



I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

SYNOPSIS: Although Nicholas French has been acquitted of the charge that he murdered his former schoolmate, Osborne, he is beginning to find that the general public does not agree with the verdict. His cousin, Sir Seymour, tells him his club plans to expel him, and then (twists) Nicholas by suggesting that the latter leave England and offering to pay his expenses. Nicholas calls Seymour a pompous ass.

Chapter Seven INSULT

SEYMOUR jumped up from his chair, pale and furious. "How dare you!" he spluttered. "How... I took a step toward him. 'Shut up!' I said savagely. 'Shut up and listen to me. I've nothing to be ashamed of, and I don't care a hang what anyone says or thinks. I shall live my life exactly as I choose. You can keep your money in your own dirty pocket, and as for changing my name or leaving the country, I shall certainly not do anything of the kind.'"

And with this exceedingly ungracious remark I turned round and walked out of the room. Dick and already fallen as I crossed the iron bridge spanning the railway and struck off along the deserted road which would bring me out at Chalk Farm.

It was a few minutes past nine o'clock, and the three hours that had elapsed since my leaving St. James's Street had at least afforded me plenty of time in which to recover my temper.

I had dined at a small Italian restaurant in the Euston Road. My only reason for turning in there had been the extreme unlikelihood that its clientele would include anyone with whom I was acquainted, and if there had not been much else to be said in its favor, in that particular respect it had justified my choice.

After my dinner I had sat on for some while smoking cigarettes, meditating upon my troubles and hushing the bottle of indifferent Chianti which the proprietor had succeeded in foisting on me.

Then, moved by a sudden impulse, I had decided that, tired as I was, I would stroll home to the studio through Regent's Park, and across Primrose Hill. It was a walk I had always been fond of, and a little fresh air and mild exercise would, I had felt, assist me in getting off to sleep.

I WAS almost sorry now that I had been so unpleasant to Seymour. As far as he was capable of any personal emotion, I had no idea that he rather liked me. He had certainly been pleased with my success, and on one or two occasions, notably in the case of the Royal United Airs, he had endeavored, in his own rather patronizing fashion, to do me what he doubtless considered to be a valuable service.

I had been stupid to fly out at him in that ferocious fashion. It was absurd to expect people to behave differently from the way in which they had been created, and in endeavoring to rid himself of an embarrassing connection, my cousin had merely acted as any intelligent person who knew him would naturally have predicted.

What my mind was chiefly concerned with at the moment, however, were the two significant pieces of news which I had brought away from my interview. If Seymour's statements were correct, and there seemed to be no reason for doubting it, my future outlook could hardly be described as encouraging.

Considering that I had been found not guilty, it was incredible that the club committee should ask for my resignation unless a large proportion of the members disagreed with the verdict. The same argument would apply to the select tribunal who had turned down my designs for a national memorial, and in that event it could be safely assumed that the prevalent feeling towards me amongst the general public must be one of skeptical hostility.

For all Mr. Crewe's assurances to the contrary there was evidently a widespread suspicion that in escaping the gallows I had cheated justice.

As I trudged along in the gathering darkness I began to wonder how many, even amongst my more intimate friends, would be prepared to stick up boldly for my innocence. The only one in whom I felt an entire and unhesitating confidence was Jerry Mordant. It was just my luck that he should be out of England at the time when I most needed him. A few days before my arrest

he had gone off with a couple of pals on a yachting and shooting trip to the Adriatic coast, and being more or less out of touch with civilization he was still probably in complete ignorance as to what had been taking place at home.

Had it been otherwise I should have heard from him long before this. He must remember Osborne quite well—they had actually been at the same college—and no matter how much he might have been enjoying himself, I felt sure that the instant he had heard of the tragedy he would have come posting back to London as fast as the train could bring him.

In some subtle way the thought of Jerry had a cheering and stimulating effect. After all, things were never so bad that they mightn't be worse. The world was not coming to an end merely because a certain number of people chose to make themselves offensive.

I should at least enjoy the privilege of learning exactly what anyone's friendship was worth, and if



I strolled home through Regent's park.

Society, with a big S, chose to slam its doors in my face, I could derive such consolation as I needed by throwing myself all the more wholeheartedly into my work.

Who could tell? Perhaps one day I might even come to look back on my present troubles as a blessing in disguise.

Fortified by this sudden and optimistic reflection, I emerged into the light and bustle of the main road. My studio was at the end of a narrow cul-de-sac, turning off to the left about two hundred yards up Haverstock Hill.

It was one of a pair, shut in behind a high wooden fence, and as the other had been empty ever since I had taken possession, the quietness and privacy of the situation could scarcely have been improved upon.

I had covered about half the distance and was just passing under a street lamp, when a hoarse voice from the roadway brought me to a standstill.

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Nicholas resolves, tomorrow, a pair of messages, one of them puzzling.

BUSINESS GROWING DESPITE SETBACKS C. OF C. INFORMED

Western Division Conclave Told Interchange Goods Among Nations Is Needed to Advance Recovery

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Despite numerous discouragements, business is "steadily going ahead," John W. O'Leary, former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, told the chamber's western division meeting here today. About 1000 delegates were here for the meeting.

Roger D. Lapman, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company, told the delegates that "in order to advance the recovery of the world, the United States must promote the interchange of goods and services among nations."

Governor Merriam talked of the San Francisco strike and the recent government campaign.

Left Wing Dangerous.

Both are indications that present conditions are not satisfactory, he said, "but they also are warnings that we must not swing too far to the left in our efforts to improve conditions."

