

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 13 The Bonds

BUT there was something else Joyce had to know. "Haven't you any idea who killed Perry Clarke, Kent?" "No." "Not even a wild one?" "No." "Are you going to try and do anything about it?" "Why should I?" "Well, you have helped the police before, you know." "But not this time. Too many headaches in going around with murder cases." "You don't think Hestor is mixed up with it?" "No." "But if you should find out that she is, would you?" "Oh, Lord," Murdock groaned, and his voice sounded as though he'd buried his face in the pillow. "Well, would you?" "No. Why should I? Clarke was a rat. You said so yourself." "Not rat, darling, I said—'Probably he had come to him. I don't know who killed him, and I don't care and I'm not going to try and find out.' He sat up; she could see his silhouette against the window. "And neither are you. You keep out of it." She made no answer, but after he had flopped down again she did a lot of thinking. That slip of paper Kent had mentioned. Hestor's name led the list and that \$100,000 opposite it meant something. In the back of her mind the conviction grew that Hestor knew a great deal about the death of Perry Clarke, and she was glad now that she had promised Delia Stewart to keep her secret. Kent's reaction to her inquiry about Hestor settled that much for her.

Inquisition

WHEN Kent and Joyce Murdock arrived at Hestor's house the following morning at eleven o'clock, Lieutenant Bacon and his assistants had already eliminated those guests at the cocktail party who had no apparent contact with the late Perry Clarke; the others were gathered in the library. They said their good-mornings and found places, Joyce taking the leather divan next to Dean Thorndike and Hestor, and Murdock perching on a window seat. Delia Stewart was deep in a chair in one corner and Ward Allen had chosen the bench in front of the fireplace. Bacon stood behind the desk until the Murdocks were seated; then he rubbed his chin and cleared his throat. "We'll get this over with just as soon as we can," he said, glancing at the police stenographer who was seated on the other side, an open notebook in his lap and pencil poised. "You all know why you're here. I hope you'll co-operate." He sat down and rearranged some papers on the desk. When he looked up his gray eyes inspected each one in turn and finally came back to Hestor. "How long were you married to him, Mrs. Losado?" "About nine months." "That was in France?" Hestor nodded. "And after that you went to South America and married again. Clarke followed you there, didn't he?" "Hardly followed," Hestor said. "He came about a year later." "What was his business there?" "I'm not quite sure," Hestor said. "He was an entertainer originally. He played piano and sang and acted as master of ceremonies—we worked together when we were married—and he did a little of that in Caragua when he first arrived; later I believe he worked for some importing concern."

"Have you any idea why he came here?" "For just an instant Hestor hesitated and her glance slid obliquely away. "No," she said. "I haven't." "Him," Bacon said, and leaned back. Joyce Murdock drew back in the corner of the divan so that she could have a better view of Hestor. Remembering the slip of paper, she wondered when Bacon would produce it, and glanced briefly at Delia Stewart. The girl sat "very still, her knees together and her feet flat on the floor; her hands were tucked in her lap and although her eyes were on Hestor there was as yet nothing showing in her face to suggest that she was more than a casual spectator. "We found something in this wallet last night," Bacon said, "that I'd like to ask you about, Mrs. Losado. A piece of paper. It has four names on it and yours is at the top. Opposite it was the figure \$100,000. What was that for?" Hestor looked surprised and forgot to smile. She gave Bacon a glance of quick resentment. "I don't see how that concerns this investigation, since it was a personal matter, but if you must know," she lowered her glance—"it was a debt."

"Oh," Bacon's voice got dry and skeptical. "Clarke got you one hundred thousand dollars?" "No, Lieutenant," Hestor said. "But sometimes when one is poor and rather desperate, one thousand dollars has far greater value than one hundred times that amount later on."

Jolt For Bacon

BACON'S neck got red and he opened his mouth, closed it and would have opened it again had it not been for the telephone which rang at his elbow. "Just a minute," he said, and then he did quite a lot of listening before he added: "Okay, keep digging," and hung up. "Now," he said, "I want this straight. Who's going to tell it?" "Mr. Thorndike," Hestor said. "Will you, Dean?" "The bonds were delivered yesterday afternoon," Thorndike said. "The evening before Mrs. Losado telephoned me and told me what she wanted me to do. I got in touch with Clarke and he came in yesterday morning. I told him I'd have them for him by the end of the day. Ward delivered them. He glanced at Allen. "You have the receipt, haven't you?" Ward Allen took an oblong slip of paper from his pocket, unfolded it and passed it to Thorndike. Bacon stood up. "I'd like to see that," he accepted it from Thorndike, scowled at it, adding: "Can I keep it for a few days?" "I think so, yes," Thorndike said. "Carry things like this around in your pocket, do you?" Bacon asked. Ward Allen met the lieutenant's gaze steadily. "It was late—around five—when I delivered the bonds. I didn't go back to the office. I haven't been back this morning either, as you know."

