

MURDER TONIGHT

BY LAURENCE W. MEYNELL

SUICIDE

"Unless he really is scared that White saw him there then, that's the whole point; he didn't get to the house until well after nine, we know that."

"No, that's right, Inspector. I wonder if White has had any dealings with Durley before—had him up for vagrancy or anything?"

"He didn't say so last night, but it's possible."

"Do you know, Inspector, I can't help thinking that fellow is telling the truth, somehow."

"Who, Durley?" Hylton laughed. "Well, to put your mind to rest I'll go straight back to White and see what he says about the whole thing."

"Well, maybe that's best. Shall I order the car for you?"

Hylton stopped the car at the Hoops and sent it back from there. He was feeling so ravenously hungry that he decided his interview with Sergeant White could be postponed for twenty minutes. This interval was put to excellent use in the back room at the Hoops and it was a more cheerful Hylton who set out on foot later for the Police Cottage.

Reflection during his meal time had made it more evident than ever to him that Alf Durley's tale (for some inscrutable reason best known to that strange individual) must be a tissue of lies. Men usually lie from vanity or fright, the Inspector knew. Vanity is a quantity so incalculable that it admits of no reasoning; but if Alf Durley was lying from fright, what was he really frightened of?

Hylton sincerely hoped that White did know something about the man, for more, certainly, would have to come to light before they could be satisfied. All this went forward on the surface of his mind; underneath, aided by the feeling of ease consequent upon good food and tobacco, was the comfortable thought that when the Durley business was disposed of a game of chess with Sergeant White would be a very pleasant thing.

No light was showing in front; so the Inspector made his way round to the back. All this, too, was in darkness, rather to his surprise—surprise which was increased considerably when on making to knock on the kitchen door he found it to be ajar.

"You're spinning a yarn Durley," he said suddenly, "what's at the back of it? What have you got against Sergeant White?"

"Honest to Gawd mister it's the truth. I haven't got a thing against the Sergeant, he's never 'ad me up or anything. All I know is the truth and that is Sergeant White come down the back drive there as near after 'art past seven Monday night as doesn't matter."

"Um. Supposing we pretend to believe you for a minute, what did you do then?"

"Mister, Alf Durley said with great earnestness, 'I beat it straight to the 'oops at Ender-ton—I was there before eight. I can prove it.'"

"Why are you suddenly telling us this yarn Durley?" Hylton asked. "Why one tale last night and another now?"

"Because I've been thinking Mister, and I'm not quite a fool yet. First thing I says to myself when I heard the old boy had been kiboshed was 'You 'old your tongue Alf Durley; them as don't speak can't get into trouble,' I says. All right. Then comes yesterday, me asking for a lift innocent-like and copping all this packet of trouble."

"I was fair put about I can tell you, especially when you ran me into Sergeant White's 'ouse. I told the tale as I thought best at the moment leaving out about going any nearer the big 'ouse than the end of the lane. But last night in the cell I 'ad time to think a bit more, and I thought, 'suppose the Sergeant saw me same time as I seen 'im.'"

"My Gawd, that put me in a sweat. I don't mind telling you Mister, I could see myself 'anging next. So this afternoon I decided I might as well tell the extra bit, and that's Gawd's own Gospel truth mister if it's on me death-bed."

"SEND him back to the cells Superintendent," Hylton said after a long pause, and when Mr. Alf Durley had been duly disposed of the two police officers faced each other.

"Well, what do you make of it?" the Superintendent asked.

Hylton shook his head. "I honestly don't know what to make of it. He must be lying of course, but why?"

"Why should he go to all this trouble to lie?"

"Dammit all that's just what I'm asking."

"What the devil—' he muttered to himself and then suddenly stopped in a cold sweat of horror and fear.

"God," he swore stupidly to himself and without more ado backed away until he hit the kitchen wall and his hand stumbled on the electric light switch.

The merciless yellow efficiency lit up the small kitchen. The table had been pushed, or kicked, to one side, and what now adorned the centre of the room was the body of Sergeant James White dependent by a stout piece of rope from a tie rod that ran close to the ceiling.

Sergeant James White's face was not a pretty sight to look at; it was the face of a man who has deliberately choked himself to death by slow strangulation—which is what even the most skillful of self hangings amounts to. His hands were handcuffed in front of his body. On the kitchen table, weighted down by a long, sharp bread knife lay some sheets of paper, the top one inscribed,

"Detective Inspector Kingsley Hylton."

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A very blind lead becomes a very good one, tomorrow.

