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THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN

SYNOPSIS: Jimmie Haswell convinces Superintendent Richmond that the confession of the poisoned chauffeur, Ted Green, is a forgery and that his murder has been attempted by the slayer of Anabelle Querdling. His employer, also an informant, Richmond that Marjorie Blake, niece of the slayer, has married Captain Stirling, whose car was near the scene of Miss Querdling's murder. This does away with the suspicion that she was in love with Dr. Netherton and that the physician had plotted her death in order to share her fortune through their marriage. Netherton, Jimmie learns is engaged to Audrey Winford. The entire missing will has turned up but it is unsigned and its threat to disinherit the niece, Marjorie and Evelyn on the marriage is therefore invalid. As the slayer, Richmond connects a Jimmie theory someone phones him from the hospital, where Green has been unconscious since the poisoning.

Chapter 26 EVELYN IS AMAZED

JIMMIE waited eagerly for Richmond to speak, although, having observed the change in his expression during the short phone conversation, he was prepared for disappointing news.

"Green died this morning," the superintendent said in a low voice. "He never rallied at all and made no statement."

Once again there was silence in the superintendent's office. Richmond rose to his feet, and, crossing to the window, gazed moodily outside.

"This is a serious thing for me, Mr. Haswell," and he turned back to the desk. "Your view is that the person or persons who killed the old lady planned this second crime to cover what they had done."

"Whoever is responsible for Green's death must have been at Morrow Craig on the night he was found, for they put the confession by his side after he lost consciousness. You were there, Mr. Haswell—who was with you?"

"There was a quiet party. I imagine Ben Acres and the maids were on duty. Marjorie Evelyn and Vincent were there. Lionel Duckworth came, and Captain Stirling. Also Major Gresham, Dr. Netherton, and Donald Wade and his wife—making ten in all."

"Then," said Richmond, "in addition to yourself and the Wades, you had every one there who was also present when Miss Querdling was murdered—Gresham, Netherton, Duckworth, Stirling, Vincent and the girls. With the exception of Green himself, all those suspected of the first crime were on the spot for the second. I cannot see that the letter you have just read from Marjorie makes much difference. Is it not possible that she and Stirling killed the old lady and then planned to throw the blame on Green? They had everything in the way of motive, and she admits that it was his confession that made things easy for them."

"It is possible," said Jimmie, "but you must remember she need not have written at all. I think her letter bears the impress of truth."

"Perhaps it does. It may clear herself and the doctor, but not Stirling. We know that he was in the garden. He lied about the car. May he not have lied to her?"

"But if the story were untrue why should he let her tell it to us?"

"How are we to prove anything? What happened that night? You were there—was there not something between 8:30 and 10:30 that throws light on it?"

There was a new note of appeal in his voice and Jimmie answered it with such detail as he could.

"That evening ten of us were present. We made up two bridge tables and Evelyn and Lionel went into the next room to sing. We could not see them but we heard singing all the time. The first to leave was Netherton at about ten. Soon after, Stirling went."

"So that either of them could have gone to the garage?" put in Richmond quickly.

"Undoubtedly. Vincent wandered into the garden once or twice, so he might have turned that way. Gresham also left us for a short time. He said it was to look at his car."

"Just another string of possibilities and nothing, definite," commented Richmond dejectedly. "I shall have to report what you say to the chief and shall probably be told that a younger man is waiting to step into my shoes."

known on two continents as a duelist. A Neapolitan by birth, Colonel Ferrera was inspired to cast his lot with the revolutionists when Cuba revolted. He fought under the standards of Maxim Gorka, and came out of the brief struggle with the rank of colonel in the Cuban army.

Dr. Juan Sacasa, the Nicaraguan minister, had a price upon his head when he was in Washington a few years back. Then he was seeking recognition for the forces opposed to President Diaz.

And Dr. Choo-Chu Wu, Chinese minister representing his country's new national government, has been a revolutionist too, but his mission has been to build up abroad a sympathetic sentiment toward China's nationalist aspirations.

