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And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.—Rev. 21:3.

CONGRESSMEN AND JOBS

One of those occasions when congressmen do not speak for their constituencies is when they advocate an increase in the membership of the house of representatives. The voters show little or no concern when population shifts threaten to take away some of their seats in the lower branch of congress so long as equal representation is maintained.

Although the house is still discussing the reapportionment question with the view of increasing the membership that no state might lose some of its seats, the public still seems to be of the opinion that the 1929 agreement should stand. Under that resolution the house would remain unchanged so far as total membership is concerned.

Congressmen who would lose their jobs through reapportionment are fighting to have the membership increased from 435 to 475, so that state and district which would otherwise lose members may retain them, and more rapidly growing sections get their additional representation from the new seats.

Have these advocates for a larger congress forgotten the growing movement for reduction of house memberships? For decades the nation has been in the almost unanimous opinion that the lower branch of congress is too unwieldy, too large, to act efficiently, quickly and intelligently. While two heads are better than one, it is known that a small group of efficient workers will accomplish much more than a larger group.

By sending forty more congressmen to Washington the nation would be only multiplying the blocs, the excuses for extra sessions, the expenses, the job-holders and the jobs.

SUN SPOTS AND RADIO

After a considerable period of study and investigation it has been decided that sun spots, and not the federal radio commission, have been responsible for the superabundance of static during the last few years, and now with the disappearing sun spots it is expected that there will be a decrease in the amount of static, and this will have the effect of increasing the range of sending and receiving sets.

For the reason that during 1931 and 1932 the eleven-year-sun-spot cycle will be at that point where few sun spots exist, it is predicted that radio reception will be unusually good during that period.

Radio development is not merely a matter of mechanics and distribution of broadcasting channels. Radio engineers must take into account the many natural phenomena which affect reception and broadcasting, and not the least difficult of their problems is to overcome the effect of solar activity upon transmission.

In this part of the country the mountains seem to be responsible for creating a condition that interferes with receptivity, and there is a possibility that if an increasing range was made possible it would add to the troubles of the radio commission by scrambling stations which have been heretofore too remote to interfere with each other. In that event the commission will be blamed for something for which it is not responsible.

STAMPS THAT BOUNCE OFF

Postmaster General Brown evidently has a sense of humor or he could not survive the complaints which continue to come to him concerning the non-sticking qualities of postage stamps. Many are of a satirical character. One man suggests that the government revenues might be enhanced if postmasters would sell thumbtacks with which to fasten the stamps on letters. Another intimates that rubber must have been included in the glue, if we are to judge by the manner in which they curl up and sometimes bounce off stationery.

This stamp problem is not new. Some years ago former Senator John Sharp Williams said the great need was something to improve the taste of the stickum on the stamps, and he proposed flavors to correspond with their color, strawberry for the red two-cent ones and chocolate for the brown ones. In the meantime we realize it is the small things which cause most of the bother in this world. Here is a big opportunity for some clever inventor.

The hardest thing in the world for most of us is to admit we have made a mistake—and the second hardest is to refrain from criticising another when he has made one.

One of our travelling salesmen recently remarked that getting business is just like courting a girl—you must offer the right kind of goods and keep right on calling.

THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN

BY HERBERT ADAMS

SYNOPSIS: Search for the missing will of Annabelle Querdling may disclose a possible answer to the riddle of her murder. Her niece, Evelyn and Marjorie Blake, would "wait their chances should they marry, according to the will, but both deny knowledge of it or of the murderer. So also do Lionel Duckworth, Evelyn's fiancé, Dr. Natherton, Major Gresham, in face with Miss Querdling, as well as others questioned. A mysterious stranger seen near the house on the last night proves to be Vincent Blake, brother of the niece and possible beneficiary of the estate, but he denies having entered the grounds. In discussing the case with police Superintendent Richmond, Jimmie Haswell, young detective who has been riding him, notes if he is prepared to accept the guilt of one or both of the nieces.

Chapter 17

WEIGHING THE CASE

RICHMOND was silent for a few minutes, but when he spoke it was with his old vigor.

"I am prepared to accept the guilt of any one, man or woman, within the bounds of the evidence."

