

Murder at High Tide

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SYNOPSIS: The discovery of Anatole Flaque, glowing together the mystery of his Parados murder, the discovery of a steel rod and some steel shavings Flaque finds in the bedroom of Granger, the bird man who was shot to death the day after Parados was murdered. Claude Annerley seems the most likely suspect. Hunt leaves Flaque and takes a stroll with Caroline Hunt. Flaque has struck up a romance during the murder trial. On one end of the town Flaque finds an old Salvo village that the ruthless Parados had destroyed. Caroline thinks she sees a man on a wharf at one end of the island, but a moment later he disappears. She insists someone was there.

Chapter 30 THE MISSING STONE

AFTER Caroline went up to her room I found myself with two hours on my hands before dinner. The rule of the little village had depressed our spirits and it had left me in a restless mood. I searched about the place for Flaque. The little man was not to be found, so I set off around The Gut, intending to inflict myself on Professor Johns.

By the time I reached the fort it was dark. I heard voices, and a moment later found Flaque and Johns chatting in front of the tower door. Flaque had a game bag slung over his shoulder and a small rifle in his hand. "Monsieur has the melancholy look," he remarked facetiously as I drew near. "Has la petite demoiselle abandoned him?"

"Why the rifle?" I inquired. Flaque chuckled. "That excellent Lum we promised me a fried rabbit for breakfast if I should bring one to him."

"And you got one?" Flaque patted the game bag, the flap of which was strapped down. "I am an excellent shot, monsieur," he said. "Lum we assured me the fat ones lived over here."

"Probably they do," I said, grinning. "Professor Johns keeps a lettuce patch for them."

"M. le Professor does not approve of my hunt," Flaque chuckled. "Is it not so, monsieur?"

"I do not approve of taking life unless it cannot be avoided," Professor Johns answered. "But I am not a crank. I believe a man has a right to please himself."

"A wise word, that. It is all very well, no doubt, this passion for the birds and the fishes and the rabbits, but man must eat, and to eat he must kill," Flaque patted his plump stomach. "Your animals kill, do they not?"

"They are as nature made them," Professor Johns replied. "As a scientist, I accept the cruelty of nature as necessary to the continuation of life. A human being, I deny it."

"Monsieur is a philosopher," Flaque beamed. "But are we not as we are made, yes—saint and assassin?"

"You mean nothing can change us?" Professor Johns said thoughtfully. "I'm not so sure of that. Parados, now—could anything have changed him? I doubt it. But what about the one who killed him? Parados blighted every personality he touched. Might not the seed of murder in the heart of the one who killed him have been planted there by Parados himself?"

"Monsieur intrigues me," Flaque murmured. "But will not the seed of murder that is planted in the sun—essentially good heart die because there is no sun—that word, M. l'Antiquaire?" Flaque demanded sharply.

"Nourishment for it," I suggested.

"Précisément! I thank you. . . . Monsieur comprehends?"

Monsieur did, it appeared, but he stuck to his guns.

"And if the seed brings its own nourishment, M. Flaque—what then?" Professor Johns took off his glasses. "We who have known Parados over a period of years—his wife, myself, Miss Celia, Mr. Annerley, Miss Jahries, average men and women, all of us—do you think Parados did not touch us with his evil genius? Monsieur, I predict that when you put your hand on the one who killed Parados and Grainger it will be upon one of our own group."

"A serious charge, mon ami," Flaque said, frowning.

Professor John laughed unsteadily. "Here I am boring you with my theories. That is one of the results of living alone. Won't you come inside?"

Flaque accepted the invitation and we preceded John into the tower, the ground floor of which was occupied by firewood, gardening tools, and packing cases. A stair gave access to the floor above. Ascending it, we found ourselves in a comfortable square room which evidently served as living quarters and a study.

Two of the adobe walls were covered with books—scientific and philosophical works. There were shabby

by chairs, a picture or two, several warm-looking rugs, and a battered desk upon which stood a lamp, a pair of field glasses, and a telephone.

The desk stood by the north window which would give at daylight an excellent view of the house on the other side of The Gut. Lights marked the positions of many of the windows and I was able to see the fireplace and writing table in the library and the chairs in the sun room.

We chatted for perhaps an hour and a half. Both Johns and Flaque revealed themselves as exceptionally well-informed men. When Hendricks, the boatman, appeared with a bundle of text books under his arm, we arose to go.

"You have an excellent teacher!" Flaque exclaimed.

"The best in the world," Hendricks grinned. "But he keeps me right at it."

Johns was not dining at the house, he informed us, but he said he would walk over after dinner. As we took our departure, Flaque gave me the rifle to carry.

The Gut was at the height of its fury and we proceeded along the edge of it.