He fought with Marshal Pilsudski's legions. In 1919 he went to the Caucasus as chief of a Polish mission. Caught in the Bolshevik flood, he passed several months in a Red prison, and was later deported. But after the Peace of Riga, he went to Moscow as the first Polish minister to the soviet state.

EX-SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Col. Orestes Ferrera, the Cuban ambassador, is another whose life has been colorful. He began his career as a soldier of fortune, and won international fame as a liberal leader. Famous as a revolutionist, he was

Income Tax Facts

No. 31 While it is important that the taxpayer render on or before the due date—March 16, 1931, if filed on the calendar-year basis—as full and complete a return as possible a request for a reasonable extension of time may be granted. Application for an extension should be addressed to the collector of internal revenue for the

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD NO EARLY MEET

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ate in the corn and wheat belts "accurate information" of attempts the administration has made to aid the farmer.

To membership on this council were appointed Senators Dickinson of Iowa, and Capper of Kansas, and Representative Simmons of Nebraska, and Purnell of Indiana.

Dickinson, who will head the group, believes its work will do much to offset claims that the Republican party's former best efforts have failed. He said in a statement:

"It is the belief of those interested in this movement that it will be a source of real strength in furthering the interests of the Republican party in the rural localities, especially in the middle west and the northwest."

Educational Work The educational work will begin immediately. It will be conducted from offices in Washington and in the far west at a point not yet selected.

To carry out the program, Senator Dickinson, who was a farm leader in the house until his election to the senate last November, expects to obtain "proper political contact in various localities outside the regular political channels and interest these parties" in a spread of "proper information" concerning the legislative policies of the administration.

POOR PUBLICITY NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—The Republican national committee has been guilty of poor publicity regarding President Hoover, in the opinion of Alvin Fox, his longtime political champion.

In an address before Queens Republican club last night, he said: "The poor publicity of the Republican national committee in not putting Hoover's personality across has resulted in people viewing him as a calculating and cold type, when, as a matter of fact, he is modest, unassuming and thoroughly human."

Mr. Fox reiterated his prediction that the president would be renominated and re-elected in 1932. "President Hoover will grow and grow," he said, "until by 1936 he will take his place alongside the two presidents we honored last month."

HITS 75 M.P.H. IN HOME MADE ROCKET SLED

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 10 (AP)—Having experienced the thrill of being shot over the ice at a rate of 75 miles an hour in a home-made rocket sled, Harry W. Bull, 21-year-old Syracuse university student, was determined today to continue his experiments with rocket propulsion.

On the ice of Onondaga Lake Bull yesterday shot his craft a distance of 50 feet in two-fifths of a second. Then it swerved from its course and came to a stop in a snowbank.

The tiny craft, shaped like a plane without wings, was constructed during spare time at a cost of \$22, of which \$15 went for the rockets, 36 in all.

Explaining why the craft left its course Bull said the carbon tubes in which the rockets were encased burst. He said a jolting ride from the city out to the lake caused the powder to become loosened up, giving the rockets greater explosive force than expected.

A liquid fuel, such as gasoline and fluid oxygen, will be used in his future experiments, Bull said. He hopes to apply the principle of a small plane or glider, believing the rocket motor better adapted to the airplane than to land or water vehicles.

Executives of the Illinois state fair are considering a recommendation that the state legislature abolish the admission fee.

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ST. PATRICK'S DANCE At St. Patrick's hall, March 17, auspices of American Legion Auxiliary. Tickets \$1.00. 3-10-31

The paragon committee of the Island City Community church will hold a cooked food sale Saturday, March 14 at the Noah Paint shop in La Grande. 3-10-31

Hemstitching, pleating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddy Shop. —Adv.

