"MASTER of MONEY"
BY ROY VICKERS

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CHAPTER LIII.

Fatigue blunted her sensibilities. Alan loved her and it was more than possible that she had killed him by taking him that long journey in the car. She could not even feel anxiety on that score. It was impossible to nurse him. Doctors would not come up-country, so there had been no alternative to taking him down.

Her emotional being was numbed, and her active consciousness saw only the necessity to keep the camp in order and the work going until he could return to take command of it.

She went to the house in Kalamaria, bathed and forced herself to take a meal, then set herself to the task of driving back to the camp. She had no doubt that she would arrive. Her fatigue had passed beyond the immediate want for sleep and she knew that, if need were, she could go on moving and working for several days and nights. For the first time in her life she was drawing on the immense reserves of strength and energy she had built up by years of healthy living.

She reached the shack an hour before dawn and was greeted by Petros who, refusing to sleep, had squatted outside the shack awaiting her return. She was able to feel gratitude for his devotion, but he was too ignorant of the customs of the country to attempt to express it. She knew that it would be foolish to lie down, and while Petros prepared her a meal she wrote to Alan.

"Dear Alan, get well as quickly as you can and don't worry about anything. Your plans were successful in every detail. Stephanos and his whole band have been destroyed. With the help of the foremen I shall be able to carry on here until you are fit. I will send a letter down every day by the supply lorries telling you what we are doing. Your—Shirley."

She enclosed it in a covering letter to the hospital authorities, requesting them to give it to Alan as soon as he recovered full consciousness.

It was no idle assurance. While in the camp she had seen something of Alan's organization, his foresight and ability to provide for the possible failure of others. The battle had gone exactly as he had planned it and the work would do the same.

Although he did not know if Abramovel was, in effect, made general manager of the camp. He spoke four languages, like most of the Macedonians above the laboring classes, and possessed English as a gift. The first day he troubled her little and by the second day she had slept off her fatigue and plunged with full strength into arranging supplies, pay and the details of the work. Every day she received mythical orders from Alan, which planned overnight, and spent the day in seeing to their execution.

In six days the metals were laid and a short train puffed through the camp laden with stone for completing the last few miles of the track. It was on that day that Roger appeared in the camp.

It was during the last hour of work. Shirley was in the shack, checking quantities, when a laborer brought him in.

For a moment she stared at him helplessly, believing that his appearance was an hallucination.

"Hullo, Shirley," he said shamefacedly. "I'm sorry to disturb you. I wanted to see Brennaway."

At the sound of his voice Shirley stiffened and pulled herself together.

"He is not here—he won't be here for a week, perhaps longer," she said coldly. "Why have you come here, Roger?"

Uninvited, he seated himself.

"Can I have a drink, Shirley?"

"You can have limejuice and water if you like. We have no alcohol here."

He made a grimace and took the proffered drink.

"Are you living here with him?" . . . You must find it pretty ghastly!" he remarked.

"Will you tell me why you have come, Roger?" she persisted.

"This is a rather chilly reception, my dear," he said ironically. "Don't forget that we are husband and wife for another couple of months or so. Also—don't forget, please, that I am chief shareholder in Macedonian Developments. That, perhaps, will explain why I have come."

Shirley glared at him. The work was Alan's and hers and to hear him claiming it as his made her angry.

"That isn't true. Alan took the shares from you in return for the money you owe him."

She watched him smile in the way she had detested of old.

"I see he does not take you wholly into his confidence," said Roger. "Brennaway offered to take a million and a quarter in shares in return for his half-million investment—but as even I cannot affard to run the risk of paying back a million and a quarter for the use of a half million for one year, I thought I would come out and see exactly what is being done with my property."

Shirley was at a loss. She remembered that Alan had written to Roger the day before he went up-country and she had assumed that the whole matter had been arranged.

"I don't follow all this," she said wearily. "You had better go back to Salonika and wait until Alan can see you. He is ill and will not be able to do any business for some little time."

"And has left you in charge, eh?" suggested Roger. "Well, I don't think I need trouble him—and I've certainly no desire to spend an unnecessary day in this abominable country. You can tell him all I want to know—which is simply how far you've got towards completing the railway. I understand that is the crux of the whole matter."

"I can't discuss his affairs with you," said Shirley.

"But why not? There is, no breach of confidence. His affairs are mine, as far as this company is concerned. It is only a matter of courtesy on your part. I can get an order from the court cancelling the power of attorney I gave him and then can demand to see all the papers and reports."

"An order of the court!" she laughed bitterly. "What use do you think an order of the court would be to you in this camp, Roger?"

(To be continued)

CONSTABLE TO HANG

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. — (AP) —Constable Hinkis, accused of shooting five Arabs in the rioting at Jaffa, August 25, was sentenced to death today. An appeal has been filed.

AUTO DRIVER DIES AT O. E. CROSSING

WOODBURN, Feb. 6. — (Special)—Ed Wells, West Woodburn farmer, was killed instantly when he was hurled against a telegraph pole by a northbound Oregon Electric wrecking train at the West Woodburn crossing just after noon Wednesday. Wells' car, a light sedan in which he was driving east, was a total wreck, having been struck near the rear wheel and flung with great force into the ditch. Wells was the only occupant of the automobile.

