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Amateur Lobbyists Score

The two biggest and cleverest professional lobbies active at the 1943 legislative session were the truck and wine lobbies. It is not necessary at this time to mention that they got nowhere. Definitely and in full view of the gallery, each took one on the chin.

Amateur lobbies were more fortunate. There was at the opening of the session strong sentiment for removing some of Oregon's too-numerous property tax exemptions. The movement was dramatized by Rep. Giles French's tonguein-cheek proposal that all such exemptions be wiped off the books. Praiseworthy as the motives were, that bill appears to have done the cause more harm than good. It brought reaction which clearly informed the members that any exemptions would be removed over the dead bodies of the exemptees.

A house committee labored sincerely and devotedly to bring about some reform but in the end-having polled both houses and learned of the task's futility-it shelved the entire program. The amateur lobbyists scored a victory.

Legislation requiring municipally - owned power utilities to pay property taxes was a part of the program. Substitute legislation on that subject was enacted-but it was of such nature that no real reform was accomplished. Those utilities must pay a portion of their gross receipts in lieu of taxes-to the cities which own them. That is little more than taking money from one pocket and putting it in another.

This movement emanated from Lane county. Lane citizens outside of Eugene were not hoodwinked, though they now aver that the legislature was. Resentment there is aimed at the Eugene water board and Supt. J. W. McArthur of the municipal utility. McArthur was busy around the legislature, and he is an experienced lobbyist if not a professional.

It might interest indignant Lane taxpayers to learn, however, that the more effective opposition appeared to come from the smaller cities affected. Some Eugene citizens favored the ad valorem, county-wide tax proposal; citizens of these other cities had not been "educated" up to that point. It will require a few more years of evolution-and agitation-to bring about a real reform. It requires strong public opinion to overcome the amateur lobbyists' effective-

Taxpaying and Inflation

How did you pay your income tax? Add that to your list of timely, sure-fire top-

ics for conversation. That you owed an income tax payment to Uncle Sam on March 15 and paid it, assuming you are an employable adult, is so patent as to be hardly worthy of mention.

How you managed to rake up the cash is, on the contrary, both interesting and signifi-

Significant because, as you will recall, there were two big reasons for a big tax. One was that Uncle needed the money; the other was its expected anti-inflation potential.

How you, or you paid that income tax, we have no idea. But how you, and you, and you paid it-how it was paid in the aggregate—is pretty well authenticated. You, and you, and you didn't cut down on expenditures in recent weeks in order to pay the tax. You, and you, and you didn't withdraw the money from a savings account.

You, and you, and you either sold some of your war bonds, or refrained from buying war bonds, or borrowed the money-and some of you, and you, and you, despite having earned more money in the last year than ever before, borrowed from the small loan companies at their high interest rates.

In the first ten days of March 45 million dollars' worth of war bonds were redeemedfive times the volume for the same period a year ago. Sales of war bonds dropped by almost an equal amount. Personal loan companies did a land-office business. But savings accounts did not noticeably dwindle. Nor did department store sales nor luxury goods sales.

What does it add up to? Chiefly, that lumpsum taxpaying once a year, or even quarterly, is ineffectual as a means of checking inflation. In periods of false prosperity as in periods of depression some people—the same people—are provident and some are improvident. The provident people had made advance arrangements to pay the tax. They had spent less than they earmed. But they would have done the same if they had had no big tax to pay. The provident people are no part of the inflation problem.

The improvident people live up to the limit of their unwonted incomes except as they were persuaded by rather direct pressure to buy war bonds. Come taxpaying time-to their unwarranted surprise and they scurried around and sold some of their bonds or borrowed the money, and continued to live in the manner to which they were not yet really accustomed.

If taxpaying is to brake inflation, it will have to be gradual pay-as-you-go taxpaying. That's the lesson of this first big taxpaying date's experience.

About the same time that the Oregon legislature was being warned of an impending crisis in the dairy industry, the Salem school district was offered federal aid in instituting a program to supply "surplus" milk to school children. In the middle west the Surplus Commodities Corporation is distributing "surplus" butter to rural schools and recently offered one Ohio school an additional 150 pounds, which the directors turned down because the school already had enough butter to last through March. Butter can be shipped any required distance. Several Pacific coast cities recently had actual shortages of butter. But the Surplus Commodities Corporation insists on giving tons of it away in rural communities already plentifully supplied. New deal agencies must be pespet-dated, no matter what the cost.

