

CONFIDENTIAL
REPORTCRIME FILE
ON
BOLITHO BLANE

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CHAPTER IX

DETECTIVE OFFICER KETTER-
ING'S THIRD REPORT, CON-
TINUED.

from the foregoing statements it is noted that, as we have a note in the file, scribbled on the back of the last torn from Stodart's notebook with the share quotations which was sent down to him at the time he was being taken to the morgue, it must still have been alive at that time.

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MEN ACCOUNTED FOR BY
PRESENCE IN THE LOUNGE.

Analysis of people eliminating each other from suspicion by their presence in the lounge from time when Blane was known to be alive until he was reported missing.

At 7:45—Mrs. Jocelyn, Count Posodini, Mr. Rockavage, Mr. Stodart.

At 7:45 to 8:00—Steward, Rockavage, Stodart.

At 8:00 to 8:05—Steward, Rockavage, Stodart, the Bishop.

At 8:05 to 8:10—Steward, Rockavage, Stodart, the Bishop, Lady Welter.

At 8:10 to 8:15—Steward, the Bishop, Lady Welter, Hayashi, Posodini, and Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn.

At 8:15 to 8:20—Steward, Stodart, Lady Welter, Hayashi, Posodini, and Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn.

At 8:20 to 8:30—As above with the steward who reported Blane missing.

UNDOUBTED FOR TIMES

The following table shows the number of minutes in the period from 7:45 to 8:30, when each member of a party was not under direct observation of one of the others and, therefore, at liberty to commit the crime.

MRS. JOCELYN: In the lounge 7:45. Returned, changed to lounge 8:30. Unvoiced for time 8:30 to 8:45 minutes.

COUNT POSODINI: In lounge 7:45. Returned, changed to lounge 8:30. Unvoiced for time 8:30 to 8:45 minutes.

MR. ROCKAVAGE: In lounge 7:45. Returned, changed to lounge 8:30. Unvoiced for time 8:30 to 8:45 minutes.

MR. STODART: In lounge at 7:45. Returned there till 8:33. Unvoiced for time (in period) all.

BISHOP OF BUDE: Came below with Lady Welter at 7:05. In lounge 7:05 to 7:10. Unvoiced for time (in period) 15 minutes.

LADY WELTER: Came below with the Bishop at 7:05. In lounge 7:05 to 7:10. Unvoiced for time (in period) 20 minutes.

MR. HAYASHI: Went to cabin at 8:10. In lounge changed at 8:15. Unvoiced for time (in period) 30 minutes.

MR. JOCELYN: Came below with Mr. Rockavage 7:30 (approx.). In lounge changed at 8:30. Unvoiced for time full period of 45 minutes.

MISS ROCKAVAGE: Came below with Mr. Jocelyn 7:15 (approx.). In lounge changed at 8:40. Unvoiced for time full period of 45 minutes.

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MR. HAYASHI: Nil, as far as is known at the moment but, as he is concerned in the world soap interest, he may well have a motive which has not yet come to light.

MR. JOCELYN: Nil, as far as is known at the moment but, as a dependent of Lady Welter, his interest marches with hers, so it is possible that he might have acted at her instigation.

MISS ROCKAVAGE: Nil, as far as is known at the moment but, as she is a dependent of the information gained from first statements, as above I then went below to examine the dead man's property. An inventory disclosed the usual travel apparel, dress suits, shoes, shirts, hats, etc., and in addition two time (100 each) Balkan Sobranie cigarettes, one bottle Phenac, one bottle Gum Tragacanth, a .22 Scott Webley automatic, unloaded, and bullets for same; an electric torch, and a postcard addressed only "Bolitho Blane, Esq.," found in right-hand top dressing table drawer. The last item on the inventory is of considerable interest as it comes from the Japanese, Inosuke Hayashi. It is on a yacht postcard and, therefore, written after Hayashi's arrival on board. Presumably it was delivered to Blane some time between his arrival on the yacht at 7:05 and his death, which is known to have occurred between 7:45 and 8:30.

(To Be Continued)

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Clara A. Doty Adm. to Catherine A. Lombard—tract tp 16-5 E 275.