Following the accident the theory was advanced that it may have been caused by Wells' expecting the train to slow up as it approached the crossing.

He was thrown violently from the machine, his head striking the telegraph pole.

Wells is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Thaddeus Harper of West Woodburn and Mrs. Gladys Moore of Salem, a son, Raymond of West Woodburn, and a brother, Virgil of West Woodburn. He was 59 years old.

Funeral arrangements will be made later.

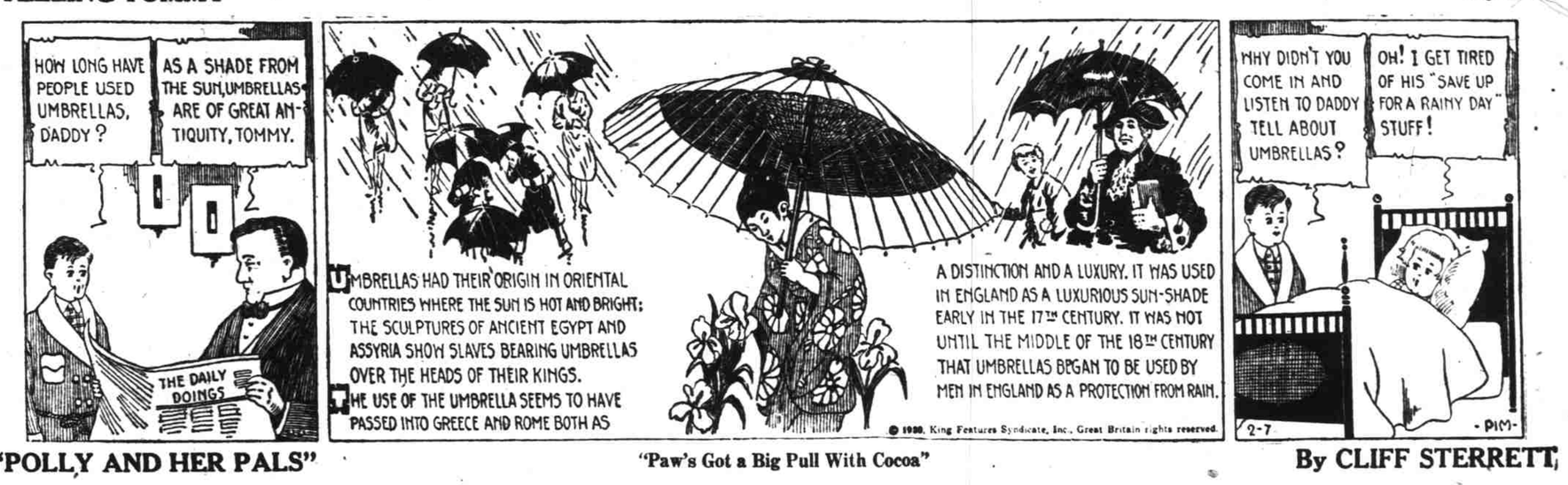
Spears Honored At Big Banquet Scheduled Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6. — (AP)—Tickets for the state-wide dinner to be given here the night of February 21 honoring Dr. Clarence W. Spears, newly-elected football coach at the University of Oregon, will go on sale Tuesday, it was decided today at a meeting of a committee from the junior chamber of commerce. The junior chamber has charge of the ticket sale.

Dr. Spears will arrive early February 21 from the University of Minnesota, where he has coached football for the past five years. He previously coached at West Virginia and Dartmouth. He will go to Eugene February 22.

"TELLING TOMMY"

By PIM



"POLLY AND HER PALS"

"Paw's Got a Big Pull With Cocoa"

By CLIFF STERRETT

TILLIE, THE TOILER

"The Penalty of Perfection"

By RUSS WESTOVER

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

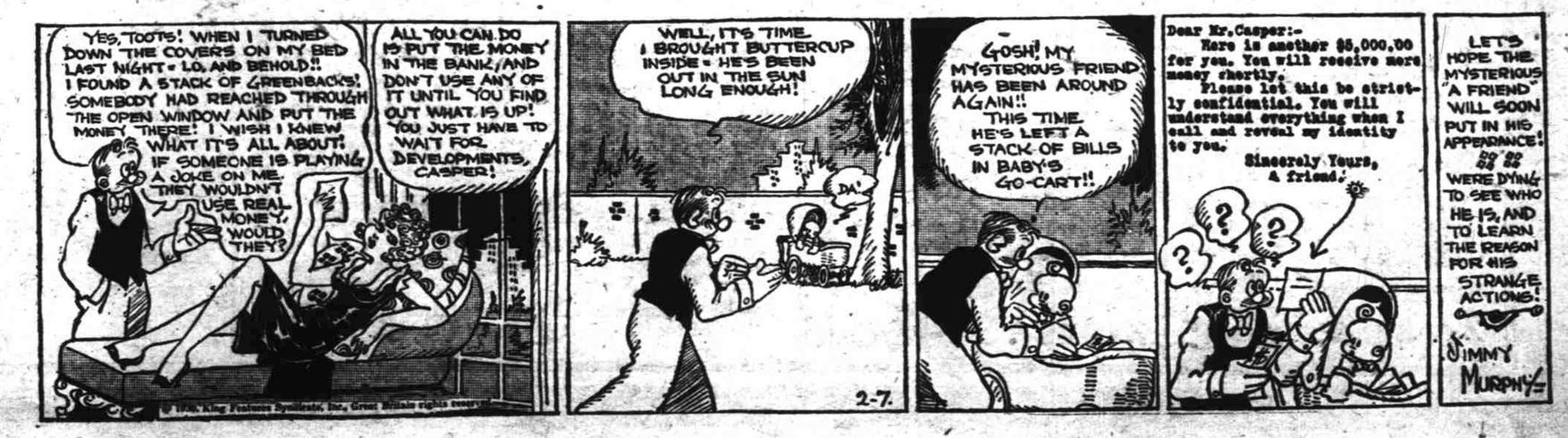
"One of the Invalid's Kind"

