

The Wrong Murderer

By HUGH CLEVELY

SYNOPSIS: At least the excitement of the last few hours has convinced Terence Mahony that Lee Ramsden, Ruth Fraser's guardian is in league with Ambrose Lawson and Lawson's vicious gang. But Ruth is trying to help Terence fight Lawson, and she has been in bed with the police; Terence himself is suspected of a murder he did not commit. Now he has arranged with Patty Bassett to administer drugged champagne to the patrons of the notorious Golden Centipede club—for a reason he does not explain to Patty.

Chapter 24

DINNER WITH ELSA

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"How did you find out that the attempt to kidnap me was going to be made?" she asked.

"I'm so glad you could come," she said. "I was afraid you might be too busy. You'd like a cocktail, wouldn't you?"

"I heard some men talking in a railway carriage," he answered. "I was standing in the corridor. Either they didn't notice me, or they didn't realize that I could hear what they were saying. I didn't take it very seriously at first; I thought it was probably a joke. Then when I heard that there had been a lot of kidnaping cases lately, I decided to go along to the Albert Hall and see what happened."

"Then where does Ruth come into it? Where did you first meet her?" demanded Elsa.

"After I got away from here, I met one of the men who'd been responsible for the attempt to kidnap you. I remembered reading in a paper that Miss Fraser was missing from home, and guessed that the same gang had kidnaped her. I made the man I met tell me where they'd taken her."

"I was in the room when your uncle was killed," he said quietly.

"I'm afraid I treated him rather roughly," he went on. "I got Miss Fraser away from them, and took her home. I didn't tell her my name, or anything about the attempt to kidnap you. Next morning, when she stuck up for me to the police, it didn't occur to her that I might have been here before I rescued her. Even now she doesn't know that I was here that night."

"The exchange was authorized by an act of congress after Mrs. Reynolds claimed she had been misled as to the value of the original holdings by a pamphlet issued by the department of the interior. She said the land had been damaged by the reclamation bureau.

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TOWNSEND CHIEF CLAIMS VICTORY

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—(P)—Claims of an "outstanding victory" at the general election in Oregon were advanced today by Dr. R. I. Shaddock,

manager of the state Townsend club. Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman's election over Congressman William A. Ekwall in the third district was described as "a winner for us."

trenched position of any other politician in the country—or nearly so—yet our Willis E. Mahoney came within 7,000 votes of defeating him, and without the support of any major newspaper. Willis Mahoney is one of the biggest men in the west at this time, as the future will show."

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

THE 9-IN-ONE ISLAND... ONLY 16 SQUARE RODS IN AREA. THIS ISLAND ON THE OSSIPPE RIVER IS PART OF 2 STATES, 3 COUNTIES, AND 4 TOWNS!



CAPT. GERALD LOWRY—TOTALLY BLIND SINCE THE WORLD WAR, SHOT A SCORE OF 77 ON THE KENSINGTON COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE, London, Eng. - May 12, 1935 -

TAILSPIN TOMMY—The Man at the Keyhole!

THREE-POINT AIRWAYS IS ABOUT TO INAUGURATE A TRANSPORT PASSENGER LINE BETWEEN CHICAGO AND SAN DIEGO! TOMMY AND SKEETS ARE IN LINE FOR PROMOTION TO THE BIG SHIPS THEY HAVE JUST LANDED THEIR PLANE...

HI, CHIEF! WHEN DO WE TAKE OVER THE BIG JOBS?

IN A WEEK, I HOPE, BUT THAT DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON YOUR PASSING THE TESTS.

WHAT TESTS, CHIEF? WHY, TOMMY, AM I HAVE GOT MORE'N SIX THOUSAN' HOURS APIECE... AN'...

IT ISN'T ENOUGH THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO FLY A SHIP... THE DEPARTMENT AIR-LINE INSPECTORS WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WILL DO WITH A BIG PLANE WHEN AN EMERGENCY ARISES...

AND YOU HAVE THE LIVES OF FIFTEEN... OR... TWENTY PASSENGERS IN YOUR CHARGE...

