

THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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CHAPTER IX

The Six Judges

Vance rose early that morning. I myself was around at nine o'clock and was surprised to find him in street clothes and on the point of leaving the house.

"I'll be back in half an hour," he said, as he went out, but gave no further explanation.

Fifteen minutes later Markham arrived, and he had waited but ten minutes when Vance came in. He was carrying the Scotch terrier bitch in his arms.

"Morning, Markham," Vance greeted the district attorney. "Really, you know, I didn't expect you so early. I've just toddled over to Doc Blamney to see how the little Scotch lassie was getting along—and here she is."

Markham looked at him skeptically. "You still think you can trace the pet?" he wanted to know.

"It's our only hope," Vance told him seriously. "The case is far too complicated as it stands—there are too many contradictions. I am sure that you, as a prosecuting attorney, could pin the various crimes on any one of three or four people. But until I have traced the ownership and peregrinations of this Scotchie, I shan't be satisfied."

Markham frowned. "Just how do you intend to go about it?"

"As I told you, Markham, this little bitch is in perfect show condition. She's been trimmed and conditioned by an expert, and it seems pretty certain that she's been entered in some show recently. My guess is, from her condition, that she's been shown within the last month. And it's simple enough to find what shows have been held within a reasonable radius of New York during that period."

He went into the library and returned with his copy of Popular Dogs. Sitting down in his easy chair he began running his finger down the calendar of official dog shows.

"Now, let's see," he murmured. "During the past month there has been held around New York the show at Syracuse—make a note of these, will you, Van? Then came the Cornwall show, and after that, Tuxedo. And a week later was the Camden show, which was followed by Westbury, and also the Englewood show. . . . That brings us pretty well up to date, and they are all possibilities. This dog is too young to have won any important blue ribbons, and therefore my guess would be that her entries would have been in the puppy and novice classes. . . . It's not an important matter, although it limits and facilitates my investigation somewhat."

"It sounds like shooting into the dark," Markham was far from convinced.

"You're right to a certain extent," Vance agreed. "But there's a simpler way of determining the dog's ownership—and I shall try that first."

Vance stood looking down at the bandaged Scotchie.

"The more I see of her, Markham, the more I'm convinced that there are only about five men in this part of the country who could have done such a perfect job of trimming. William Prentice could have done it; and George Winchely, and Jimmy McNab, and Elmyr Burke, and Steve Parton."

Vance walked round the dog several times, studying her.

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Starred in Victor Hugo Film



Frederick March and Charles Laughton, who head an all-star cast for "Les Misérables" at the Venetian theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Ring, Miss Mason is a teacher in the high school at Mason City. She visited in Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., before coming to Oregon. This is her first trip west and she is greatly elated over the beautiful scenery of Oregon and the Pacific coast.

Miss Pearl Lowe of Reedville visited Rose Marie Bella Sunday.

Mrs. Frank E. Kenyon and little grandson Frankie of Portland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Woodward and son Kenneth and Robert McCulloch spent the Fourth of July at Battle Ground Lake with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark of Portland visited the Ernest Wilfert home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stuart and son of Portland visited the W. F. Hunter home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hanes, Mrs. S. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Art Taylor and daughter, Mrs. Ellen Luster, Mrs. Paul Maxwell and Bonnie and Mrs. John Kerr of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ring during the week.

Alfred Shaw of Portland spent Wednesday with Kenneth Woodward.

Mrs. Anna Wilfert and sons Anton and Frank spent the Fourth with the Ernest Wilfert family. Mrs. Wilfert remained for the rest of the week.

Miss Helen Bella of Portland spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bella.

Vernon Garratt returned to his home in Portland Friday after a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Carlyle.

North Plains Folk Married July 3rd

(By North Plains P. T. A.)

NORTH PLAINS—Charles Koontz and Miss Etta Young surprised their friends last Wednesday by going to Vancouver to be married. After a short wedding trip to the beaches they returned home Friday evening. A large crowd of their friends gathered and charivariated them Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis of North Bonneville, Miss Elnora Sandford and Glen Sandford went to Manzanita Beach the evening of the Fourth, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mead and daughter of Nehalem spent the Fourth and the week-end with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Sandford, and family and other relatives in this vicinity.

Henry Cypher and Robert Johnson returned home Sunday from a trip to Eastern Washington and Idaho. They visited with Mr. Cypher's sister, Mrs. A. A. Wormel, and a niece at Lewiston, Idaho. They also visited Miss Marian Cypher, who is employed in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babcock of Amity spent the week-end with Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited Mrs. Dorothy Miller Sunday.

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Pioneer Dies at Cedar Mill

Mrs. Mary E. Reeves Lived in County 83 Years

Mrs. Mary E. Reeves, a resident of Washington county for 83 years and a pioneer of 1852, died at her home at Cedar Mill July 2. She was born in Pettis county, Mo., October 19, 1848, and married George H. Reeves at Hillsboro, Oregon, November 28, 1868.

Her parents, Josiah and Mary Hall, came to Oregon by ox team from Missouri in 1852 and established themselves with their four children, Luther, John, Alfred and Mary, on a donation land claim at Cedar Mill, seven miles west of Portland, the same year. They left Missouri April 27 and arrived at Fort Hall July 3 and at Portland July 30. Her parents lived, until their death, at Cedar Mill, both dying in 1896.

Mrs. Reeves was the last member of the family. Four of her children survive her: George M. of Salem, Burton B. of Cedar Mill, Frank H. of Portland and Rose R. Young of Portland.

Her sickness was brief, she having been about her home as usual until June 22. She was stricken shortly after her morning meal and never regained consciousness.

She was buried at Union cemetery at Cedar Mill Friday and services were at Cedar Mill Methodist church at 2 p. m. W. E. Fegg of Beaverton was in charge of arrangements.