Jay Franklin, "liberal" columnist, has been converted to the free enterprise system. He saw the "great white light" when he tried to send a birthday telegram to his daughter and discovered it was among the things now forbidden. Not that he objected to the wartime rulingbut he saw that if government supplies these services, rather than private enterprise reasonably free to do whatever is profitable, government may refuse to supply them any time it sees fit. Some of us, less brilliant, saw the point sooner.

Grants Pass Courier got out a seven-page paper the other day. More accurately it was a six and two-halves page paper. After the first four regular eight-column pages there was a four-column extension, one side numbered "5A" and the other "5B". An ingenious method of saving paper in these days when it has to be

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, March 15-Gov. Bricker of Ohio today seems to have the best chance of being the 1944 presidential nominee of the republican party. He is not yet a familiar national figure. Few people know him beyond his record as a good threeterm governor who has made some sense out of a bewildered state government. But he is already getting promises of a substan-

tial bloc of delegates. He has inherited the Taft organization throughout the south and that section is confidently counted for him, except possibly Georgia where a rattlesnake situation exists. Add to these the votes of Ohio and possibly New York, and you have the beginning of a formidable candidacy. Mr. Willkie has been getting

all the publicity, but the question is where he will get the votes. He is working on Indi-Paul Mallon ana and some of the northwestern states like Washington and Oregon are counted at this advance date as being "probable" for him.

Obviously New England and the middle west have not proved especially fertile fields for his viewpoint. He will also certainly not get California. Iowa or Illinois. So where is his delegate strength

to come from? Most of the republican leaders seem to be taking New York's Gov. Dewey at his declining word. He would, of course, have New York, if he ran and could build up a strong candidacy elsewhere. But to get into the race at all, over the barrier of his official declination, he would have to be drafted, and no draft movement has been started

or seems to be contemplated. This makes the pre-convention race stand today as a contest between Bricker and Willkie with the

edge on Bricker's side. No doubt many favorite son candidacles will develop, Stassen in Minnesota, MacNider in Iowa, Saltonstall in Massachusetts, etc., but most of these seem likely in the end to become allied with the major candidacies (Stassen for Willkie for in-

The democratic situation is still running loose. The test blackout of politics for a fourth term, as staged the past few weeks, looked good to some Rooseveltian followers, poor to others. No one came out except those you would expect-Guffey, Sabath, Mead, etc. Nothing very encouraging was heard from the great bulk of the party leaders in congress whose voices would have sounded

True, the mere mention of such a hideous thought (to republicans) discouraged some of the opposition political figures. The Gallup poll (incidentally it did not contain detailed state figures which would have been more convincing) suggested Mr. Roosevelt would have a fourth term popular majority of only 52 or 53 per cent "if the war was still on" a year from next November.

No one knows when the war will be over. The ideal time for it to end from a new deal political standpoint (if it could be ended by political desire and it can't) would be along about next summer. The campaign would then catch FDR in the midst of peace negotiations. He would then have the prestige of having won and could beg not to be interrupted in the peace.

Usually after wars, however, a natural popular spirit of nationalism has developed among the people. In all, it is impossible to tell what the feeling of the country will be 15 months hence, as to Mr. Roosevelt and his conduct of the war and peace, and anyone who tries to do it is playing with fantasies.

As of today, the tactical situation of the fourth term campaign is far weaker than the average nonpolitical person assumes it to be. The south is strong anti-newdealing territory, looking for a place to go. Mr. Roosevelt will have to win it back, if he can, before his renomination is assured. If it, and the other loose ends of anti-newdealism in the democratic party are organized by Jim Farley or anyone else for senator Byrd or Senator Georgeor if the opposition just agrees on a course of anti-Roosevelt political action—the only thing left in the democratic convention will be the federal office holding groups, the Kelly-Nash machine, the Hague machine and other smaller machines working in cooperation with Harry Hopkins and

Don't forget that the republicans now control most of the large state governments even down to the counties. If these various state machines are tied together with national leadership, the republicans this time will have the first real working organization in 25 years.