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Sweet As Sugar

SAFE BEHIND HIS DISGUISE AND IN THE ROLE OF 'SIR SPEARMAN LEWIS' CUTHBERT TITTLE SET OUT TO MAKE HIMSELF AS AGREEABLE AS POSSIBLE TO BEN—

SO YOU'RE REMAINING IN CANADA A BIT, EH? SPLENDID COUNTRY!

I'M PERSONALLY VERY FOND OF IT—VIRTUALLY THE GRANARY OF THE EMPIRE NOW, YOU KNOW—AND A FINE, VIRILE RACE OF PEOPLE!

CANADA! CANADA! HER COUNTLESS LAKES AND MAJESTIC RIVERS! HER VAST ROLLING PRAIRIES! HER TOWERING MOUNTAINS! HER PRICELESS STORE OF PRECIOUS METALS! WHY, I DARE SAY, THE WEALTH OF CANADA IS BEYOND CALCULATION!

SAV! YOU SURE LIKE CANADA, DON'T YOU?

LIKE IT, MY BOY? I LOVE IT!

THE NEBBES—Remorse

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF WE WERE LUCKY TO HIT LAND INSTEAD OF WATER OR NOT—I THINK IT'S EASIER TO DROWN THAN STARVE TO DEATH

I SHOULD HAVE WAITED FOR MY WIFE AT HOME BUT I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO SEE HER I JUST COULD NOT WAIT—WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT A WAIT COMING—I DON'T KNOW FOR WHAT...

I KNEW WHEN THAT PLANE WAS BUZZING AROUND IN THE AIR THAT PART OF IT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH AMBITION—IT FINALLY WENT UP LIKE THE STOCK MARKET WITH JUST ABOUT AS MUCH ASSURANCE OF STAYING UP!

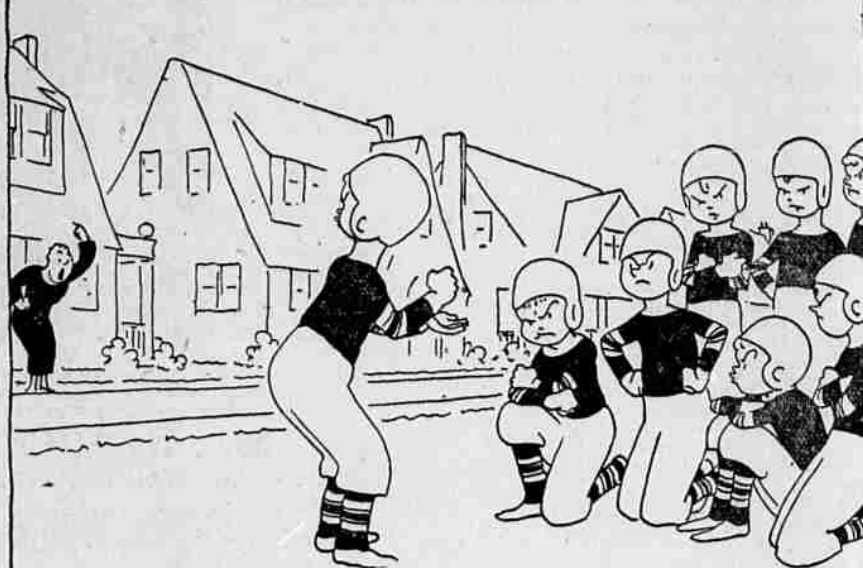
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THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUE

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



THE CAPTAIN'S PRE-GAME PEP TALK, URGING HIS MEN TO GET IN THERE AND FIGHT TO THEIR LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH, LOST MOST OF HIS FORCE WHEN HIS MOTHER CALLED TO HIM TO COME HOME FOR A SECOND AND KISS HIS AUNT AGATHA GOOD-BYE

S MATTER POP—

By C. M. PAYNE

POP, YOTTA PUT A SIGN ON OLDTIMER!

SIGN?

HE GOT INTA THA PAINT!

SOMEBUDDY'S LIABLE TO PICK HIM UP!

SKYBOON?

EE-EE-EK!

TULE LAKE LAND GIVEN IN TRADE

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 11.—(P)—An exchange involving lands valued at \$100,000 has been effected here.

ODDS FAVOR ELK IN OREGON HUNT

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