MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Coxe

Chapter 25

O'Conner

"WHAT about the bonds?" Thorndike was not yet mollified and his manner continued hostile and aggressive.

"They haven't turned up?"

"No."

"We'd like the dope on them. Denominations, names, numbers, things like that."

"They're not registered," Thorndike said. "They're all coupon bonds. Clarke insisted on that. Anyone could sell them. I haven't a list with me but you can get one at my office any time."

"Good," Bacon said. "Then we'll know what we're looking for." He had pressed a button on the desk as he spoke and presently a plain-clothes man looked in. "Get Mr. Allen," Bacon said.

Delia Stewart was on her feet when the door opened again, and ran along the length of the table to meet Ward Allen, who stopped at the sight of her, eyes widening with surprise—and something else that might have been alarm.

"Oh, Ward!" There was a catch in her voice and she stumbled on. "You're all right, aren't you, darling . . ."

She put her arms about his waist, but even then he did not touch her, standing quite stiff with hands at his side, a straight, tall figure in chalk-striped gray. Only the pallor of his face suggested that anything was wrong; that and the tightness in his voice.

"What are you doing here, Dee?"

She lifted her head. "I had to come. I would have come anyway. And you mustn't worry, darling. Please. Everything will be all right . . ."

"I know. I know."

Joyce caught the strange remoteness of his voice; so did Delia. She drew back, looking up and searching his face. Only once had he looked at her and now his gaze was directed over her head and he seemed intent on getting her back to her seat as he touched her arm and turned her towards it.

Delia went along in front of him, her eyes hurt and bewildered. She sat down and looked at the table.

Vaguely, Joyce heard Bacon introduce O'Conner, but it was not until the investigation began that she could really listen or take her eyes off the grim lines of Ward Allen's face.

"There's no stenographer this time," Bacon was saying. "All I want you to do is give Mr. O'Conner the real story of what happened the other night."

Tight Spot

"YOU'RE in a pretty tight spot, Mr. Allen," O'Conner said. "If you can explain—"

"I've already told the lieutenant my story," Ward Allen said. "Yesterday morning."

"I read that part," O'Connor said, "but there's more now."

"Is there?"

"A lot more. Where did you get the gun you threw away at about eleven thirty the night before last?"

Joyce stared in dismay, hearing Delia's muffled gasp.

Without moving, Ward Allen seemed to flinch. His cheeks grew ashen, and although the protective mask he had fashioned to hide his feelings was still pretty good something had happened to him. Inside he was scared and shaken; it showed in his eyes.

"Well, Mr. Allen?" O'Conner said.

"I'm afraid I don't follow you." Allen's voice was cold again. "What gun is that?"

"Was there more than one?"

O'Conner was leaning forward a little, smiling. Joyce hated him right then because something told her that in this battle of words the District Attorney's man held all the cards. Allen looked across the table, saying nothing.

"I mean the one you threw into the trash can on the corner of Commonwealth and Regent," O'Conner said. He was still smiling, still waiting. When he again received no answer the smile went away and his voice gradually became curt, incisive.

"A taxi driver found it," he said "after he had seen someone throw it there. He was sitting in his cab—there's a two cab stand back on the next corner—and he saw a coupe slow down ahead of him, pulling in to the curb. A man leaned out and tossed something in the can, and because he wasn't busy and was curious he walked down the street and took a look. It was a .32 automatic.

O'Conner pulled out a pack of cigarette, waiting until he had a light before he went on.

"Unfortunately for us he decided it was a pretty nice find and he'd keep it. Being on an all-night shift he didn't get up until late afternoon. He saw the piece in the paper about Clarke, but he was a little scared then and didn't get his nerve up until evening. After he'd turned it in, it took some time to check and have the ballistics man go over it. Otherwise we would have had you down last night, Mr. Allen. Because that gun killed Perry Clarke."

Denial

THIS time nothing changed in Ward Allen's face, and his voice was composed.

"I suppose all you'll have to do now is compare my fingerprints with those on the gun—or maybe the taxi man can identify the arm that threw it."

O'Conner's glance narrowed irritably.

"There wouldn't be any prints, except the taxi driver's. And we don't expect him to identify you since he only had a glimpse of your profile and that at a distance — we're not kidding ourselves about that. But he did take down the number of the coupe and checks with yours. Your car was out on the streets at that time and was not delivered to your garage until between eleven thirty and a quarter of twelve."

Lieutenant Bacon had been listening to all this with ill-disguised impatience. Now he blew his nose loudly and cleared his throat.

"Why don't you come clean and stop giving us the run-around?" he said.

Allen looked at him and smiled. "You already have my story," he said.

"I suppose you didn't throw that gun away?"

"No."

