

GOLD BULLETS

By Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Romance and love challenge the cold logic of the law. Lucy, confident that her fiance, Jerry, did not kill his father as the police charge, engages Luther MacNair, famous detective, to investigate the murder. Awakening in the early morning, John Peebles, Lucy's uncle, finds a burglar in his den, searching for the famous Alex Peterson revolver loaded with gold bullets, which have become mysteriously cashed in the hands of Ogden's death. The last message of a murdered man— an echo from the dead of 30 years ago—is discovered in one of the cartridges and the name of "Dillon" flashes into the picture.

CHAPTER II.

Out of Torridity.

There was silence for a moment. Lucy's hands fluttered onto my arm and stayed there. MacNair stared at me, a blazing intensity in his eyes.

"No wonder your man wanted the gun," MacNair said harshly. I nodded. "I suppose so. And yet—if this note from the dead was written in 1896, and it hasn't been disturbed since it was put into the cartridge, how could the man have known it was there?"

Lucy still clung to my arm. "This Jerry, Uncle John, it isn't... it couldn't be..."

"Our Jerry? Hardly! This note was written years ago—probably in 1896. This Alex must be—"

"Peterson himself," MacNair supplied.

"And Jerry?"

"A friend or a relation. Maybe a brother. Ever hear of anyone by the name of Jerry being connected with Peterson?"

"No. I wonder who Dillon is—or was."

"The Lord knows! Jerry says he put a bullet into him—a gold bullet, presumably, as one of these shells is empty. And then he

scrawled this note and shoved it into the cartridge we found it in." MacNair nodded. "We must find out where Hyde got it. Do you know what became of Alex Peterson?"

"I don't."

"You said he was an inveterate gambler. It seems to me I remember hearing something about a poker game that cracked the town." In connection with Peterson, I mean.

"A poker game that cracked the town," I muttered. "Yes, the phrase is familiar, but I don't know where I heard it. Peterson is supposed to have once played poker for a human life."

MacNair pondered for a moment. "I suppose we may safely assume this gun belonged to Alex Peterson; he was related to a man called



MacNair slid the mysterious notebook towards Peebles.

"Jerry: a man named Dillon shot Jerry and left him dying; Jerry wounded Dillon, presumably with a gold bullet; and Jerry, dying, wrote this note."

"Do you connect this and the attempt to steal the pistol with the murder of Andrew Ogden?" I inquired.

"I wouldn't go that far, yet. Of course, the motive for Andrew Ogden's death may be rooted in something that happened 30 years ago. So may the motive for stealing the pistol."

"In that case," said I, triumphantly, "Jerry Ogden couldn't have had a hand in his father's death!"

"Nothing of the sort!" MacNair snapped, irritably. "Hubbard heard Ogden shoot 'gold bullets' at this man Furt—these bullets are gold—but it doesn't necessarily follow there is a connection. But even if there is, what of it? Jerry's motive for killing his father might have come out of something that happened before he was born. Something to do with that mine, for instance."

A curious idea had come into my head. "What if this man Dillon who killed Jerry should also have killed Andrew Ogden?"

"Why?" MacNair demanded.

I smiled sadly. "Just a vagrant thought. If Dillon knew of the note in this pistol he would have good reason for trying to get it. And if Ogden also had come into possession of the dangerous information it contained—dangerous to Dillon, I mean—you see my drift?"

MacNair shrugged. "Pure speculation, Peebles. See you later."

I picked up the telephone and called Henry Deacon. There was no word of Jerry and my heart sank. I put the instrument down and looked into Lucy's tragic eyes. She tried to speak but her lips were trembling. Turning, she fled from the room.

Horribly depressed, I sat at my desk and tried to evaluate properly the little we knew. At length I fished a little red-backed notebook out of my desk. I have used many such notebooks in my time.

Opening it at the front page I began to write, carefully numbering each paragraph as I went on. When I had written down what was in my mind I felt I had accomplished something after all.

Deacon arrived just then and we discussed the note and the incident that led to its discovery. His amazement was as great as my own, but, like MacNair, he made it clear that a voice echoing out of the comparative antiquity of 1896 would not modify his theories to any extent. My odd fancy that the man Dillon mentioned in the note might have killed Andrew didn't impress him.

He left me, then, taking the pistol and the note with him and I went to my room and dressed. Coming out, I ran into Mrs. Moffitt. She looked ill and I didn't wonder. Mrs. Moffitt is never very well and I have suggested domestic help to her at least once a week, but she scouts the idea. Her trouble is in an internal something or other

of mysterious origin and perambulating habits. But she steadfastly refuses to have it removed. She has tried New Thought, Divine Healing, Episcopalianism, spinal manipulation, Disciples of the Flery Ring, physical culture, olive oil and the New Psychology—everything in fact but simple surgery. Recently she embraced cosmic inducement.

