

FORBIDDEN VALLEY

by William Byron Mowery

SYNOPSIS: Having beaten off a small band of Klondike Indians, Curt flies to Vancouver for information about Ralph and Sonya Nichols who are bound on a dangerous mission in the Canadian Northwest but will not tell what it is. Curt himself is tracking down Igor Karakhan, wealthy crook who has taken refuge in the Indian country. Curt is reporting to A. K. Martin, his old chief in the Royal Mounted, when Mrs. Baldwin telephones that she has a line on Ralph Nichols.

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"HAD no trouble with Nichols; didn't have to go farther than the telephone book to place him," continued Baldwin. "He's lived here in Vancouver most of his life, I find. McGill graduate, staff captain overseas, got a V.C. at Vimy. For the last ten years he's been with a city construction company. They head architect now. Bachelor quarters at the Fraser Club. Nothing out of the ordinary about him that I could dig up, and I've been digging some."

"What about the other person?"

"I've got you a bang-up lead to work on. Just talked to a couple of Nichols' friends who've met her several times. Her name's Volkov, Sonya Volkov. Lives in Victoria, teaches in a private school, and's secretary for the Emigre Society of Canada. That's all I was able to find out, but I've located a party here who knows her very well, and I think he can give you a lot of details about her. Shall I slip around for you in the staff car? . . . Good, I'll be there in twenty minutes."

Volkov, Sonya Volkov—Curt repeated the strange name to himself as he went back to the porch. At least he knew her name now, and within an hour he was going to find out something about her life, her background. After that she could never quite vanish from him.

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ALBANY, Ore.—(UP)—Oregon beaver coins, among the most valuable

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The coins are minted at Oregon City under the Oregon provisional government in 1849. Dies were made from wagon tire. About 6,000 \$5 and 2,850 \$10 gold pieces were made, from the pure metal. The coins bear a fac-simile of a beaver on a log on one side.

Oregon was essentially an independent republic at the time the coins were minted. Territorial government was not set up by the United States until later.

Christmas Cards.

Time is getting short to get Christmas and New Year greeting cards. Order now. See the choice lines to select from at Mail Tribune Job Department. Prices reasonable.

are diamonds, rubies, opals, topaz and garnets around Payette lakes, 80 miles from here.

At any rate there are unless Sam Hayes, Boise attorney, has gathered them all.

He displayed a group of them at a local luncheon club meeting and John Carpenter, former University of Idaho geologist, said likely there were more, not only around the lake but

PRECIOUS JEWELS IN IDAHO HILLS

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(UP)—Now don't start a jewel rush—but there

some place in the mountains from where they were carried by streams.

Oregon Weather.

Unsettled; local rain west and locally in east portion tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; fresh southerly winds offshore.

Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Now in progress

S'MATTER POP—

By C. M. PAYNE



TAILSPIN TOMMY--Rumors Make Skeeter Skeptical

By GLENN CHAFFIN and HAL FORREST



SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN WRAPPING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

By GLUTAS WILLIAMS



BOUND TO WIN--Luke Wants To Tell

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THE NEBBS--Lucky?

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YOU'RE A LUCKY WOMAN. I GRABBED YOU JUST IN TIME TO KEEP YOU FROM PROVING WHAT A FOOL A WOMAN CAN MAKE OF HERSELF.

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