

The Creeping Man

by Frances Shelley Wees

...LADY. Michael's discovery of a diamond was not a happy one. He had been generally snooping around with Higgins.

Chapter 35

GORDON thought it over. "I don't know much," he said. "I used to kind of think I did. I used to watch that Lacey old maid snooping around, and I thought maybe she did it, but she didn't. I guess I've dug about half the woods up looking for Murchison's grave, but I can't find it."

"Don't you think he might have been thrown in the river?" "They'd have found him downstream, wouldn't they?" "Unless a stone, properly tied to the body..." Michael suggested.

"He'd have found him out in the river then, to drop..." Gordon stared at him. "My boat!" he said. "I knew the same guy had it!" "Your boat was stolen a year ago, I thought you said, Gordon?" "Yes. That's right. But..." "But what?" "Oh, nothing. Only there's somebody on this river got a boat. I've heard the oars at night when I've been here."

"Oars at night, eh?" Michael considered. "Lately? Since we came here?" "Oh, off and on all the time. I don't come here every night. I have to wait until mom thinks I'm asleep, and I know they are, and then I come down here and read."

Michael glanced at the pack of cards on the bench. "And Higgins comes too, eh, and you play cards?" "Pinochle. He's awful dumb, though."

"Yes. But didn't he swipe a key to the study door for you?" Gordon swallowed miserably. "Thanks," said Michael. "I had an idea that if you got it. Now about those oars. Is the boat out in mid-stream or close in?" "Pretty close in. What gets me is that it always sounds like it's coming in to shore, and I listen, and the oars stop like it's been beached, and I been up and down every inch of this bank for miles and there's no place where a boat's landed. I go out every morning after I hear it, but I can't find it. So I guess it doesn't land here."

"It's up-stream from you, then? Sure it isn't down toward the golf course?" "Sure. Anyway, there's no landing places downstream either, till you get clear on the other side of town. The bank's too steep."

"Well, I don't see how it concerns us," Michael looked at the lad keenly. The blue eyes were steady, the chin firm. Sense there, Michael decided.

"How'd you like to take on the job of helping me solve this mystery, Gordon?" "I'd like to, but I need somebody to do two or three things for me, that nobody will notice. And I need somebody to dog around and ferret out a few things where I mustn't be seen. You're a sharp kid. If you're game to help me, I'll give you the oath of secrecy and swear you in, and we're away."

On the RADIO CHAINS

Where to Find Them or the Dial. Kex, Portland, 1180; KFI, 646; Los Angeles, KGA, 1470; Spokane, KGO, 790; San Francisco, KGW, 620; Portland, KJR, 970; Seattle, KNX, 1050; Los Angeles, KOA, 630; Denver, KOIN, 940; Portland, KOMO, 926; Seattle, KPO, 630; San Francisco, KSL, 1180; Salt Lake.

Friday 8:00-Frank and Archie, KJR; Sunset Shadows, KGO; Melody Time, KPO; Don't Forget, KFI. 8:30-Etchings in Brass, KGO; KJR; Musical Vignettes, KFI. 9:00-Plantation Party, KGO, KEX; Prof. Quiz, KNX, KSL, KOIN; 9:30-First Nighter, KNX, KSL; KOIN; Jesse's Program, KPO, KFI; KGW; Who's in Town Tonight, KGO; News, KJR. 7:00-Drama, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Lombardo's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Boxing Bout, KGO, KJR. 7:30-Story Behind the Headlines, KGW; Young Men with a Band, KNX, KSL; Boxing Bout, KGO, KJR, KEX; Big Town, KPO. 8:00-Fred Waring, KPO, KGW; KFI; Amos and Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Robinson's Buckaroos, KPO, KEX, KJR. 8:15-I Love a Mystery, KPO, KFI; KGW; Lum and Abner, KOIN, KNX, KSL.

8:30-Janes Orch., KEX; Death Valley Days, KPO, KGW, KFI; Johnny Pressley, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Aloha Land, KGO. 9:00-Moffitt's Orch., KGO, KEX; Noble's Orch., KPO, Kate Smith, KNX, KOIN. 9:15-Football Forecasts, KGO, KEX. 9:30-Quintessential Musicale, KGO, KEX; University Explorer, KPO, KFI. 10:00-Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR; KEX; News Reporter, KPO, KFI; KGW; News, KNX, KSL, KOIN. 10:30-Madrugada's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI; McDonald's Orch., KGO; Owens' Orch., KSL. 11:00-Nottingham's Orch., KPO; Gray's Orch., KSL, KOIN; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; News, KGO, KNX, KGW.