As I entered the Ogden library, Deacon and MacNair were sitting at the desk, talking. On the desk were a deck of playing cards, a lead bullet, a piece of gold-bearing quartz, a small black bound notebook and three stacks of red poker chips.

"The chips, the cards, and the notebook were in that safe over there," Deacon said. "The quartz and the bullet," he went on, "were in the desk."

The cards and the chips astonished me. "Henry," I said, "do you happen to recall Andrew's attitude towards cards?"

"Of course I do. He detested them. He would not have them in the house."

MacNair grinned ironically. "Know anything about a gold quartet?" he asked suddenly.

"No," I said. "I picked up the specimen. It looks rich."

"Rich!" MacNair grunted. "It's rotten with gold. That bit'll run ten, twenty, thirty thousand to the ton."

I whistled. "Sounds like a big strike."

He nodded. "But here's the queerest thing of the lot," MacNair said. "The black notebook toward me. (Copyright 1929 Wm. Morrow Co.)"

Ogden's black notebook! What new mystery will it bring into the situation? The answer is in tomorrow's installment.

Millions Merged.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The \$179,000,000 American Superpower company and the \$16,000,000 Valley Shores corporation were merged today. Both are investment and holding companies.

Pinch Portland Player.

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Sports

STRANGLER LEWIS MARRIES ARTIST

RIVERSIDE, Cal., May 10.—(AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, former world's champion heavyweight wrestler and Miss Elaine Tommaso, Glendale, Cal., art student were married here last night. They plan to leave next week on a honeymoon trip to Kansas City and Canada.

A group of friends attended the wedding which was held at Saint Cecilia chapel with Rev. Samuel Hughes officiating. B. C. Sandow, Lewis' manager, was best man and Miss Carla Tommaso, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

Lewis, out of the ring, is Robert J. Frederick. He gave his age as 34 and his bride, who is the daughter of Salvatore Tommaso, a composer, gave hers as 25. She formerly lived in Chicago.

BEAVERS SWAMP VANDAL ATHLETES

MOSCOW, Ida., May 10.—(AP)—Oregon State college tracksters had little difficulty with the University of Idaho squad yesterday and swamped them, 97 to 34, in a dual Pacific Coast conference meet.

University of Idaho, southern branch, of Pocatello, competed, but its scores were not recorded, as the Vandal-Beaver clash was under constant conference rules.

The Beavers scored clean sweeps in the high hurdles and javelin and won 11 first places.

LIGHTWEIGHTS MEET IN GARDEN TONIGHT

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Two of the country's leading lightweight contenders, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, former featherweight champion, and Billy Wallace, Cleveland slugger, meet in a ten-round match in Madison Square Garden tonight.

Kaplan enters the bout eager for revenge for a five-round knockout he suffered from Wallace's flailing fists in 1925. Wallace rates a 7 to 5 favorite.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

Pacific Coast League			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Mission	20	11	.725
Los Angeles	25	19	.568
Oakland	24	20	.545
San Francisco	25	20	.558
Hollywood	19	20	.474
Sacramento	20	25	.444
Portland	16	23	.395
Seattle	11	28	.282

National League			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Chicago	12	6	.667
St. Louis	11	7	.610
Boston	9	6	.600
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500
Philadelphia	7	9	.438
New York	6	8	.429
Cincinnati	7	11	.389
Brooklyn	6	11	.353

American League			
W.	L.	Pct.	
New York	12	4	.750
Philadelphia	12	4	.750
St. Louis	11	5	.679
Detroit	12	10	.545
Cleveland	9	11	.450
Chicago	7	12	.363
Washington	5	11	.313
Boston	5	12	.294

THREE TEACHERS OF TALENT WILL TAKE NEW POSTS

(By Mrs. Marion Tryer.)

TALENT, Ore., May 10.—(Special)—Miss Margaret McCoy, Miss Frances Pratt and Miss Blanche Slater have tendered their resignations as teachers of the Talent school. Miss McCoy and Miss Pratt expect to leave as soon as school is out for Berkeley, Cal., where they will attend summer school. They will go to the state of Washington where they have accepted positions. Miss Slater has accepted a position in her home town of Astoria.

The school board has engaged the Misses Opal and Mary Larnan from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Miss Opal Larnan will take Miss Slater's place in the primary department while Miss Mary will fill Miss McCoy's place in the high school. Both ladies come with splendid recommendations.

This is to correct an error appearing in an article published in the issue of May 7 under the heading of "Worker Seeking Contributions to Health Program." Mrs. Charley Holdridge is chairman of committee health group for Talent, not Mrs. L. O. Penland. Send dues to Mrs. Holdridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knighen are moving from the Banaster house to the old family home on Wagner creek.

