Murder at MOCKING HOUSE BY WALTER C. BROWN_

Chapter Five

clouded Harper's mind. Duffesne's would not be unreasonable, would actions and moods had been so varied. It? Nor without precedent? he able, so erratic. Ordinarily, affable queried, slyly.

Sergeant Harper was electrified slightest crossing of his will unby these words of polson failing, leashed a blazing temper and a vitridrop with the control of t

proached the collarette to replenish his glass the detective felt con-strained to voice a protest. "I'd go easy with that, Mr. Dufresne. Wher-ever there's danger, it's best to keep

threatening leaters over a period of several months. You would say to yourself, 'Well, that crank shot him at last.'

"On the other hand, let us forget those letters. Say they do not exist Suppose, then, that I was found murdered. What would you do? You would go to my family, my wife, my servants, my friends, asking ques-tions, looking into their actions, de-SEVERAL hours of intimate contact with Dufrenne had failed to dispel the hare of uncertainty that clouded Harper's mind. Dufresne's would not be unreasonable, would not be unreasonable, would able, so erratic. Ordinarily, affahla

Harper began to grow restive under the virtual stalemate that had sprung up and when Dufresne approached the cellarette to replants. an attempt upon your life? Are you withholding information from us? That would be extremely foolish. We are here for just one purpose to protect you, to help you."

DUFRESNE staggered to his feet. a clear head."

Dufresne smiled scornfully, "There's not enough brandy in the world to dull this brain of mine," he have teel safe, not even in this boasted, then, with the petulant irritation of the tipsy. "But you're not rible feeling, Harperi"



"There's not enough brandy in the world to dull this brain."

one can get past our men. There's puffresne lifted his head. "There, really nothing more i can do to night. Tomorrow we can go into all the details and map out a plan of told you here tonight. Take nothing

know what you're thinking, Harper.
You're saying to yourself. Here is a man who has been shot at. He's as acared stiff, he's gone all to pieces.
he's yellow. He's got to keep drinking to hold his never together. But and shook it speculatively. "This are to hold his never together. But and shook it speculatively." This ing to hold his nerve together. But | should be enough to turn the trick," you're wrong, Harper, it isn't that at all, I won't deny that I felt shaky after those shots, but there's something else. Dld you ever have a pre-sentiment, a hunch—?"

"N ONSENSE," the detective broke in, "you must not give way to such ideas. We'll clear up this case in no time. These cases are always troublesome while they last, but an unbalanced brain is seldom consistently cunning. Once they come out from behind the anonymous threat and go into action, they've lost their trump card, and their rope is shortened.

"We've got to put down some bait tall, thin, taciturn."

We've got to put down some balt tall, thin, taciturn. to tempt this fellow. I think the shortest way would be to give out the announcement that you are going to open up your house. With the you Mrs. Dufresne's picture, Har-Ing to open up your house. With the you Mrs. Dufresne's picture, Har-proper amount of publicity, that per?" he asked "A very clever should draw the crank into the woman—Mrs. Dufresne!" open to try again and this time we'll be ready for him. You will be adequately protected while all this is glittering black eyes peering into

of rat that is grawing at me. if I the old butler's hands were tightly were found murdered tomorrow clenched. morning, what would you, as a policeman, think about it? You would know that I had received

drinking, Harper. I'll not have you insulting my brandy in that fashion."

Sergeant Harper flushed. "You goblet. His glittering eyes seemed to be watching things that were hid to be watching things that were hid, but you don't mind, I'll be getting slong. You'll be quite safe, I'm sure. No little.

Dufresne lifted his head. "There."

ction."

for granted, accept nothing at its
Dufresne sat down heavily. His face value. Remove no one from

he added, pressing the button to summon Andrews who was sent for

Harper's hat and overcoat. Dufresne got to his feet a trifle unsteadily. "Good night, Harper, and tell Connors that I am pleased

going on."

Dufresne picked up his gobiet and downed the contents in two remember, or was there a sinister

guips. The sneer had gone from his voice and something stark and naked peered from his brooding eyes.

"Now, Detective-Sergeant Harper saw that Andrews was watching him with a thoroughly unper, I'm going to show you the kind pleasant expression on his face, and

The Fourteenth Precinct, temor-

JETTY ANGLER DROWNS

W. A. Heindl, about 67, was swept from the north Heceta jetty here Sunday and drowned. The body not recovered. Reindl was fishing ver firm, % higher at 43%

WHEN HIT BY BIG WAVE

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NAVAL BASE FOR TONGUE POINT IS

At a meeting of Crater Lake Post, No. 1833, of the Veterans of Foreign of Wars held on April 16th, the following resolution was passed.

