

THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter Seven

Irate Guest

"I'm going to stay here till I see who comes out of this room," said Jennie. "An' it ain't that woman that's the red light, I'm going to see my—"

Assey never knew what Jennie intended to do, for her sentence petered out in mid-air as bed springs suddenly creaked in Room Five.

Then someone moved. Jennie smiled triumphantly. The door knob was turned, and then the door itself was flung open.

A tall, pale, black-haired woman, dressed in a wide-skirted housecoat of crimson-and-white striped satin, stood and surveyed Assey and Jennie with an expression of one who had been tried beyond human endurance.

Jennie's eyes bulged, and Assey bit his lip to keep from smiling. This woman didn't even bear a passing resemblance to the slight woman under the umbrella at the red light.

"What you two are doing here," the woman said icily, "and why you have chosen this hallway to initiate a pack of screaming panthers in a cage, I cannot imagine. Move out of my way, please. I shall see what Mrs. Doane has to say about this!"

Jennie gulped audibly as the woman sailed past her and disappeared, with a great swishing of her billowing skirt, around a corner of the hall.

"Well, did you ever! Well, for goodness' sake, what do you know about that Assey, what you suppose happened to the woman I seen? Run after her quick an' ask her where that woman went to!"

"I think," Assey took her arm, "that we'd better get out of here before she comes sailin' back with Mrs. Doane. From the look on her face, I think we'll be lucky if she don't come sailin' back with a fire ax. Come on downstairs, Jennie!"

He steered her toward the landing.

"But Assey! I—"

"No buts," Assey said. "What you seen is technically known as a mirage, an' what you been doing is harassin' an innocent bystander. That's that. Now get along!"

Before they reached the foot of the stairs, snatches of a heated conversation taking place outside on the front steps floated up to them through the open front door.

Jennie nudged Assey as he caught sight of a broad-shouldered figure in a raincoat.

"That's Mrs. Doane, Assey! Syl says she's the bossiest woman he ever met. Listen. That girl's catchin' it good an' plenty. The girl, I mean, who's been walkin' quietly across the living room, certainly was."

Mrs. Doane, with a sweeping, peremptory gesture that included Syl's truck, the buckets of clams, and the clams strown over the steps, wished Assey exactly what her daughter was thinking about to permit such an evil-smelling scene.

The trouble with her daughter, Freddy, Mrs. Doane announced, was not that she lacked brains. Freddy merely refused to use them. The result was a lackadaisical incompetence which sometimes terrified Mrs. Doane. Sometimes, Mrs. Doane said, she waked in the middle of the night shivering to think what would happen to the Whale Inn and its clientele, which she had so carefully built up throughout the years, if she herself were called away just for a single day. At once, Mrs. Doane was certain, the Whale Inn's old and valued clientele would depart forever. They would be gone with the wind. The hard, constant work of twenty long years would be irretrievably and forever blotted out. It would all have been for nothing.

If that was not so, Mrs. Doane wound up, then why had Freddy allowed the clam man to park his hideous, smelly fish truck out in front of the Whale Inn, not to mention all those smelly clams littering the place?

Tantrum

"DEAR me, Mother," Freddy said, "you're in rare form! That was practically like launching the curse of Rome. Was it a flat tire? I wondered what was keeping you."

Mrs. Doane said that owing to the incompetence of an ungrateful daughter, who utterly refused to pay any attention to detail, she had run out of gasoline and been forced to walk miles through a downpour whose like she had never seen, in order to remedy the situation.

"And with the current off, they couldn't draw any gasoline from the pump. I simply had to sit there and wait. Freddy, why did you ever allow Mayo to park there? Why? What would people think if they saw that thing out there?"

"I didn't have a thing to do with it, Mother. I didn't even

er of the St. Paul Dispatch he appointed to the senate, "will beat him (Lindbergh)".

EYE LUMBER PROBLEMS

Portland, Nov. 25.—(AP)—

Lumber industry problems resulting from priority orders were considered today by a committee appointed by Governor Sprague. Lumbermen have told the group that the orders have materially reduced market demand and threatened widespread unemployment.

IDAHOANS DRINK LESS

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 25.—(AP)—

State liquor stores reported yesterday that sales dropped to \$367,863 last month, \$4,829 less than October, 1940. Store managers blamed higher prices which went into effect October 1.

Closing time to Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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Tuesday.

5:00 p. m.—Adventure Stories, KGO; KJR, KEX; Are You a Missing Heir, KSL; Jane Arden, KOMO; News, KPO; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—News of the World, KGO, KJR, KEX; The Arkansas Traveler, KSL; Scattergood Baines, KOIN.