The senior play, "Dead of Night," was a great success and was considered the best play ever put on in Talent. It was enjoyed by a full house.

Mrs. H. M. Morrison was taken to the Community hospital in Medford Monday, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday morning. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. James Keith returned Sunday from Riverside, where she had spent the winter.

Mrs. Della Brahmier was a business visitor in Ashland Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy E. Bates passed away at her home on the highway at 10 o'clock Monday evening after a few days' illness. Miss Bates was teaching at Agate when she became ill from a form of blood-poisoning. She had been engaged to teach in the Wagner Creek school the coming year. Miss Bates was born at Industry, Kans., July 18, 1891 and was 27 years, nine months old. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bates, two brothers, Loyal Bates of Enid, Okla., and Llewellyn Bates of Talent, also two sisters, Mrs. D. I. Atwell of Medford and Irel Bates of Talent. Funeral services are in charge of the First general home and are awaiting the arrival of the brother from Oklahoma.

Mrs. C. W. Long and daughter Lovella spent Thursday morning shopping in Medford.

Austin Rosander of Ashland was calling on friends in Talent Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Duncan entertained Mrs. Louise Brown, Mrs. W. H. Turbaugh and the sister, Mrs. Martin, all of Medford Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Jones was on the sick list this week.

Chas Gardner is having his main irrigation ditched with concrete.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Cochran left the first of the week for Klamath Falls, where Mr. Cochran has obtained a permanent position with the Copco company.

L. C. Hill, Miss Esther Holdridge and Miss Nell Hill spent Wednesday afternoon in Medford.

Report of Mrs. L. E. LeVander, the Talent librarian: Total adult circulation, 237; total children circulation, 178; total circulation, 437. New readers registered in April, 7. A list of new books which may be obtained by request from the Medford library is posted each month.

Some of the out of town people to attend the funeral of Mr. Gleim were Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller and Rev. and Mrs. Hammond from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Perry, Mrs. Ames and daughter Miss Margaret, R. E. Oatman, Mr. Warner, Ted Fish and Father Hamilton from Medford.

Miss Margaret Mathes was a dinner guest at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Crawford Wednesday. The two ladies attended a picture show in Medford in the afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Hubbard of Lodi, Cal., who accompanied her brother, W. E. Perry, to his home in Talent, left Saturday for her home at Lodi, after two weeks spent here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Perry.

The Talent Boy Scouts will join with Medford troop and other troops of the county for the first camping trip for the Greater Lake council of Boy Scouts this year, and will take place May 24, 25 and 26.

Information was received Thursday at Talent of the death of Ivan D. Houston, a former resident of Talent, now a resident of Eugene. Mr. Houston, after graduating from the eighth grade at the Talent school, entered the high school at Ashland, where he graduated, later going to Eugene where he completed his education at the University of Oregon, graduating from that college in 1923. After graduating he took up aviation and was considered one of the most promising aviators. He was pilot of one of the mail planes when the crash came about 10 miles from Eugene, from which point the report was received. The crash, it appears, came in a dense fog and Houston was found in the wreckage of his plane by a fellow aviator, Hugh Allen, who took the same route the next day.

Baptist Church. Evangelic services are being held each evening and will continue over Sunday. Song service at 9:45 a. m.

Coast League Yesterday

Portland	H.	E.	
Portland	2	5	0
Los Angeles	6	11	3

Batteries:	Powers, Chesterfield and Rego, Bates; Harfoot and Hannah.		
Hollywood	0	3	0
Oakland	6	12	0

Batteries:	Hollerson, Marty and Cook; McEvoy and Lombardi.		
Mission	12	16	1
Sacramento	4	12	1

Batteries:	Ruether, Novers and Hoffman; Rachac, Flynn, Bryan and Koehler.		
San Francisco	5	13	1
Seattle	2	12	1

Batteries:	Kauffman and Cox; Couch and Reed.		
Hollywood	0	3	0
Oakland	6	12	0

DAUGHTER OF DICKENS DIES IN LONDON TODAY

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Kate Perugini, only surviving daughter of Charles Dickens, died in London today, aged 89.

Mrs. Kate Perugini was the eldest daughter of Charles Dickens, the novelist. She achieved considerable note as an artist, particularly of children's portraits and of children's subject pictures. The best known of these were: "An Impartial Audience," "A Little Woman," "Tomboy," "The Rabbit Hutch," "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" and "Butterflies."

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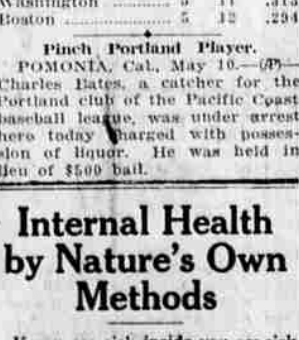
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