

# I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

**SYNOPSIS:** Molly Gibson, Nicholas French and Jerry Morant are on the trail of a fortune worth millions which has been hidden in a deserted Essex factory, Meanwhile, Molly is at a hotel and Nick has started his solicitor. When he returns to Jerry's flat a page boy he has betrayed at Molly's hotel returns with the information that she has suddenly been taken ill and removed. The boy has followed the car, and is telling Nick about the place to which she has been taken. Nick suggests that play from the unscrupulous Peter Dring, who also wants the fortune.

### Chapter 35 FAST WORK

"The car was there in front of the second one," Jimmy continued, "and as I look round I see the doctor lifting out the young lady. There was another bloke come down the steps to 'elp 'im—a whoppin' great feller 'he was too—bligger'n you, sir. They carries 'er inside between 'em, and shuts the door."

"Was she still unconscious?" I asked.

"Looked like it, sir. Any'ow she didn't struggle or sing out or nothin' of that sort."

"What did you do then?"

"Sneaks along to the bottom of the street, and climbs over the railin's. You couldn't 'd me that there dirty lookin' place was a 'ospital, and if they'd gone and took 'er somewhere else, I reckoned I'd better stop around a bit and see 'ow 'appened."

1 a. m. Jimmy Fox—the kid at the Millan—has just come in with the news



"They carries her inside," explained Jimmy.

"Well done, Jimmy!" I broke in. "You've got more sense and guts than ten ordinary boys."

He flushed with pleasure. "Don't know how long it was I was waitin' there, sir. Seemed a bit of a time like, and then, just as it started rainin', out comes the doctor again and drives off in 'is car. The windows was all down and there didn't seem to be no one else about, so I thinks to meself—new's the time to 'ave a look round."

"What lane, sir—that's not the street's called, and it turns outter Bishop's Terrace. There's a bridge over the canal just before you comes to it, and the water runs along at the back behind the builder's yard and the two 'ouses."

"I writes down the names with a bit of pencil, so as I won't forget 'em, and then I reckons that the best thing I can do is to come along 'ere and tell you. I didn't know much where I was, but I walks back along Bishop's Terrace, and at the top I picks up a bloke with a truck, who was havin' a drink at a cawfee stall. 'E was comin' this way and he give me a lift as far as Charing Cross."

"He stared at me anxiously. "I 'ope I done right, sir? "

"DONE right!" I echoed. "By Heaven, Jimmy, I should think you had!"

I took two or three paces up and down the hall—my mind working with feverish rapidity. Astounding as the boy's story might be, his explanation was all too hideously plain. No matter how the drugging and kidnapping had been arranged, Molly was unquestionably in Orloff's hands. The house to which he had taken her was probably some obscure den belonging to himself.

He doubtless intended to hold her as a hostage while bargaining with me for the formula, and when I thought of her bewildered terror as she recovered consciousness and wondered what had happened to her, a sudden and savage resolve flamed up in my heart.

Nick and Jimmy Turn House-breakers, Tomorrow.

## LOCAL CITIZENS TAKE PLACES ON PLANNING BOARD

### Over 300 Oregonians Will Act As Advisers to Governor Martin's Planning Group, Is Announcement

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—(Sp.)—Organization of the Oregon planning council, a division of the Northwest Planning commission, has been completed and today more than 300 citizens of the state are at work as members of committees or sub-committees. It was announced today by Dr. P. A. Parsons, head of the University of Oregon department of sociology, who is chairman of the council.

The council will not only serve as an active unit of the northwest commission, but will set in an advisory capacity to Governor Martin's planning group, recently appointed. Dr. Parsons said. The council will gather facts and figures, outline plans, and cooperate in other ways for the development of city, community and state planning.

Wide Range Represented. Acceptances as members of committees of the council have come from every part of the state from persons in a wide variety of businesses and professions. It is stated:

Citizens serving on the council from Medford are: Judge E. B. Day, committee on forestry and sub-committee public acquisitions; Dr. C. I. Drummond, committee on public health; B. E. Harder, committee on commerce and industry, and chairman sub-committee on banking; J. H. Owen, committee on forestry, and sub-committee watershed and erosion; A. E. Reanna, committee on public works; Larry Schade, committee on legislation, and division on community, county and city planning; and Paul Scherer, committee on commerce and industry, and sub-committee marketing and fruit.

The council has been organized with 19 sub-divisions, designated as committees, each under the direction of a chairman. Each chairman has selected members to serve with him. The council proper is composed of the heads of committees.

Parsons Chairman. Dr. Parsons himself is chairman of the public welfare committee of the council. Other divisions and chairmen include: W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture, Oregon State College, Agriculture; C. J. Buck, regional forester, Portland, forestry; Sinclair Wilson, U. S. forest experiment station, Portland, land classification and use; Professor J. H. Batcher, Oregon State College, mineral resources; G. H. Canfield, U. S. G. B., Portland, water resources; D. C. Henney, chairman of state Bonneville commission, Portland, power; John Veach, Portland, fisheries; Walter W. R. May, Portland chamber of commerce, commerce, industry and banking; C. C. Hockley, state engineer, public works; Bert Hines, Portland, transportation; Commissioner O. H. Bean, Portland, community, county, and city planning; Alfred Powers, dean of extension division of state board of higher education, education; Mrs. Eddie Ordunbar, Portland, public health; J. B. Yeon, Portland, recreation; Theodore P. Cramer, Portland, public finance and credit; Herman Kohrt, University of Oregon, Legislation; Lewis A. McArthur, Portland, maps and basic data.