6:00 p. m.—Burns and Allen, KGO, KOMO; Secret City, KGO, KEX; We, the People, KSL; Scandinavian Reporter, KJR; Second Husband, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

6:30 p. m.—Symphony Concert, KGO, KJR, Report to The Nation, KOIN; Fibber McGee and Molly, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Who, What, Where and Why, KXN; World News, KSL.

7:00 p. m.—Bob Hope, KPO, KOMO.

KGO: Glenn Miller's Orch., KSL, KOIN, KOIN.

7:30 p. m.—Red Skelton, KPO, KOMO; Treasury Hour, KGO, KEX, KJR; Leon F. Drews, KOIN, Second Husband, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lanny Ross, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Concert Hall, KJR.

8:30 p. m.—Johnny Presents, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Information Please, KGO, KEX, KJR; Are You a Missing Heir, KXN, KOIN; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—We, the People, KXN, KOIN; Easy Aces, KGO, KJR, KEX; Adventures of the Thin Man, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Arkansas Traveler, KXN, KOIN; Maj. Hallett's Orch., KGO; News, KJR, KSL; Moonlight Sonata, KEX.

10:00 p. m.—Ran Wilde's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Masterworks of Music, KSL; News, KXN; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Bert Tanner's Orch., KSL; Charles Dant's Orch., KGW; Alvino Ray's Orch., KGO, KJR; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Masterworks of Music, KXN; The World Today, KOIN; Concert Hall, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Happy Gordon Rangers, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Ken Stevens, KSL, KOIN; News, KXN, KGO; Reverses, KOMO.

Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—Adventure Stories, KGO, KEX, KJR; Jane Arden, KOMO; Ken Stevens, KOIN; Stars of Today, KOW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KSL; News of the World, KGO, KJR, KEX; Cocktail Hour, KGW; Bill Henry, KXN; Scattergood Baines, KOIN; Waita Rhythm, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Fred Allen, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KJR, KOMO; Secret City, KGO, KJR, KEX; Scandinavian Reporter, KJR; Tonight's Best Buys, KXN, KOIN.

6:30 p. m.—Penthouse Party, KGO, KJR, KEX; Concert by Kalam, KPO; Big Town, KXN, KOIN; Highlight Hour, KOMO.

7:00 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KSL, KOIN; American Melody Hour, KGO, KEX, KJR; Kay Kyser's Musical Quiz, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

7:30 p. m.—Ahead of the Headlines, KGO, KJR; Romance of the Ranches, KXN; Modern Music Box, KEX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Clark and Spry, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Point Sublime, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:15 p. m.—Lanny Ross, KXN, KSL, KOIN.

8:30 p. m.—Plantation Party, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Dr. Christian, KXN, KOIN; Manhattan at Midnight, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Time to Smile, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Dancing with Glancy, KPO, KGW; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KOIN, KSL; This Movin' World, KJR, KEX; News, KXN, KGO; Evening Reverses, KOMO.

COMMUNICATION! CUT

London, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The Exchange Telegraph News agency heard the Rome radio announce tonight that communications between Saigon, French Indo-China and France had been interrupted.

CCC BOYS ARRIVE

Roseburg, Ore., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Arrival Sunday of 102 men from Louisiana brought personnel of the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp to a total of 150. This increase assures continuance of the winter program planned by the Umpqua forest service.

Sam Breadon, St. Louis baseball magnate, played on kid teams in New York.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS



DISABLED BIRD
The red-throated diver is unable to walk or even stand upright, because of a long spike of bone which projects above the knee-joint. Thus handicapped, the bird cannot even hobble! When nesting requires its traveling on land it can rest only on its breast and shove its body forward by means of its feet!

HIGH SCHOOL HEROES
Considered one of the greatest records ever assembled by a high school football team, the "Tomcats," before being beaten in 1932, ran up a string of 35 straight wins! Tomorrow: Gem of the Seal

By AL CAPP

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

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L'I ABNER—There'll Be Some Changes Made—



TAILSPIN TOMMY—The Baron Seeks Vengeance!



THE NEBBS—Whose Money?



By SOL HESS

LINDBERGH WILL RUN FOR CONGRESS, CLAIM

New Orleans, 25.—(AP)—Governor Harold Stassen, here for a governors' defense conference, said today that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh would run for the United States senate from Minnesota in 1942.

Stassen predicted, however, that Joe Ball, the political writ-

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