

# The Wrong Murderer

By HUGH CLEVELY

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Chapter Four  
QUESTIONS BY LAWSON  
IT SEEMED that Little could not remember Mahony's name. A flash of mild amusement came into Mahony's eyes and vanished. But he did not remind Little of his name.

Lawson, it appeared, had a better memory.

"Yes, I've met Mahony with poor Ross," he said. "You had rather a lucky escape, I understand."



Terence noted every man with whom Elsa danced.

hind had caused the crash. With two engines racing all out, the crack of a pistol-shot might have passed unnoticed.

"Perhaps they were in a hurry," suggested Mahony.

"It was a dirty trick, anyway," Lawson said.

During this short exchange of conversation, though nothing had been obvious to any spectator, the two men had been quietly engaged in weighing one another up. Of the two, Lawson had the harder task, for he had not only to estimate the manner of man that Mahony was, but also to try to guess how much, if anything, he knew of the real causes of that motor crash.

"I'll ring for tea," said Elsa. Conversation became a general affair; tea was brought in. Soon after tea Mahony thanked the Littles for their hospitality and left.

"A MOST extraordinary young man," observed Mr. Little in a tone of disparagement, when Mahony had gone. "He practically forced his way in here without any invitation, and stayed to tea. And asked the most impertinent questions."

"He came to see me," said Elsa. "I didn't think he was so bad; I rather liked him. I found him quite a pleasant change after all the regimental bearers and terribly pukka little sabbies who seem to come here so much."

Lawson laughed. "And which an I—a regimental sabbib or a terribly pukka little bear?" he asked in an amused tone.

"Neither," said Elsa.

"She looked at him consideringly. 'I haven't put you—not quite,' she went on. 'But you're amusing anyway.'"

"Thank you," said Lawson. "And now, if I'm not being impertinent, what were all the impertinent questions he was asking?"

"He wasn't really asking impertinent questions," answered Elsa. "He only wanted to know whom I was going to the dance with tonight."

"Did he want you to go with him?" asked Lawson.

"I hope so," she said. "I should hate to think my girlish charms had

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"Where does he come from?" asked Mr. Little. "If he's a friend of Ross's, why haven't I met him before?"

"He's a journalist of sorts, I believe," answered Lawson. "He's been in China for the last four years as correspondent of an American newspaper."

"Oh! That's what he does, is it," commented Mr. Little.

"He struck me as being harmless enough," said Lawson.

That was the conclusion which he had actually come to. It struck him that it was unlikely that Mahony had learned anything from Ross, and that, even if he had, there was little he could do except to warn the Littles, and his warning would only provoke derision.

MAHONY had no intention of warning the Littles of Elsa's danger. He could only too easily imagine the effect of telling Vincent Little that Lawson was planning to kidnap his niece.

The old man would gobble with indignation like a turkey Elsa would laugh, and they would at once pass on information of the warning to Lawson, who would also laugh heartily, and postpone his attempt

# STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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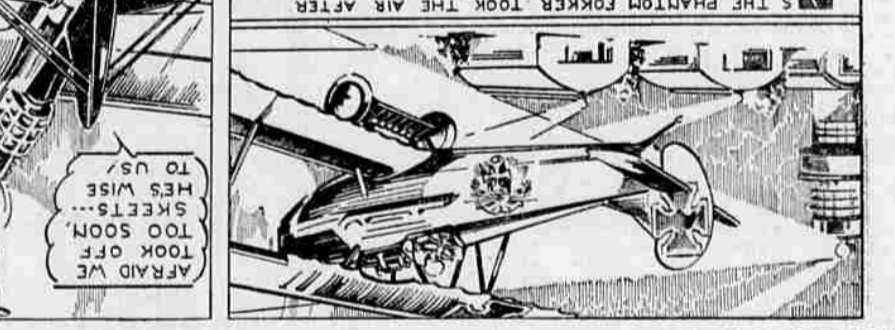
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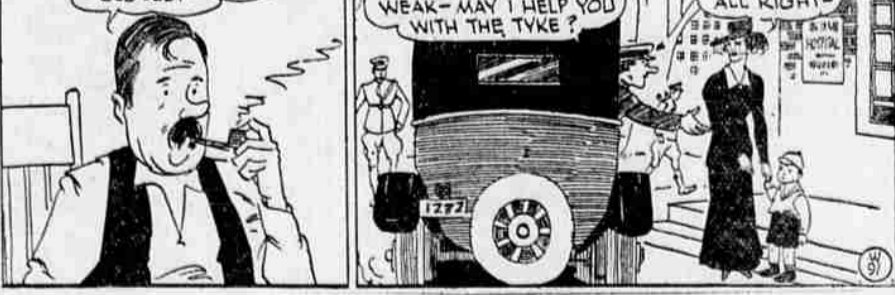
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# GOOSE LAKE AGAIN WORTHY OF TITLE

ALTURAS, Cal., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Goose lake, once one of the largest bodies of water in California, contains water. This is the first October in five years that there has been a measurable amount of water in the lake bed. The water surface extends 23 miles and is about seven miles across. Goose lake began drying up in 1911 and was completely dry 20 years later. The late Father Richard, well-known "Padre of the rains" of San Jose, often said the lake would again become a huge body of water, such as it was in the '90s when a steamboat was used to transport crops. In those days a great orchard industry was developed, the moisture

# Weyerhaeuser Head Quits

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 7.—(AP)—J. F. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., executive vice-president of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, announced Charles H. Inram succeeded F. Rodman Titcomb as general manager today. Inram has been Titcomb's assistant. "Mr. Titcomb's resignation was entirely on his own volition and all of us are very regretful of it," Weyerhaeuser said.

# Steiner Returning

PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Senator Frederick Steiner will return to Portland Thursday from Chicago to address the Multnomah chapter of the Oregon Republican club.