"Why don't you tell us somebody stole your car?"

"You've already thought of that. So I'll say the taxi driver must have been mistaken about the license number."

O'Conner shrugged and stood up, his glance narrow and resentful.

"I'll explain it to the chief," he said. "Meanwhile you'd better hold him downstairs."

He put on his hat and went out. Bacon went to the window and looked out, his legs wide-spread and back stiff. After that there was silence for a few seconds, until Dean Thorndike shifted in his chair.

"Take it easy, Ward. We'll get a lawyer for you and—"

"That isn't necessary," Ward said. "They really haven't any case, you know."

"But there'll be publicity if you—"

"You know there'll be publicity," Bacon spun about. "We're looking over your place now. Allen—with a warrant. Just make yourself comfortable downstairs and we'll see how long you stick to your story."

He strode back to the desk and pushed a button. Presently the plain-clothes man appeared. Bacon nodded to him and he walked up to Ward Allen, touching him on the arm.

To be continued

BLAZE DESTROYS LAKEVIEW MILL

Klamath Falls, Ore., July 21 (AP)—The second southern Oregon lumber mill fire in five days early Sunday wiped out the entire sawmill of the Lakeview Lumber company in Lakeview, according to reports reaching here today.

Of undetermined origin, the blaze broke out at 1 a. m. Sunday with a rush that virtually enveloped the small mill in immediate flame. Fire fighters halted it, however, before it reached yard stock and dry kilns. The firm had no planing mill.

Owned by David De Armand, the mill had a daily capacity of 40,000 board feet. It was believed to be producing lumber either directly or indirectly for war orders.

Last Tuesday fire destroyed the planing mill of the Pelican Bay Lumber company here with a loss estimated at $100,000.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland. KEX (NBC-Blue) 1190, Portland: KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510 Spokane; KGO (NBC-Blue) 810, San Francisco; KGW (NBC-Red) 620, Portland; KJR (NBC-Blue) 1000, Seattle; KNX (CBS) 1070 Los Angeles; KOA (NBC-Red) 850 Denver; KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland; KOMO (NBC-Red) 950 Seattle; KPO (NBC-Red) 680, San Francisco; KSL (CBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.

Time Shown Is PST

Tuesday

5:00 p. m.—Ray Harrington's Orch., KPO, KGW; Are You a Missing Heir, KSL; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dandies, KNX; Newspaper of the Air, KOIN; Musical Portraits, KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—Hobby Lobby, KSL; Clete Roberts Reports, KEX, KGO; Morace Heidt's Treasure Chest, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR.

6:00 p. m.—Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Green Hornet, KEX; Dance Time, KJR.

6:30 p. m.—John Nesbitt and Meredith Wilson's Orch., KPO, KOMO, KGR; Cheers from the Camps, KNX, KOIN; Inevitable Mr. Sand, KGO, KJR; News, KEX.

7:00 p. m.—Counter spy, KGO, KJR; Cheers from the Camps, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Date With Judy, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Air Base Hi Jinks, KEX.

7:30 p. m.—Tommy Dorsey's Orch., KPO, KGW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; Talks, KSL, KOIN; Time Out for Melody, KNX.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Earl Godwin, KGO, KJR, KEX; Fred Waring In Pleasure Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:15 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Lum and Abner, KGO, KJR, KEX; Olmsted's Story Dramas, KGW, KOMO, On Our Bandstand, KPO.

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

9:00 p. m.—Hobby Lobby, KNX, KOIN, KSL; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Adventures of the Thin Man, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Musicale, KJR.

9:30 p. m.—Over the Top, KGO, KJR; Roy Shield and Co., KOMO, KGW; Jerry Wald's Orch., KNX; News, KEX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; American Song Shoppe, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Sing for Dough, KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KNX, KSL; Harry Owens Hawaiians, KPO, KOMO; Freddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX KJR; News, KGO, KNX; Dance Orch., KOIN, Reveries, KOMO.

Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—H. V. Kaltenborn, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Nelson Eddy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Waltz Rhythm, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KSL; It Happened in the Service, KOMO, KGW; News, KGO; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Passing Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Shirley Temple in Junior Miss, KNX, KOIN; Those We Love, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Basin Street Music, KGO, KEX; Serenade, KJR; Sports, KSL.

6:30 p. m.—Goldman Band Concert, KGO, KJR; Mr District Attorney, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Suspense, KNX, KOIN; News, KEX; American Melody Hour, KSL.