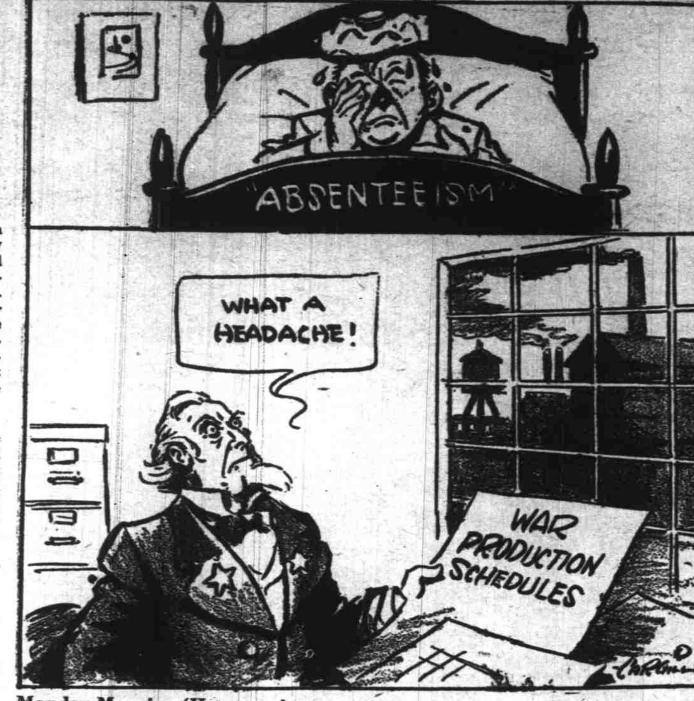
Furthermore, the fourth term camp parently to be handled by Hopkins and David K. Niles (Walker will no doubt be replaced as national chairman before the race gets hot) and they are not Jim Farleys or Charley Michaelsons. Also Mr. esidential candidate if he tries it again. Mr. Wallace's standing as a democrat has diminished to the point of political weakness, where Mr. Roosevelt will need strength.

These powerful undercurrents controlling the case Spotlight Bands.

political situation on both sides have apparently case. Little Known Facts, been forgotten in the strong running tides of the Grace Fields.

publicity which keep both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. van Hed Ryder.

Willkie on the front pages unchallenged every day. case Fields.



Monday Morning 'Hangover'

9:00—Pastor's Call.

9:45—Uncle Sam. 0:00—World in Review

00-Organalities

15—Dickson's Melody Mustangs. 30—Farm Home Programs.

10:05—A Song and A Dance.
10:30—Victor Arden's Orchestra.
11:00—KSLM Presents.
11:30—Willamette U Chapel.

12:35—Willamette Valley Opoinions. 1:00—Lum 'n' Abner. 1:15—Johnny Long's Orch. 1:45—Melody Mart.

-News. -Hillbbilly Serenade.

2:15-Announcer's Choice.

2:45—Broadway Band Wagon, 3:00—KSLM Concert Hour,

-Let's Reminisce, -Tonight's Headlines

5:15—War News Commentary.

7:05—Texas Jim Lewis. 7:30—Willamette Valley Opinions.

3:20—Evening Serenade. 3:45—Soldiers of the Press.

:00-War Fronts in Review.

9:00—News. 9:15—Don Allen and His Orch.

KOIN-CBS-TUESDAY-970 Ke.

6:90—Northwest Farm Reporter, 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin

2:39—Four Novelettes

Teatime Tune

5:00—Homespun Trio. 5:15—Let's Reminisce.

:50-Mischa Russell.

10:00-Let's Dance.

6:29—Texas Rangers. 6:45—KOIN Klock.

:15-Wake Up News.

7:30—Dick Joy, News. 7:45—Nelson Pringle, News. 8:00—Consumer News. 8:15—Valiant Lady.

8:38-Stories America Loves

9:30—Big Sister. 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent. 9:45—Our Gal Sunday. 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful, 10:15—Ma Perkins. 10:30—Vic and Sade.

Young Dr. Malone,

Joyce Jordan.

We Love and Learn,

News. Bob Anderson, News.

William Winter, News.
Bachelor's Children.
-Uncle Sam.

