

# The Secret of Mohawk Pond

By Natalie Sumner Lincoln

**Synopsis:** The crouching figure of an intruder silhouetted against the moonlighted exterior of Yew Lodge is the victim of Peggy Prescott's surmise. At the climax of a week's sojourn at the lodge, marked by the sinister activities of unknown enemies, Peggy kills Lieut. Edgar Stanton, intimate friend of her uncle, Herbert Prescott. Investigating the homicide, Sheriff Beach prepares to take the frightened girl to the Litchfield jail. Threatened disgrace and the possible loss of her uncle's fortune, beset with the prospect she lives at the lodge a month, face the girl.

Chapter 9  
**PEGGY FINDS A FRIEND**

THE sheriff's words brought home to Peggy the seriousness of the situation. She visualized confinement in a cell and saw hope of gaining her uncle's fortune vanish at the end of her first hour away from the lodge.

"I shot wildly—in self defense!" "Wildly?" repeated Sheriff Beach sarcastically. "No, not wildly, Miss Prescott; you can't claim that, for you hit your mark even in a poor light." His eyes dropped to Stanton's blood-stained shirt. "By the way, where's your gun?"

Peggy stared dazedly around. Where had she put the automatic pistol?

"It's here somewhere," she insisted. "It must be, for I dropped it when I came to him."



With a swift upward toss of her shapely head Peggy faced the sheriff.

She drew out a handkerchief and, stooping down, spread it over the dead face.

"Oh, he must not lie here like this. Can you not, in common decency, take Lieutenant Stanton to a bedroom?"

"Yes, now that I've seen the lay of the land," Sheriff Beach beckoned to his two companions. They carried Stanton's body into a room on the second floor.

"Don't move anything out of place," Beach cautioned Obadiah; "I mean you, too," as Jim joined in the search. "Ah, here's the gun!"

His foot came in contact with the butt of the pistol projecting from under a rumpled rug.

"Take care!—it's a hair-trigger action."

Peggy's warning came too late, but she whizzed harmlessly toward the huge chimney and buried itself in the mortar between the rough stones.

Sheriff Beach, looking a trifle foolish, stared at the automatic, then, handling it with more care, removed the cartridges before slipping it into his pocket.

"How soon can you get ready, Miss Prescott?"

Obadiah Evans answered for her. "I'll go with Miss Prescott, Bill," he said with decision. "I'm good for \$10,000 or more."

"Isn't for me to settle the amount of bail," the sheriff retorted; "that's the magistrate's business. Besides, Obadiah, this isn't any ordinary offense—it's a killing."

"Sure," agreed the farmer heartily. "But I'll stand surety with everything I own that Miss Prescott doesn't jump bail."

Sheriff Beach hesitated. His glance strayed to Peggy and as he studied her pale beauty and noted the forlorn droop to her mouth his stern features relaxed.

"Come into Litchfield with us and put it up to the judge," he said, none too graciously.

Peggy turned impulsively to Obadiah.

"How can I thank you?"

"Don't get thankhearted." He almost whispered the words in her ear, then in a louder key: "Hurry along and get your wraps."

When she came downstairs, ready for the ride, the sheriff led the way to his car after instructing his man Harris to guard the lodge. The sheriff motioned to Peggy to

sit by him, and Obadiah shared the back seat with Beach's second assistant.

They drove off toward Litchfield, and made good time.

"Better go along Maple street to Bantam road," suggested Obadiah. "You'll make better time."

"We're early enough," the sheriff grunted.

"I can't waste time," Obadiah retorted firmly, and Peggy brightened.

Perhaps there was a chance of getting back to Yew Lodge within an hour.

Soon the sheriff brought the car to a full stop before an old colonial mansion. Peggy glanced at her watch as Obadiah sprang out and summoned the judge. They had taken less than half an hour. Obadiah's comment had had its effect, and she was grateful.

"We can talk as we go," Obadiah explained.

"This is Miss Peggy Prescott, niece of Herbert Prescott of Yew Lodge," Obadiah explained tersely. "Ed Stanton of Sharon broke into Yew Lodge early this morning and thinking him a burglar, she shot and killed him."