DANCE at Elgin Box hall Wed. Mar. 11. Star Nighth Orchestra. 3-10-31

FOR THE LADIES ONLY If you have a good straw or brad hat which is faded, it can be made like new again by taking it to Richardson's Art and Gift Shop, where it will be sprayed any color that you wish. The lacquers used will not stiffen the hat, and the color will wash off. The cost is small to make a new hat out of the old one. It will pay you to ask Richardson's Art and Gift Shop about doing over your hat. 3-9-31

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Mrs. Ferris, spiritual advisor, this week by request. Sommer hotel. 3-9-31

HAVE YOU YOUR COSTUME READY For the masquerade ball at Eagles hall March 17? 3-10-31

SPECIAL COOKIE JARS The greatest values ever shown in cookie jars is now on at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. The big gallon jars, hand decorated, jar with the flower designs fired under the glaze and in many colors to match your kitchen or pantry, are now on special sale for \$1.29 at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. See the jars in the window at Richardson's now. 3-9-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that Jean R. Ivanhoe and Robert S. Eakin have been appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, Executors of the estate of F. S. Ivanhoe deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, properly verified, to said Executors at the office of Robert S. Eakin, West-Jacobson Building, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is made on the 10th day of February, 1931.

JEAN R. IVANHOE, ROBERT S. EAKIN, Executors. Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 3 and 10.

FALK'S LA GRANDE STORE Successors to N.K. WEST & CO. BECAUSE IT'S BETTER AT FALK'S, IT'S CHEAPER — NOT CHEAP

Announcement! EACH season we receive the complete coat sample line from Landsman and Herscheimer — This group is not an indication or prediction of what smart women will wear this spring, but a fashion fact — and here's more good news — these coats were purchased at a big discount and have been marked accordingly so if you wish a coat with an expensive look and still priced very moderately, don't fail to see these — priced from \$15 to \$25

Imbler Athletic Club Purchases Site For \$300 By Mrs. Ray Wilson (Observer Correspondent) IMBLER (Special)—The committee appointed by the Imbler Athletic club, composed of E. J. Hazen, G. C. Welch and Lyle Wilson, report they have purchased for the club the six lots which have been used for the tennis and croquet grounds for the past two years. They considered other locations but public opinion seemed to be in favor of the present location which is centrally located and the expense of moving the equipment would have been considerable. The purchase price is \$300, the lots have been sold to the Imbler Athletic club which will remove it this week to his home place. Two additional croquet grounds will be constructed and suitable grounds for the horseshoe fans will also be provided. The club has been very successful since it was organized two years ago. At that time the mayor called a meeting of the city council and invited all persons interested in athletics in this community. The mayor explained to the meeting that the city council regarded small town pool halls as a nuisance and refused to issue licenses for them. He said, in this regard, they had met with some opposition as the town afforded very few recreational facilities and therefore it was their idea that a club be organized to sponsor and manage all the summer and winter sports in which the community is interested and promised, if this were done, to give the club their support, both moral and financial. The mayor explained that the club had demonstrated beyond all doubt that it was a practical and worthy of being tried out by other small towns. Games sponsored by the club include volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, croquet. This spring they plan on putting a baseball team in competition as they have excellent material. This has given men and women of all ages a chance to play games and the leisure hours spent in friendly competition has made better neighbors and a friendlier town in which to live. Clarence Rosewall, of the E. O. L. & P. Co., of La Grande, was in Imbler Friday transacting business for his company. There are ten names on the honor roll for the past six weeks at the high school: Bobby Hurton, Donah Graybeal, Theron Anderson, Winona Westenskow, Harold Cole, Woodrow Westenskow, Thya Lloyd, Blanche Billings, Elton Frizzell and Everett Holmes. The junior play "The Dead of Night" will be given in Wade hall, March 13. Mrs. Gordon is coaching this play which has an excellent cast of players and they say they will guarantee to make the shivers run up your spine. Norvan Woodell is business manager. "The last issue of Imbler Hi-Life, put in circulation last week, is a sparkling number covering the various activities of the high school in a very creditable manner. The Imbler Sisters gave a dance in Wade Hall last Friday night. Music was furnished by "Joe and his gang." The crowd was rather small due to the fact that so many had gone to the tournament at Union. A few guests from Elgin helped to enliven the evening. Marion Johnson is making a start in the chicken business. He is expecting a shipment of 700 baby chicks in the next few days. He thinks the present depressed condition of the poultry industry will tend to low production and make it fairly profitable in the next few months. Phil Pryor and his father left for Portland Friday on business. Grant Tucker took a truck load of apples and potatoes to Baker last week. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hale had as their guests on Saturday Mesdames W. A. Elmer, G. Wise and Bernard Wise and Percy Hartland and Velma and Foster Wise of Wallawa. William Wiggins, of Lostine, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Vivian Wiggins, and transacting business in this

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Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen. — Jude 24, 25.

