

READY MADE WIFE

BY CORALIE STANTON

"Oh, what a nuisance! I'm just going home, and I have no 'phone here. What do you expect her?"

"I don't quite know. She went out with Beau—the picture, I think."

"Well, give her a message from me. I want her to come to my place tomorrow for the day and to spend the night. Tell her Mr. Mortimer from Sydney is over here and has asked us to dine and do a show."

"Yes, Mrs. Moore."

Nelly's voice sounded rather queer to Laurie.

"Tell her it's very important. She'll remember Mr. Mortimer. He was very kind to us in Australia."

"Yes, Mrs. Moore, I'll tell her, when she comes back."

Decidedly, Nelly's voice was queer. All Laurie's fears about Glad rushed in on her like a wave, sweeping her mentally off her feet. For a moment her voice faltered; her heart seemed to rise into her throat and stifle her. When she went on speaking, Nelly had evidently left the telephone.

INSTINCT told Laurie that something was wrong. On one of her irresistible impulses she rang up the number of Jimmy Dallas's chambers in St. James'. A man's voice, not his, answered her.

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ALIBI

"My dear fellow, how dreadful!" said Albery. "You appeal me! I'm all in a tremble. Forgive me, if I don't sound quite reasonable. What an escape! We must go into this at once. Why, you might have been killed! You would have been, but for your parachute."

"And think that Laurie was going up with you! It's like a bad dream. I can't take it in. You must go thoroughly into it at once. I'm bound to go to Berlin tonight. Shan't be able to see you, though I'd give anything to stay."

"Please go into the whole matter. I give you full powers. I'll tell them they're to give you every facility. You must cross-examine every single man on the staff. What a mercy you are safe!"



"You're a very wicked girl!" insisted Laurie.

"I guess it would take a lot to kill me," said Rex Moore.

And again that ghastly grin distorted Albery's face. He went on talking for several minutes, but afterwards he could not remember a word that he had said.

Only one sentence of Rex Moore's remained in his mind.

"Please don't tell Laurie, Mr. Albery. I've kept it absolutely dark here. We mustn't let anything come out—on account of the new fuel, you know. Of course, it must have been a mistake."

But to Albery's distracted ears it had seemed that the strident voice was full of deadly meaning.

Laurie spent four days of almost complete solitude.

Albery was detained in Berlin. She did her routine work at the office. Albery had deputed her to look after his correspondence, and she communicated with him by telephone twice every day.

But, on the Monday after Albery's departure, Mr. Mortimer, his colleague from Australia, called on Laurie in her office. This was the good Samaritan who had come to her rescue in Sydney.

She gave him tea in her office. Albery had obviously told him that she and Rex Moore were separated, but he was very tactful. Possibly Albery had hinted that he was going to marry her himself after the divorce. At any rate, Mr. Mortimer was very friendly indeed. He asked most kindly after her sister, and seemed deeply interested in her career, and invited them both to dine with him the next evening and go to a show.

Laurie accepted with pleasure. Mr. Mortimer was so kind. Gladys would love that. She was so fond of restaurants and theatres.

When Mr. Mortimer had gone, she rang up Nelly Park's home in Streatham.

"This is Laurie Moore speaking," she said, as Nelly answered. "How are you all? I want to speak to Glad. Will you call her?"

There was a quite perceptible pause, and then Nelly said: "Glad isn't in just now, Mrs. Moore."

Dalles Railroad Taken For Taxes

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Final formalities for taking possession of The Dalles Great Southern railway line for failure to pay \$40,000 delinquent taxes were under way today by Wasco county.

The line, which extends from here to Friend more than 30 miles to the south, did a paying business 23 years ago. Its decline has paralleled motor road improvement, but some believe it yet may be useful in delivering pine logs from the heavy stands of timber in the southwestern part of the county.

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Few Banks To Cut Deposit Interest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—(AP) The federal deposit insurance corporation announced today that "less than 50" of the 14,237 banks comprising its membership would have to slash its interest rates on "time deposits" under the new banking act.

The assertion resulted from reports (not carried by the Associated Press) which officials said were misleading in that arbitrary slash of interest rates by hundreds of banks was implied.

The men are being allowed to bowl

Dowling's Father Buried At Yreka

Funeral services for Eugene Dowling, Sr., father of Eugene Dowling of Medford, were held this morning at the Catholic church at Yreka, the city where the elder Dowling died on Wednesday night.

He is survived by his widow, one son, Eugene, of Medford, and one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Johnson of Yreka. All the members of the family, as well as many friends from this city, were present for the funeral.

Soldiers Guests Of Show And Pool

Officers of the 31st bombardment squadron and other members of the personnel in uniform will be admitted free to the Graterian theater this evening. It was announced today by the management. The feature picture is "The Irish in Us," with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien.

