

# I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

OSBORNE, Nick French and Molly Osborne just have been released by Jimmy Fox from a locked room, under which are tons of explosives to which a lighted fuse had been attached by Peter Orloff, Orloff, is now, in searching for the same valuable formula that Molly and Nick, with Jerry Mordant and Jimmy, are trading. It had belonged to Molly, but was stolen from her by John Osborne. Before Osborne was murdered he had lived with the Goulds, and Jerry is trying to get some information from Mrs. Gould.

## CHAPTER 41 EXPLOSION

QUICK as an eel Jimmy twisted himself around, and thrusting Molly in front of me, I followed them down the passage. By the time I gained the main corridor, Jimmy had already crossed the hall.

He flung open the door exactly as Molly reached it, and in another moment the firm ground was beneath our feet, and we were all three running for the iron gate. I was just thanking my stars that I hadn't locked it when with appalling suddenness the end came.

There was a rumbling roar behind us; something struck me violently between the shoulder blades, and half paralyzed by a sickening stab of pain, I pitched forward full length on the rough gravel.

"Gawdluvs!" Jimmy's gasped-out exclamation was the first thing to penetrate into my numbed brain, and struggling up on to my hands and knees, I stared vacantly about me.

The whole causeway was littered with pieces of broken masonry. One huge block, just to my right, had half embedded itself in the grass, and stretched out beside it, white and inert, lay the prostrate figure of Molly.

With a horrible fear clutching at my heart I crawled painfully towards her.

"Molly!" I cried. "Molly, darling!" At the sound of my voice she opened her eyes. For a moment she still seemed utterly dazed; then as I slid my arm round her and lifted her gently up, life and consciousness ebbed back into her face.

"What's happened, Nick?" she faltered. "I thought we'd all been killed."

"It's a miracle we weren't. The whole place has been blown to smithereens." I dragged out my handkerchief, and very tenderly wiped the dust and mud from her cheek.

"Are you hurt?" I asked. "Did any of that stuff hit you?"

"No, I don't think so. I just heard a roar, and then I don't remember anything else. I guess I must have fainted or something silly like that." She drew in a quick breath. "And you, Nick?"

"Nothing to grumble about," I replied. "I stopped a brickbat or something with my shoulder, but it doesn't seem to have done me any particular harm."

I looked round for Jimmy and discovered him almost at my elbow. Like both of us he was covered from head to foot with white dust, and a thin trickle of blood was oozing from his nose.

"What's up, sir?" he demanded breathlessly. "The young lady ain't copped it—as she?"

"We're both intact, Jimmy," I assured him. "How about you?"

"Me, sir? Oh, I'm fine. Bumped me nose a bit when I come down but that ain't nothing."

He wiped away the blood with his hand and cast a slightly awed glance at the smoking ruin behind us. "Made a decent job of it, haven't they, sir? Never seen a better bust-up, not even in the pictures."

IN A sobering flash, the danger of our position suddenly came home to me.

"We mustn't stay here," I said hastily. "That devil Orloff can't be far away, and if he sees that we've escaped..."

I broke off. "We must get down under the bank and make for the boat," I added. "Do you think you can manage it, Molly?"

With the aid of my hand she scrambled shakily to her feet.

"Yes, I'm all right, Nick. It's Jerry I'm thinking of. Oughtn't we..."

"He knows what happened," I interrupted. "If he's alive he's on his way back now. Our best chance is to lie up under those gorse bushes and wait for him there."

She raised no further opposition, and disregarding the unpleasant pain that was gnawing at my right shoulder, I led the way forward to the gate.

From here to the beach the distance was not more than fifty yards. The low-lying ground between was protected from the tide by rough

# LIQUOR PROFITS PAY BIG SHARE COUNTY RELIEF

A report issued by the Jackson county relief administration shows a total of \$74,825.19 expended for relief in the county from April 28 to December 31, 1934 inclusive. Of this amount, \$43,828.33 was SERA funds, while 41.2 per cent, or \$30,796.86, was derived from liquor or distillate funds received by the county.

