach.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 7 — Shocked by the death of Knute Rockne, L. R. Quarles has developed an electrical device to warn airplane pilots of weakening wings. He has found a test sufficiently satisfactory to indicate he is on the right track.

W. S. BAER, NOTED SURGEON, PASSES

BALTIMORE, April 7 — Dr. William S. Baer, 58, internationally known orthopedic surgeon, died today of the effects of a stroke of paralysis he suffered Sunday.

Dr. Baer was a member of the faculty of Johns Hopkins medical school for 32 years, and his name was connected with a number of medical discoveries.

The most recent was the result of his service in France as chief orthopedic consultant of the American Expeditionary Forces. He found that the grub of the blue bottle fly would clear up deep-seated infections of the bone that defied all other methods of treatment.

An operation he performed more than 15 years ago was regarded as among the most remarkable in surgery. He broke the jaw bones of a boy in his teens who had been born without joints, chiseled joints and made the child normal.

King Nightmare

This gruesome apparition, believe-it-or-not, will play the role of "Oedipus" in the brilliant modern music drama, "Oedipus Rex," by Stravinsky, at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on April 21. Leopold Stokowski will conduct the performance in which several opera stars, the Harvard Glee club and a ballet will participate.

GARDINER HIGH CAST WINS DRAMA HONOR

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 8 — Gardiner high school was awarded honorable mention in the fifth annual drama tournament at the University of Oregon, held last week-end, and was commended on its work, having only fourteen students in the school, six of whom were in the play, "Two Crooks and A Lady" was presented and was directed by Robert Currier.

The cast included Robert R'chmond, Ruth Ford, Elene Brown, Bernice Richmond, Tom Richmond, and Beldon Richmond. Milwaukee union high school won the first prize, the Guild Theatre cup, for their presentation of "He," by Eugene O'Neill, and Medford high school won first honorable mention with "The Mirror," by Katherine Roof.

Turkeys Top Nevada Crops

FALLON, Nev. — Turkeys were the most profitable "crop" in Nevada last year, says L. E. Cline, economist of the state agricultural extension service.

Production methods, he says, have reduced raising costs so the gobblers can be sold near prices asked for chickens. This fact is expected to result in increased turkey consumption.

Tackle that catches fish at Powell's Hardware and Furniture store.—Adv.

NEW THEATRE WINS PRAISE AT OPENING

With the building packed to capacity for both performances, the new Rose theatre opened last night, Lloyd Claver and O. L. Wood, managers of the showhouse, received hearty congratulations from the theatre-goers who inspected the Rose. An appreciation slide flashed on the screen prior to the opening of the picture was responded to with a burst of applause.

Thorough rebuilding of the structure, which formerly housed the Majestic theatre, has provided an attractive, home-like motion picture house seating approximately 450 persons, patrons found.

Much praise was heard of the thorough manner in which the reconstruction was carried through. New equipment was used throughout, including nine-spring cushion seats, a large plush curtain across the stage, new sound equipment, a modern ventilating system, a big Neon electric sign and a remarkably attractive box office. Decoration of the walls, ceiling, lobby and front of the building also received much comment from the first-night crowd.

The opening program, which shows again today and Thursday, included an uproarious comedy, starring Joe E. Brown, as the feature. The comedy, titled "Top Speed," is speedy throughout. In addition the program includes a Pathe news reel, a specialty dancing act, a short comedy called "Railroad Follies" and Hal Skelly in a short skit, "The Gob."

STANFORD STUDENT IS BEST SPEAKER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SEATTLE, April 8—Irvin Rosenblatt Jr., of Stanford university, won first place in the finals of the extemporaneous speaking contest of the Pacific Forensic league at the University of Washington here last night.

James Bell, University of Washington, was second, and Gordon Winks, Oregon State college, was third.

The delegates from the 12 Pacific coast colleges and universities represented will elect officers and choose the meeting place for next year today.

DEATH BEATS RESCUE CREW ON MOUNTAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

VIENNA, April 8 — For twenty hours three youths maintained a precarious perch 6,800 feet up on the glassy, slippery slope of Grossen Buchstein, while they shouted to make their voices heard to a rescue crew climbing up to aid them. Before dawn today, exhausted, they gave up the fight, released their hold and slid to death at the foot of a rocky crevasse, many thousand feet below.

The relief crew, which had been nearly up to them, recovered their bodies.

"DOPE" CRIMINAL DRAWS LONG TERM

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, April 8 — Ashen-faced, trembling, blaming his life of crime on the narcotic habit, a thin wisp of a man was sentenced to ten years and six months in prison as he stood in circut court here yesterday.

Jimmie Mallahan, 41, whose revelations to police cleared up robberies aggregating more than $70,000 in Portland, pleaded for lenience. Ten years, he believed, would be enough.

Mallahan was indicted for a drug store holdup here, and was arrested in Seattle. Many large robberies here, he said, were committed by him and "Me Buddy" Smith, who was killed by police in Oakland, Cal., last year.

Mallahan was sentenced to a reformatory when he was 15 years old. He has spent most of the succeeding years in prison, eking out a precarious living by crime between sentences, he revealed.