Jimmie nodded and the superintendent continued.

"Take the two girls. Evelyn and Duckworth called on you two months ago about the letters. On the night Miss Querdling was killed they were indoors singing, as witnesses have said. While they will benefit through her death, their story is consistent."

"Evelyn seems truthful, while Marjorie has never explained her movements in the garden, saying that after talking to the doctor she had waited alone in the moonlight. It brings me back to my former suspicion, for until I heard of Vincent Blake and the will I had the doctor foremost in my mind. He probably knew of the will—he may even have been a witness to it."

"You realize that your case against him rests entirely on the supposition that he wants to marry Marjorie?"

"Certainly I realize that. Now let me give you my case against Natherton. I have not yet been to Miss Querdling's bank, but I went to his. He is very hard up. There is a big overdraft. Not his fault. It was his father's debt. Young Natherton is paying his way and reducing the debt, but not so quickly as they would wish. So you see the need for a rich marriage?"

Jimmie nodded. After what Audrey Winford had told him, the news came as no surprise.

"I have also discovered that he and Marjorie were sweethearts as youngsters, before he went to London for his training. He met her quite a lot, especially lately. I had the witnesses ready to call, but he admitted it. Undoubtedly she was about for him."

"For her to love him is not quite the same as for him to love her."

"Perhaps not, but the old lady took them for lovers and warned them there would be nothing to expect from her. He admits he lingered with the girl, then he says he went for a long walk to see Sterling. Why should he want to see Sterling? He had not been to see him before, nor has he been since."

"If Natherton killed the lady in the garden he would get out as quickly as he could. An alibi would be impossible, for every one knew he had been there. So he went for his walk and, seeing Sterling, mentioned him to account for his movements."

Jimmie did not answer. Taking his silence for assent, Richmond proceeded to summarize his charge, marking each point with a tap of his finger on the table.

"First, it can't be disputed that he was hard up and wanted a rich wife—and quickly. He spent much time with Marjorie and the aunt, taking them for lovers, gave warning. There is no proof that anyone except Marjorie was in the garden with him when the aunt was killed. He had seen where the old lady was sitting, just under that stone figure, and he can't explain why he remained with the girl instead of going home, nor his subsequent movements. He phoned Marjorie so that her story would agree with his. Also, had there been others in the garden, would not he or the girl have seen them?"

It was a formidable indictment, but he had not finished.

"If the will has been stolen, he and the girls are perhaps more likely than any one else to have taken it. And if any one could

disclose any such love affairs."

"They both may be fancy free," said Jimmie, "but should there be any other attachments, the bottom drops out of your case. Natherton's sole motive for killing Miss Querdling would be to get Marjorie and the money. If he does not want her, or she does not want him, the motive disappears. While Natherton's financial position might have caused him to seek a rich wife, it might also deter him from seeking any wife at all—or prevent his asking a girl to marry him. As to Marjorie, it is perfectly natural, in view of her aunt's attitude, that she should try to conceal a love affair."

Richmond waved his hand with a gesture of impatience. "What do you suggest?"

"Neither the doctor nor the girl will disappear," Jimmie answered. "You can take them, whenever you have a mind to. Do not do it until you have practically cleared every one else. Gresham you acquit. We have accounted for Mrs. Frater. We have accounted for Vincent Blake. His story has yet to be verified, but an empty car was seen against the fence, inside the Blake house. Was it? Where was the owner? Until you can answer those questions you will not have a complete case against any one."

Superintendent Richmond was silent.

"You see," Jimmie went on, "our clear thinking has worked in a circle and come back to the point at which we started. Solve the mystery of that car and everything else may fall into its right place."

"Perhaps you are right, Mr. Haswell. I believe Natherton is the man, but I'll have another go at it."

Richmond's perplexity was understandable, but Jimmie tried next morning to dismiss the case from his mind as he joined the Wades at breakfast.

He was glad when Audrey telephoned him and suggested golf. "I'd love it," he told her. "You mean another foursome?"

"No. I want to play with you."

The little pause told him she was thinking not only of the game, but that she wanted an opportunity for a quiet talk. There was a sort of suppressed eagerness in her voice—something important back of it, Jimmie reflected. What could it be?