H. Widdicombe Jr. et ux to Henry C. Worfel—lot 400 A tp 19-1 E ans 320 A tp 19-1 W 10.

Western Box Co. to Fred J. Volst—tract in McClaren Plat 10.

Investors Syndicate to Kenneth R. Martin—lot 2 blk 9 Walnut Park 10.

B. R. Andrus et ux to Ben Pittley—tract tp 15-5 W 10.

Thomas T. Johnson to J. H. Weddle—lot 1 sec 28 tp 17-5 W 10.

Herbert M. Jones et ux to William J. James et ux—lot 10 A tp 17-5 W 10.

Western Box Co. to Fred J. Volst—part lot 8 McClaren Plat Eugene 10.

Cosima D. Vitus to Maurice B. Vitus et ux—Int. in lot 1 blk 4, Christian's add. Eugene, 10.

Maurice B. Vitus et ux to Cosima D. Vitus—Int. in tract in blk. 9, Kelly's add. Springfield, 10.

Herbert W. Lombard et ux to Geo. C. Hohman et ux—Lot 8, blk. 3, Perkins add. Cottage Grove, 10.

J. J. McGinty et ux to Anselmo Gustina et ux—Part lots 7-8-9 blk. 28, College Hill Park, 10.

Edwin R. Johnson et ux to Dell Piersen et ux—W 1/4 lot 24, blk. 1, Colas add. Marcola, 10.

Carrie Martin to Nellie F. Gross—Tract at 12th and High Sts., Eugene, 10.

Lamar Toose et ux to A. O. Waller et ux—W 1/4 lot 6, blk. 5, Gross add. Eugene, 10.

A. O. Waller et ux to Herald W. White et ux—W 1/4 lot 6, blk. 5, Gross add. Eugene, 10.

Charles S. Hall et ux to Mearl Porter et ux—2 A sec 8 tp 21-3 W 10.

J. B. Young to Mrs. Rube Montgomery—W 1/4 of NW 1/4 sec 8 tp 17-3 E 10.

Lane County to Glen E. Tirrell et ux—37 A tp 17-3 W 10.

Lane County to Elmer H. Hunt et ux—lot 6 sec 23 tp 16-4 W 10.

Lane County to Blueland Timber Co., 152 A tp 18-9 W 10.

Lane County to Sule M. Bishop—lot 5 blk 4 Delaney add. Corvallis 10.

H. C. Christofferson to John Schlesselman—lots 8-4 blk 9 Washburne & Millers 3rd Add Junction City 10.

Lawrence W. Manerud et ux to J. O. Lindstrom et ux—tract in blk 1 blk 23 Fairmount 10.

C. D. McClintock et ux to Home Owners Loan Corp.—part lot 6 blk 23 Buddleton's Ext Add Eugene 10.

Mary R. Williams Adm. to Wendell Williams—Int. in tracts tp 15 & 16 S W 200.

F. M. Buckingham et ux to B. B. Mink et ux—part lot 5 blk 3 Kelsey add Eugene 10.

Louisa G. Wilson—part lot 1 blk 2 Stewarts add Eugene, lots 1-2 blk 33 Fairmount 10.

Raleigh Holbrook to Barkley Holbrook et ux—Int. in lots 62-63 Meadows add Lowell 10.

C. Paulus et ux to John L. Gardner et ux—tract tp 17-2 W 10.

F. W. Gooch et ux to Barkley Holbrook et ux—Int. in lots 62-63 Meadows add Lowell 10.

Herbert W. Lombard et ux to W. A. Woodard Lumber Co.—144 A tp 23-3 W 10.

C. A. Swarts Sheriff to State of Oregon—19.82 A tp 19-3 W 10.

Lane County to Charles Allsley—Mining Cts in tp 16-4 E 102.50.

Lane County to George K. Sumida—lots 1 to 10 in blk 11 & 12 Gallegos add Florence 10.

Lane County to City of Eugene—lot 7 blk 7 Hollenbeck add Eugene 10.

Lane County to Eugene—part lot 1 blk 7 Cronans add Eugene 10.

Scientists have been unable to discover why migratory birds fly long distances at night, but it is thought that they do this so the daylight may be used in hunting insects and other food.

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