# FOUR-YEAR-OLD SLAYS MOTHER WITH SHOTGUN

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Edgar Shultz died yesterday at her home in Elba of wounds which she told a neighbor were inflicted by her 4-year-old son, Eleanor, 7, corroborated her mother's story and today the husband, who had been held pending investigation, was released.

The little girl, who was helping her mother make mince meat for Thanksgiving, said her brother came into the kitchen and picked up their father's shotgun from a corner.

"Bang! Mama," she quoted the child as saying, as he pointed the gun at his mother and pulled the trigger.

Mrs. Shultz, who was standing near the stove, was hit in the side. She fell to the floor and Eleanor ran out to the garage to summon her father, and then called a neighbor, Mrs. Bert Barber, Mrs. Barber said that Mrs. Shultz told her "Brother," as she called the little boy, had shot her.

Mr. Shultz brought his wife to a hospital here, where she died as a blood transfusion was being arranged in an effort to save her life.

# GOOD PROSPECT FOR SHIP LINE TO EUROPE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Prospects for a Pacific coast-European steamship line under the flag of American ownership are more favorable now than at any time in the past, K. D. Dawson, vice-president and manager of the States Steamship company, said today.

Dawson returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., and eastern points, where he conferred with members of the U. S. shipping board and shippers.

# UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL MUST GO TO PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Dr. William V. Whitmore, former chancellor of the University of Arizona, today prepared to begin serving a sentence of 15 months in McNeil island federal penitentiary. The sentence was pronounced yesterday by federal Judge William W. Sawelle, for 23 years a close friend of the physician.

Dr. Whitmore and Tita Flores, a druggist, who was given a similar sentence, recently were convicted of conspiracy to violate the national narcotic laws.

# MOSES DEFINES WILD ASSES AS COMPLIMENT

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 27.—(AP)—It seems Senator Moses has been only complimenting colleagues from the great open spaces. In a speech to constituents he said the Old Testament designated wild asses as animals having considerable independence of mind.

# Friendship Favored By Topaz November's Birthstone

By PAULINE

"Who first comes to this world below With dear November's fog and snow, Should prize the topaz under Auspice of friends and lovers true."

BOTH the strength of the Sun and the sensitiveness of the Moon are inherent in November's birthstone, the topaz, according to the ancient Magi. Hence comes the time honored mystic belief that it confers long life and sagacity upon its wearers, making them shrewd in business and careful of friendship.

The name topaz is derived from the Greek "topazion" which means "to divine, guess or conjecture." Old records say that the stone was first discovered on Topaz island, so-called because it was continually hidden by fog, its location being always a matter of conjecture to the Greeks. From this connection, it is thought, arose the subsequent wide-spread reputation of the gem as a charm for any enterprise requiring subtlety or diplomacy.

Although the topaz is found in a variety of colors, including white, yellow, blue, green, black and the highly valued pink, it is the yellow or saffron variety, most familiar to Americans, for which the greatest charms were claimed in the past. The Hindus wore this stone to promote health, caution, sagacity, and to avert death by violence. By the Romans it was favored as a preservative from pestilential atmosphere, perils to traveling, injuries from burns and scalds and from lung affections.

During the Middle Ages it was regarded as both a sedative and a stimulant, according to the state of the Moon, since at one time it restrained usually and calmed anger and frenzy, while at another it stimulated the appetite and contentment and banishing melancholy.

Leonardus praised the topaz as a charm against asthma, and it was also recommended highly as a remedy for dimness of vision. Probably its generally accepted benefit to the eyes was derived from its golden radiance, concerning which many strange testimonials were made. For instance, the noble Hildegard, wife of Theodorico, Count of Holland, was said to own a topaz which at night emitted so brilliant a light that in the chapel where it was kept prayers were read without the aid of a lamp.

Besides, the island of Topaz, which is now known as the Isle of St. John in the Red Sea, the stone is found in various parts of Europe and this country. In the jewel-studded island of Ceylon, and in Mexico and Brazil. The Brazilian stones are the finest both as to quality and size. One of them recovered several years ago and presented to Pope Leo weighed four pounds. A Brazilian pink topaz is one of the loveliest gems fashioned by Nature, and is therefore frequently ranked with precious stones.

