Doomrock

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(AP Newsfeatures)

CHAPTER 26

Steve, too, had acquired the trick of a poker face under ordinary circumstances. But this was too much. He caught his breath, his eyes narrowing, then Indian Joe saw the color drain out of his face, leaving a sickness in his eyes. A second time, more carefully, he reread the missive, then tore it across. Once that was done, as though not satisfied with his first notion, he fumbled for a match, struck it, and watched both bits of paper consume to charred ash.

His mind went back to the other evening at the ranch house, when he and Burt McKee had ridden in together. No one had known of their plans, or of McKee's intention to ride to Passover Ford and bring back the money. At first, finding McKee dead at the hand of a Noose rider, he had been at a loss to how the news of the plan could have leaked out. Now it was only too clear.

Melody had not been in the house when he entered, though she had come shortly thereafter, oddly breathless. She had declared that she had been on the hilltop, watching for anyone to ride in, but had missed them. At the time he had noted a discrepancy in her words, but had been too preoccupied with other matters to think much about them.

Now he knew how it had happened. Actually she *must* have been in the barn and had overheard what he said to McKee.

The fact that she had not intended that McKee should be injured, or the money lost — even that she conceived that she was doing this for his own good—was scarcely a mitigation. She had gone to his avowed enemies to bring pressure to force him to her will. And her act had led to the death of one of his best friends.

"We'd better load them on their horses and get back to camp," Steve said stonily, and proceeded about the grisly task in silence. The sun was westerning as they started, leading the laden cayuses, and it was full dark when they finally reached the round-up camp.

McIvor lifted his voice in greeting as he saw them approaching.

"Here you are fin'ly, eh? Thought we'd have to send out a search-party for you two tenderfeet. And you with comp'ny waiting half the afternoon to chin with you, Steve—"

He broke off, sensing that something was wrong, then swore softly as the glow of the firelight shone on McKee's face, lop-sided against the saddle and so drained of color that even the reflection left it still and ashen. Others of the crew, roused from sleep, came up now, and questions were asked and explanations given in the same repressed tones. The one pertinent fact which neither Steve nor Indian Joe mentioned was the letter.

Quentin combed at his whiskers with restless fingers, looked to Kriebs briefly and asked a question.

"There's been rumors a-plenty, Steve, thick as fleas on a hound, but we want facts now," he said. "We ain't asked questions—before. But was a try made to kill you in the same sort of fashion, here a spell back?"

"Bushwhack bullet," Steve agreed grimly. "The mistake he made was in missing his first shot!"

Quentin spat. But it was Kriebs who went on from there.

"This has gone far enough," he said flatly. "Murder an' robbery, rustling—and we all know pretty well who's back of the whole thing. The round-up's about finished. I told Tarzon that we'd hold a Cattleman's Court once it was done. Tomorrow agreeable to the rest of you?"

Confirming replies came from the others. Kriebs nodded.

"Tomorrow it'll be, then," he said. "Here. A couple of you men carry the word, so everybody in these parts will know about it and can be represented."

McIvor brought laden plates to Steve and Indian Joe. Steve took his listlessly, without appetite.

"You said somebody was here, wantin' to see me?" he questioned the cook.

"Yeah." McIvor jerked a thumb. "Here he is. Speak up, Mister!"

A man lounged forward at the invitation.

"You're Steve Russell?" he asked.

"Yes. I don't think I know you?"

"Not likely, since I'm just out from the East. Channay's my name. I represent the Urban Company."

"I thought Jones did that."

"He does. Only there are times when his personal feelings conflict with his duty to the company. So I was told to ride out and remind you that your money's due day after tomorrow. Principal and interest."

"I've had it in mind," Steve said grimly.

"Fine. That's about all there is to say. Except that the company has to have the money — in full. Otherwise they foreclose."

"They wouldn't consider extending the mortgage, if I paid a part?"

"I was told that if you asked that question, the answer was no."

"Tell them they'll have their money," Steve said bitterly. "And to the devil with them!"

Channay nodded. Without further comment, he turned on his heel and walked away.

"I had a look," McIvor murmured appearing out of nowhere. "He was ridin' a Noose cayuse!"

"Which ain't surprisin'," Indian Joe nodded. "The Tarsons swing a long loop!"

Steve looked at Indian Joe, still watching him expectantly, and his fingers touched the stone which he had been carrying for what now seemed an age. It was as hard and unyielding as the outlook ahead.

"I guess you were right, Joe—about this," he suggested. "I'm not having much good luck out of it."

Indian Joe waited.

"But we'll make our own luck!" Steve added. "Ask the buyers to come around. It's not too late to talk business."

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Failure of the 1845 potato crop in Ireland stimulated heavy immigration to the United States from that country.