THE BEST MEMORY SYSTEM Forget each kindness that you do As soon as you have done it; Forget the praise that falls to you The moment you have won it; Forget the slander that you hear Before you can repeat it; Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done To you, whatever its measure; Remember praise by others won And pass it on with pleasure; Remember every promise made And keep it to the letter; Remember those who lend you aid, And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness That comes your way in living; Forget each worry and distress, Be hopeful and forgiving; Remember good, remember truth, Remember heaven's above you, And you will find, through age and youth That many hearts will love you. —Selected.

THINK THIS OVER! Before you mail that order for merchandise to a business house in an outside city think it over for a few minutes. Perhaps you will change your mind about mailing it.

The dollar spent out of La Grande is gone forever. The dollar spent here remains and works for you. It circulates here either for civic improvements, taxes, better schools, churches or goes into more merchandise for your next needs.

Your neighbor takes better care of your needs and wants than does the stranger, who has no interest in you other than to get your dollars. Your merchant—neighbor's future depends upon holding your confidence. He is always here to satisfactorily take care of your requirements.

When you spend your money with La Grande merchants you help them, you assist in building up La Grande enterprises. They in turn help to build up the city, and to make greater opportunities for you and your children.

Spending your money in La Grande is the surest way to insure the progress and improvement of this city.

OBJECT LESSON FROM AUSTRALIA To those who like to play with the idea of government ownership and operation of all public utilities we commend a study of the plight of Australia. Almost half the wage earners are government employees. A score of enterprises from railroads to local lighting services are wholly run by the government.

In order to pay maturing obligations amounting to four billions of dollars, annual interest charges of \$150,000,000 and heavy deficits . . . Australia has an income tax so high that it takes ten per cent of even moderate incomes of \$3,000 a year, a sales tax on everything bought and sold and burdensome direct taxes of many kinds. The average Australian citizen pays more than a fifth of his income in taxes. —Malden, Mass. News.

We think we are a smart people, but it took half a century for salesmen to learn not to ask the woman customer what size shoe.

When we were youngsters our mothers paid a nurse to wheel us around, and most of us have been pushed for money every since.

In Washington

WASHINGTON—Long has the term diplomat been associated in the popular fancy with such words as glamour, romance, adventure—

You probably would be surprised were the opportunity given you to see assembled at one time all the members of the diplomatic corps in Washington. They more than likely would impress you no more than any group of well-groomed, intelligent business men.

But despite the fact that it is difficult to see glamour, romance or adventure written in their faces, nevertheless it is true that some of them might justly claim the title of adventurer. If they cared to tell you of some of their experiences then the fictional diplomat might pale by comparison.

There is, for example, the Hon. Michael MacWhite, minister of the Irish Free State. Here is a man who was trained in pedagogy, but who has lived through about the most adventurous type of military activity. He enlisted in the French Foreign Legion during the World war, and went

out to Serbia, then swept by the Austrian invasion. He is a north Ireland man, but sympathized with the south. He cast his lot with the Irish Free State when it was formed, instead of with the Ulster side.

ONCE HUNTED MAN And there's the Polish minister, Tytus Felipowicz. Prison escapes and banishments dot his career. He has been hounded and hunted as were so many of those who aspired to revolt under the Russian czar. Born in Russian Poland, he was from his earliest youth involved with the promotion of the Polish nationalist movement. He fought with Marshal Pilsudski's legions. In 1919 he went to the Caucasus as chief of a Polish mission. Caught in the Bolshevik flood, he passed several months in a Red prison, and was later deported. But after the Peace of Riga, he went to Moscow as the first Polish minister to the soviet state.