

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

SYNOPSIS: Fearing that she and her husband were being followed by Rosamund Grey and Robert Leonard, Nan went to her husband's country place with him. Nan cannot convince her husband that Leonard has tried twice to murder her. She is awakened in the middle of a stormy night by a dog, and she goes to see Leonard at the edge of the lawn, sharply outlined by a lightning flash.

Chapter 19

A TRAGEDY IMPENDS

THE day came up in a sea fog which lifted before eleven. It left the grass grey with dew and every tree and flower hung with tiny brilliant drops which made rainbows in the sun.

Nan had slept late. She came downstairs to find that Jervis had breakfasted and gone out. When the fog lifted, she took a book out on to the terrace and sat on the low balustrade looking over to the ravine. The grey stone of the terrace was dry already, but the earth in the formal beds was dark.

Nan looked up at her window and wondered if she had really stood there in the dead of night and seen Robert Leonard by a flash of lightning. A little shiver went over her. She had only to shut her eyes, and she could see him against the pale violet flare. She looked down at

face it was an undertone; but as they went down the slope, it swallowed every other sound and rose to a dominant roar. They turned inland, and the path wound between the trees. The thundering rush of the water was below them now, but the trees hid the fall.

Then the path twisted, and they came out upon a flat open space. From the right the headlong stream came lurching down a steep rocky channel. A light bridge spanned it at its narrowest point a few yards from where they stood. Below them was the fall, the sound of it like the sound of an avalanche.

Nan stood by the railing which guarded the edge and looked over. A mass of foaming water fell 40 feet sheer to a black pool. The ravine narrowed to a cleft, and within this cleft the water fell. The sides of it were dark and slippery. And beyond the black pool, which lay in shadow, the sunlight glittered on the sea. The spray came up into her face.

"It's high tide, so you're seeing it at its best. Watch that wave come in."

Nan watched, and saw a big wave rear itself and come driving through the mouth of the ravine, to break in foam and spray against the spray and foam of the fall.

MATINEE YIELDS FRUIT FOR NEEDY

Between 150 and 200 jars, most all of which were filled with fruits and vegetables, have been turned over to the Jackson county relief committee by Don Geddes of the Fox Craterian theater.

The large supply of foodstuffs and jars was taken in at the theater Saturday morning, as admission fees.

For the benefit matinee, the Craterian presented "Vagabond King," starring Dennis King and Kathryn McDonald.

The committee also acknowledged the gift of one hundred pounds of sugar, presented by Mrs. Raymond Driver.

In order that funds might be obtained to purchase jars, jar lids and sugar, another benefit matinee will be conducted at the Craterian in the near future, through the courtesy of Mr. Geddes. It was announced yesterday. Announcement is to be made later concerning the sale of tickets, according to the relief workers.

OREGON RIVERS TO GET FEDERAL PIE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Allotment of funds for river and harbor flood control projects under the Garner-Wagner relief act totaling \$41,577,260 were announced today by the war department.

Rivers and harbors allotments included: Hoquiam river, Washington, \$48,500; Umpqua river, Oregon, \$450,000; the Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon, \$150,000; Willamette river above Portland and Yamhill river, Oregon, \$189,000.

The war department announced that \$32,740 remaining in the bill would be held in reserve for future allotments and for contingencies.

Aged Chinese Shame War SHANGHAI, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Relying upon Chinese veneration for age, Chang Chung Jen is enlisting men of 80 or over in a troop to rush between firing lines in war, thus shaming combatants into peace.

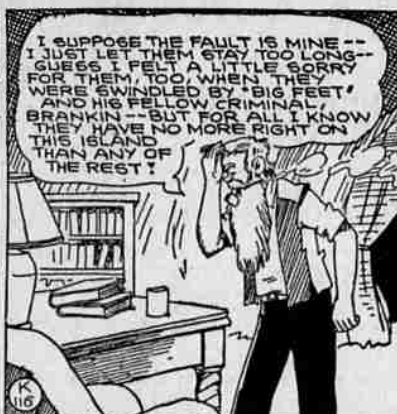
Pooh! For Scotland Yard LONDON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Somebody stole \$375 worth of jewelry from a hotel here—20 yards from the main entrance to Scotland Yard. Police are investigating.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Looks Like A Splash Landing!



By GLENN CHAFFIN and HAL FORREST

BOUND TO WIN—Mr. Hassett Hears Some More



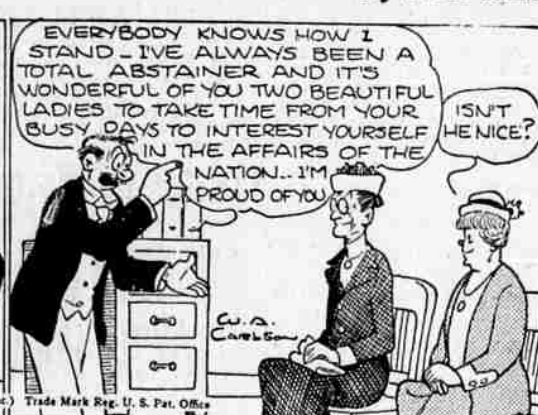
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S'MATTER POP—Dog Daze And Nights



By C. M. PAYNE

THE NEBBS—The Politician



By SOL HESS

MUTT AND JEFF—False Whiskers And Hay Fever Don't Go Together!



By BUD FISHER

Grange Has Party At Williams Creek

WILLIAMS CREEK, Sept. 13.—(Special)—Williams Grange held its regular monthly meeting Sept. 8. After the business meeting, a hard times party was held, causing much merriment. Those taking the prizes as representing hard times dressing were Master George Fields and Mrs. Tom Wilkinson. Refreshments of beans, corn bread and coffee was served. The Williams Grange had a booth at the county fair. Mrs. A. O. Edwards, Miss Thelma Wilkinson, Mrs. Elea Vahrenwald and A. S. Hilton were the committee decorating the booth and arranging the exhibits.

bus was awarded to J. E. Peyton at a recent board meeting. Mr. Peyton drove the bus last year. Due to a recent ruling of the state department of education that a member of the school board could not drive a school bus, Mr. Peyton resigned his position on the Laurelhurst board before he could be allowed to drive the contract. The vacancy caused by Mr. Peyton's resignation will be filled at a special school meeting to be held September 12.

James Grigsby of the Mail Tribune job department was visiting in the Laurelhurst district Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ort is transporting the high school pupils of this district who are attending Prospect high school to the highway, where they can be picked up by the Prospect bus. Six students are attending Prospect at this time from Laurelhurst.

Plans are being made to get a new supply of books for use of Laurelhurst from the county library. Miss Erma Glass went to Butte Falls last Sunday afternoon to attend the Butte Falls high school. This is Erma's second year at high school at that place. Laurelhurst pupils have started work on a short dramatization on the making of the constitution which will likely be presented on Constitution day, September 17.

Laurelhurst

LAURELHURST, Sept. 13.—(Spd.)—Laurelhurst school started Monday, September 5, with an enrollment of 18 pupils. The following children were present at the beginning of school: Billy and Betty Coburn, James Thomas, Cecile Rogers, Robert Peyton, Carol Nedry, Kenneth Rogers, Wendell Vaughn, Lois Glass, Joyce Nedry, Donald Vaughn, Bobby Ort and Allen Collingwood. The contract for driving the school

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus