

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

SYNOPSIS: Nan tells her husband that the broken bridge that nearly cost her own and her husband's life was soaked by the murderer Robert Leonard, whom she has seen skulking about the estate. Jervis is still shocked, and will not believe her. Rosamund Curtis, Jervis' treacherous former fiancée, calls with Janet Tetley and they maliciously force Nan to tell that her father was Nigel Forsyth, famous explorer, who died in 1919 at Bagdad.

Chapter 23

ALMOST AN APOLOGY

The evening was very hot. Monk brought them iced coffee in the library. It was still broad daylight, the terrace and the long slope to the ravine in full sun, and the shadows on the lawn dead still.

Jervis went out on to the terrace, and Nan picked up a book. As long as Monk was in the room they had talked quite easily and pleasantly; when Monk was gone there seemed to be nothing to say—or too much. It was a relief to go through the pages of a book into another world. She had read no more than half a chapter, when she heard Jervis come back.

He rang to have the coffee taken away, and stood by the window smoking a cigarette until the door had closed behind Monk. Then he came over to where Nan sat by a

1875. Educated Princeton, Oxford—

"Why are you reading all that?" said Nan.

"You mean that isn't news to you—you've been there already?" Nan had turned pale. She said, "I would be likely to know."

He laughed.

"Meaning that it was premeditated, and you naturally got up the documentary evidence! But now we come to the important part—'Married 1908 Constance Lavington.'"

"Yes," said Nan—"my mother."

"It won't do," he said. "You were a little fool to think you could pull it off."

Nan stood up. "You don't believe me?"

He smiled.

"Why don't you believe me?" He laughed.

"Let's drop it! But if I were you, I should leave the ancestry vague. Nigel Forsyth is just a bit too well known."

"Nigel Forsyth was my father, and Constance Lavington was my mother. My father's people were furious about the marriage because my mother was on the stage. She died when Cynthia was six months old, and my father never forgave his father for the things he had said about her."

"He went out to Mesopotamia,

Phoenix

PHOENIX, Sept. 16.—(Sp.)—The Phoenix Grange met at the Grange hall Tuesday night of the week with a large attendance. The newly organized ladies' quartet, composed of Mesdames Addie Steadman, Marie Purry, Florence Drake and Mildred Ward, and accompanied by Dorothy Loffer, made their first appearance and gave two selections. Mrs. Loffer

gave a piano solo, and Mabel Hardesty, Verna Loffer and Jean Randcourt gave a skit entitled "The Park Bench," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Plans were laid for the next meeting, which will be a newspaper meeting, at which two newspapers will be composed by the members appointed for this purpose, and will be read before the Grange during the lecture hour. Full announcement of this and the staff of each paper will be given before the next meeting.

Plans were also announced for the special meeting to be held on the 30th of this month, which is Grange booster night, and will be a National Grange night, at which time each Grange throughout the United States has been asked to put on a Grange program, emphasizing the importance, the benefits and the work of the Grange organization. This will be an open program to which the public is invited to attend and enjoy the evening together in fellowship and fun. A program is being prepared, which will be of

interest to all, and which will consist of talks on the Grange work, music, plays and readings. Refreshments will be served by the home economics committee and its appointed helpers. Committees of various natures are being appointed and practically every member of the Grange will be on a committee or in the program. Full plans and full particulars of this program will be announced later, but it is the hope of each Grange member that a large attendance of the people of the community will be present to enjoy this

program and evening together.

Mr. Brown, one of the state officers, was present and spoke to the Grange members, telling them of successful granges and why they were successful.

Also Mr. Kruse of Jacksonville and Mr. Anderson of Central Point were present and brought brief messages. Refreshments of cantaloupe and watermelon were served by the committee, L. O. Caster, Lucille Wilcox, Mr. Knutzen and Karl Anderson.

From all appearances the work of the Phoenix Grange is already picking

ing up after the summer work and that bigger and better things are in store for the winter months.

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Excavations near the Vatican gardens brought to light a loaded cannon which lay buried since the Garibaldian wars of 83 years ago. It was charged with shot ready for defense of the Vatican walls.

