

Murder at High Tide

By CHARLES G. BOOTH

SYNOPSIS: Alibi are being shattered as police continue a dapper hunt for clues to the murder of Dan Parados and his hired man, Grainger. Miss Fliche, housekeeper in the Parados island home, tells of finding Claude Anversley in the act of loading Parados' wife shortly after the murder. Anversley denies the murder, though he admits taking papers from the wife. He had a gun similar to one found by Anversley Fliche, shared French detective, Sannels, deputy attorney, thinks Anversley guilty and orders that he be locked up. Anversley tells Fliche that the parlor window was open immediately after Parados was shot. The detective, who has clues and theories of his own, says that fact is of almost significance.

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LET us consider our principal clues," Fliche continued.

"We had first—what were they? The indiscretion of Mile. Brent, a price ticket in the dead hand of monsieur, a rose petal, two roses, the blackness poor Grainger trod into the carpet, the broken compartment in that safe, and the green bird that is broken in two. But do I entreat? Not so. And why, you ask? Because they were not of the living tissue, all those. Did I not tell you?"

"Not even that price ticket?" I demanded. "Millionaires aren't shot with 25-cent price tags in their hands every day."

"Ah, that! A curious affair, mais oui, but not of the living tissue. I cannot tell you why. A secondary matter, perhaps. We shall see. And then poor Grainger is killed and what have we?"

Fliche's voice took a higher, vibrant pitch. "Is it not then that we behold the living tissue and Anversley is entreated? Grainger is shot in front of the fireplace as he lights the fire, an empty shell lies on the floor, the telephone is upset, a trifle of steel shaving is found in Grainger's pocket, the patio window is open, and—mon sieur, this is of the prime importance."

"This window was open when M. Anversley entered the room on Friday night? Did he not assure us that it was he who closed it?"

"There, my friend, and Fliche spread his hands engagingly, "it is an open book. You have but to turn the pages. You will not tell me you cannot read what is written?"

"La Balafre and Bec are out, then?" I asked, ignoring his challenge.

"I did not say so, M. l'Antiquaire."

"But they have no alibi to break!" I exclaimed, exasperated.

"Moreover, both affairs imply a familiarity with the house and the movements of those in it which is Balafre and Bec could not have had."

"C'est vrai," Fliche chuckled, "yet I insist that those little ones have their place in this—um—tragic muddle."

"Those advertisements in the Marsailles newspapers are significant, then?"

"Immensely so."

"And if they are, Dan Parados was Jules Lacote, the man who betrayed Bec and la Balafre?" I continued.

"Ah!" Fliche exclaimed, beaming. "That I do not know. Anversley told Fliche is the principal agent of a secret," the little man reminded me seriously, "but he is not infallible."

Fortunately Manning appeared at that moment, a duster in her hand.

"Let us leave the good Manning to her duties," Fliche suggested.

As we stepped onto the terrace, Fliche glanced at the outside stair that led up the west side of the east wing to the flat roof above the sun room.

"So charming are these California—um—adaptations of our old world architecture," Fliche remarked, picking his words with care. "Consider that little stair. So enchantingly placed and so admirably useless. I shall wager you a cigar that it is never used. Oh, my good Manning," and Fliche tapped on one window of the sun room.

"The girl came running."

"That stair there, no file," Fliche said, "is it ever used?"

"Hardly ever, sir," Manning assured us. "It's just another pile of steps to keep swept."

"But that, my little one—is it not a labor of love? Could it be otherwise in this temple of beauty?"

"Oh, go on, Mr. Fliche," and Manning giggled behind her duster. "I'm not anybody's 'little one.' Then seriously, 'And it's on temple of beauty, sir—inside, anyhow. It's a wicked house and I don't care who hears me say so.'"

"The virtue of mademoiselle redeems it," Fliche said, bowing solemnly. "It intrigues me, that little stair. Whose chamber do I see at the top of it?"

"Mrs. Parados," Manning said.

'DAMES AHoy' HAS THREE COMEDIANS IN NAVAL UNIFORM

The current entertainment bill which opened at the Fox Hialto theater yesterday to run until Wednesday is strong with mirth, comprising the talking comedy feature, "Dames Ahoy" starring Glenn Tryon, a short and equally mirth-provoking short comedy with amusing powder effects, "Social Sinners," and an interesting news review. The latter is the only serious thing on the bill.

