TIGER TRAIL

(Continued from Page 5) defeat their own ends in that it might draw attention to the past life of Southley. He knew that Southley couldn't satiate their rapacious appetites. They would cling and suck till the last cent was gone. Southley bought those clothes-paid for their cars. Other things were planned for this winter. So Ahmad Das conceived of the desperate scheme of scaring the Strumburgs-or the Haywards as they called themselves-from the estate by means of the tiger legend.

"Ahmad Das had all the material in the world to work with. He knew it when he thought out the plan. This taguar-a tawny streak in the jungle. and leaving its tracks in the mudwas of course his greatest card. His own natural feline grace and Hayward's naturally superstitious nature were cards, too. Wicked men usually are superstitious. Of course Ahmad couldn't get the jaguar into the house: but it was a simple matter to rig up that tiger skin. Every day he put a piece of meat out on a certain flat rock on the hillside. It wasn't human blood and flesh you saw there. It was good red beef; and Ahmad Das got blood stains on his shirt carrying it down there. And it wasn't any time at all until they got the big cat so that he stayed around the jungle at the base of the hill. The inside work couldn't be done in the bright light. so it was necessary to pretend that tne lighting plant was broken. The faint light of candles gave just the proper atmosphere.

"I'm crazy about the whole scheme, Long. It worked out to perfection except for one thing. Nobody had counted on the jaguar killing Hayward."

"What were you doing with that shirt-and the beef blood?"

"Simply making the necessary tests -so to prove my story to the jury tomorrow. If I hadn't Freeman would have had poor Ahmad-the most faithful soul in the world--convincted and for murder by now-mentally, at least."

"And lastly, how did you come to be involved in this affair at all? Did you come just because I sent for you?"

"I'm a private detective, Long," was his quiet answer. "I don't work for the state, although the state employs me sometimes. Southley himself wrote for me to come-to help him out. I told him I couldn't at first-that was some weeks ago-but I knew a young man that would be the greatest assistance to him in the hour of need. A. E. Roberts, president of the school, That young man had been in two or three bad messes before-the affair at Wildmarsh, and the story of the cobra large assembly room and study hall, curse, and the Mole. Southley had met a shorthand room, a typewriting room. the young man in a visit in Tampa, a recitation room, a teachers' rest and he liked him. So the next day room, a girls' rest and cloak room and this young chappie—and what a bone head he has been-got a letter from Southley asking him down for a week's shooting, fishing, and rest. He are registering each day for the

Vilas left on the night train. He 17. packed his bag and in silence, and was rowed over to the railroad track whence he could go to the station.

When the midnight hung still and mysterious over the water world, Josephine and I found ourselves alone on the great veranda.

"Let's walk down to the water's edge," she suggested. "It's drying up so quickly. It will be gone in a few

"And I will be gone, too," I told her. She waiked in front of me, down the narrow path. And I was strugglingfor words that wouldn't come.

"Did you know, Miss Southley, that Alexander was responsible for my invitation here?" I asked her at last. She did not even turn her head. "I found it out tonight."

"Do you see what that means? That I was sent here to serve. And all I did was make mistakes.

"They started on the day we met -when I let you go without providing means of ever seeing you again." 1 went on. "Fate protected me then. I wonder if I can ask it to protect me now-after all the other mistakes I've made. And the worst of them all-the ones that hurt most-are the things that I said and thought of you."

Her voice was scarcely more than a whisper when she answered me.

"They hurt me, too." "They showed me up as the poorer clay," I told her stadly, "They exposed me-a doubting and suspicious man, and a blind man, too. One who is unable to believe in his finer instincts. Of course, I see now why you brought the pistol in your vanity bag. Tell me, Josephine! It was for no other reason than to protect yourself from Vilas Hayward, if worse came to worst?"

ing yet, or you wouldn't ask," she said. menus offer you all the tempting "That was just part of the reason, dishes that are in season. The food Dr. Long. The other was that I was is good and properly prepared. Our so afraid-so afraid, all the time."

part of the blackmail your father paid. can find a most desirable table for Your were part of the price of silence, two any time you come. Our prices and you submitted because you real- are most reasonable. ized something of the power that the Haywards held over your father. What your father told the detective-that you were to be Vilas' wife-was from

compulsion, not from choice.' She nodded

"And for the same reason you could n't come to my defense that night in the den-when I had struck Vilas. And the reason that you told the detective of my quarrel with Hayward that day as I was leaving was not that you were afraid that Vilas would be implicated. but why was it, Josephine?"