-Newspaper of the Air. -Your Tuesday Date.

15—Sam Hayes. 30—American Melody Hour, 90—Wilma Bailey.

Milton Charles, Organist.

-News.

:30-Talks

:30-Harry Flannery

:45—Frazier Hunt,

45—News, 35—Cecil Brown, 00—Burns and Allen, 30—Suspense, 00—Jazz Laboratory,

8:00—Four to Go,
8:15—Harry James Orchestra.
8:30—Lighty Out.
9:00—Al Jolson.
9:20—For Mutual Benefit.
18:00—Five Star Final.
10:15—Wartime Women.
10:20—Air-Fio of the Air.
10:30—The World Today.
11:00—Manny Strand Orchestra.
11:30—Manny Strand Orchestra.
11:35—News.

12:00 to 6 a. m —Music and News.

KEX-BN-TUESDAY-1190 Ko.

News. Livestock Reporter.

ents of Melody.

6:30 National Farm and Home.
6:45 Western Agriculture.
7:90 Life and the Land.
7:15 Music of Vienna.
7:16 Gene and Glenn.
8:30 Breakfast Club.
8:35 Keep Fit Club with Patty Jean.
9:30 Breakfast at Sardi's.
9:30 Breakfast at Sardi's.
9:30 Baukhage Talking.
9:15 Uncle Sam.
9:30 The Great Melody.
1:50 Hank Lawson's Knights.

1.15 Victory Gardens. 1.20 National Farm and Home

American School of the Air.

8:45—Aunt Jenny, 9:80—Kate Smith Speaks, 9:15—Big Sister. 9:30—Romance of Helen T

The Goldberg

Today's Radio Programs

Here are extra radio programs, for the benefit of mail subscribers to The Statesman. Each day the current day's programs will be KSLM-TUESDAY-1390 Kc. 7:00—News. 7:05—Rise 'n' Shine. 7:30—News. 7:45—Morning Moods. current day's programs will be published as usual and, in addition, the first half of the next day's schedules will appear on the :00-Bert Hirsch Novelty Band. 30—News Brevities. 35—Tango Time.

comics page. 8:36—Duffy's. 9:00—Homicide O'Kane.

9:30—News. 9:35—Down Memory Lane. 10:15—Mary Bullock, Pianist. 10:30—This Nation at War. 11:00—This Moving World. 11:15—Bal Tabarin Cafe Orch. 11:30—War News Roundup.

KGW-NBC-TUESDAY-620 Ke.

4:00—Dawn Patrol. 5:45—News. 5:55—Labor News. 6:00—Sunrise Serenade. 6:55—Labor News. 7:15—News Headlines & Highlights.

7:45—Sam Hayes. 8:00—Stars of Today. 8:15—James Abbe Co

3:30—House Divided. 3:45—David Harum. 9:00—The O'Neills. 9:15—Everything Goes. 9:30 Mary Lee Taylor -Kneass With the News.

-Funny Money 45—Dr. Kate. 00—Light of the World. :15—Lonely Women. :30—The Guiding Light. :45—Hymns of All Churche :00—Story of Mary Marlin. :15—Ma Perkins.

Pepper Young's Family.

Right to Happiness. Backstage W
 Stella Dallas. 13—Steita Dalias, 30—Lorenzo Jones, 45—Young Widder Brown, 90—When a Girl Mairles, 13—Portis Faces Life, 30—Just Plain Bill,

:45—Front Page Farrell. :00—Road of Life. :15—Vic and Sade. 3:30—Snow Village, 3:45—Judy and Jane, 4:00—Frank Heming

4:15—News of the World. 4:30—The Personality Ro. 5:15—H. V. Kaltenborn 5:30—Horace Heidt Treasure Chest. 6:00—Battle of the Sexes. Fibber McGee and Molly

:00—Bob Hope. :30—Red Skelton. :00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.

9:30—Quiz of Two Cities.
10:00—News Flashes.
10:15—Labor News.
10:20—Moonlight Sonata.
10:45—Uncle Sam.
11:00—Your Home Town News.
11:10—Musical Interlude.

12:00-2 a. m.—Swing Shift.