Organization Cited. A typical example of the organization of the committees under the council plan is that of public welfare, of which Dr. Parsons is also chairman. This division is again subdivided into 35 departments, each under the direction of a chairman. These heads are free to name assistants as they desire.

A bi-monthly outlining projects and plans for each section of the welfare division has been sent to members by Dr. Parsons. All information gathered will be assembled under his direction and the Oregon planning council will act as the central clearing house for findings of all committees. This information will be available to the governor's commission, and others interested.

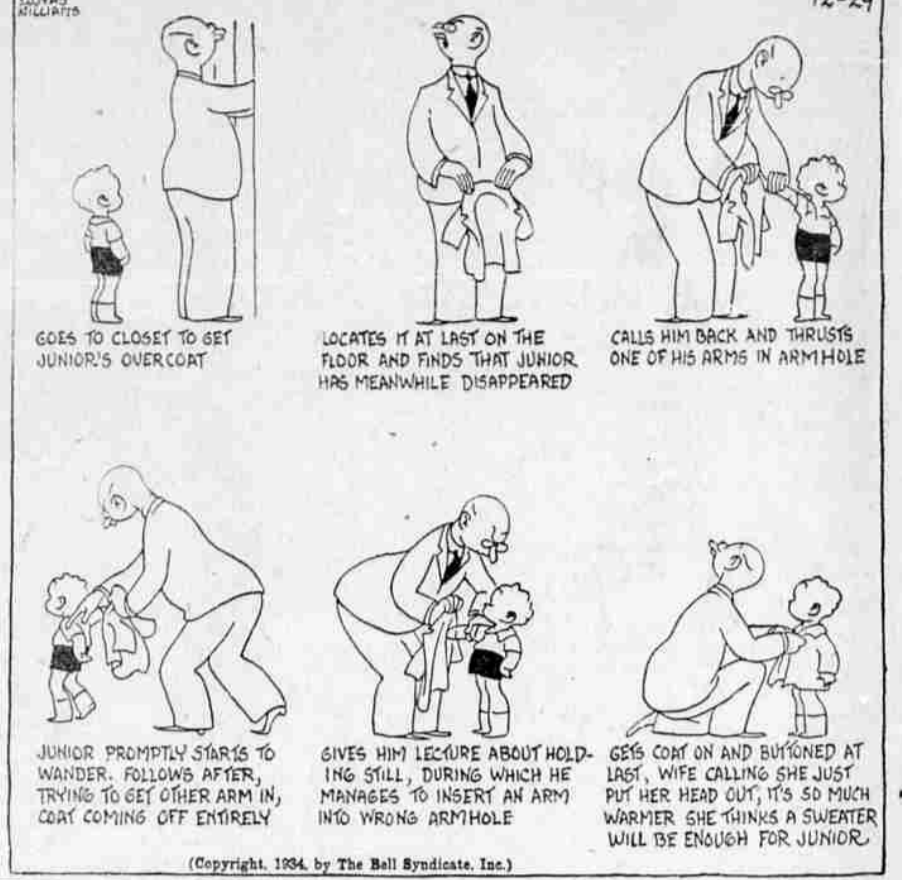
Famed Ozark Woman Dead. AVA, Mo.—(UP)—Death has claimed Mrs. Emile Schmidt Starck, one of the most colorful figures in the Ozarks, at 98. She had developed 1000 acres of barren, rocky ridge land into one of the finest farms in this section.

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Card of Thanks. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings and sympathy of our friends in our recent bereavement during the loss of our grandfather and father, Mr. W. J. Coggins, Mrs. Ella Gillilan and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Peter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore and family, Mr. Wm. Coggins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coggins, June, Pauline, and Jean Woman.

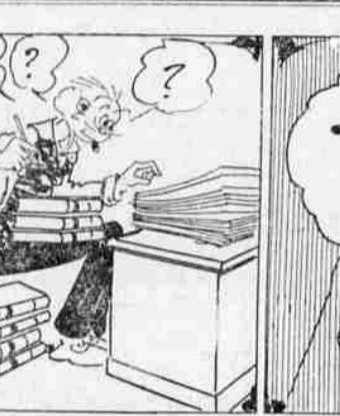
## JUNIOR'S OVERCOAT

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## BRINGING UP FATHER



## SCHOOLS, SOCIETY CLAIMED OPPOSED

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The conclusion that American colleges and schools are working at cross purposes with American society, and that society must give way in the struggle, was submitted today by Dr. Alexander Metkejohn of San Francisco, in addressing the annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association.

Colleges teach fair play, sportsmanship, generosity and justice, the philosopher and former college president said, while society moves under the burden of reactionary thinking, laissez-faire and selfish business tactics.

The only solution, Dr. Metkejohn insisted, is a revolution in American ethics and religion.

## GIRL'S CAPRICE STARTS AUSTRO-BAVARIAN WAR

FURTH, Germany, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Tension along the Austro-German border was heightened today after fatal rioting, involving 500 persons, developing from a Bavarian girl's refusal to dance with an Austrian.

One person was killed, nine were seriously injured and 28 others hurt in the fighting between Bavarian farmers and Austrian storm troops, excited to this country.

SALEM, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, today renounced a \$100,000 bid by the Chase National bank of New York and the Harris Trust & Savings bank against the Portland General Electric company.

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