"I don't think you should ask me that. You've thought ill of me-so many times. The reason was-"

"Yes." "That I wanted you to stay, Dr.

We were silent a long time. And former Republicans are to vote for began. He also leads in the National in a mind suddenly gone empty for the words I wanted to say. They simply the wide difference of opinion on the wouldn't come.

And then I became aware of something rapturous past words to tell. wide Presidential Poll indicates that Something was stealing along my the presidential race this year will be arm, so light that I could hardly feel a very close one, and prophecy as to it through my coat sleeve, and finally the outcome is well night impossible it nestled in the hollow of my elbow. Hoover still retains his lead in the And then I found myself whirling, and speaking breathless words.

"You'll forgive me, Josephine-all tussle in November. those things I said-and did?" I plead-"Oh, sweetheart-"

the change in her that came when of less than 10,000 ballots. I spoke those words. It was one of the miracles of these latter days. At ently in the lead since the balloting results uninfluenced in our presenta first she simply waited-as if for me to continue. And then, after a while, she made me an answer. Part of it was just words. Part was the look that the moonlight showed on her face. But what was by a thousand times the biggest part, the part no human being could have been hopeful enough to believe, was a thing that her arms did. And then-

What happened then is a secret between us and the marshes; and the marshes are famous for not telling their secrets. One of their secrets is a ring that Vilas had given Josephine; and it lies in the mud of their bottom today. After a while a great owl hooted and called from the island, hoping to repeat his triumph of a few nights before. But Josephine turned her face just long enough to laugh at him.

THE END

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Nationwide Poll Gives Hoover 499,284 and Smith 489,708

The general consensus of opinion is that the many switches in sentiment being revealed in the Straw Vote this year are partly due to the dry issue-many, it is believed, voting for the man who pleases them most in reference to this one matter rather than voting for a candidate because of party affiliations. In the Nationwide Presidential Poll being taken by this newspaper in cooperating with 2000 others the country over, it has been revealed that 95,374 former Democrats are to vote for Hoover and 60,922

all the while I was searching about Smith. The slackening of party lines, Poll of the Hearst Newspapers, havpolitical observers believe, is due to ing. 170,949 votes to Smith's 161,967. prohibition question.

> Howerev that may be, the Nation poli, but it is constantly narrowing, and everything points to a severe

As the Nationwide Presidential Poll now stands. Hoover has 499,284 and And no mortal eyes could believe Smith 489,708. There is a difference

Buffalo, N. Y., Times Poll

GRAND TOTAL

Nationwide Poll of 2,000 Newspapers

Nationwide Poll of The Farm Journal

Poll of The Yonkers, N. H., Herald .

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Adding the result of the Nationwide Presidential Poll in which this newspaper is cooperating to the results of several other newspaper polls, the grand total is:

Hoover, 735,951; Smith, 726,911. It does look as if a close election

what you think.

Results of Important Straw Votes

This paper is non-partisan in this poll.

Hoover

499,284

12,742

2.096

28,140

170,949

22,740

735,951 726,911

Smith

489,708

11,405

2.785

29,806

161,967

31,240

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Hoover however has been consist. We are printing the plain, actual

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Phillips on Trip

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Phillips and two sons left Monday for Newport where they will spend a week's vacation. Mr. Phillips is head clerk at Gray's Cash and Carry store here and Mrs. Phillips is a telephone operator in the Springfield office.

DePues at Newport-Mr. and Mrs.

Presidential Poll

My CHOICE for PRESIDENT

(Republican) HERBERT HOOVER (Democrat) ALFRED E. SMITH

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(Republican-Democrat-etc.)

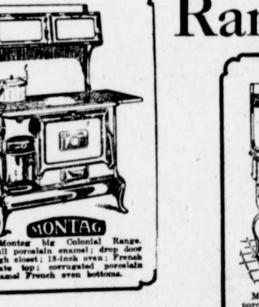


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