"Dames Ahoy" is a navy off-shore picture built around the fun arousing abilities of Tryon. Otis Harlan and Eddie Gribbon, three well known film comedians, as a trio of sailor chums seeking to find an unknown blonde with strawberry birth mark near one of her knees, whom one of them (Harlan), 30 years veteran of the navy, in an interlarded moment married on a previous off-shore leave, to set a marriage release to save half of his pay. He does not even remember the marriage—in fact all he recollects is that she was a blonde between 29 and 35 years old and had the strawberry mark.

This non-sensical plot and the amusing complications that ensue when the sailors begin their search for the unknown dame furnishes many snickers and giggles throughout, interspersed with several loud guffaws of merriment. The young-ster Tryon looks the part of a navy go-bird all right, but the rotund, flat-footed Harlan really could have been more appropriately cast as one who fought with Commodore Perry at the battle of Lake Erie, and the hefty, but not quite so old, Gribbon, as one of the crew of the Monitor or Merrimac of the Civil war.

But the story and cast is anything for light entertainment and the three gobs prove a very comical combination.

The story opens with some good sea and on board battleship scenes, with the sailors making whoopee in their private quarters, according to the moving picture director's ideas. Such a director invariably has a fondness for depicting sailors always singing, dancing and making wise cracks.

However, most of the fun takes place at a summer amusement resort (Venice), and one of the chief comedy features is Tryon's method of exposing feminine knees while the trio is seeking the unknown dame with the mark, by raising skirts with the book of his case when engaging suspects in apparent earnest conversation. The right blonde is finally found, who agrees to give up her sailor husband for \$500. Helen Wright plays opposite Tryon, and Gertrude Astor is the dame with the birth mark. —R. A. K.

Meteorological Report

June 2, 1930
Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Tuesday fair; moderate temperature.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday except unsettled northwest portion, probably showers on north coast; moderate temperature.

Local Data.	Temperature (degrees)		Rel. humidity (per ct.)	Precipitation (inches)	State of weather
	5 P. M.	7 A. M.			
Temperature (degrees)	57	47	63	.06	Cloudy
Highest (last 12 hours)	56	59	63		
Lowest (last 12 hours)	47	47			
Total precipitation since September 1, 1929	13.91				
Temperature a year ago today:					
Highest 70; lowest 36.					
Sunset today: 7:40 p. m.					
Sunrise Tuesday: 4:37 a. m.					
Sunrise Tuesday: 7:41 p. m.					

CITY.	High Temp.		Lowest Temp.		Weather
	June 2	June 1	June 2	June 1	
Baker City	58	40	40	40	Cloudy
Bismarck	66	52	52	52	Clear
Boise	66	46	46	46	Cloudy
Denver	70	59	59	59	P. Cdy.
Des Moines	80	64	64	64	P. Cdy.
Freeno	78	59	59	59	Clear
Helena	60	40	40	40	Clear
Los Angeles	72	56	56	56	Cloudy
Marshallfield	56	40	40	40	Cloudy
Phoenix	100	62	62	62	Clear
Portland	66	48	48	48	Cloudy
Red Bluff	80	58	58	58	Clear
Roseburg	62	40	40	40	Clear
Salt Lake	70	52	52	52	P. Cdy.
San Francisco	66	50	50	50	Clear
Santa Fe	68	44	44	44	P. Cdy.
Seattle	62	46	46	46	Rain
Spokane	64	48	48	48	Cloudy
Walla Walla	68	48	48	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	64	44	44	44	Cloudy

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MEDFORD STUDENTS AT OREGON STATE ATTAIN HIGH SCHOLASTIC RANK

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis. —(Spl.)— Two Medford students are among the 35 Oregon State college graduates who have been named to receive their degrees at the sixty-first annual commencement here with high honors. They are Ralph J. Bailey, commerce and Miss Hollis E. Swingle, vocational education.

Senior honors are conferred by the administrative council on the highest ranking members of the graduating class, the requirement being that those receiving this recognition shall have maintained a scholastic average of 90 per cent or above. Not more than 10 per cent of the graduates of any school are eligible for this honor. This is the highest scholastic honor that can be attained at Oregon State college.

Bailey had an average of 2.35 and Miss Swingle had an average of 2.25. A three-point average is the perfect score for four years.

Correct this sentence: "Now that I'm rich," said he, "I still hate the people I used to envy."

