

Murder at High Tide

By CHARLES G. BOOTH

SYNOPSIS: A household of hate becomes a scene of tragedy without grief when the detested, despotic Dan Parados is shot to death. The only known persons on San Lucas Island are connected with his estate. Anatole Fligue, a Paris detective who chances to be present, gets the jump on police for clues. He finds Parados murdered, then conducts a dinner table "murder game" before revealing the crime. Albia, who freely as Samuels, a deputy attorney, questions each member of the household. A yellow flower petal is found in Parados' coat. Celia, Parados' secretary, fears this may implicate her sweetheart, Claude Annersley. He was wearing a yellow rose in his coat lapel just before the murder.

Chapter 11

ANNERSLEY SPEAKS OUT

ANNERSLEY'S voice was tender as he patted Celia's hand. "It's all right, Celia. I didn't kill him. Miss Jahries gave me all the alibi I'll need. What do you want to know, Samuels?"

"The truth. What was the trouble between you and Parados?"

"Business—the Fleetwood Trading company."

"Go ahead."

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dos wanted another hundred thousand. I let him have it. He was a wizard at business.

"We made money. I was satisfied, up to a couple of months ago. Bitterness was in Annersley's eyes.

"The company didn't mean much to Parados by now—he had a dozen—but it meant everything to me. There was an opportunity to get some beach property, he said. Did I want to go in pretty deep? I did, since he recommended it. I had about \$50,000 loose—and I turned it over to him.

"A month later he told me the stuff was worthless. An error of judgment," he said. The liar! He said the board—his board—had voted to accept a ridiculously small offer from another of his companies. It would finish the Fleetwood company and take my \$50,000, too. I'll be out \$150,000!"

"You sell?" Hasn't it gone through yet?"

"It's pending."

"Mmm. What are you doing here tonight?"

"I thought I'd try a last appeal."

"It failed?"

"He was killed before I could talk to him," Annersley said huskily.

"What did you mean by 'pending'?" Samuels asked.

"Just that—pending. I don't believe Parados had signed the authorization," he went on uneasily.

"Why was Parados trying to break you, Annersley?"

"That was his little way. He—he wanted people to hate him."

"Yes, but why did Parados begin to express his hatred for you at this particular time?"

"I've told you."

"No, you haven't. There's a reason."

"Dig for it, then!" Annersley shouted.

"Tell him, Claude!" Celia pleaded. "It must come out!" But Annersley was silent. "Don't you see? Parados liked me—and Claude and I were engaged! There, you've got it."

"Why did you remain here, Miss Ferris?"

Celia colored. "I did because—don't you see?—if I had broken with Parados he would have ruined the Fleetwood company—and Claude!" Celia began to weep.

Kirk looked up just then.

"This rose seems to have lost three or four of its petals," he announced. "It's the same shade as the loose petal, too."

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REJECTED JURIST IN WHITE HOUSE VISIT

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina called at the White House Monday and left smiling. Rejected by the senate by the narrowest of margins as a supreme court justice, Judge Parker visited the executive mansion to express his appreciation to President Hoover for his nomination.

CENTRAL POINT GIRL WEDS IN GOLD BEACH

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—Miss Leta Henshaw of Eagle Point and Ansel Pearce were married at Gold Beach recently. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blackburn of Medford. The bride is well known in Central Point, having been employed at the Damon Cafe for a year or more.

OREGON PRISON A FIRE HAZARD SURVEY SHOWS

Ancient Buildings Menace to Health and Morale of Inmates — Make Recommendations.

SALEM, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—A new high mark in prison population was established here Tuesday when the records showed that 301 prisoners were housed in the Oregon state penitentiary. Five women, all federal prisoners, were brought here Tuesday to swell the total.

SALEM, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Although numerous recommendations to throw fire protection around the inmates and equipment of the Oregon penitentiary are made by deputies of the state fire marshal's office, their report declares that the prison will still remain obsolete, a serious life hazard and a menace to the health and morale of the prisoners. The prison was built in 1871.

George W. Stokes and E. A. Taylor made the inspection. It was ordered by Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal, following the prison holocaust at Columbus, Ohio. Following are the recommendations in part:

That three pumps of not less

than 1000 gallons per minute capacity be installed, one inside and two outside the walls.

That an automatic sprinkler system be installed in the flax plant, commissary, dining room, kitchen, hospital, basement, auditorium, first and second floor of chapel, carpenter shop and stock room.

Remove Stoves

That the present heating plant be replaced with a plant sufficient to heat all buildings, and that all stoves be removed.

That all wood ceiling partitions on the second floor of the chapel be removed and all wooden stairways be lined with metal lath and hard cement plaster. That metal frame, cash and wire glass be installed in all window exposures, and that standard fire doors be placed in fire walls.

That the motion picture booth be removed and a standard booth installed.

That all overhead electric feeder wires be placed underground.

That a fire brigade be organized and drilled at least once a week.

That a water main be extended completely around the flax sheds, and other equipment be added to protect flax.

Flax stored in the sheds is often valued as high as \$160,000.

BELLVIEW WOMAN TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. Wade Wallace of the Bellview Women's club left Medford Monday for Salem to attend the state convention of federated women's clubs.

Mrs. Wallace, who is third vice-president of the southern Oregon district, goes as representative of this district in the place of Mrs. R. V. Williams, president, who is unable to attend the convention.

CENTRAL PT. HOOPSTERS GRIMES HOME GUESTS

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes entertained the members of the high school basketball

teams at their home Friday evening, May 9. The evening was spent playing games. Refreshments were served. Those present were Mary Eicher, Loomis Davidson, Ruth Webster, Amy Johnson, Delphia Milton, Dorothy Jones, Roberta Reams, Elizabeth Scott,

NEW TONIC KEEPS HAIR FROM FALLING OUT OR TURNING GRAY

A New and Remarkable Preparation Which Does Wonders for the Scalp and the Hair

IT IS EASY TO USE YOURSELF AT HOME, AND IT COSTS LITTLE



"The condition of my hair was terrible—it was full of dandruff and falling out in handfuls. On top of that streaks of gray made me look years too old for I'm a young woman yet," declared Miss Elizabeth Sonne, 47 Parkis Ave., Providence, R.I.

Fortunately for me I learned about Lea's Hair Tonic and it has proven a wonderful investment for me. It has improved my appearance—made me look younger and put my hair and scalp in nice condition, free of gray hairs and the thin spots are growing out thickly," continued Miss Sonne, who likes thousands of other men and women have found Lea's to be just the thing. Between the stimulating effect of the tonic and the massaging of it into the scalp, the blood comes to the surface, nature seems to get back on the job vigorously without argument or

for the hair and scalp now available in most drug stores at small cost, it is foolish to use ugly old-time dyes, or pay a large sum for such tinting or dyeing. If reader desires to give Lea's Hair Tonic a Trial, they may purchase same from druggist or the famous Lea Tonic Co. Broomfield, Md., on positive guarantee that its use for six weeks will delight you or money refunded without argument or question. (Sent by mail postage paid \$1 per bottle) or if preferred pay postman when it comes, if druggist hasn't it.

Elizabeth Southwell, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Schepman, Bob Leosch, Orville Caster, Donald Patterson, John Clark, Delmar Smith, Frank Eberling, Harry Snyder, Marion Caster, Mr. Wertz and Mr. Jewett.

Each of the 3000 Kansas ex-service men confined in hospitals this month will receive a kit

MEDFORD MONDAY May 19 North Central Ave.