Bridge across Clatsop River on Wilson Prairie road, opened to traffic—Gold Beach Reporter.

By HALL CHAFFIN and GLEN FORBES

TAILSPIN TOMMY—It's Two Other Fellows, Skeeter!



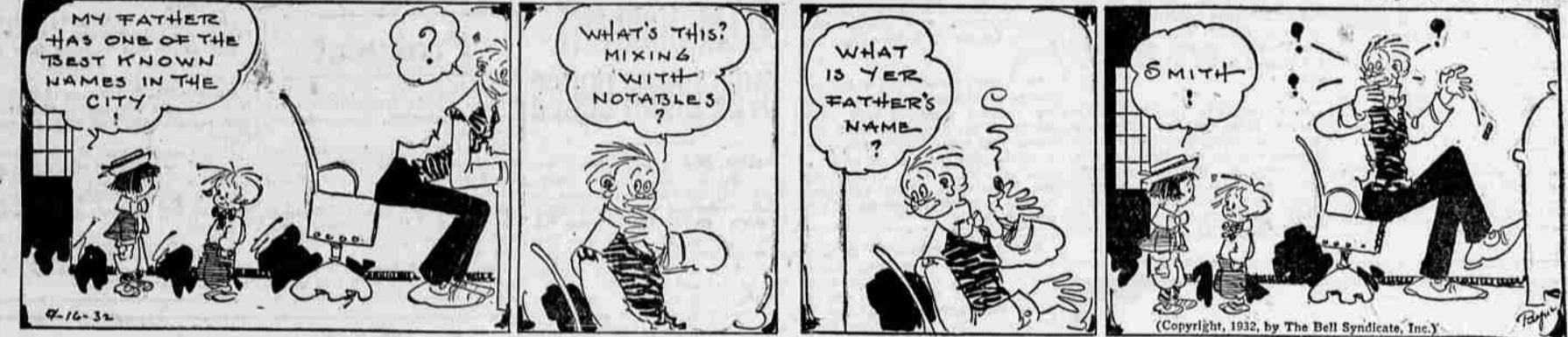
BOUND TO WIN—Not So Jonathan Can Notice It!

By EDWIN ALGER



S'MATTER POP—Yes, We've Heard It

By C. M. PAYNE



THE NEBBS—You Tell Him

By SOL HESS



MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Wins An Argument!

By BUD FISHER



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



DIRECTOR BOARD FIXES LIVING IN SOCIALIST CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Stringent regulations for control of prices on all necessities have been put into effect by the socialist government of Chile.

A "communist general" of substance and price" has dictatorial powers to control the production, manufacture, importation, distribution and transport of all the necessities of life. It also fixes prices.

Heavy penalties set.

Failure to obey the orders of the commissariat, or sale of products above the prices stipulated, makes offenders liable to heavy fines, imprisonment for several years and confiscation of private enterprises. Establishments thus seized will be operated by the board.

The commissariat also has power to establish its own warehouses and stores for sale direct to the public,

though the prices may not be below that set for private enterprise. It may also operate public restaurants and "kitchens" where meals can be served to the poor at low rates.

"It is a war-like measure because we have declared war on the rising cost of living and the depression in general," said the provisional president, Carlos Davila.

The law is aimed to keep the peso from further reduction in value, and eventually to put the currency, back to its official par so that service of foreign loans may be resumed, he added.

NEW MECHANICAL METHOD FOUND FOR PACKING FISH

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A box-like invention which dresses fish for market has kept one salmon packing plant going on a "prosperity" basis, with no wage cuts, no layoffs for the 1,400 employees.

Pending the perfection of patents, details of the machine are being kept secret, but its owners, G. P. Hattery and W. P. Scotman, say it is an adaptation of the "Iron Chink" which superseded Chinese labor in cutting and cleaning fish.

Salmon, fresh from the sea, stream into the box and emerge with skin removed, leaving the flesh firm and unimpaired, but retaining much of the tang of the sea. Heretofore the skin has remained.