To be continued

On the Radio Chains

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KOA (NBC-Red) 830, Denver.
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Time shown is PST

Thursday
5:00 p. m.—Jim Backus Show, KSL, Maurice's Orch., KPO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KXN; Eyes of the World, KOIN; Dance Orch., KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KSL; Clete Roberts Reports, KGO, KEX; Masters of Music, KGW; Harry W. Plannery, KXN, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Afternoon Dances, KXN; Streamlined Fairy Tales, KOMO; The Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Music Hall, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Major Bowes, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Letters to a Lieutenant, KEX, KJR; Voice of Victory, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—Big Town, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fifteen Minutes from Broadway, KGO; News, KEX; Armchair Cruises, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Al Pearce's Gang, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Rudy Vallee Show, KXN, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Talks, KSL; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; Moylan Sisters, KGW; Time Out for Melody, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Romance Time, KOMO; Toast to America's All-Sea, KPO.

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

8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KGO, KJR, KEX; Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KOIN, KSL.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KXN, KOIN; Fannie Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; This Nation at War, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—News, Here and Abroad, KGO; United We Sing, KXN; Aldrich Family, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Old Times, KJR; Company at Ease, KOIN; Maudie's Diary, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Elery Queen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Maudie's Diary, KXN, KOIN; News, KJR, KSL, KEX.

10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KGO, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KXN; Masterworks of Music, KSL; On with the Dance, KEX; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KXN, KSL; Carl Kalaish's Orch., KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Sports, KXN; Harvesting for Victory, KPO; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; News, KGO, KXN; Evening Beveries, KOMO.

Friday
5:00 p. m.—Lewiston Stadium con-

cert, KSL; H. V. Kaltenborn, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW, Afternoon Dances, KXN.

5:30 p. m.—Bill Sabransky, KOMO; Seaside News, KGO; Harry W. Plannery, KXN, KOIN; America Speaks, KGW; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Passing Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Listen America, KEX, KGO; Lud Gluskin's Orch., KSL; Serenade, KJR; Accent on Music, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

6:30 p. m.—Plantation Party, KPO, KGW, KOMO; That Brewster Boy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Dinah Shore, KGO, KEX.

7:00 p. m.—Bob Hawk quiz, KSL, KOIN, KXN; People are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Columbia Workshop, KXN, KOIN; Lightning Jim, KGO, KEX, KJR; Arthur Gaeth, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Meet Your Navy, KEX; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Speaking of Sports, KGW; Buy Washington, KJR.

8:15 p. m.—Dear John, KXN, KSL, KOIN.

8:30 p. m.—Gang Busters, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Remar Rally, KGO.

9:00 p. m.—News, Sammy Kaye's Orch., KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Abe Lyman's Orch., KXN, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Teddy Powell's Orch., KGW, KOMO, KPO; Johnny Long's Orch., KXN, KOIN; News, KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX; Charlie Harper, KGO.

10:00 p. m.—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fight, KPO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KXN; Studio Party, KEX; Men, Machines and Victory, KJR; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KXN, KSL; Stadium Fight, KGO; Betty Martin, KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Northwest Bible Institute, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Harry Owens' Hawaiians, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; Al Donohue's Orch., KOIN; News KGO; Folk Music, KJR; News, KXN; Beveries, KOMO.

GOLD BEACH JUSTICE NEW CURRY SHERIFF

Gold Beach, July 2.—(P)—R. G. Sabin, Gold Beach justice of the peace, was appointed Curry county sheriff today to succeed F. W. Smith, who resigned to make more money as a shipfitter in a Portland shipyard.

The county court's appointment of Sabin is for the duration of Smith's second term which runs until the fall general election. Sabin's successor as justice has not been named.

About 30 per cent of the 36,000 cases of equine sleeping sickness reported last year in the country were fatal.