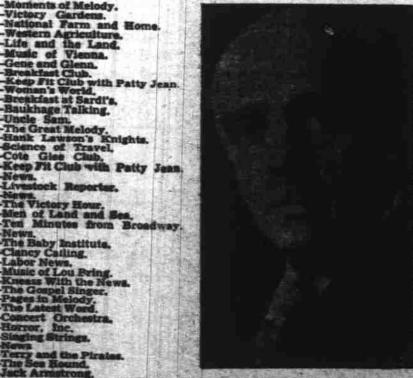
KALE-MBS-TUESDAY-1300 Ke. 6:45-Uncle Sam. 7:00—News, 7:15—Texas Rangers.

7:30—Memory Timeke 8:00—Haven of Rest.

8:45—Old Songs. 9:00—Boake Carter, 9:15-Woman's Side of the News. 9:30—Buyer's Parade, 9:45—US Marine Band. 10:00—News.
10:15—Stars of Today.
10:30—This and That.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Bill Hay Reads the Bi

11:30—Concert Gems. 12:25—On the Farm Front, 12:30—News. 12:45—Shady Valley Folks. 1:00—Background for News.

Heads Planning



Frederic A. Delano (above), Prosman of the national resources of the bases from which the bate for plane superiority that any planning beard, whose post-war plan for America was sent to congress by the president,—Anomorphic forms and plane-for man and plane-for plane superiority that any lie of the Bismarck sea was won, Japanese adventure within range of their bases is marked for teresociated Press Telemat.

MacArthur's airmen have been rible punishment if not destruction.

1:15—Sweet and Sentimental.
1:30—Bridgeport Ensemble.
2:00—President's Press Conference.
2:05—Sheelah Carter.
2:15—Texas Rangers.
2:30—Voices in Song.
2:45—Pat Neal and the News.

3:00—Philip Keyne-Gord 3:15—Wartime Women. 3:20—Hello Again. 3:45—Remember When, 4:00—Fulton Lewis, jr. 4:15—Johnson Family,

4:30-News. 4:45-Let's Learn to Dance. 5:00—Matinee Varieties. 5:15—Superman. 5:30—Norman Nesbitt. 5:45—Singing Sam. 5:00—Gabriel Heatter.

6:15—Movie Parade. 6:30—This is Our Enemy. 7:00—John B. Hughes. 7:15—Art Kassel Orchestra

9:30 General Barrows 10:00—Louie Armstrong Orchestra 10:15—Treasury Star Parade. 10:30—News. 10:45—George Sterney Orchestra. 11:30—Wingy Manone Orchestra.

11:45-Louie Armstrong Orchestra. KOAC-TUESDAY-550 Kc. 0:15—The Homemakers' Hour. 11:20-Music of the Masters.

12:00—News, 12:15—Noon Farm Hour, 12:45—Neighborhood Le: tion Box. 1:15—War Commentary. 1:20—Variety Time. 1:45—Victory Front. 2:00—AAUW Half Hour. 2:30—Memory Book of Music. 3:00—News.

:15—Adventures in Research, :30—The Concert Hell. :00—Neighborhood Call. 4:00—Neighborhood Call.
4:15—Echoes of Waikiki.
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
5:00—Private Pete Presents.
5:15—On the Campuses.
5:30—Vespers.
5:45—104th Orientation Course.
6:15—News.

6:30—Evening Farm Hour. 7:30—Learn to Speak Spanish. 7:45—Latin American Melodie 8:60—The World in Review. 8:15—School of Music. 8:30—String Time. 9:90—Pan-American Melodies.

9:30-News. 9:45-Uncle Sam.

Interpreting the War News By GLENN BABB

Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman q. +1 tal - + -

evidence has become clearer of For the second time this month a steady advance of Japanese General MacArthur's communistrength southward through the islands west of New Guinea.

An invasion of northwestern que calls attention to a growing concentration of Japanese air and sea power in the islands australia would not necessarily above Australia. Evidently this mean an attempt at permanent tenacious foe intends to keep occupation. The objective prob-ably would be to create a divercoming on in spite of the unbroken series of disasters he has sufsion under cover of which the fered on land and sea and in the

The American commander's first alarm of the month was followed quickly by the battle of the Bismarck sea. Obviously even that blow, in which the Japanese lost every ship of a 22-ves-sel convoy and nearly all the 15,-000 men aboard, has not ended the threat to Australia.

air in the southwest Pacific thea-

tre in the last six months.