Saturday 8:00-Oboist's Plays, KPO, KGW; Organist, KGO, KJR; News, KFI. 8:30-Drama, KPO, KFI, KGW; King's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL; Quiz Program, KGO, KJR, KEX. 9:00-Aurand's Orch., KOIN, KNX; Clinton's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Beyond Reasonable Doubt, KGO, KJR, KEX. 9:30-Maurice's Music, KJO; Music and American Youth, KGO, KGW; Clark Ross, KOIN; News, KJR. 7:00-Goodman's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Symphony Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX. 7:30-What's My Name, KPO, KFI, KGW; Sports Huddle, KOIN, KNX. 8:00-Barn Dance, KPO, KFI, KGW; Symphony Orch., KEX, KJR; Noble's Orch., KOIN, KNX. 8:30-Gang Busters, KNX, KSL.

KOIN; Courtney's Orch., KGW. 9:00-Herman's Orch., KPO, KFI; Hit Parade, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Drama, KGO, KEX, KJR, KGW. 9:30-Bavasso's Orch., KGO, KEX; Saunderson's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KJR. 10:00-Haidt's Orch., KGW; Foster's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; Concert Hall, KPO; News, KFI, KOIN, KNX. 10:30-Noble's Orch., KGO, KJR; KFI; Lopez Orch., KOIN, KNX; Martin's Orch., KPO, KGW. 11:00-Nottingham's Orch., KPO, KFI; Owen's Orch., KOIN, KSL; Organist, KEX, KJR; News, KGO, KGW, KNX.

Damage Suit Filed In Car Truck Crash Madera, Calif., Dec. 14—(P) Suit for \$80,410 damages against three residents of Eugene, Ore., was on file here today as the outgrowth of an automobile-truck crash Monday which killed a young Stockton, Calif., couple and their five-year-old daughter. Named in the action were Herbert McClintock, truck driver; his employer, Carl Akin; and the truck owner, Mrs. Jessie Brown, all of Eugene, Ore. Those killed were Mr. and Mrs. John Winston Alms and Denn Louise, their daughter. The Alms car crashed into the rear of the stalled truck.

Dragged Into Saw. Portland, Dec. 15.—(P)—Russell Utz, sawyer, was caught in a saw and killed yesterday at a lumber mill. Utz, dragged into the saw by his clothing, was nearly cut in two.

Would Up Debt Limit Washington, Dec. 15.—(P)—Members of a house appropriations subcommittee said today Secretary Morgenthau had testified he thought the public debt limit ought to be raised to \$50,000,000,000 from its present level of \$45,000,000,000.

Range Grass Burns Pinhorn, Alta., Dec. 15.—(CP) More than 40,000 acres of valuable range grass in southeastern Alberta was burned black by a prairie fire that spread 13 miles before being brought under control today by more than 300 fire fighters.

The book of Isaiah contains more material than that dealing directly with the prophet himself. A series of editors of later date added to it.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

For further proof address the author, inclosing a stamped envelope for reply. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

CORTES--
CONQUEROR OF MEXICO,
DOUBLED THE AREA OF
THE SPANISH EMPIRE,
YET WAS REFUSED
ADMISSION TO CHARLES V'S
COURT AND WAS
BURIED IN A
PAUPER'S GRAVE!
-1547-

COTTON--
IS HARVESTED IN PERU
THE YEAR AROUND!

"ROBINSON CRUSOE"--
by Daniel Defoe,
WAS REFUSED BY
EVERY PUBLISHER IN ENGLAND--
UNTIL AN OBSCURE PRINTER
DECIDED TO "GAMBLE" ON IT!

LOST AND FOUND!
A VALUABLE DIAMOND--
WAS FOUND BY EDGAR FABER,
Baltimore, Md.,
EMBEDDED IN THE ASPHALT
OF A HEAVILY-TRAVELED STREET
WHERE HIS OWN MOTHER-IN-LAW
HAD LOST IT 13 YEARS BEFORE!
-August 13, 1937-

DIAMOND RECOVERY
Strange as it seems, for 13 years a valuable diamond lay unnoticed in plain sight in a heavily traveled Baltimore street. Lost by a woman in 1926, it was found August 13, 1939, by her own son-in-law while washing his car in front of the house. Water from his hose revealed it.