KARLFELDT, POET, DIES IN SWEDEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 8 — Dr. Erik Acel Karlfeldt, permanent secretary of the Swedish academy which annually awards the Nobel prize in literature, died last night from bronchitis and heart weakness.

He was long regarded as one of Sweden's most gifted poets. He was elected one of the eighteen members of the academy in 1904 and since 1907 had been a member of the Nobel committee.

MORE DATA ASKED OF POWER CONCERNS

SALEM, April 8 — Information as to capitalization, operating revenue, revenue deductions, income and depreciation was requested by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, of three power companies now under investigation. The information was required as an aid to the probe being carried on.

The companies asked to give the information are the California Oregon Power company, the Mountain States Power company and the Pacific Power & Light company. Orders for their investigation were issued during the past few weeks.

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OAKLAND CLUB ENTERTAINS BOYS

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

OAKLAND, April 8.—The Oakland Development club dinner, Monday evening was a big success from every viewpoint. 115 members and guests partook of the meal which was prepared by the ladies of the Parish society and served in the Parish house.

Each adult attending had been asked to bring a boy as his guest and the response to the request was gratifying.

Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Thomas Robinson after which each guest was introduced. Later the Boy Scouts under the direction of Rev. Robinson assisted by L. V. Hogue and Joe Thompson, sang "Land of the Empire Builders," gave their oath, law, sign, salute, first aid demonstration and other features in connection with scouting including knot tying.

Tenderfoot badges were presented to Lloyd Carlson and Arba Fay Stearns after which the Scouts closed their part of the program by singing "America."

Short reports were presented by the different committees of the club showing satisfactory progress of various projects.

Earl Strong, of Rice Hill, gave a talk on the coming turkey show to be held next December followed by E. G. Young with a paper on lamb consumption which was demonstrated in a practical way by Young and Garrison donating 3 lambs for dinner.

Short talks were made by C. L. Chenoweth, R. R. Clarke, H. O. Worthen, William Castor, J. G. Baron and Ben Huntington Jr.

R. D. Bridges entertained the crowd in a lighter vein for a short time. The Oakland wranglers, composed of J. N. Settle, Roy Farrell and H. O. Worthen furnished music during the evening.

T. B. Garrison, president of the club, presided at the dinner. There are at present 50 on the membership roll. The next meeting of the club will be held Monday, April 20.

ELKTON

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

ELKTON, April 8 — T. J. Andrews of Scottsburg was in Elkton Wednesday looking after business matters.

Jess Luke was in Elkton Thursday. Mr. Luke formerly lived here but has been gone for ten years. He has made his home in California for the past several years.

The Umpqua river was the highest Wednesday it has been any time this year.

Mrs. Will Cheever of Elkton was in Eugene Thursday to see her daughter, Mrs. Mona Rydell, who is in a hospital.

Fred Weatherly of Kellogg was in Elkton Friday looking after business matters.

Mrs. Stella Hudson of Springfield passed through Elkton Friday on the way to Scottsburg to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. Waggoner. Mrs. Hudson was a resident of Elkton for several years.

Hobart Brown was in Eugene attending to business affairs the last of the week.

Mrs. Charles Solomon, of Roseburg, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Haines.

A. Mode of Kellogg was in Elkton on business Friday.

Mrs. R. O. Thomas and sons, Ralph, Glenn and Lawrence, were in Reedsport Friday afternoon on business.

Lew Rowe of Elkton was in Eugene Thursday to see Mrs. Rowe, who is in a hospital there.

Arizona Hen Lays Record Egg

MESA, Ariz. — Someone forgot to tell a Rhode Island hen belonging to Rosel Cooley about curtailment during business depression, so, ignoring general human practice, she laid an egg six and three-quarters inches in circumference and nine and one-half inches long.

Black and White Cows Help

MADISON, Wis. — One dollar out of every four taken in by Wisconsin farmers comes from the sale of the dairy products of black and white cows, a conclusion reached by Milton H. Button, secretary of the Wisconsin Holstein Breeders' association.

Sonoma county, Cal., agriculturists have on hand 5,000,000 ladybugs to release in their orchards to combat apple aphis.

NOTICE OF MEETING

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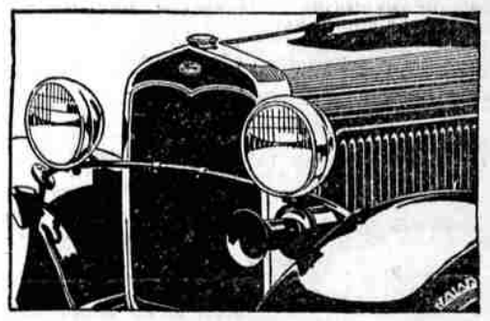

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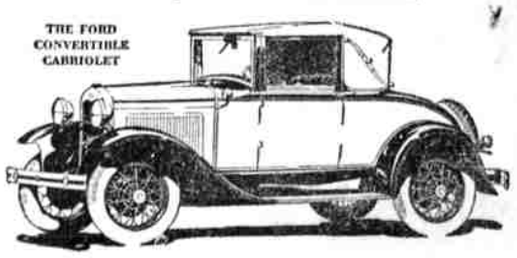

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