But apparently the enemy does not care to brave again the deadly striking power of the landbased American, Australian, British and Dutch planes that wiped out his convoy as he tried to slip it down New Guines's northeast coast with reinforcents for his garrisons in the Lae-Salamaua area. He is looking for softer spots elsewhere.

The new concentration is son 1500 miles west of the Bi era area. Monday's cor and cargo ships in the Amboin Dobo area, 500 to 600 miles abo Dobo area, 500 to 600 mines another Darwin, the chief port of northern Australia. The setup suggests strongly that a Japanese descent on Australia's sparsely populated northwest coast, out of range

"So'm I I wish you hadn't said it," he shrugged my lame apology aside. "After all, one scream sounds pretty much like with the most lurid imagination. I broke out angrily. "How can another and you couldn't be you think of such horrors! The sure. It's played havoc with Stel-Inspector doesn't dream of ac-cusing you. What d'you bet he

'Curiosity Killed a Cat'

Chapter 31 Continued

ment to catch him?"

"Do you mean, he's waiting for -another murder?" she asked

The words sent a shiver down my back. And the fact that they

affected me to that extent made

me furious with myself. "I mean,

you're cuckoo! I mean-take one

of the pills you didn't take the other night and sleep yourself

out of your-your neurasthenic

dementia," I raged. "God knows,

it's bad enough thinking of the

murders that have happened,

without you hinting at another

stairs again the moment I arriv-

ed downstairs. To phone Dad

from the privacy of my room.

And then I sat in front of the

instrument, not daring to lift the

Finally, I dialed the shipyard

number. "Don't worry about Gala," I told him on the wire. "Aggy's been telling the truth.

She's in bed with an awful case

of the sniffles. She'll see you, all

right, the moment she looks hu-

I was still sitting before the

"The Inspector's been asking

telephone, deep in thought, when

for you two or three times,

ma'am," she informed me. "Miss

Wentworth too. She says she's

stuck with Mr. Avery and is

getting lockjaw from yawning,

and please for you to come and

take him over. Them's her own

In the library I found Aunt

Millie and Curtis Avery facing

each other mutely before the

fireplace, she profoundly bored.

he distinctly jittery and with one

ear cocked in the direction of

The charming Stella was un-

dergoing one of Inspector Pet-

tengill's smiling third degrees in

there. Not of her free will either.

She had been summoned offici-

Millie had vanished with unpre-

ed me," Avery explained nerv-

ously, and then pulled himself

together sufficiently to insert a

perfunctory speech of condolence

into the recital of his own trou-

His attitude was a relief-es-

pecially as he addressed me as

"Miss Wentworth," without the

hesitation and smirking I had

come to dread and suited my

purpose besides. I was more than

willing to have him discuss his

wife, in the hope of learning

something that might shed light

on our murders, Also, her re-

newed questioning puzzled me."

her?" I asked curiously.

he said dejectedly.

out much conviction.

schedule out of gear.

mese in north

Meanwhile the outcome of the

Bismarck sea battle justifies al-lied confidence in awaiting the

carrying.

"Why did the Inspector call

"Because you recognized her

voice-in the Burton house, that

evening. It's all I can think of,"

ace for weeks, but recently the

"I'm sorry," I told him, with-

"I came along in case she need-

Then I hung up, quickly.

Nettie came to the door.

words, Miss Kay."

the drawing room.

cedented alacrity.

bles.

to come."

mouthpiece.

man again."

You're the damn

la's nerves. They were bad before. But now!" nows who the murderer is and "Again I'm sorry, but-I did is only waiting for the right morecognize her voice. Your wife's screams are different from any others," I insisted.

> "Perhaps they are," he agreed unhappily. "Forgive me if I've been rude. But-I'm at my wits' end, Miss Wentworth. Stella is in a state. Nothing I do is right. Nothing the servants do pleases her. The house is an inferno ever since the unfortunate scene here in your garden last Sunday. It's all based on her senseless jealousy of Gala Burton. If-if only Bruce hadn't been killed! If only I could have brought them together, so that he could have explained how it was! And this police questioning!"