BARNES CIRCUS AND THE ADDED FEATURES "PERSIA" AND THE PAGEANT OF PEKIN

GREAT GREYTONA'S SENSATIONAL EUROPEAN HIGH WIRE ACT Twice Daily, 2-8 P. M. Doors Open 1-7 P. M. Grand Stand Chairs and General Admission Tickets on Sale Circus Day at Jarmin & Woods', corner Main and Central.

Women's Hose \$1.00 pair Silk from top to toe with French Heel The Loggery

containing needles, thread, scissors and buttons, the gift of the American Legion auxiliary.



THE CLIFT The Clift is not the most expensive hotel in San Francisco—but it's one of the most comfortable, most friendly, most refined, most convenient. GEARY AT TAYLOR ST. SAN FRANCISCO

FOR OREGON AND ITS PEOPLE

In the gubernatorial campaign now drawing to a close, Senator George W. Joseph is battling,—as he has always battled,—for the welfare of the State and its people.

HIS FIRST APPEARANCE in the political arena years ago was as the champion of the Australian ballot system so that the people might cast their ballot in secret without coercion.

HE NEXT CHAMPIONED the direct primary law so that the people themselves might nominate candidates to office without dictation from corporate interests or political bosses.

HE NEXT ESPOUSED the Initiative so the people might enact their own laws; the Referendum so that they might nullify vicious legislation, and the Recall so that they might retire unfaithful officials from office.

IN THE 1911 SENATE he introduced a resolution recommending the adoption of the Equal Suffrage Amendment so that the women might enjoy the sacred right of the franchise on an equality with the men.

IN THIS SAME SESSION he introduced a bill creating a State Highway Board which was the forerunner of legislation resulting in our magnificent highway system and was instrumental in later sessions in releasing highway construction from the grip of the blacktop paving monopoly.

IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN Senator Joseph is making public development of our water power resources without cost to the taxpayers his major issue, to the end that Oregon may be liberated from the stifling and blighting control of the power monopoly and forge ahead industrially and agriculturally.

IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN Senator Joseph is also espousing the sacred constitutional right of free speech and justice to every citizen, the abolition of the Public Service Commission and a return to the home rule principle for the control and regulation of public utilities. All these principles are of vital importance to the State and its people.



GEORGE W. JOSEPH The Leading Republican Candidate for Governor

Read What the State Press Says:

Just a few newspaper comments illustrative of the esteem in which Joseph the man is held even by those who differ from him politically:

"Not many men who have served in a public capacity in Oregon have so good a record for clean politics, clean government and clean citizenship."—The Oregon Journal.

"An eloquent and forceful orator and able floor leader, he repeatedly championed sound legislation that had been doomed to defeat, with the result that it emerged triumphant."—The Portland Telegram.

"Joseph has a long record of anti-power trust activity behind him."—Portland News.

"We hold an admiration for Mr. Joseph's splendid ability that we do not attempt to conceal. He has one of the keenest minds that we have ever observed."—Klamath Falls Herald.

"George W. Joseph is now far in the lead, sure, unless something extraordinary occurs, of the Republican nomination."—Klamath Basin Progress.

"More people are attending the Joseph meetings than there are attending those of any other two candidates combined."—Umpqua Courier.

"The times are peculiarly suited to Senator Joseph's candidacy."—Portland Spectator.

"He has personality, initiative and fearlessness."—Salem Hollywood Press.

"Joseph, it is recalled, has been prominently and favorably identified in the public mind with the battles against the Telephone Company and Electric Light and Street Car Corporation."—Salem Capitol Journal.

"In the Senate and in this campaign he has proved that he is the common man's friend."—Woodburn Independent.

Oregon needs Senator Joseph's wide experience in the business world, his rare executive ability and leadership in the executive chair to bring about the adoption of this comprehensive and constructive program.

It is time for a change of administration at the State capitol—time to relegate politics to oblivion and usher in a progressive business administration so that Oregon may expand and its people enjoy an era of prosperity.

Nominate JOSEPH: Develop OREGON

JOSEPH FOR GOVERNOR COMMITTEE