7:00 p. m.—Garry Moore Show, KGO, KEX, KJR; Great Moments in Music, KOIN, KSL, KNX; Kay Kyser's Musical Quiz, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Lightning Jim, KGO, KJR, KEX; 22nd Letter, KNX, KOIN; Army Recruiting, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Earl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Point Sublime, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

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

8:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KNX, KOIN; Paul Martin's Orch., KPO, KGW; Manhattan at Midnight, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Richard Himber's Orch., KGW; News Here and Abroad, KGO; William Winter, KNX; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Studio Party, KJR; Highlight Hour, KOMO; Light and Mellow, KPO; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Horace Heidt's Orch., KGO; Woody Herman's Orch., KNX; News, KSL; Northwest Neighbors, KOIN; News Highlights, KEX; Your Mayor Speaks, KGW; Who's On the Home Front, KOMO; Our Bandstand, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Del Courtney's Orch., KGO, KEX; News, KNX, KOIN; Chamber Music, KJR; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Freddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR; Sports, KNX, KSL; Harry Owen's Hawaiians, KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN.

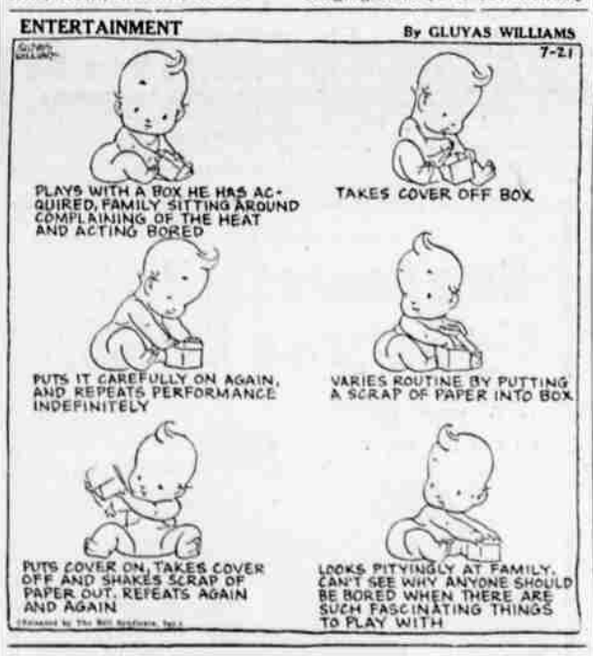
11:00 p. m.—Organ, KPO; Lud Gluskin's Orch., KOIN, KSL; This Moving World, KEX; News, KNX; Dance Orch., KGW; Folk Music, KJR; News, KNX; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

MORE PAY FAVORED FOR MEN UNDERSEA DUTY

Washington, July 21.—(AP)—A measure giving all officers and enlisted men on duty aboard a submarine 50 per cent above the regular pay for their rank was approved today by the house naval committee.

At present, submarine officers receive 25 per cent above their regular compensation, while enlisted men receive dividends for the hazardous undersea duty ranging from $5 to $30 monthly.

ENTERTAINMENT By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Burden
5. Devoured
8. Honey container
12. Hawaiian dance
13. Lone Star state: abbr.
14. Wings
15. Entry in an account
16. Overstuffed footstools
18. Conjunction
19. Better
21. Leave
22. To a point inside
24. Title of Mohammed
25. Mountain in Massachusetts
26. Hardened
29. Light moisture
30. Point
31. Flog
33. Hazard
36. Calls forth
38. Things for throwing javelins
40. Measure
41. Baked clay
42. Range of knowledge
44. Limb
46. Little note
48. Chum
50. Bitter vetch
52. At any time
53. While
54. Make ready
56. Continent: abbr.
58. Arsenic
60. Town in Alaska
62. Distant: prefix
63. Silkworm
64. Biblical tower
65. Crisp cookie

DOWN
1. Buckeye state
2. Nourishing
3. Rubber tree
4. Heavy medieval silk fabric
5. On the summit
6. Chords of four tones
7. Praise
8. Arrived
9. Palm leaf
10. Tropical fruit
11. Brooms
17. Roman poet
20. Flat: musical
23. Like a nephew
24. Scintillate
26. Stalk
27. Direction
28. Before
32. Circle of light
34. Pilot
35. 18th century philosopher
37. Greek ghost
39. Rhythm
43. Infuse emotions or ideas into
45. Fabled mountain at the earth's center
47. Smother
49. Arrangements
50. Grayish white
51. Basket
54. Authority
55. Secondary school: colloq.
56. Roar
57. Air: comb. form
59. Old musical note
61. Poem

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage Licenses

Clarence T. Madden and Della Charlotte Boardman.

Eugene Mayron Earl and Gladys Jones.

Eddie Maxwell Heim and Maxine Joyce Childers.

John D. Carter and Maxine Elcise Parker.

Kenton Eugene Robbins and Corinne Harwood.

Divorces Filed

Allen O. Naught vs. Hannah Bertinia Naught.