"Flaque," I said, "Johns couldn't have shot Parados and Grainger with a pistol from the tower, could he?"

"Impossible," Flaque replied. "A pistol cannot be fired with the accuracy at such a distance."

"It couldn't have been," I nodded. "As we drew near to the house I noticed that we were walking faster. A common impulse was driving us on. We were wanted at the house. We were running as we came up to the patio window. Samuels was drumming impatiently on the writing table."

Kirk and Gridley were twisting their hats. Mrs. Parados and Miss Jahries occupied chairs in front of Samuels.

RED CROSS LIFE SAVING CLASSES TO OPEN AT NAT

Training classes for junior and senior Red Cross lifesaving applicants will be conducted at Merriam's Natatorium for six days, beginning Monday afternoon, June 3. Miss Golda Boone, who has been in charge of the lifesaving classes in Medford for the past two years, will again be the instructor.

Enrollment should be made Friday afternoon, June 6, from 2 to 4, or Saturday morning, June 7, between 10 and 12 o'clock. After the classes are concluded, special examinations will be given by a Red Cross field representative.

Miss Boone has had extensive experience in teaching swimming, and was recognized as an outstanding swimmer at the University of Oregon, where she majored in physical education.

JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., June 4. (Sp.)—Barney Cody, sexton of the Jacksonville cemetery, wishes to express his appreciation for the unusual interest taken in preparation for Decoration day.

Mrs. Nettie Thompson and son Junior of Medford spent Friday visiting her sister, Mrs. Chris Keegan.

Miss Frances Cook of Medford visited at the Fred Butcher home Sunday evening.

John Hecker and family motored to Crescent City Friday, accompanied by Tom Burnfield and family, and report a very pleasant trip.

Miss Olivette Ginet and sisters Sterling spent Sunday visiting their sister Frances at the Alfred Norris home.

Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Mrs. Chester Persell and Miss Golda Boone motored to the Big Lakes, Klamath county, Saturday to visit their

father, Al Boone. Mr. Boone returned home with them and will spend the week end with his family here.

Funeral services were held for John Miller on the beautiful lawn at his home here Thursday. Interment was in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Mrs. Leonard Osborn recently returned from a short visit to Portland.

Mrs. Walker of Ashland is still quite ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. Chas. Chitwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cantrall of Big Apple were recently in Jacksonville transacting business.

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Mr. Johnson will be remembered as the son of William and Edith Johnson, former residents of this place.

Joe Wetterer has been appointed to take charge of the Jacksonville manseum.

Miss Regina Lytle is spending her vacation visiting her parents here. She taught the past year in the Sutherland high school.

Leonard Ashbourne and Carl Larson, employees of Montgomery Ward & Co., spent the past week sojourning in Portland.

Gail Johnson of Merrill visited her sister, Mrs. Leland Cantrall, Saturday.

Harry Miller, who was called here to the bedside of his brother, returned to his home in Burlington, Cal., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Kubit returned to Portland after attending the funeral of their relatives, John Miller, Sr.

Those attending the graduation exercises at the St. Mary's academy in Medford Sunday evening were Mrs. James Buckley and son Louis, Mrs. C. B. Dunnington, Miss Louise Lawhead, Mrs. S. E. Evans and daughter Ella.

Walter Zeidler of Butte Falls visited friends here Sunday.

Hugh Combest and Albert Young are attending forest ranger school at Union Creek this week.

Miss Gertrude Dunnington, who has been employed in Seattle, is visiting relatives here.

Tomer Hartman returned to Corvallis Sunday for the graduation exercises at O. S. C., after spending the week end at his home here. He will go from there to Idaho, where he has employment in the forest service.

Mr. Knotts of Gold Hill arrived here Monday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jess Trisham.

Grandma Faucett, who makes her home with Mrs. L. J. Combest, is quite ill at the present writing.

Mrs. Marie Barnes, head nurse on the surgical floor in the Josephine hospital at Grants Pass, is here spending her two weeks' vacation, visiting her sister, Mrs. Leonard Lyons.

Dr. D. A. Forbes visited the D. T. Lawton home in Medford Monday evening.

The violin recital given by John R. Knight at the Methodist Episcopal church on May 27th, at Medford, was well attended by Medford and Jacksonville. Mr. Knight deserves much credit for the excellent training given the children, as all pupils performed splendidly. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

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City Treasurer's Notice

Notice of Consolidated Improvement Assessment

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.

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FRUIT INSPECTOR HELD LAX IN PEST WARFARE

HALEM, Ore., June 4. — (Sp.) — Whether S. H. VanTrump shall be removed as Marion county fruit inspector is the question involved in a hearing to be conducted here today by H. B. Merriam, member of this district of the state board of horticulture. Certain fruit men think he hasn't been active enough in pest eradication.

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