By BEN BATSFORD

TOOTS AND CASPER

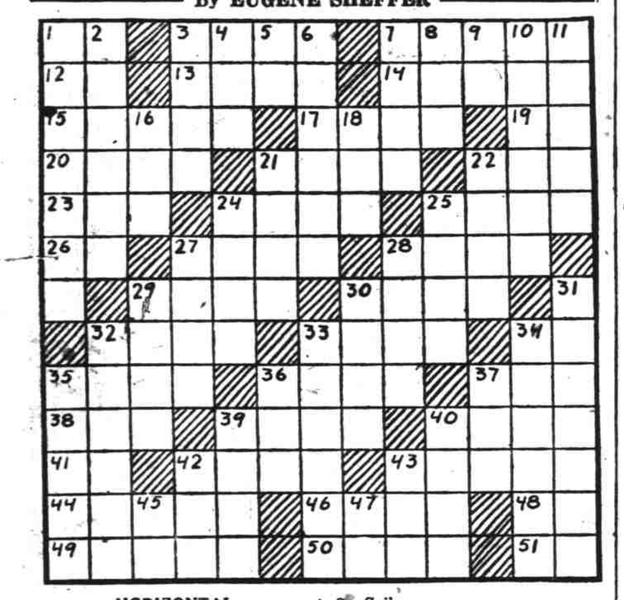
"The Money Still Pours In"

By JIMMY MURPHY



Cross-Word Puzzle

By EUGENE SHEFFER



HORIZONTAL.

1—Parent.
3—Road.
7—Who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?
12—Plural pronoun.
13—Medley.
14—Who awarded the Apple of Discord to Aphrodite and was thus enabled to carry off Helen?
15—Upon the recommendation of what Secretary did Congress pattern the national banking system in 1863?
17—Teller of falsehoods.
19—Street (abbr.).
20—Central part of anything.
21—Persian poet.
22—Consumed.
23—Anger.
24—Structure for baking.
25—Affirm.
26—New England (abbr.).
27—In the old Roman calendar what was the name for the 15th day of March, May, July and October?
28—Smell.
29—Always.
30—What is the missing part of the title of this poem by Byron: "Don———"?
32—Ages.
33—Hot.
34—Indefinite article.
35—Downfall.
36—Agitates the air by waving.
37—Urge on.
38—Metal in a natural state.
39—Seize with the teeth.
40—A fertilizer.
41—Depart.
42—Melodies.
43—What is another name for Chosen, a territory of Japan annexed in 1910?
44—Species of lyric poem.
46—What Roman poet wrote the "Metamorphosis"?
48—Half an em.
49—Allude.
50—Nominate.
51—Doctor of Divinity (abbr.)

VERTICAL.

1—Who composed the opera "Turandot"?
2—On shore.
3—Sit for a portrait.
4—Beverage.
5—Note of the scale.
6—What United States Supreme Court Justice is the son of a famous author?
7—A mast.
8—Sailor.
9—Correlative of either.
10—Who wrote the novel "The Virginian"?
11—Chemical compound.
16—Part of the verb "to be."
18—Scotch given name.
21—Above.
22—What is the missing name in this statement: Shakespeare was called the Bard of ——?
24—Poetic compositions.
25—Who was the father of Cain and Abel?
27—What Russian czar was nicknamed "The Terrible"?
28—Belonging to us.
29—One of the Great Lakes.
30—What is the missing part of the title of this novel by Charlotte Bronte: "——— Eyre"?
31—From what country did Germany purchase Heligoland just before the war?
32—What continent was named for a Phoenician girl whom Zeus carried to Delphi?
33—Who was Sherlock Holmes' friend and assistant?
34—Assented.
35—What was the given name of the English founder of Rhode Island?
36—Evergreen tree.
37—Organ of hearing.
39—Frame on which a corpse is placed.
40—Fashion.
42—Who wrote "Fables in Slang"?
43—Title of a novel by Rudyard Kipling.
45—Belonging to.
47—Of what State (abbr.) is Richmond the capital?

Herewith is the solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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