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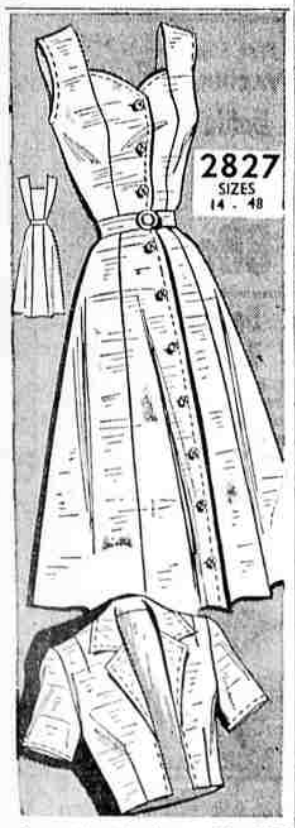

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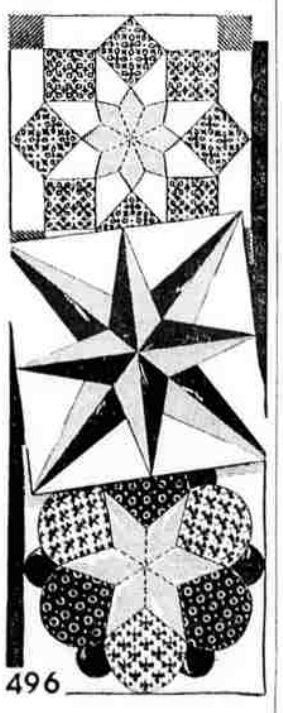

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12:15	Stella Dallas	Information	Kay West		Frank DeVol
12:30	Widder Brown	Kirkham	Kay West		Frank DeVol
12:45	Woman in Bse.	Kirkham	Kay West		Ritchie
1:00	Just Plain Bill	Jack Owens	Ladies B Seated	Jack	Magic Melody
1:15	Fr. Fa. Farrell	Bell Ringers	Ladies B Seated	Kirkwood	Magic Melody
1:30	Bob & Ray	Eddy Arnold	Mar. Marlin	Morgan Music	Magic Melody
1:45	Doctor's Wife	Tunefully Yours	Evelyn Winters	Music	Magic Melody
2:00	Welcome Travelers	News	Betty Crocker	News	Magic Melody
2:15	Dr. Paul	Arthur Godfrey	Girl Marries	Music	Magic Melody
2:30	David Garroway	Arthur Godfrey	For the Girls	Dick Haymes	Magic Melody
2:45		Arthur Godfrey	For the Girls	Concert Music	Magic Melody
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3:15	Music Box	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel Cage	News	Magic Melody
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3:45	Music Box	Curt Massey	Happy Time	Music	Van Voorhis
4:00	Harkness	Ed. R. Murrow	Space Cadet	Fult. Lewis Jr.	Music U Want
4:15	News	News	Space Cadet	Hemingway	Music U Want
4:30	Lawson McCall	World Today	Chet Huntley	Curt Massey	Brad Steele
4:45	Elmer Peterson	Frani Goss	Bob Garred	Sam Hayes	Uncle Remus
5:00	Music	Mr Chameleon	Weatherman	Yukon Challenge	Music
5:15	Music	Mr Chameleon	Home Edition	Yukon Challenge	Music
5:30	Bu and Ray	Mr. Keen	Good Listening	Sky King	Sports News
5:45	Bob and Ray	Mr. Keen	Good Listening	Sky King	J. Vandercook
6:00	Hit Parade	Hearthstone	Silver Eagle	Gabriel Heater	Candle Light and Silver
6:15	Hit Parade	Hearthstone	Silver Eagle	N. W. News	
6:30	Montgomery	World Affairs	Defense	Answer Man	News
6:45	Footlights	Forum	Attorney	Sam Hayes	88 Keys
7:00	OneMan'sFamily	Lowell Thomas	Amateur Hour	Mod Advent.	Could This
7:15	World News	Jack Smith	Amateur Hour	Mod Advent.	Be You
7:30	Father Knows	Playhouse	Amateur Hour	Communist	Bandstand
7:45	Best	Playhouse	Covered Story	for FBI	Bandstand
8:00	Dragnet	FBI, Peace &	Mr. Dist Att'y.	Clyde Beatty	Dugout Dope
8:15	Dragnet	War	Mr. Dist Att'y.	Clyde Beatty	Baseball
8:30	Communist	Brulah	Stars Search	Rancho Grande	Baseball
8:45	for FBI	Peggy Lee	Stars Search	Rancho Grande	Baseball
9:00	Reporter	5-Star Final	Final Edition	Glen Hardy	Baseball
9:15	Sports Final	You and World	Dance Time	Fulton Lewis	Baseball
9:30	The Falcon	Orchestra	Dance Time	Music	Baseball
9:45	The Falcon	Orchestra	Dance Time	Music	Baseball
10:00	News	Organ Melodies	Dance Time	I Love Mystery	Baseball
10:15	Bill Stern	Organ Melodies	Dance Time	Mut Newsreel	Baseball
10:30	Ciro's Tonight	Treasury	Dance Time	News	News
10:45	Ciro's Tonight	Bandstand	Dance Time	Out of Thunder	Lonesome Gal
11:00			Dance Time	Out of Thunder	Lonesome Gal
11:15			Dance Time	Midnite Melody	Night Song
11:30			Dance Time	Midnite Melod.	Night Song
11:45			Dance Time	Midnite Melod.	Night Song
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Dance Time	Sign Off	Sign Off

