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we have earned our title of 'per-fidious Albion.' The French fleet

passed through the Straits of Gib-raiter late this afternoon at full strength under sealed orders."

Matresser demanded.

grim reply. "This way, if you don't mind, Matresser. This service pas-eign Affairs, but it seemed to him sage here leads to my study. The Prime Minister 's there and Sy-sponsive an auditor as this stiff,

They reached their destination, stockily built little man-the Pre- this promise will be kept. . . . For Tring almost out of breath. The mier.

bennet but I am afraid he is delib-erately keeping away." "Cut off Paris, then," Tring di-rected. "Do everything you can to find the French Ambassador. He may have been sent for, but it is doubtful whether he can have left the house yet. He must be found, Atkinson. Do you understand that? There was always a chance of serious trouble if anything leaked out before tomorrow. Seems to me we've run up against it." "I understand perfectly," the young man declared, hurrying out of the room. The Premier, cool and grave, led

The Premier, cool and grave, led ing his lifetime and who had now been hurriedly necalled to office. Matresser aside. "I sent for you," he said, "because

nary-from St. James's ?"

can, sir."

task," the Premier warned. "It was not exactly child's play.

sir, in East Africa." You will have to stand up to a

"Why was full disclosure not made to the French Cabinet last ingent? I understood that that was the arrangement." "A very serious interference with our plans arose," the Premier con-fided. "How the news was kept out of the evening papers I cannot im-spine Symons here, with fifteen or respondents in Paris, knew noth r of it. You read of the crashing the French plane near Bou-7" Course. All three passeness remains of the rest in the premier with the series of the rest in the present plane near Bou-7"

Of course. All three passengers ed, weren't they ?" he Premier nodded.

midentified one was Som

omerby, our Ambasar ord Somerby, our Ambassador rance," the Premier groaned, one of us had the slightest that he was traveling by that . I'm afraid there was some-a little unusual-but never

tion to offer our explanation. He seems to have bungled it or the French espionage is too clever. Any-way, they seem to have decided that "I'll do what I can, sir," Matres- "was to explain why it had been necessary for us to work in secrecy,

. . . but there was never a time, nor has The British envoy extraordinary any modification or variation in this paused in some weariness. By means scheme ever been suggested, which "Where on earth are they off to?" of cunning, tact, princely largesse lessened the security of France. The

and stoical perseverance, he had agreement which is drawing to-forced his way into an all-night con-wards its final settlement, Monsieur "The English Channel," was the ference between the Premier of Lacheur and Monsieur Desselin, gray-bearded and gray-moustached, definite and cast iron pledges that

this you pay-what? You pay noth-Premier was talking earnestly to "I trust," Matresser wound up, ing. England pays for you."

"Mons, the press magnate. "Anything fresh from Paris?" "that you have now, sir, a clearer "Anything fresh from Paris?" apprehension of this matter. You It is true that they had flinched at Sir Francis asked Atkinson who was standing by the telephone. "Not a word, sir," the latter re-you in a more statesmanlike manner but they listened to it without prolied. "We have sent messengers many hours ago, but for the unfor- testation. Lacheur rose to his feet in every direction for Monsieur De-bennet but I am afraid he is delib- which Lord Somerby was travel. of apology towards Matresser, he

misunderstanding between us now would be fatal. England is willing

to offer as a free gift those colonies "Certainly," the Premier admit-"I sent for you," he said, "because I am anxious to know whether you will act once more in the capacity of—shall I call it envoy extraordiwhich have cost her millions to subbut we are still-my colleague here to say that no nation in the world "I am willing to do anything I and I-what words can I use?- has ever made such a gesture for dumbfounded, shocked, that you should have proceeded without bring it about. I ask you, Monsieur bouiliet tonight?" "Certainly. If Heston can give me a plane I can be there at day." break."

was not exactly child's play, East Africa." In will have to stand up to a excitable man and, if neces-you will have to tell him why who has never ceased to conside

"Your explanation is somewhat confusing," the Premier remarked drily, "but pray continue." "The English Cabinet," Matres-ment on chapter his place

There was a brief silence. Mon-

sieur Lacheur exchanged a few words in an undertone with his com-"You must forgive us, Lord Mat-

"You must forgive us, Lord Mat-resser," Lacheur said, "if I confess that you have left us—shall I say a little troublé. We recognize your sincerity but the terms in which you have expressed yourself have been, to say the least of it, unusual." "I am not a politician," Matresser replied, "neither am I a diplomat. I have traveled all my life in different parts of the British Empire and of Europe and I believe I can say that I was among the first to discover the real feeling in Germany. I have in-terested myself in that because long ago I came to the conclusion that

but to whom could we turn to ex-pound our scheme? Since we opened tentative negotiations, first of all with a retiring German dictator and accondly with a small but powerful committee of German statesmen, three French cabinets have been established and fallen. You see the point of this I am area. igo I canie to the con eace with a discould never becom

> tified but I shall be as have been frank,"

The North Santiam highway is now clear, although chains are War Admiral, Stagehand required, and there is plenty of Both Win at Hialeah Fahey 11, Fones. snow at Hoodoo Butte for a

weekend of good skiing. There is two-way traffic to MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 18.-(AP)-Both Whitebranch, with 26 inches of War Admiral and Stagehand, 8, Young 6. icy packed snow at the winter prospective duelists in the \$50,000

sports area. There is parking Widener cup race on March 4. 14, Crook 6, McClain, H. Buss 6, space on the road leading into scored spectacular victories at Whitebranch. Chains are also ad- Hialeah park today in their first R. Sears 2, Lawrence, Karne, C. tests of the 1939 season. Sears: Lee Midgets (12)-Noves vised for this trip.

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7; Lee Juniors (23) - Clark 4. Wilbur, Wasson, Zahrodnick 8. Y Yellowjackets (20)-Ostrin,

Compson 2, Warren 9, Boise 9; Lee Scouts (22)-Patton 8, Bacon Monmouth E. V. (32)-R. Buss 42-

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eak." "You will have a disagreeable sieur," Matresser replied, "I must answer it. I shall have to ask you not?—as a diplomatic triumph

