

TIGER ISLAND

A New Serial by Gouverneur Morris

SYNOPSIS: The owners of the "Hollero," Captain Wong Bo and First Mate "Pop," plan to outfit her for the insurance. Aboard is Angus McLean with a cargo of wild animals. He is told to go ashore. But the animals must go on to Singapore, and it is up to the "Hollero" to find an animal expert to assist him.

Chapter Four BIG BERTHA

SOME of the ballyhoo posters were still in place, and if you had judged from these and not from the smallness and stabbiness of the tents, you would have judged that the Matador Circus was of monstrous caliber and world fame. The dark jungle beyond was lighted here and there by long strong slanting shafts of sunlight.

Bowers and his Malay chauffeur hunted about for traces of an animal trainer. In the first three alleys they found only evidences of hasty packing and abandonment. But in the fourth tent, which was very little, they found a woman who was big.

The ballyhoo posters without, had informed them that her name was

"And only a guinea acre," said Bowers. "And that I cannot be happy with less than six."

He selected six of the photographs pretty much at random, pocketed them and paid for them. This was the easiest money that Big Bertha had seen in many a day, and she wondered if by any chance, the young and obviously rich young man was one of those very rare Americans who seemed to suggest to her heart, which easy money rendered extremely susceptible, that he was.

"Now that the show is on the rocks," he said, "what are you going to do for a living?"

Big Bertha bridled and even stammered. "In Oriental countries," she said, "women of my type don't have to worry about the old daily bread."

If she thought to have made a conquest, she was undeceived by the next question which was asked her. It was asked in a very businesslike way.

"Can you perhaps," said Bowers, "tell me if the animal trainer is still on the premises?"

Big Bertha became instantly cold and distant. Doubtless she thought she resembled a queen dismissing an unattractive subject.

"Last tent down the road," she said icily.



"I'm reading 'Eat and Grow Thin'."

Big Bertha, that she was a genuine English lady, and that she weighed six hundred pounds. To many Oriental, adiposity and beauty are synonymous.

At the sight of the representation of the vast woman on the poster, the Malay chauffeur, who was young and by nature predatory and a wastrel where women were concerned, made a clicking noise with the tip of his tongue. Big Bertha, who must actually have weighed very close to six hundred pounds, dressed in her best pink tights and velvet trunks, sat on a tin trunk, reading a book.

She had clear-cut features of the usual size; but by the scale of her body, they seemed small and mean. It is probable that she heard the sounds of the two men entering the tent, for they had lifted a flap of the canvas and let it fall rattlingly behind them, but she did not look up. Bowers cleared his throat and said:

"With a most snobbish limitation of an English gentleman's way of speaking, and transferring her gaze from the book to the intruders, Big Bertha murmured the one word: 'Granted.' Then she laid her book open and face down, on the trunk beside her, and picked up a handy sheaf of highly varnished photographs.

"You will hardly wish to snow up at 'em," she said, "without one of these."

Bowers took the photographs in his hands and looked through them. While he was thus engaged, Big Bertha perceived that the chauffeur stood rooted and gazed upon her with awe and rapture. She dropped him a wink, accompanied by faint twisting of her gigantic torso.

This incipient romance was interrupted by Bowers, who had been reading the fine print at the bottom of the photographs.

"Did you really weigh twenty-nine pounds at birth?" he asked, and in his voice there was a kind of horrified admiration.

"Twenty-nine pounds to an ounce," said Big Bertha, "and the matter only a little spry of a woman. Fancy!"

FARMERS MAY PLANT 90 PER CENT OF OLD BASE WHEAT ACREAGE

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Growers who have signed wheat control contracts with the government will be permitted to plant 90 per cent of their former base acreage this coming year, it was learned here today.

Officials of the Oregon State College extension service were notified from Washington today of the five per cent increase over the 85 per cent quota this year.

Legal details necessary to put the program into effect were being completed by the agricultural adjustment administration, it was stated. The change in the amount planted will not affect benefit payments as these are based on the allotment of bushels rather than on acreage grown. It will mean 7000 Oregon contract holders will be able to plant more than 40,000 acres increase over this year. The additional acre normally would produce 750,000 bushels.

PROTEST CHANGING VALLEYVIEW ROUTE

ASHLAND, Aug. 28.—(Sp.)—Thirty-two families, residing in the Valleyview district adjacent to Ashland, yesterday telegraphed a unanimous protest concerning the change in route

of the Ashland postoffice to the Talent postoffice, scheduled to go into effect on September 1, to Senator McNary.

Residents of the affected area protested the change on the grounds that such a transfer of mail service will interfere seriously with the regularity of their business and social contacts with Ashland. The majority of the 32 families represented in the telegraphed protest do their trading and business transactions in this city.

MEIER CANDIDACY PLAN KNOWN SOON

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Whether Governor Julius L. Meier, who rode into office on a non-partisan ticket, will be an independent candidate to succeed himself was expected to be learned definitely this week.

