

# GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

**SYNOPSIS:** An accusing finger points at Jerry Ogden as the slayer of his father. Jerry's differences with him on reopening the deserted Torridity mine, their long conference just before the murder and Jerry's flight cast ugly implications. John Peebles feels a gnawing dread of the evidence against Jerry and decides that he will not disclose his damaging secrets because he is convinced that Jerry, engaged to Peebles' niece, Lucy, is innocent. Torridity, ghost town of the desert, is being drawn into the maze of Torridity, once dominated by Alex Peterson, whose gold mine a revolver and gold bullets had been bought by Peebles in a mystery-tinted transaction.

## CHAPTER 4.

### Gold Bullets.

The dagger in Andrew's neck belonged to Jerry. He had brought it up from South America with him. Its place was among other trophies of his in a glass-topped table cabinet which stood behind the desk and against the north wall near the windows. So far as I could see there were no fingerprints on the glass.



"Tell your boss ol' Furie is here."

ing my check on the desk I could see into his face without lifting his head. I had known Andrew as a man endowed with a fine collection of the "cliv virtues." I mean that he was conscientious and eminently respectable, restrained and judicial and successful, a pillar of the church and a member of the chamber of commerce.

But from time to time I had felt that this conventional being wasn't the real Andrew Ogden; that behind his face and longed an audacious personality he had never revealed to me but which, somehow, I had sensed and loved.

Hubbard came in just then. "I didn't see Stimson around, sir."

"Never mind. He'll turn up." I thought for a moment. "Has Mr. Ogden had any visitors lately, Hubbard? Strangers, I mean."

"Why, yes, sir, he has. A man and a woman. And a queer-looking pair they were. I was going to speak to you about them."

"Queer looking?" I exclaimed. "Who were they? When did they come?"

"I don't know the woman's name, sir. She was here three or four days ago. She didn't come to the door. The master was in the grounds and he met her coming up the drive. They talked for a minute or two, then he brought her in here. She must have stayed an hour. She was one of those tall, angular, elderly females that seem to be all sinew and bone and tight-shut mouth."

"How was she dressed?"

"That was the queer part of her. She had on a black hat, a long black coat, and a long black dress. I couldn't help noticing the get-up of her, sir. Not a bit of color to her, sir. Even her eyes were black. Black as coal."

"She sounds like a crank of some sort, Hubbard. What about the other person?"

"Well, sir, he was just as queer, in his way. He came this afternoon. The look of him gave me a turn when I opened the door. I almost shut the door in his face. He was a little crab-apple of a chap, in overalls and a torn coat, and all stooped and puckerd. Eighty, if he was a day, a shock of hair as white as a clean napkin all over his head and neck, a stubble of whisker, a leathery skin like an old brown shoe. China-blue eyes all red around the rims, and an eight-sided glass stuck in his eye—that's him, sir."

"An eight-sided glass?" I echoed. "You mean a lens of some sort?"

"Yes, sir. And it was on one end of a wire. The other end of the wire was fastened to his shirt with a safety pin."

"I'm lookin' for Andy Ogden," he shouted in a cackling voice.

"I felt sure the master wouldn't want such a looking fellow in his house, so I said Mr. Ogden was out, and I started to shut the door."

"No, he ain't," the old man shrilled at me. And before I could prevent him he hopped into the hall, shook his fist in my face, and screamed:

"Tell your boss ol' Furie is here!"

"Luckily, Mr. Ogden looked into the hall just then and asked him what he wanted."

"A word with ye in private," the old man cackled.

"And do you know, sir, after thinking a moment, Mr. Ogden brought him in here and shut the door! I was stunned. Mr. Ogden has always been so particular about suspicious-looking characters."

volter—Jerry's flight—Ogden's murder—the "woman in black"—Furie—are they all part of the mystery? Continue this story tomorrow.

## Danes Would Spank Flappers Who Stay Out Late at Night

**COPENHAGEN, May 2.**—(AP)—The question of flappers and their privileges, agitated in a local daily paper, has had serious consequences for some of Denmark's flossy girls.

Should flappers be allowed to be "out" in public places without parental consent after midnight? The paper asked.

All the replies from the flappers were uniformly "yes."

The paper next asked what should parents do to flappers who stay out late. The reply from the elders came promptly, "Spank 'em."

"Oh, do stop that awful discussion," wrote a 18-year-old girl a few days later. "I can hardly sit while I pen these lines."

## SALEM GAS STATIONS HIT SUBURBAN PUMPS

**SALEM, Ore., May 2.**—(AP)—With their average daily gasoline business reduced as much as two-thirds by the price-cutting tactics of smaller operators on the outskirts of the city, the larger downtown service stations of Salem this morning put their gas price down to 18 cents a gallon.

Along with the reduction came the announcement that the price would remain at the 18-cent level until all of the dealers were willing to agree upon and maintain a fair retail price, or until the "price cutters" have been forced to close down.

## LOWER MARRIAGE AGE TO BOOST BIRTH RATE

**ROME, May 2.**—(AP)—Premier Mussolini, in the hope of increasing the number of Italian offspring, has caused the lowering of the legal marriage ages from 18 to 16 for the husband and from 15 to 14 for the wife.

It is explained the governmental measure will have a certain sociological value as well, inasmuch as it will afford a means of combating the practices of common law marriage, or "free union," which is particularly prevalent in industrial centers.

## MOVE TO SECURE SITE PORTLAND POSTOFFICE

**WASHINGTON, May 2.**—(AP)—The treasury department announced today that it had ordered proceedings pressed to secure one half block of property in Portland, Ore., as a site for a new federal building. The property selected by the government for a building was bounded by Madison, Main, Fifth streets and Broadway. The government purchased half of the block facing Fifth street but the owners of the half facing Madison street would not accept the price offered.

## JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH WORKERS DRIVE FOR FUNDS

**(Contributed)**

May Day—"national child health day"—is not only a day for play and pageants by merry, healthy children, but also a time for taking stock of what is being done to help every child to be merry and healthy. At this time, during the first two weeks in May, the Jackson County Public Health association is trying to interest every citizen in supporting its work, so is conducting its annual drive for members. The annual dues are fifty cents and involve no obligation unless it is so desired.

This association is affiliated with the state and national tuberculosis associations and is one of 21 similar organizations in Oregon. The purpose of the Jackson County Public Health association is to sponsor or assist with all health activities in this county by cooperating with the County Health Unit, County Medical society, Southern Oregon Dental association, city and rural schools, etc.

The Health Unit, which is composed of the county health officer, two public health nurses, and office assistant, conducts, along with its manifold duties, clinics for infants, pre-school children, crippled children, tuberculosis patients and contacts.

The members of the public health association help with these clinics in every practical way possible from gathering in patients from the far corners of the county, to taking records, etc. The supply chairman, Mrs. C. H. Taylor, buys cloth for infants' clothing, kimonos, sterile packs and various sick room supplies which are sewed by the ten community health groups with the idea of keeping a supply ahead of the emergency needs of the nurses and doctors.

X-rays, milk and other necessities for patients are paid for by this association.

Child Health Education in various forms involves some expense by this association.

The dental clinic in the rooms of the Health Unit in the court house is financed entirely by the public health association. It was started a year ago with one day a week, but recently changed to two days each week. The work is done by Drs. Paske and Mulholland, who were selected by the Southern Oregon Dental association. This clinic is available to any child whose parents are unable to pay the usual dental fees.

Donations, large or small, are asked for at this time, along with the 50c annual dues. They may be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Wells.

## PRISON PHONE AT KLAMATH PLACED ON C. O. D. BASIS

The matter of prisoners in the county jail using the office phone to call up friends and other persons locally or at distant points, although much of a nuisance at times, is kept well in hand by Ike Dunford, the jailer, with, of course, each prisoner advancing the money which there is a toll charge. Not only that, but the phone is located in the jailer's office outside the prison enclosure and no prisoner can reach the phone unless he is let out into the office by the jailer.

Therefore the Jackson county jail has no such trouble as has caused so much trouble at the Klamath county jail that the sheriff's office there has ordered a pay phone in the jail.

Ike Dunford thinks there is no necessity for a pay phone in the jail here, but Sheriff Jennings, although he has not given the matter much study, is inclined to think that it might be a good idea to install a pay phone.

Concerning the Klamath county prisoner-phone problem, the Klamath News says:

"Aggravated by the persistent habit of some county prisoners in using the jail telephone to call up friends all over the west, Jailer Ed Rae has ordered the installation of a pay telephone.

"Something had to be done," muttered Rae. "When I would be away for a few hours, some prisoners would hop to the phone and call Oakland, San Francisco, Portland or 'what have you?' One fellow, Kingsley by name, resided over the long distance phone the other day with a pal in Oakland. The charge was \$2.50—that's too much. So I've decided to establish the pay-as-you-enter system."

## Traveling Sun Parlors Canadian National Railway

For service on main line trains, the Canadian National railways are constructing 13 radio-equipped buffet-parlor cars with sun-room ends. The solarium, as the glassed-in section is called, replaces the old observation end. Vita glass is used as it transmits more warmth, from four to five per cent more visible light and up to 75 per cent of the vital ultra-violet rays which ordinary glass shuts out entirely.

The size of the windows has been designed to allow the passenger to see as much of the passing scenery as if the end was open.

## PARROT 'PROP' LEARNS LINGO OF MOVIE SET

**LOS ANGELES, May 2.**—(AP)—Directors, the cast and the "prop" men spent weeks teaching a parrot the brief lines for a "talkie."

When filming of the picture began the parrot evinced interest. A chairback near the camera was his favorite roost. Yesterday the directors left the set for a moment, but the camera man didn't realize it until he returned.

The parrot supplied "Camera," "Cut" and "That's rotten, retake" at the correct moments.

Klamath Falls.—Construction of \$50,000 annex to Mills Addition primary school will start late this spring.

Eugene.—A. A. Harer store on Willamette street changed hands.

## FAKE DETECTIVE FACES EXTORTION INDICTMENT

**PORTLAND, May 2.**—(AP)—Indictments charging extortion were returned late yesterday by the county grand jury against Peter N. Forsythe, 57, ex-policeman, and present manager of the "State Detective Agency," and his aides, Clifford Hayes and Ellsworth Martin. The three are accused of conducting fake raids on lottery establishments and brothels, and extorting "bush money" from the proprietors.

Gold Beach.—Gold Beach Packing company plant being extensively enlarged.

Construction will start in near future on \$50,000 five-story business building at Klamath Falls.

## UNION PACIFIC WILL SPEND MUCH IN STATE

**PORTLAND, Ore., May 2.**—(AP)—The Union Pacific system will spend in the Oregon this year about \$7,500,000 of its \$96,000,000 maintenance and improvement budget, Carl R. Gray, president, said today. About \$3,375,000 of the Oregon apportionment is for maintenance of equipment and \$3,000,000 for maintenance of ways and structures. Over half of this goes for wages.

Portland.—Contract awarded for erection of dog and hat hospital at 37th avenue and Powell boulevard.

Addition to streets in Grandler's sub-addition southeast of McMinnville to county road system approved.

## Highway from Warren to St. Helens will be widened.

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