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS

By GUYAS WILLIAMS



THE PRACTICE AIR RAID ALERT, TO SEE HOW QUICKLY THE WARDENS COULD BE GOT TO THE POST CENTER, HIT A BOTTLENECK THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN FRED PERLEY, WHOSE DUTY IT WAS TO RELAY THE SUMMONS TO ERNIE PLUMER, SAT SLEEPILY DIALING HIS OWN NUMBER, WONDERING WHY HE KEPT GETTING THE BUSY SIGNAL.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Dickens' pen name
2. Prevails without restraint
3. Color
4. Greek market place
5. City in Minnesota
6. Thin law
7. Essential
8. West quickly
9. Make necessary
10. Exact a penalty
11. Ocean
12. Public walk

DOWN
13. Roman emperor
14. Health resort
15. Distinguished
16. About
17. Meadow
18. Obedient
19. Impolite
20. Kind of Spanish grass
21. Mathematical ratio
22. Portion of a curve
23. Assessment rating
24. Flexible palm stem
25. Unassuming
26. Tropical bird
27. Small candle
28. Overlooked
29. Came together
30. Think
31. Male child



JAPAN OVERDUE FOR BIG QUAKE, EXPERT CLAIMS

Mainland Averages 4 Slight Temblors Daily — One Side Rising, Other Dips.

By Paul J. Friedlander
Wide World Features Writer
New York—Father J. Joseph Lynch, director of Fordham university's famous earthquake observatory, says Japan is overdue for a first class earthquake. He bases this on the pattern of major earthquakes during the past 50 years. The pattern comes from these official Japanese quake records:
1891, 7,000 persons killed.
1896, 27,000 killed.
1906, 1,500.
1923, 99,331 (the Kanto quake that leveled Yokohama and one-third of Tokyo.)
1927, 3,000.
1933, 3,000.
1935, 3,000.
Father Lynch rules out the 1935 quake because it occurred in Formosa and not Japan proper. The time between quakes was 5, 10, 17, 4 and 6 years for an average of one every eight years. It has been nine years now since the last good-sized shock.
Japan's mainland averages nearly four slight temblors daily. Her east coast is slowly

but appreciably rising out of the Pacific ocean while her west coast is as steadily subsiding into the Sea of Japan. While the United Nations apparently do not intend to wait for geology to win the war, it may help.

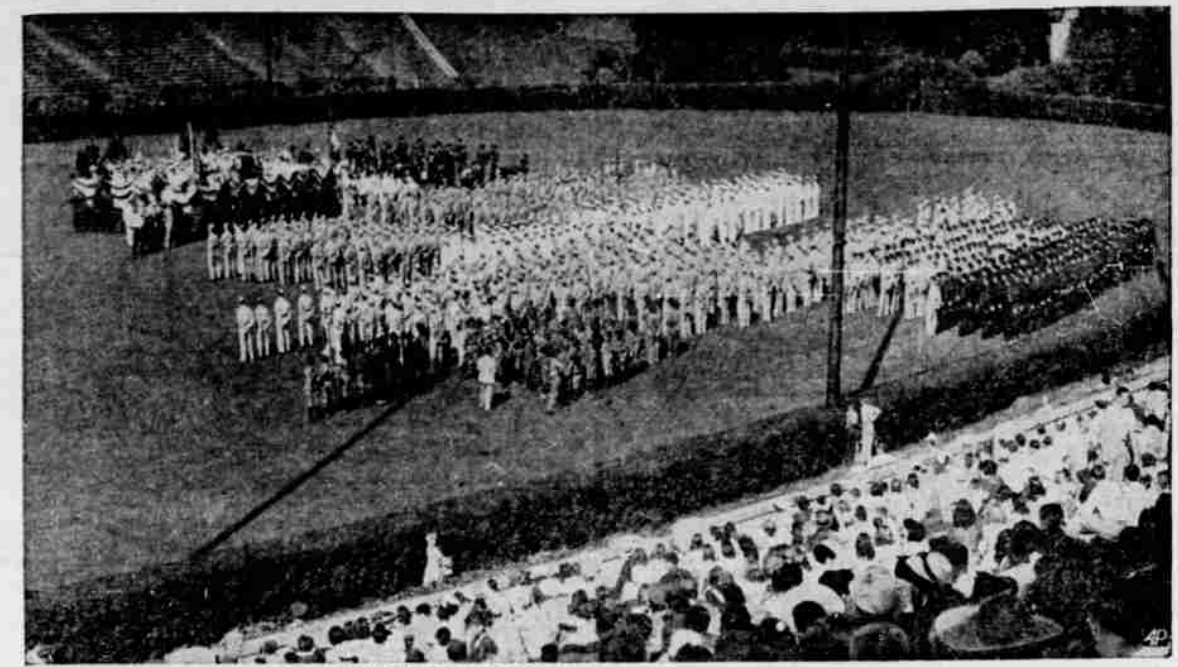
Except for modern steel and fire resistant construction in the heart of Tokyo and in other large cities, most of Japan's flimsy dwellings and business properties are made of light wood, flexible enough to absorb these minor shocks, and highly inflammable. They make ideal subjects for incendiary bombs. For further details, see Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle and the boys who helped bomb Tokyo.