Governor Meier said he would make a definite statement this week in regard to his plans in connection with the gubernatorial campaign.

Since the recent announcement that Governor Meier was mulling over action of numerous persons who were said to have urged him to be a candidate, he has been approached on the same subject by numerous persons who were said to have urged him to be a candidate. He has been approached on the same subject by numerous delegations and individuals, he said.

Governor Meier declined to comment on what sort of a campaign platform he would use in case he decided to run.

SLIPPERY CONVICT AGAIN AT LIBERTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—With no other implement at his disposal, Clifford Daugherty, 30, who was being returned to the Idaho penitentiary from which he escaped, borrowed the name of another prisoner and escaped from the Portland city jail today.

Daugherty was being returned from Kelso, Wash., to Boise, Idaho, for recommitment to the penitentiary. Deputies left him in the Portland jail last night for "safe keeping."

Jailers were warned he was "slippery." However, he was placed in a tank with prisoners eligible to do trusty work. When the janitor asked for workers this morning Daugherty was one of the first to volunteer. He gave his name as Juan Erickson, a prisoner serving a short sentence. Daugherty soon was on his way.

TO NOMINATE BENNETT INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—J. E. Bennett, city commissioner, who unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for congress at the May primaries, will be nominated as an independent candidate for congress at a convention here Thursday night, it was stated today.

In a letter from Josephine C. Othuis, Bennett was informed that an independent group had decided he would be their selection for the candidacy.

F. W. Bartlett, Medford's Taxidermist and Furrer, will open shop on or about Sept. 1st, at 20 S. Central.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



PROBLEM CONFRONTING PICNICKERS WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR FOOD IN THE CAR WHILE THEY EXPLORED AROUND A LITTLE, OF WHETHER TO GET WET AND EAT, OR STAY DRY AND STARVE

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'SMATTER POP—



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TAILSPIN TOMMY—Captured!



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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Briar On Guard!



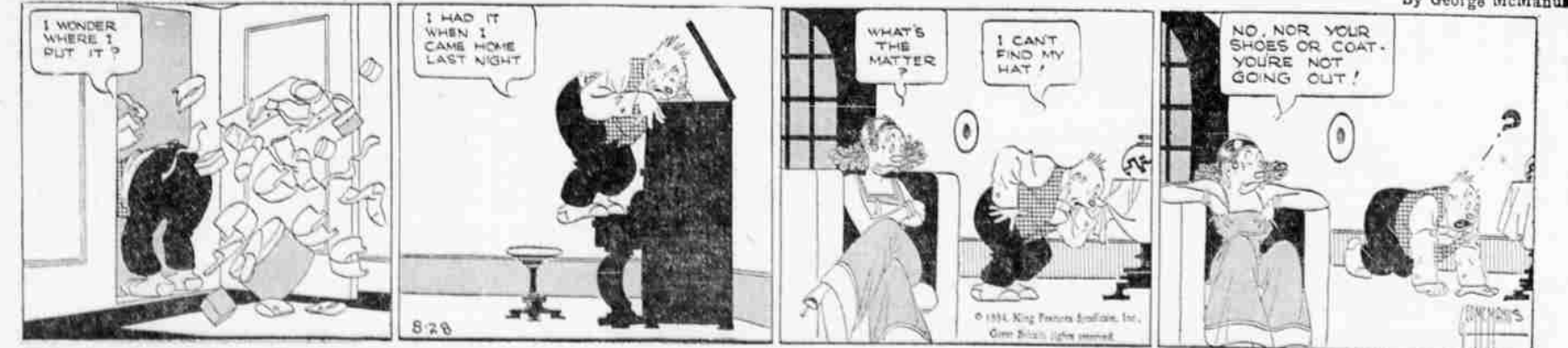
By Sol Hess

THE NEBBS—Shadows of the Past



By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



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JUDGE DOCKETING JOSEPHINE CASES

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 28.—(Sp.)—Primarily to check on pending cases in order that he might draw up his docket, Judge H. D. Norton of the circuit court was here Monday and expected to remain today.

The September term will commence according to present arrangements, on the tenth of the month. Judge Norton said it is expected the term will be a rather quiet one.

Monday Norton issued a decree in the divorce case of Mildred Harmon vs. Bert Harmon. The plaintiff was granted a divorce on default of the defendant.

LOCAL FIRM WILL DELIVER PRODUCE

In order to deliver products of the Rogue river valley throughout the entire Pacific coast, the Southern Oregon Distributing company has been organized by Claude Thompson and Warren Butler. Headquarters are located in the Sanderson Motor company building at 207 South Riverside avenue.

Medford trucks will be employed by the new commercial transportation company in distributing produce from this vicinity to a large number of principal cities, according to Mr. Thompson.

BICYCLES—We pay cash for used bikes. Medford Cycle, 23 N. 7th.