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MUIR, HANSEN IN WRESTLING DRAW

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use. The match, however, was clean although somewhat rough at times. Both men had plenty of support from the spectators, as both are popular wrestlers in La Grande.

Hansen saved himself twice from a punishing toe hold by snaking out with his arm to pull Referee Ray McCarroll into the mix-up. Hansen engaged the referee into the match a third time during the evening, and once McCarroll stopped Hansen's flying feet with his torso, but without damage to the official.

The card opened with Pyle and Patten wrestling in a 10-minute preliminary, with Patten getting the fall in four minutes and 20 seconds. Hall and Sullivan fought a three-round boxing match to a draw, and Phil Beaumont and George Plank were matched in a 10-minute wrestling semi-final. Plank got the first fall in six minutes and 25 seconds, and Beaumont got the second in one minute and 45 seconds. There was no third fall. Five negroes participated in a battle royal that produced a great deal of excitement in the crowd.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Feb. 26 (AP)—Wheat close: May 60½; July 62; October 64. Cash: No. 1 hard 57½; No. 1 northern 57½; No. 2 northern 55½; No. 3 northern 51½.

used those death threats to throw suspicion on the original writer, who so likely as this doctor who knew about them from the first and who was playing for a big stake?"

As he concluded he looked with an air of triumph at Jimmie, who quickly saw that if he supported the theory put forward, Natherton's arrest would undoubtedly follow.

"Have you not overlooked the fact that Major Gresham was in the garden at the time of the crime?" Jimmie inquired.

"I have not overlooked it. We are satisfied with his explanation."

"Still, it weakens one of your points against Natherton. And Gresham was to get 5,000 under the will. What about that? Was not his story a bit odd? Five thousand pounds is a good deal of money. He may have known of the will. The lady herself may have told him. But he would know it was valueless until signed."

"Exactly, Mr. Haswell. You can't be both sides of the hedge."

"Anyway, I must look both sides," laughed Jimmie.

"You have said you are convinced the will was not signed; and that disposes of the 5,000 and your case against Gresham."

"I have no case against Gresham. I only pointed out that you seemed to be forgetting him. Your points against Natherton all rest on the assumption that he loves or wants to marry Marjorie Blake. You can easily attach too much importance to what you call Miss Querdling's warning. Undoubtedly her mind was obsessed with the desire to prevent her niece marrying."

"It does not prove that the wish or intention existed. If Natherton can show that he really loves some one else, or if Marjorie can show that she does, your case comes unstuck."

Richmond declared that thorough inquiries in the village had failed

to disclose any such love affairs.

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EXCLUSIVE CLUB YIELDS LIQUOR

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Lemuel B. Schofield, director of the department of public safety, has relentlessly pursued liquor law violators ever since he became a member of Mayor McKay's cabinet. He has conducted personally and otherwise many raids, and has several times shaken up the personnel of the police department when he felt the police were not showing sufficient interest in breaking up law violations.

General Shakeup

Last week he demoted and transferred 47 men, including a number of captains and sergeants, for failure to know what was going on in their districts.

Schofield has been following many of the tactics of Major General Smedley D. Butler, of the marine corps, when he was the head of the department some years ago.

WOOL REPORT

BOSTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Some fairly large quantities of the medium grade of territory wools are being sold to top makers of the wool. Most of the quantities of the 48-50's wool are bringing 42 to 46c secured basis for strictly combed staple. The bulk of the current business of medium grade wools however is on the 50's grade which is selling at prices in the range of 50 to 55c secured basis for strictly combed offerings.

To Quit Farm Board



Associated Press Photo

Samuel R. McKelvie, wheat member of the farm board, will retire from the federal body at the expiration of his term, June 15.

Columbus' Route Reversed in Study

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Pirate treasure—literary this time—is sought by a National Geographic Society expedition now at sea in the Gulf of Mexico.

In the days when Spanish conquistadores gathered gold and emeralds and precious stones and pillaged, the rapidly shifting fortunes of conquest gave a kaleidoscopic succession of names to cities, rivers and territories.

The mixing of names left puzzles that never have been cleared up. The Geographic Society expedition is after records to settle some of these questions.