# Crowded Cabaret Scene of Murder By Union Enemy

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Melville Purves killed a man in the crowded Club Arlington cabaret early yesterday, was captured a moment later, and laughed about it.

The man he shot was his boyhood chum, Edward Tracy, 21, business agent of the Sign and Bulletin Board Hangers' union—a job Purves himself formerly held. The cabaret was crowded and the patrons were singing college songs to the orchestra's accompaniment.

# Bottle Goes Boom, Grants Pass Man Injured By Glass

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP) William A. Isham today asked Sheriff E. H. Lister for permission to help county officials in a Josephine county day.

The sheriff let him crack up bottles of assorted liquor gathered over a period of raids. One beer bottle exploded.

Isham was sent to the hospital where a dozen splinters of glass were taken from his face.

# HENRY FORD RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

DEARBORN, Mich., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Henry Ford, Dearborn's wealthiest citizen, resigned last night from the local board of education, because some citizens of this small city resented his non-attendance at board meetings.

# WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP) Amador Sherwood and Clarence Coffey, arrested at Elgin Sunday night for operating a still, were enroute to the state prison at Salem after they had been sentenced Monday to a year each.

# PERSISTENT USE OF KEROSENE IS FATAL FOR FOUR

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Varena were suffocated or burned to death at their home here today in the same manner in which their sister met death six months ago. The dead were Clara, 13 years old; Charles, 8, and Mary, 6.

The children were trapped in a room on the second floor in flames caused by the attempt of their mother to kindle a fire with the aid of kerosene.

Saldie, a 17-year-old sister, who slept with them in the same room, escaped with slight injuries by leaping from a window. Neighbors helped four other children in another room to the street. All received slight burns.

Rosie, 9 years old, was burned to death in the house, police said, in a fire which followed a similar attempt of Mrs. Varena to start her fire quickly on May 28.

# Approve Coos Bridge

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 27.—The war department today approved plans for the county court of Coos county, Coquille, Oregon for a bridge to be constructed across Istmus Inlet (slough) near Marshfield, Ore.

# Josephine Drive Lags

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP) Josephine county today entered its final period in the Red Cross roll call campaign with slightly more than 50 percent of the quota reported collected. The amount sought is \$2900.

# Hogs Flood Market

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Packing house receipts of hogs Monday by direct shipments were the largest in the history of the Union stock yards. Forty thousand hogs of all descriptions were unloaded in the packers' pens without going thru the general market.

# Frank Smith to Try Again

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Herald and Examiner said today that Frank L. Smith, thrice certified to a seat in the United States senate without ever occupying it, may make a fourth attempt for the senatorship.

# Eugene — Plans completed for erection of \$200,000 medical building at corner of 12th avenue and Willamette street.

# Planes Used to Scout Stanford for Army Game

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Through judicious use of a transcontinental air-rail route, Russell P. Reeder, assistant Army coach, has been able to scout Stanford in three games on the Pacific coast and get back east in time to make use of the information he gleaned out there. Army coach Stanford at Palo Alto December 28.

# Klamath Falls—New dairy plant of Klamath County Dairymen's association started operations recently.

# Ticker Tips

Dear Friends: Several times I have tried to give Mr. Schade a few pointers on window trimming, but he won't listen to me.

However, I do want to call your attention to our Silver window this week. He must be getting better because this one is a dandy. If I was a woman I know I just couldn't resist at least coming in and finding out the price on those beautiful Silver pieces that he has displayed.

And if I was a married man I'd certainly take one home to the wife as a little surprise. I've heard married men say that these little surprises on the Misses are a good investment.

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**RAILROAD MAN DIES WHEN AUTO SKIDS**

DEND, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—When his automobile skidded on the icy surface of The Dalles-California highway near Lapine, J. W. Llewellyn, Southern Pacific railroad telegrapher, was killed and Mrs. Llewellyn was in a hospital today probably injured fatally.

Mrs. E. A. Babeok suffered a crushed chest.

Both women are said to be injured seriously.

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