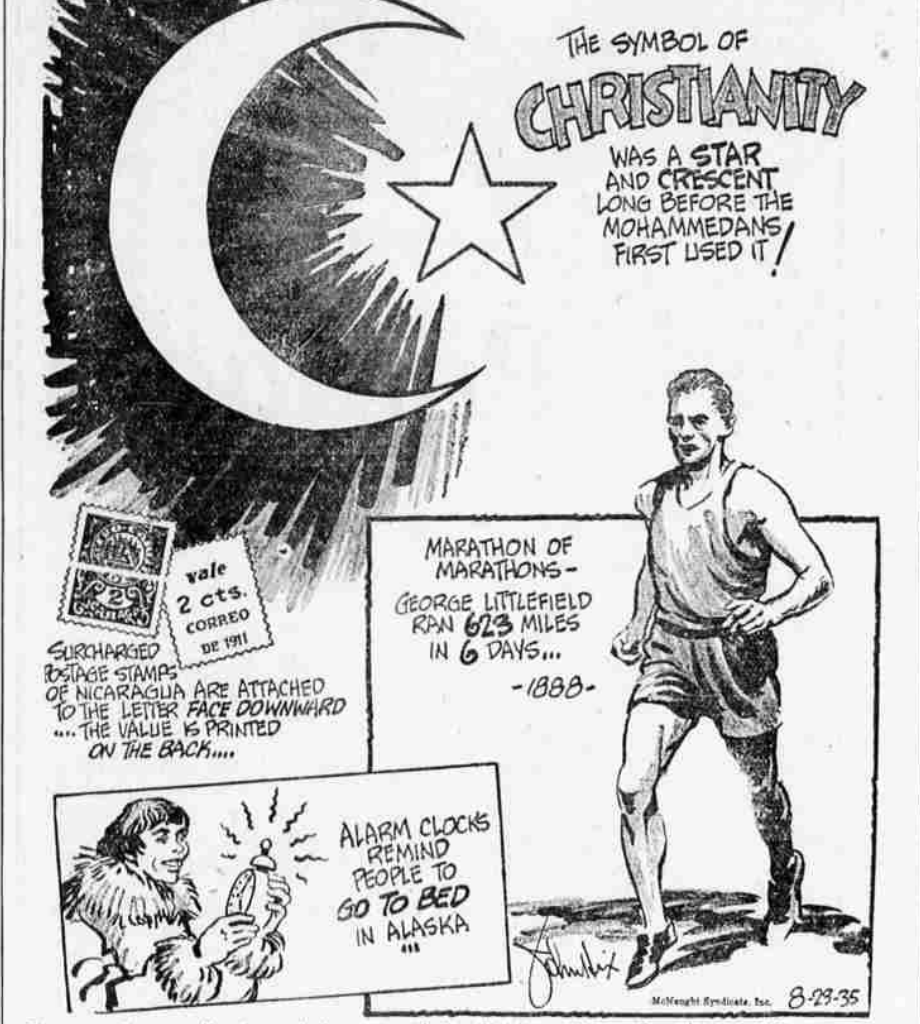
Another courtesy extended the officers and men of the bombardment squadron is that of the management of the Natatorium, who are allowing members of the squadron swims each day at greatly reduced rates.

SWIMMING LESSON



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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Strange as it seems, the star and crescent that today symbolizes Mohammedanism was a Christian symbol centuries ago—and the crescent still persists in the Greek Orthodox church, surmounted by the cross of Christianity.

The crescent now is the emblem of the new national state of Turkey, a sign of progress and growth. Egyptian, Greek, Athenians and Romans all made use of the symbol in ancient days.

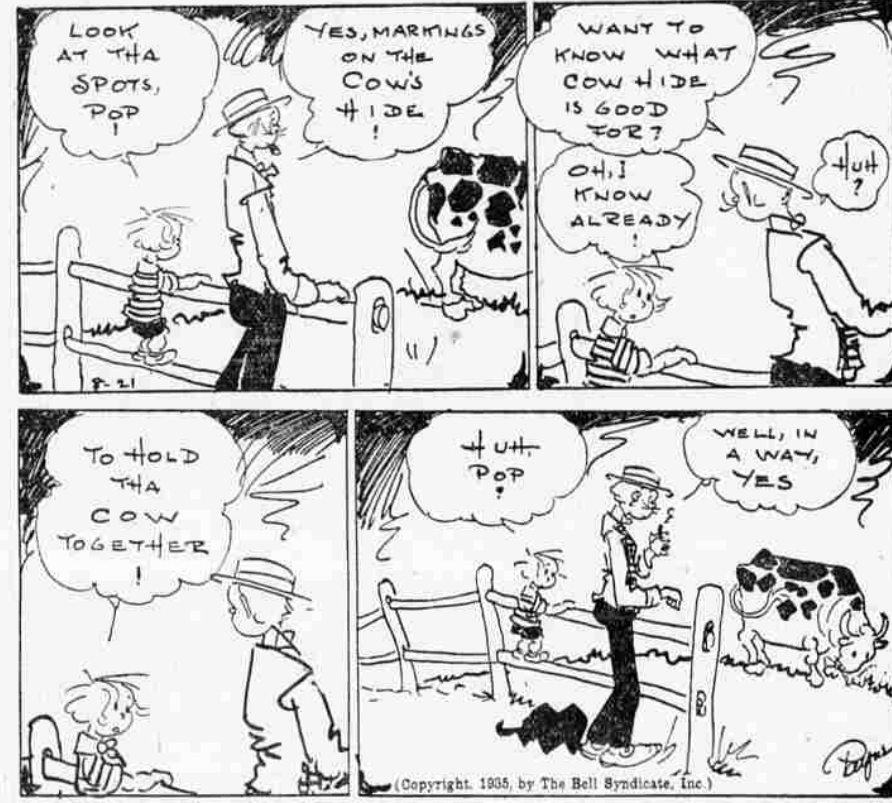
Like the Christian cross, the crescent of Mohammedanism is much older than the religion it represents.

Several issues of Nicaraguan stamps had to be pasted face downward on the letters carrying them because it was necessary that the surcharge printed on the back be visible to postal authorities.

With 23 hours of sunlight during midsummer days, residents in some parts of Alaska use alarm clocks to tell them when it is time to go to bed—approaching darkness cannot be depended upon.

Tomorrow: Napoleon, the Tall.

S-MATTER POP—



TAILSPIN TOMMY—El Condor Makes a Raid!



BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Victory



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