Whereas, the coastline of approximately one thousand milles between San Francisco bay and the Strate of Juan De Fuca, including the entire coastline of Oregon, is without any adequate military or naval defense and has no base available for the use of the U. S. navy; and
Whereas, the Columbia river entrance and lower river channel have been improved for navigation to a degree comparable with the greatest world ports, and the Columbia river drains a territory of 250,000 square miles, containing a tremendous wealth of natural resources, industry and agriculture; and
Whereas, a well balanced system of national defense should include adequate provision for protection of the present most vulnerable point on the Pacific coast at the mouth of the Columbia river; and
Whereas, Oregon is now represented on the defense map of the Pacific coast only by a naval radio station and an inactive military post; and
Whereas, international relations in the area bordered by the Pacific coesn are in an unsettled condition; and the United States is commencing a program of naval expansion and is also engaged in the construction of permanent, useful federal projects through the public works administraof permanent, useful federal projects ugh the public works administra-

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tion; these factors all arguing strongly for the U. S. government to develop and construct immediately
proper defense requirements for protection of the Columbia river region.

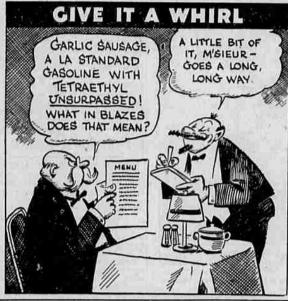
with the usual facilities to maintain,
and repair them; and
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of this resolution be forwarded to
the president of the United States,
the secretary of the navy and the
Gregon conversational delegation.

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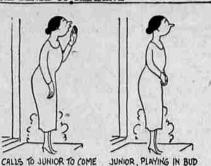
When therefore, but it resolved by Crater Lake Post No. 1833, vectorans of Foreign Wars, that we do urgently request the secretary of the navy to proceed immediately with the development of a naval base at the Tongue Point site now owned by the U. S. government, donated by Clathan At a meeting of Crater Lake Post.

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THE SENSE OF HEARING



JUNIOR, PLAYING IN BUD BEMIS'S BACKYARD, GIVES NO SION OF HEARING HER



JUNIOR OBSERVES HER WAVES CHEERILY IN RE-PLY AND GOES ON PLAYING



JUNIOR SHOUTS HE CAN'T HEAR , BUT IF IT'S 15 HE WARM ENOUGH , HE IS



TO HUSBAND INSIDE HOUSE THAT SHE HAS SOME COOKIES FOR JUNIOR AND HIS FRIENDS, BUT SHE CAN'T MAKE HIM HEAR



HAS SCARCELY FINISHED SPEAKING WHEN JUNIOR AND THE GAME ARRIVE ON THE DOUBLE-QUICK



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GUYAS williams 5-7 (Copyright, 1934, by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

By C. M. Payne WELL, MAYBE } WUZ ONLY ONCE WENT BACK TO SEE IF IT WUZ (Copyright, 1934, by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

By Hal Forrest

FAILSPIN TOMMY-Mlle. L'Vrille Forgives-But-? JILKINS IS BACK ON THE LOT MEAN AFTER MONTAGUE, STAR OF THE MOTION PATURE MILD NIGHT HATROL" APPEALED TO DIRECTOR SHEAN TO PLACE HIS DOUBLE ON THE PHY ROLL ONCE MORE -MEANWHILE WILK IS TRYING TO MAKE PENE









BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—A Sailing Date!

HUSTLE AND BUSTLE MARKED THE NEXT FEW DAYS--BEN WAS BUSY BUYING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR A PROTRACTED STAY AT ANCHOR BISAND WHILE DAN JEPPARD KEPT HIMSELF PRACTICALLY A PRISONER IN HIS SCIENTIFIC LABRATORY---WHERE'S MI JEPPARD, LUKE? CAULED AND THE LAND BY JAM







By Sol Hess

IT LOOKS AS IF NEBB MADE NO MISTAKE WHEN HE TURNED OVER TO YOUNG LEM SLIDER THE MANAGE-MENT OF HIS NORTHVILLE PROPERTIES

THE NEBBS-Come On, Everybody







BRINGING UP FATHER



