

SERIAL STORY

MURDER IN CONVOY

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YESTERDAY, Lieutenant Rollins... with the pretty nurse... her name is Joan Davaar... her partner in a... around... friends... introduced... later... quarters at... that Captain... been murdered.

LIEUTENANT ROLLINS LIES

CHAPTER V

The Court of Investigation got underway in "B" lounge at 9 o'clock this morning. Captain... Stephen himself... upon his invitation... with... a former... Harry... also a lawyer.

Captain de Watt, medical officer... that he had been summoned to "A" deck about 3 o'clock this morning.

found Captain Tees lying just inside a door under a corridor... I was informed by the... officer then on duty, Lieut... Timmins, that he had... the captain on the deck. It... black and due to black... he could not use... They carried the cap... and summoned me.

was almost immediately evident that Captain Tees was dead. The deceased had been stabbed in the throat. It was a strong... "How did you establish the... of death?"

"Pardon me," The M. O. ... from his dull professional... and displayed enthusiasm for the first time. "I had... verbally to the colonel... the body was... and forgot that you were... of the details. I arrived... conclusion from two find... In the first place there was... of post-mortem livid...

"Please explain," interrupted... Miley.

post-mortem lividity I... the normal hue of death... would normally be evident... approximately four hours after... "Captain de Watt... at Miley who nodded.

the absence of that lividity... that the deceased had died... time less than four hours... My second finding was... after the orderly officer... the position of the body... found it. The deceased was

lying face down on the deck with his arms beneath him.

"I tested the armpits and found definite traces of warmth although the rest of the body was cold, quite cold. The armpit warmth, in view of the body's general coldness, told me the deceased had been dead quite some time less than four hours. The total absence of post-mortem lividity made the opinion definite. The stiffening would indicate about two hours. So, putting everything together, I can positively state that the murder must have occurred at or close to 1 o'clock—or two hours previous to my being summoned."

CAPTAIN DE WATT paused and looked at the three officers with a tinge of professional pride.

"Your conclusion seems entirely logical," commented the colonel. "Now did you, by any chance, think of testing the victim to determine whether he had been drinking?"

"Yes, Sir, I conducted a test shortly afterwards in the surgery of the ship's hospital..."

"Please describe that test, Doctor."

Captain de Watt shifted his position and began to describe in minute detail the pathological tests he conducted to ascertain whether the victim had been drinking. Even some of the more seasoned officers in the room were forced to wince occasionally.

When he had finished his vivid description, the colonel inquired, "As a result of these tests, were you able to arrive at any definite conclusion?"

"I was alone," he lied. (To Be Continued)

CONSULS ENJOY AIRPORT PARTY—While awaiting final preparations for their trip to New York, Capt. Fritz Wiedemann (left), and Dr. Hans Borchner, German consul of San Francisco and New York respectively, and the members of their party... at the San Francisco airport for a party. Mrs. Borchner (hand to face) talks... woman companion while Capt. Wiedemann chats with another member of the group... traveled in three chartered planes. They went to New York to board the naval trans- West Point.

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Savage Tribes Stage Civilized Congo War

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — U.P. — When it comes to war, savage tribes living in the Congo region of Africa are more "civilized" than the Western World, according to the Rev. Martin Engwall, a missionary.

The Rev. Engwall formerly was minister of a Baptist church in Kansas City before he became a missionary. On a return visit to the church he explained some of the difficulties that a missionary faces.

When a single native is killed in one of the numerous tribal wars, the missionary said, both sides generally call a truce for several days to give time for proper mourning and burial rites.

"That's why it is hard to define 'civilization' to the natives," he said. "They hear about our Christian wars, our ruthless mass slaughters, and wonder. You see, in the Congo, murder is still sensational."

The Rev. Engwall expects to return to the Congo with his family soon.

RESTLESS CHILDREN

NORMAN, Okla. — It's the school children who twist, wiggle and squirm who are the hope of the world. That's the opinion of Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Columbia university professor who lectured at the University of Oklahoma...

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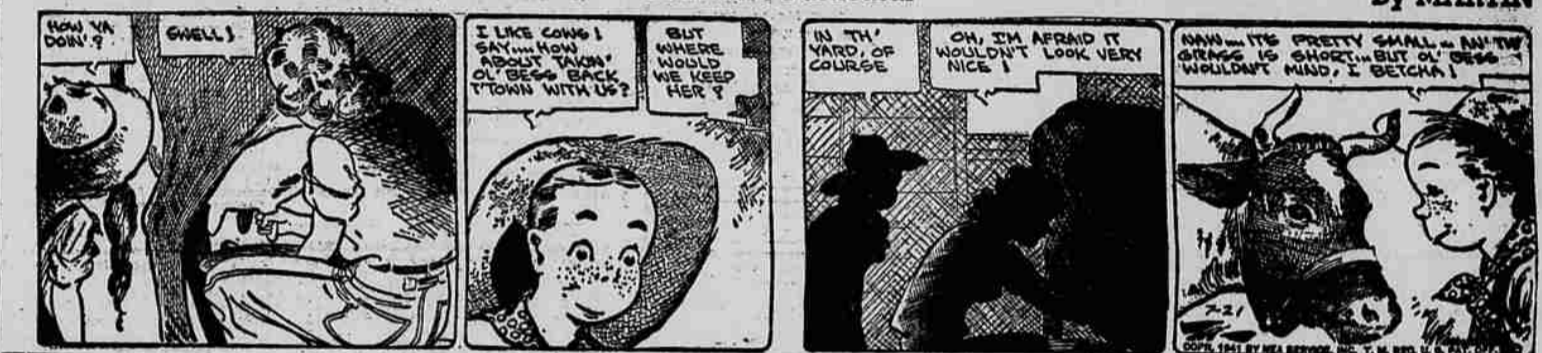
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