FM Mcg.: KOIN 10 1.1, 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. KEX 92.2, 3 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY—5 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

5:00	Clock Watcher	CBS News	Oreg. Farm Hr.		
5:15	Clock Watcher	KFJD Organ	Oreg. Farm Hr.		
5:30	Clock Watcher	KOIN Klock	Oreg. Farm Hr.		
5:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Johnny Wills		
6:00	News	News	News	News Summary	West'n Melodie
6:15	Country Editor	News	M. Agronsky	Timekeeper	West'n Melodie
6:30	News	News	Bob Garred	March Time	Farm News
6:45	Sam Hayes	B. Babbitt	Bob Hazen	News	Network News
7:00	Old Songs	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Hemingway	Hmbrd. Family
7:15	Old Songs	News	Breakfast Club	Brkfst. Gang	Cal Tinney
7:30	For Defense	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Music	Koco Klock
7:45	Crosby, Friends	Rosemary	Breakfast Club	Western Music	Meditations
8:00	Tune Test	Wendy Warren	News	Cecil Brown	Harmony Shop
8:15	Ralph Edwards	Aunt Jenny	Today's Stars	Family Altar	Harmony Shop
8:30	Ralph Edwards	Helen Trent	Break Bank	Bible Hour	Showcase
8:45	News	Our Gal Sunday	Break Bank	Bible Hour	Showcase
9:00	Hostess House	Big Sister	Jack Berch	News	News
9:15	Party	Ma Perkins	Lone Journey	Gospel Singer	Tune Time
9:30	Strike It Rich	Dr. Malone	My True Story	Pastor's Call	Music
9:45	Strike It Rich	Guiding Light	My True Story	Bargain Counter	Music
10:00	Dbl. or Nothing	2nd Mrs. Burton	Whispering	Glen Hardy	Music
10:15	Dbl. or Nothing	Perry Mason	Against Storm	Tello Test	Music
10:30	Live Like	Norah Drake	Chet Huntley	Answer Man	Music
10:45	Millionaire	Brighter Day	Barney Keep	Music	Music
11:00	Foster News	News	Paul Harvey	Ladies Fair	Music
11:15	Road of Life	Come & Get It	Noon Edition	Ladies Fair	Music
11:30	Pepper Young	House Party	Lucky U Ranch	Queen for Day	Music
11:45	Happiness	House Party	Lucky U Ranch	Queen for Day	Music

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Twins Mix It Up

Sebewaing, Mich. (U.P.)—When 10-year-old Mary Eisengruber injured her left arm and had to wear a sling, teachers could at last tell the difference between her and her twin sister, Marilyn—until two days later when Marilyn injured her left arm and had to wear a sling, too.

Webfoot

Open house honoring J. P. Dorsey will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 25 at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Orr C. Goodrich in Dayton.

Mr. Dorsey is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Dorsey. He was born May 27, 1862, and still owns the farm.

Mr. Dorsey requests that gifts be omitted.

Crossword Puzzle

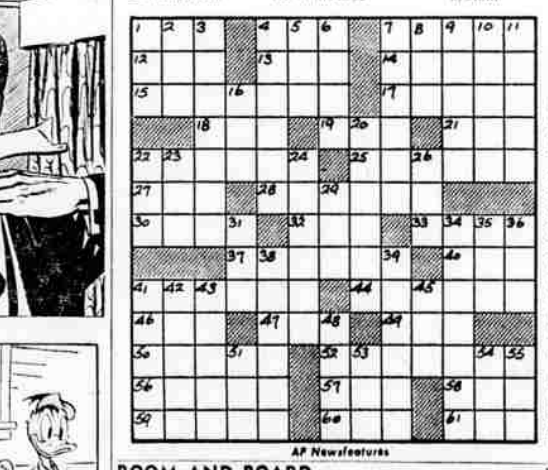
ACROSS

1. Move up and down
4. City in Germany
7. Odor
12. Boring tool
13. Pasture
14. Tint
15. Making well
17. Lessen
18. Nervous twitching
19. Spike of corn
21. Golf mound
22. Pertaining to forces at rest
25. Intermission
27. Negative particle
28. Shipworm
30. Cooking vessels
32. Soak
33. Outer garment
37. Ascended
40. Self
41. Adhesives
44. Weakened
46. Allow
47. Animal doctors' colloq.
49. Secure
50. Gaping
52. Ungrateful person
56. Roll of tobacco
57. American general
58. And not
59. Upright
60. Went first
61. Base of the decimal system

DOWN

1. Exclamation of disgust
2. Be indebted
3. Noisy
4. Call forth
5. Chess pieces
6. Wise man
7. Frightened
8. Male swan
9. Puff up
10. Short letters
11. Large woody plants
16. Ignited
20. Mountain crests
22. Slight swallow
23. Also
24. Cherry color
26. Bovine
29. Thing: law
31. Held a session
34. Creeping
35. Grow old
36. Legume
38. Return
39. Annoyed by faultfinding
41. Location
42. Teutonic god of the sea
43. Elevated platform
45. By
48. Cultivate
51. Moccasin
53. Born
54. Pedal digit
55. Sea eagle

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



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