17 Major Volcanoes

Japan's 17 major volcanoes, many still active, are less promising for the United Nations. Their shadows fall principally on rural communities of little wartime importance and they are unpredictable.

Can't Rush Nature

Armchair generals have been wondering whether American bombers could not artificially start Japan's volcanoes into anti-Axis action with some well-placed bombs. Father Lynch set his staff to work and decided it could not be done.
"The forces that cause volcanoes have been working for centuries," Father Lynch explained. "A few tons of dynamite in comparison would have no effect upon them."
The army did not make these inquiries. "They have better places to drop their bombs," Father Lynch said, "than on volcanoes."



THE NAVY OPENS ANOTHER SCHOOL—Spectators look out across the University of Georgia's football stadium as cadets group themselves during dedication of the U. S. Navy's pre-flight school at Athens, Ga. There were 175 in the first class.

JULY CAR QUOTA 207 FOR OREGON

San Francisco, July 2.—(P)—OPA officials today foresaw further quota reductions in the remaining seven months of the rationing year in announcing that 25,000 passenger cars would be allotted during July, compared with a June quota of 40,000.

Only about 175,000 automobiles will remain for allotment in the seven months after July said OPA officials here, explaining that quotas and reserves assigned in the first five months of the rationing year have amounted to well over half the cars available.

July quotas for the western states, excluding state and national reserves, follow (reserves in parentheses):
California, 2,060 (411); Idaho, 50 (12); Oregon, 207 (41); Washington, 384 (96).

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY ORDERED

Salem, July 2.—(P)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean announced today that his office would make an immediate survey of statewide passenger transportation to determine the extent of duplication between rail and bus service.

The survey will be conducted by A. F. Harvey, superintendent of motor transportation, and John H. Carlin, superintendent of rail transportation.

The federal office of defense transportation, which said much duplication of service must be eliminated.

The first permanent French settlement in the New World was founded by Samuel Champlain in 1608.

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STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



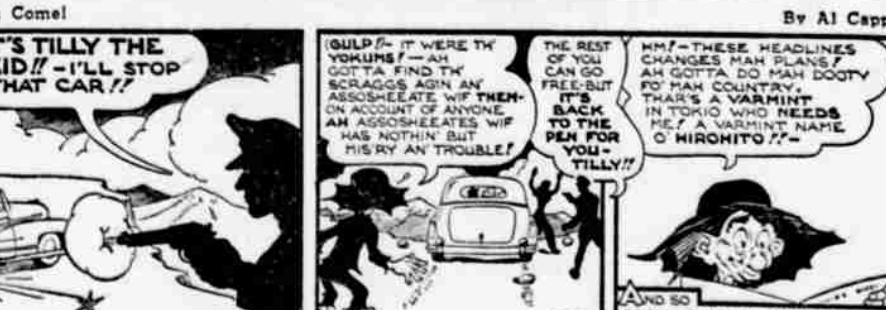
WALKING PURCHASE
Penn's "Walking Purchase" agreement with the Indians was made in 1682, when he walked in leisurely fashion for one and one half days, leaving the remainder of the purchase to be completed later. The line where he stopped was marked. In 1737 the governor of Pennsylvania hired the three fastest men he could find to step off the rest of the grant. Edward Marshall won. Thus a rich tract extending from the Delaware river northward beyond the Blue Mountains was added to the settlers' holdings. But the Indians had been defrauded, and severed the bonds of peace that had existed since Penn's time!

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Benny Takes an Oath

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