I left shortly after that outburst. Our talk just wouldn't be He jumped up and walked to natural and unrestrained after the hall door, listening, as Stelit, no matter how much each of la's voice rose shrilly in the us tried to make light of what closed drawing room. had been said, But I walked up-

Chapter 32

"Bruce knew you were driving Gala to him?" I asked Curtis Avery. "I thought Gala had asked you."

He came from the back door. "No. It was Bruce's idea. He'd called me up about it long distance, at my office. I have an office, you know. I'm supposed to handle all my wife's properties, under the supervision of her trustees. In other words, I'm her errand boy. And, to be honest with you, I did elope. Not with any woman. Away from Stella. Bruce had come into his mother's money and well - I hoped he'd find an opening for me in one of the enterprises he controlled, but-"

He broke off with a helpless gesture. And I murmured "I'm sure he would," not because I believed it, but to say something in answer to his unsought con-

"And he didn't tell you he was coming back? You didn't know he was here-" I asked. He shook his head. "If only

I had known! I could have made him help me, if I'd had a chance to talk with him. He would have placed me, now that he had his whole inheritance." He paused again, as if debating something. and then burst out desperately: illy, I found out after Aunt "Miss Wentworth - please!] have to presume. I know I have no right. You scarcely know me. But - I knew all along you and Bruce were married, and-I've kept your secret. Won't you help me, in Bruce's place? I'd take any job, do anything, go anywhere! So long as it takes me away from here - makes me

It was very embarrassing, and rather terrible, seeing a man go so utterly to pieces, but in Curtis Avery's case I could understand it. No one could endure Stella Avery forever, not for all the money in the world.

And yet, something in me rebelled against being drawn deeper into the hidden life of Cliffport, and I was greatly relieved when Sergeant Hatch appeared in the door at this crucial moment, announcing: "The Inspector asks will you come in, Mr. Avery. You too, Miss Wentworth, he said. If I could find you."

"We'll talk about it later, when all this murder business is over," I quickly assured the unfortunate Avery as I preceded him

In the drawing room an infurlated Stella-trying hard, and in vain, to copy her aunt's imperious dignity-was facing a placid Inspector, teetering comfortably in his chair behind the

"It's a lie! I've told you a hundred times it's a lie!" she was saying sharply when we came in. "Get that dirty liar and I'll tel lher so to her face."

She swung around at the sound of the door opening, saw her wish fulfilled and gasped for a second. Then her fury poured forth-in a torrent.

Japanese would attempt to improve their situation in other "So here you are at last, you areas, where the outlook cur-rently is none too hopeful. It liar!" she apostrophized me ve-nomously. "Saying I was in the might compel MacArthur to di-Burton house Friday night, when vert major forces from other theatres and throw his offensive I was home and in bed with a sick headache and can prove iti Tel lihem I was home, Curt!" she ordered her husband, and then It might, for instance, force a relaxation of the allied pressure turned on the Inspector again. on the Japanese in northeastern New Guines, at Lae and Sala-maus, Madang and Wewak. The position of those garrisons must "Why d'you believe her, and not me? What right have you to doubt my word? It's an outrage, and I promise you it won't be overlooked when the next probe getting desperate; they need-ed the supplies and reinforce-ments that 22-ship convoy was motions are given out. I'll have you demoted. I'll have you pound the pavement again, down by the wharves, I'll-"

There are points of similarity The Inspector stopped tecter-ing and leaned his arms on the between the present plight of the table. "I'll have you put in the Guines and that of their comhoosegow, if you don't stop rav-ing," he assured her amiably. It cut of finer breath. She rades in Papua, to the south, shortly before the Australians and Americans destroyed utterly General Horii's army there.

turned purple, gasping with the shock of it. And the Inspector used the momentary address her husband. next Japanese blow. Despite warnings from headquarters that Japanese air power still is formidable, the allies have such "Mrs. Avery says she was to some the time Miss Kay heard

her scream in the Burton house. Was she?" Curtis Avery had calmed down remarkably in the last minutes. "To exactly what time do you refer?" he asked politely.

(To be continued)

"Half past eight to nine."