"The disturbances in San Francisco and the proposals made by the left wing in the recent campaign indicate to what extremes radicals will go if a sane progressive program is not provided. Therefore as business leaders, your opportunity is to provide such a program as will lead us soundly and surely back to the basis of fundamental American prosperity."

O'Leary warned against experimental short cuts to prosperity. He said business throughout the nation is in a confident mood, but is proceeding slowly to rebuild.

Exports Needs Told.

If given the freedom of competition with foreign countries and the privilege of collecting the proceeds of its foreign sales in an open market, the future of America's export trade is secure, Chairman T. Murchison, director of the Federal Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said today.

Murchison said the present American policy of foreign trade is one that insists upon the elimination of exchange controls in the belief that

a free exchange market is essential to a maximum interchange of goods in international trade.

"It is not our desire to force any particular country to purchase from us," Murchison told delegates to the meeting. "We do desire, however, to create an open market in which American products will have an equal chance with the products of other countries."

Murchison said this policy, idealistic though it might be, is justified if it finds response in the foreign trade policies of other nations. He said it represents an exception which is "conspicuous in present-time international relations."

SQUAD, COACHES KIWANIS GUESTS

Coaches Darwin K. Burgher and Ed. Kirtley, with 15 members of the high school football squad, were guests of the Kiwanis club at the regular weekly luncheon, Monday at Hotel Medford. The remainder of the players will be guests at next week's luncheon.

Coch Burgher commented on the "muck and mire" of Multnomah field, where the 6 to 6 tie was played with Washington high of Portland Thanksgiving day. He said that the breaks seemed to be against the Tigers, and that although they played a wonderful game, the long trip and strange field probably accounted for not beating the Portland team.

Assistant Coach Kirtley said that no one need make apology for the game. He said this year's team is the best ever developed by Medford high school and has been a great asset to the city. Some of the players also gave brief talks on the game.

Other guests were H. F. Lill of this city, and Mr. Baylis of Hill, Calif.

OREGON'S SHERIFFS CONVENE THIS WEEK

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Sheriffs of most of Oregon's 36 counties will meet here this week to discuss crime prevention, law enforcement, taxation and tax collection, and a dozen or so other items with which the county law agencies must be familiar.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 19th annual convention of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association will be held.

RECLAMATION AS NATIONAL POLICY FACES SHOWDOWN

Dana Says Critics Will Be Asked to Survey Result of Irrigation When Drought Struck Midwest Territory

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Reclamation as a national policy faces a "show-down."

Its sponsors realize the trend and they are prepared to meet the challenge. Nature, herself, will be the star witness for the defense.

Such is the conclusion of Marshall N. Dana of Portland, president of the National Reclamation Association which will have its third annual conference in Salt Lake City Friday and Saturday.

Drought Proved Worth.

Easterners, whose criticism of reclamation has grown to a virtual torrent in recent months, will be respectfully invited to witness, Dana said, that when the great drought blighted vast areas of the mid-west, it was the reclamation regions in the west that insured the nation a plentiful supply of food.

Congressmen who have abused the reclamation program and have called reclamation "a subsidy" will be asked to revise figures which, President Dana declared, "show that the only federal projects definitely providing repayment of PWA allocations are for reclamation."

Ready for Showdown.

Dana, who also is district chairman of the national resources board for the Pacific northwest, admits freely that a "show-down" on reclamation is at hand, and he adds "we are ready for it."

He believes that nature will validate the great land and water programs that have been undertaken in the west; that by them the economy of the nation has been furthered and that human happiness has been fostered.

Apple Growers Manager Quits

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Glenn B. Marsh, for several years general manager of the Apple Growers' association here, and prominent

FIVE TAKEN FROM TILLAMOOK ROCK

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—In the saga of the lighthouse service today was written the thrilling delivery from their sea-encompassed light house of five keepers and workers, three of whom were suffering from severe colds.

With the aid of the crew and equipment of the Point Adams coast guard station, the lighthouse department tender R. O. S. maneuvered through treacherous, dashing waves to a spot dangerously close to Tillamook Rock and with a breeches buoy removed the five men who had been held virtual prisoners by a protracted storm.

Two hours were required to remove the five men and place two more on the half-acre rock which rises from the Pacific ocean a mile off the Oregon shore. Two more hours were required to land 1800 pounds of fresh groceries and other supplies.

The men were brought here to recuperate from their illness.

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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

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THE HOUSE HAS GOT MUCH TOO HOT OWING TO YOUR LETTING THE FURNACE DRAW TOO LONG, AND YOU'D LIKE TO COOL IT OFF BY OPENING SOME WINDOWS, BUT THE YOUNG MAN NEXT DOOR IS PRACTICING ON HIS CORNET

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BUT I WANT TO BUY SOME THINGS FROM YOU—

HURRY UP! IF YOU WANT A STRANGER I WOULDN'T BE LETTIN' YOU IN, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU—

DIDJA SEE HIM?

SEE WHO?

DE NOISE AN ME IS GOIN' TO DE PITCHER SHOW—WELL SEE YOU LATER

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TURKS TO START EAST THIS WEEK

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Carload loading of turkeys from Pacific northwest points for eastern movement was to get under way this week.

While definite prices had not yet been established for the Christmas buying, the western trade suggested it is not talking above 22 cents on board cars here for No. 1 birds. This would mean about 30 cents net to the Pacific northwest grower after eliminating housing, assembling and other expense.

Live birds were quoted today around 14 to 15 cents, and the top price to retailers for dressed turkeys was 15 to 22 cents.

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