Heading the party are Glenn Stuart of Washington, Andrew N. Trippe of Baltimore and Capt. Frederic B. Hyde of Coconut Grove, Fla. They plan to reverse the route followed by Columbus on his third voyage.

Conditions along the route now as compared to Columbus' time, modern names of places mentioned by early Spanish chroniclers, locations of old forts and reasons for their location, locations of pirate rendezvous and reasons for their choice of such locations are points the expedition plans to clear up.

Color motion pictures will be taken, particularly in the San Blas territory where white Indians were reported found. Radio and planes will keep the expedition in touch with civilization.

Sacrifices Life to Benefit His Family

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 26 (AP)—Describing himself as a "sacrifice" that his family might receive life insurance worth \$1,500,000, Lawrence Ach. 46, farmer broker and one-time agent of his father in the wholesale millinery business here, committed suicide Tuesday night.

He was the son of Samuel Ach, Hamilton county commissioner. He shot himself through the head in the downtown office of Max Stern, a friend.

Ach left four letters, all addressed to relatives, in which he cited financial reverses brought on by "wild speculation" as a contributing cause for ending his life. The insurance policies, he wrote, would pay obligations of more than \$500,000 and afford a future for his widow and children.

"Try to think," he wrote his widow, "that this is a sacrifice we are making for our children and our children's future. You are losing me but in place of my companionship you are getting independence for yourself and them."

BURNED FORESTS TO GET MILLIONS OF YOUNG TREES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tree-planting in burned-over sections of the national forests from coast to coast will be resumed as the snow melts this spring.

The United States forest service had about 15,000,000 young trees in its nurseries last fall when annual planting operation were begun.

Planting will continue this spring in the Monocacy national forest in West Virginia, Nebraska national forest, Pike national forest in Colorado, St. Joe forest in Idaho, some of the national forests in the lake states, and the Columbia national forest in Washington. Some winter planting has been done in the south.

One hundred aliens were recently deported by a liner sailing from Galveston, Tex.

WAYS, MEANS GROUP OKEHS \$50,000 ITEM

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while being grilled by committee members informed that that faculty members in the Oregon institutions are paid lower salaries than the average, not only throughout the United States, but the Pacific coast.

Sammons lauded the University of Oregon for standing third in the United States in the extension service, but the Pacific coast.

"That's just the trouble with us," rejoined Senator W. H. Strayer. "It sounds nice and it is nice. But we've got a champagne appetite on a beer income."

The estimated requirements of the five institutions from tax sources for the biennium total \$6,118,073. Of this \$1,231,173 is requested by direct appropriation, and the remainder comes from millage taxes fixed by law. The requested appropriation includes \$50,000 for a training school at the La Grande Normal schools, to be supplemented by \$80,000 raised locally.

Senator I. E. Staples moved that the appropriation be allowed. Recalling that when the millage taxes were voted the educational constitution head said the millages would meet all their requirements and it would not be necessary to ask further appropriations, Senator W. E. Burke moved an amendment that the committee disallow entirely the requested appropriation. Only Burke, Strayer, Senator C. K. Spaulding and Representative A. V. Swift voted for this amendment. Burke then moved another amendment that it be cut by \$800,000, but Representative Homer D. Angell, presiding, ruled him out of order. Staples' motion carried. The same four members who had voted for Burke's amendment voting against it.

Burke moved reconsideration of the

A fascinating period in Russian history and art, the latter part of the 19th century, was studied yesterday afternoon by the members of the Neighborhood Art club, who

Two literary works which are causing a stir in the world of books will be reviewed at the meeting of the literature group of the American Association of Uni-

Herbert Evans, principal of the Riveria school, gave an interesting talk on "Psychology of the Adolescent" yesterday afternoon at the Riveria Study club at the school

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"SEE WINDOW DISPLAY"

The rise of Greece was discussed at the meeting of the Delphian society last evening at the Sackajawa Inn, with Miss Hulda Anderson, Mrs. Beatrice Young and

"Resolved: That human nature never changes," was the topic on which Mrs. George Lyman and Mrs. Myrna Davis debated yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the

First Ward Relief society of the M. L. A. The decision, which was rendered by the audience, was in favor of the negative.

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