CORTEZ REWARD
For conquering Mexico and doubling the area of the Spanish empire, Cortez found royal disfavor and a pauper's grave. Charles V, jealous of Cortez' fame and popularity, stripped him of his health and refused him admission to his court. On his death in 1547, Cortez was interred in a pauper's grave near Seville. Later his body was removed to an unidentified spot in Mexico.

SUNDAY: What Prime Minister of what foreign country is American-born?

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

GOES DOWNTOWN TO BUY MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT. THINKS SHE WOULD LIKE A CALENDAR.

PASSES A JEWELRY STORE IN WHICH HE SEES A RING THAT SEEMS TO HIM VERY BEAUTIFUL.

CAN'T SEE THE PRICE. WONDERS IS IT MORE THAN THE 50 CENTS HE HAS TO SPEND.

GOES IN TO ASK, THOUGH HE FEELS A LITTLE NERVOUS AT ENTERING SUCH A GLITZERY STORE.

FEELS DEFINITELY BEWILDERED AND WISHES EVERY ONE WOULDNT LOOK AT HIM SO QUEERLY.

FINDS THE COUNTER WHERE RINGS ARE GOLD AND ASKS ARE THEY MORE THAN 50 CENTS.

GOES OUT HASTILY, BUT DOESN'T SEE WHY EVERYBODY LAUGHED. FEELS HE DOESN'T LIKE JEWELRY STORES.

COMFORTS HIMSELF BY DECIDING THAT MOTHER WOULD PROBABLY PREFER THE CALENDAR ANYWAY, BUT GIVES RING A LAST WISTFUL LOOK.

GLUYAS WILLIAMS 12-11 (Illustrated by The Hill Syndicate, Inc.)

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Skeets Figures It'll Be a Crash!

I BEEN FRAMED!

YOU'RE NEXT UP, LEM!

UH? YEW MEAN THET... I GOTTA FLY WITH YEW, MR. TOMKINS? I... AIN'T READY YET!

SURE YOU ARE! YOU'VE GOT ALL YOUR GROUND WORK OKAY... I'LL JUST GIVE YOU FIFTEEN MINUTES OF DUAL FLYING...

B-B-BUT...

HOLD YOUR HAND LIGHTLY ON THE STICK... YOUR TOES EASY ON THE RUDDER... FOLLOW MY MOVEMENTS... AND WHEN I JIGGLE THE STICK... LET GO!

O-OH G-GOSH! I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT THIS TAKE-OFF... IT'S BOUND TO BE... HORRIBLE!

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Bon Reports!

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Bon Reports!

BLESS MY SOUL, REVEREND—EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT—

THAT, MAYOR BALLINGER, IS A CONSERVATIVE STATEMENT!

BUT WHERE HAVE THE PEOPLE GONE?

TO CHECK ON THE EXPLOSION, MR. MAYOR—

MR. BALLINGER! MR. BALLINGER!

BEN! WHAT IS IT?

THE OIL COMPANY'S BROUGHT IN A GUSHER!

THE NEBBS—That's My Opinion

By HAL FORREST

By EDWIN ALGER

States ambassadors who apparently are preoccupied with partisan politics that the first words they utter after setting foot on American soil constitute ballyhoo for a third term.

Football stars flunk police physical test. Portland, Dec. 15.—(P)—Ability to tackle a ball carrier or run 100 yards in ten seconds doesn't make a policeman. The civil service board said today a number of Portland track and football stars failed to pass athletic standards in the police department test, while several non-athletes came through with colors flying.

G.O.P. RANKS DIVIDED ON MAKING ISSUE OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY. Washington, Dec. 15.—(P)—A sharp division in Republican ranks over whether American foreign policy should be made an issue in the 1940 campaign arose today as an aftermath of "draft Roosevelt" pronouncements by two new deal diplomats.

Well, business lady, I understand you had a talk with Embert. How did he impress you? Considering your commercial experience, your opinion should be most convincing.

Don't get sarcastic—but if you want to know my opinion he has genius and intellect but he has not used the best judgment in selecting a business partner.

So you think the business end of the proposition is a bit weak?

Yes, mentally—but I'm in hopes the proposition is so good it will go forward in spite of it.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(P)—Representative Ditter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committees, said in regard to statements by Ambassadors Joseph P. Kennedy and Joseph E. Davies advocating a third term.

All citizens are agreed there should be no partisanship whatever in regard to foreign affairs. Yet here are two United