Direct relief during the same period was provided for 11,896 persons and 3,218 cases. Work relief for the period totaled 10,548 persons and 2,812 cases.

The total rendered by cases and persons is shown below by months:

Month	Cases	Persons
April	778	2952
May	722	2718
June	461	1722
July	180	592
August	196	708
September	190	832
October	180	543
November	240	790
December	337	1314
Totals 2812	10648	

Work Relief

Month	Cases	Persons
April	80	373
May	125	525
June	287	1150
July	286	1131
August	275	1040
September	283	1080

# ADVERTISE APPLES IN 36 BIG CITIES

WENATCHEE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Immediate launching of an apple advertising campaign, with first advertisements appearing in key markets Monday, was announced by the joint advertising committee of the growers' code and shippers, following two intensive sessions held here over the past two days. Speed was the keynote.

An allocation of \$75,000 was made by the executive committee of the growers' code to the advertising committee to start an advertising campaign immediately.

Carl M. Cleveland, fruit editor of the Wenatchee Daily World, was named advertising manager. He will handle all work heretofore handled by an agency and will be located in the growers' code office.

On authorization issued Sunday morning, the Izzard company of Seattle released the first actual advertising Sunday night and by the middle of this week newspaper advertising, dealer service, display work and other forms of publicity will be launched in 36 carefully chosen cities, including the major auction markets.

Pendleton Cold

PENDLETON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The mercury plumped down last night to a new low mark for the season with 14 degrees above zero recorded. Another inch of snow fell yesterday and last night, making a two-inch total for the past two days.

WINDOW GLASS—We sell window glass and will replace your broken windows reasonably. Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON RADIO THURSDAYS

Sponsored by the American Vocational association, a series of national coast-to-coast radio programs on vocational education is to be broadcast this month, each Thursday evening from 6:15 to 6:30, E. S. T., on the red network of the National Broadcasting company.

The January program will consist of talks by the following: January 17, Wm. F. Patterson, executive secretary, federal committee on apprentice training; January 24, L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange; January 31, T. E. Browne, state director of vocational education in North Carolina.

Use Mail Tribune want ads

# PHONE FOR TICKETS TO ROOSEVELT DANCE

For the convenience of those who wish to secure tickets for the Roosevelt ball to be given January 30th the ticket committee has arranged that tickets may be secured by phoning the local chamber of commerce. Beginning next week Boy Scouts will deliver the tickets thus reserved and collect for them anywhere within the city limits.

October 408 1592  
November 451 1727  
December 608 2030  
Totals 2812 10648

# DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



YOUR BITTEREST ENEMY CHALLENGES YOU TO A SNOW BALL FIGHT WHEN YOU ARE DELIVERING A LAYER CAKE FOR YOUR MOTHER TO THE CHURCH FAIR

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# SMATTER POP



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# TAILWALKER

By Edw. Folger



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# BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Race!



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# THE NEBBS—Good Bye and Good Luck



1-15

# BRINGING UP FATHER



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# MARINES HAVE ROOM FOR MANY RECRUITS

The U. S. Marines at Portland, Ore., announce vacancies for enlistment during the next four months, according to information received by Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

Men enlisted to fill these vacancies will serve as replacements to Marine corps stations in China, Guam, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, and to airplane carriers and battleships of the fleet.

Interesting booklets and information describing service with the United States Marines, and application forms, may be obtained from the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, 208 New U. S. Court House, Portland, Ore.

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# ROOSEVELT TO HONOR HERO OF BOYHOOD

HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 14.—(UP)—Boyhood's all time hero, Tom Sawyer, will be honored January 18 by Franklin D. Roosevelt, another boy who made good.

Tom, as millions of his admirers know, was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, whose pen name of Mark Twain is a household word around the world. "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," "Treasures" tales of juvenile adventures lived by every boy tell of the boyhood of their author, Mark Twain.

Oregon Weather.  
Shows east and snow or rain west portion tonight and Wednesday, slightly warmer tonight, strong southerly wind, occasional gales off the coast.

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