

MURDER AT MOCKING HOUSE

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SYNOPSIS: Pierre Dufresne, wealthy contractor and politician, has been ambushed on a lonely road near the city. He reports the occurrence to the local police, and then to Director of Police Connors, who is much perturbed. Meanwhile Dufresne has made a change in a bid for a certain large contract.

Chapter Three DEFENSE PLANS

CONNORS abruptly changed the trend of the conversation. "Where was Markison while all this was going on?" he demanded. "It wasn't Markison's fault. He left the Austerlitz with me this morning and rode as far as the Old Pike Road. Everything was quiet, and I didn't see any necessity for his tagging at my heels all day, so I dropped him there. I had taken Mrs. Dufresne's car and no one but she knew where I was going. No one, not even myself, knew what time I would be coming back. Of course," he added, thoughtfully, "this may be just a coincidence and have nothing to do with the crank letters, but it looks as if those bullets had my initials on them."



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the details about this shooting," he suggested. Dufresne recounted the meager details of the mysterious attack. "As you know, Jim," he continued, "Markison has been trailing around with me for a week. And knowing that these anonymous penmen seldom try to carry out their threats, I went about my business as usual. "When my wife and I came back to the city last autumn, we delayed opening the house. Mrs. Dufresne took a notion to have some of the rooms re-furnished. She has been visiting some cousins out in the suburbs, while I put up at the Austerlitz as a matter of convenience. "We had a heavy round of visits up-State. Yesterday I decided to see Gridley about that Lee County job. I called up Mrs. Dufresne before I started this morning. You have heard what happened on the way back."

To all seeming, the Director of Police was more upset and concerned over this attempted murder than the man who had so narrowly escaped death. Dufresne was too important a man, both financially and politically, not to warrant every effort being made to protect his personal safety. TWO of the Detective Bureau's best men had already been detailed on this affair after Dufresne had produced his series of crank letters. The result had been entirely negative. But now that this threat had materialized in a lethal aspect, something drastic must be done, regardless of the difficulties surrounding the tracking down of this type of lawlessness. Presently Connors' secretary ushered in the two plainclothesmen. They saluted their Chief and waited expectantly. Dufresne exchanged nods with them, then lit a fresh cigarette and withdrew to the window.

"Markison," Connors began, "you've trailed Mr. Dufresne for a week, or close to it. What have you to report?" "Nothing, sir," the detective answered, readily enough. "I'll swear there was no one following him about while I was on the job. I've divided time with Harry, here, and he'll tell you the same." The second

Then he dropped dead of heart disease.

Eleven Kansas counties had no fatal automobile accidents during 1933, the state board of health reported.

New York's retail credit collections improved sharply in March.

Motorman Drops Dead As Run Ends

CHICAGO—(UP) Motorman Edward Engles, 51, nearing the end of his run to Chicago's far north side, turned and announced: "This is as far as we go."

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BOYS AND GIRLS TO HAVE DAY AT DIAMOND JUBILEE

Youngsters of southern Oregon will have their day in Oregon's Diamond Jubilee celebration in Medford and Jacksonville next June 3 to 9. Boys and girls born during March, 1928, will be eligible to membership in the Seventy-Five Month club, which will be especially active during jubilee week, co-operating with their seniors, members of the Three-Quarter Century club, formed in Medford recently for pioneers who have resided in this section 75 years. Applications are urged to be sent to jubilee headquarters as early as possible to facilitate the selection of charter members, who will in turn select their own officers. The Junior "Seventy-Five" club will be especially active from now until the celebration, and following its completion activities will not cease. Efforts will be made to give members object lessons through the hardships and trials of their elders whose pioneer work of long ago made statehood possible for the youngsters. They will be induced to begin early foundations to pattern their lives to realize the maximum benefits of heritages of covered wagon days, never losing sight of the great work they are yet to do in the continued development of Oregon. Membership is not confined to Medford or southern Oregon, but includes the entire state. Membership cards will be available in a few days. Details of the first meeting will also be announced in a short time.

CANDLE-MAKING WILL BE SHOWN

A demonstration of candle making will be featured Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the show windows of Oregon's Diamond Jubilee headquarters, James Pardee, who in the old days used to make candles, will spend the entire afternoon fashioning these early forms of illumination. Mr. Pardee will use molds which were used 80 years ago. Jubilee headquarters are receiving more and more pioneer relics, with material of great historical interest arriving every day. Today a trunk over 130 years old was brought in by C. A. Marshall. The case is covered by cowhide and lined with newspapers bearing the dates of 1805. A similar trunk was also left today by Frank Hull, who found it in the attic of a dwelling he purchased. The trunk is believed to have been brought across the plains by the O'Brien family. Phone 542. We'll haul away your refuse, City Sanitary Service.

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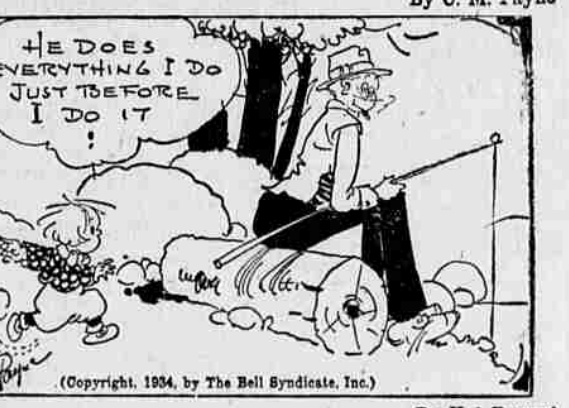
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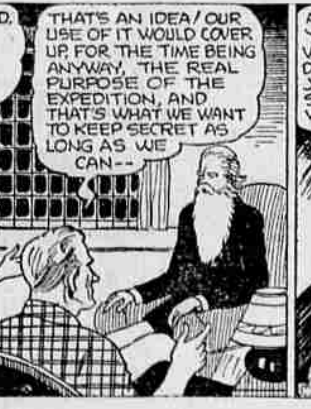
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