HOWARD DISTRICT

HOWARD DISTRICT, Ore., June 2.—(Special)—Miss Marjorie Smith returned to her home last week from Prospect where she has been teaching the past winter. She expects to leave soon for California to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Nancy Stackey left recently for Kansas where she expects to make her home with her daughter.

Mr. Casady, who is employed by the Armstrong Poultry farm at Corvallis was in the valley this week visiting at the home of his brother, who recently moved to Howard Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family left Thursday for Indiana where they expect to make their home. They went by way of Crater Lake highway stopping at Klamath Falls to visit relatives.

H. J. Devaney left Saturday morning for Corvallis on a business trip and will visit his daughter Yvonne, who is attending O. S. C. Mrs. McDonald will accompany him as far as Corvallis; from there she will go to Portland.

Mr. Banish is giving special instructions to the pupils who failed in the eighth grade examinations held at the close of school. This is being done so that the pupils may be prepared to take the state examinations this month.

A generous surface of gravel is being put on a portion of the school grounds which will be used for a parking space for cars. This will eliminate the parking of cars on the playgrounds.

Mrs. Casady has been quite ill but is reported to be improved at this writing.

Mrs. Lois Freshwell has returned home from the Applegate where she has been teaching the past year. Her school closed last week.

ANDERSON CREEK

ANDERSON CREEK, Ore., June 2.—(Special) Jas. MacDowell and family were in Ashland Saturday. They visited Roy Bushnell who has been seriously ill for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. May were in Medford on business Thursday.

D. C. Hale and wife spent Saturday in Medford.

Geo. Young was out to the valley Saturday.

E. J. Center and Miss Ruth Mays were in Ashland Saturday.

Mrs. L. C. Jones and daughter spent Sunday in Phoenix.

Steve Lunak was out to the valley Saturday.

Ruth Mays called at Mrs. Geo. McAnlys Saturday.

P. M. Centers is spending a week in Medford with his son S. Centers.

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City Treasurer's Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the semi-annual installment of one-twentieth of principal and interest on paving, sewer and watermain assessments upon all properties for which application was made on July 1, 1928, to extend the time of payment will be due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer June 1, 1930, and if not paid on or before July 1, 1930, will become delinquent and penalty of five (5) per cent will be added.

Thirty (30) days after such delinquency the property will be advertised and sold for the amount of such delinquency together with penalties and costs of such sale, in accordance with Section 148 of the City Charter.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 31st day of May, 1930.

H. J. BERRIAN,
Treasurer of the City of Medford, Oregon.

Notice of Sewer Assessments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that one-tenth of the principal and interest on improvements by SEWER assessed July 2, 1928, is now due, and if not paid by July 1, 1930, will become delinquent and penalty will be added and the property advertised for sale in the manner provided by Section 120 of the Charter of the City of Medford.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 31st day of May, 1930.

H. J. BERRIAN,
Treasurer of the City of Medford, Oregon.

Notice of Street Improvement Assessments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that one-tenth of the principal and interest on improvements by PAVING assessed July 1, 1929, is now due and if not paid by July 1, 1930, will become delinquent and penalty will be added and the property advertised for sale in the manner provided by Section 79 of the Charter of the City of Medford.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 31st day of May, 1930.

H. J. BERRIAN,
Treasurer of the City of Medford, Oregon.

CENTRAL POINT CLINIC WILL BE HELD JUNE 10

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., June 2.—(Special)—A pre-school clinic will be held at the health center in Central Point on Tuesday afternoon, June 10. All mothers having children that will enter school for the first time this fall, are urged to bring them to this clinic. Dr. Wilson will be in charge. Appointments may be made by registering at Stone's Drug Store.

OREGON OSTEOPATHS MEETING IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., June 2.—(Sp) The Oregon Osteopathic association will begin its annual convention here today. It is estimated that 40 delegates will attend. Speakers of note will be Drs. D. V. J. Hilday, Des Moines, E. G. Bush, Los Angeles; L. H. Gerding, Los Angeles. An educational motion picture will be shown tonight. Election of officers will be held tomorrow night after a banquet.

KLAMATH LAD KILLED WHEN HIT BY AUTO

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 2.—(Sp)—Willis Kelo, 6, died here Sunday as the result of being struck by an automobile driven by W. D. Cofer, contractor. An inquest was ordered. The boy's death was the second from auto injuries in the county this year.

Correct this sentence: "Keep the crooning tenor on the radio," said the husband, "I like him, too."

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