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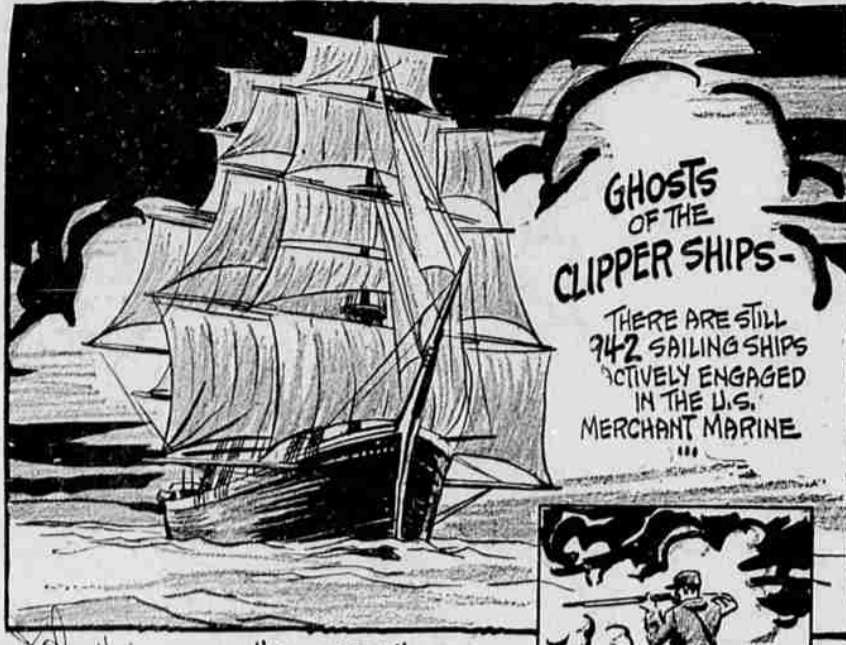
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STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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"ESCAPE" ORIGINALLY MEANT "TO SLIP OUT OF ONE'S CAPE"

AL COHEN - outfielder of the Toledo Mud Hens - RECEIVED OFFICIAL BOX SCORE CREDIT FOR 4 PUT-OUTS, A SINGLE AND 2 OUTS WHILE WARMING THE BENCH! Aug. 29, 1935

THERE WERE OVER 6800 DIFFERENT MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS IN THE CIVIL WAR... AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 4 PER DAY!!!

When Carl Edmonds, Toledo batter, slipped out an infield hit in the sixth inning, the Columbus manager dashed out onto the field to protest that Edmonds was batting out of turn.

Upon investigation it was learned that the manager of the Toledo team had written Al Cohen's name on the batting order instead of Edmonds'. Edmonds was thereupon called out by the umpire for batting out of turn, but Cohen was given official box score credit for all of Edmonds' performances in the game up to that point. These included four put-outs and one hit out of three times at bat for an average of .333. During the plays for which he was given credit, Al Cohen was complacently observing the game from the bench!

Ghosts of the Clipper Ships. In these, the days of the machine age, there are actually more than 900 ships of the U. S. merchant marine which depend entirely for their means of propulsion upon sails.

Of these vessels, there is a surprisingly large number operating in the deep sea trade as passenger and freight ships.

Civil War Battles. Beginning January 9, 1861, the Civil War lasted a total of 1567 days, ending with the surrender of Confederate General Johnston at Raleigh, N. C., on April 26, 1865.

In that time, as nearly as can be determined from Federal and Confederate records, the list of major battles exceeded 2200 and, including the number of noteworthy minor skirmishes and engagements, the total reaches well over 6800 separate military clashes.

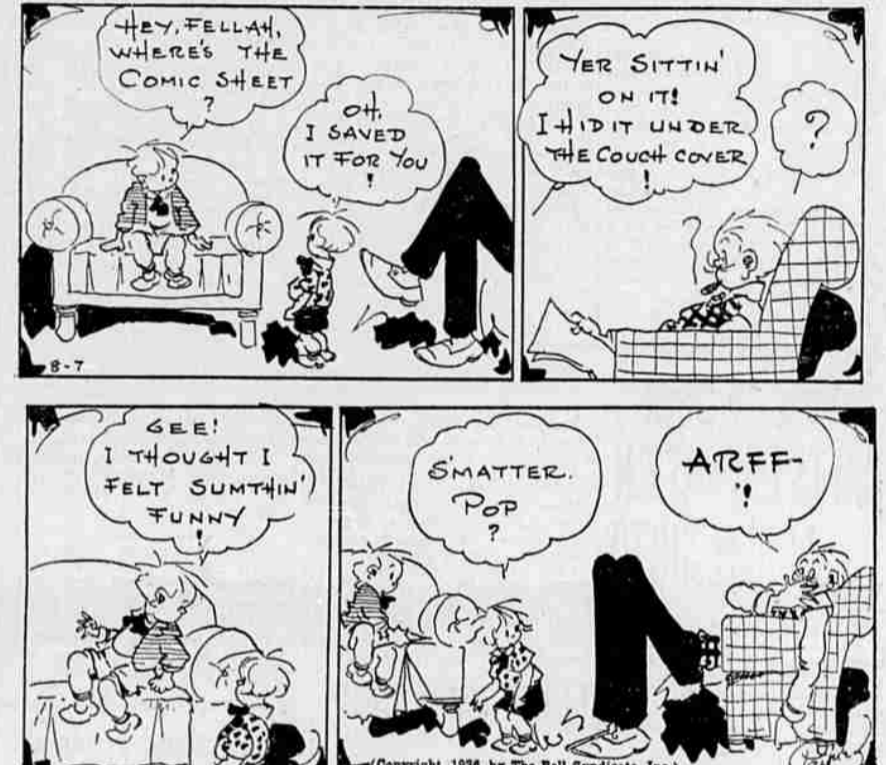
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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Goose-Egg's Plan



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