Viola Anthony vs. Curtis Anthony.

Julia Ann Pankey vs. Belmont F. Pankey.

Evelyn Leekey vs. William D. Leekey.

Dorothy Wiley vs. Harlan Wiley.

Probate Court

Estate of Mary E. Middlebusher, deceased.

Estate of Grace E. Fredette, deceased.

Estate of G. C. Brown, also known as Gustavus C. Brown, deceased.

Estate of Florence Hawley Goffe, deceased.

Estate of Henry S. Anning, deceased.

Deeds

E. C. Webb to Paul W. Schaffer, warranty deed.

Mrs. Sarah Yoakum to Charles Owen, warranty deed.

Alice Hoefs to Frank G. Voris, warranty deed.

Leiah Hull to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Mary E. Owens to P. M. Kershaw, warranty deed.

Clarence H. Corey to P. M. Kershaw, warranty deed.

P. M. Kershaw to Clarence H. Corey, warranty deed.

Clarence H. Corey to H. S. Churgwin, warranty deed.

H. S. Chirgwin to Clarence H. Corey, warranty deed.

J. E. Leigh to Sam K. Pollard, warranty deed.

George B. Brown to Mabel R. Brown, warranty deed.

A. W. Walker to Frank A. Freeburger, warranty deed.

Ada Parke to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Grace G. Covalt to Luther A. Hart, warranty deed.

Cora M. Bitterling, administratrix to W. V. Bates, administratrix's deed.

Florence Crandall to W. V. Bates, quitclaim deed.

J. Edison Crandall to W. V. Bates, quitclaim deed.

R. R. Bitterling to W. V. Bates, quitclaim deed.

Edgar Tungate to W. V. Bates, quitclaim deed.

Harry E. DeFrance to Ann Leonards, deed.

Harvey S. Mudd to State Highway Commission, warranty deed.

Jackson County Land Company to Jackson County, quitclaim deed.

Pearl M. Gullickson and Virgil H Long, to Roy C. Hartley, warranty deed.

Delbert E. Clark to C. C. Russell, warranty deed.

Chas. A. Haines to Joe F. Brower, warranty deed.

J. Murray Murphy to S. S. Mitchell, quitclaim deed.

W. H. Stiehl to F. M. Stiehl, warranty deed.

Minnie B. Heine to Bliss Heine, warranty deed.

D. E. Millard to Lillie Jones, warranty deed.

Jackson County court to L. L. Jones et us, deed.

Jackson County court to Lily M. Dusenberry, deed.

Jackson County court to Jemima Dell Edsall, deed.

Jackson County court to J. M. Rodgers, deed.

Jackson County court to Foots Creek American Sunday School Union Sunday school, deed.

William Milnes to C. P. Bobbett, warranty deed.

Lee F. Root to W. F. Isaacs, quitclaim deed.

Fred Dutton to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Ralph C. Anderson to U. S. of American, warranty deed.

Grace H. Orr to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Ralph C. Anderson to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Jackson County Land Company to State Highway Commission, warranty deed.

Chas. W. Allin to Chas. H. Delsman, warranty deed.

A. Moll to Commodore Perry Peoples, warranty deed.

Goldie M. McShane to Jake Walch, warranty deed.

W. L. Snider to Glen E. Martin, warranty deed.

G. W. Mallery to Joseph E. Manus, quitclaim deed.

Gertrude E. Weeks to W. B. Koehly, warranty deed.

Chas. W. Austin to Medford Corporation, warranty deed.

Odelle Osborne West to Helga Lund, warranty deed.

Robert H. Ladd to Loyal G. Harper, warranty deed.

Ethel R. Striplin to Maynard Bush, warranty deed.

Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan Association to Charles T. Sweeney, warranty deed.

A. W. Walker to Frank A. Freeburger, warranty deed.

W. L. Seward to Florence D. Rice, warranty deed.

Minnie I. Luy to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Louvill Whitten to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Nathan F. Shaw to California Oregon Power Company, right of way.

R. H. Wilcox to the California Oregon Power Company, right of way.

Fred Dunn to Don M. Brown, warranty deed.

B. G. DeWitt to John Schoenwald, Warranty deed.

R. A. Atwood to Roberta Sidwell, warranty deed.

Paul C. Barnard to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

R. H. Seegmiller to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Minnie Lee Wise to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

Eagle Point Irrigation District to Barney Goade, deed.

Caroline L. Harding to William J. Bibb, warranty deed.

Walter Earl Rowley to Earl Glenn Baird, warranty deed.

John Owens to Roscoe S. Owens, warranty deed.

W. Guy Pruett to U. S. of America, warranty deed.

The Grange

Pomona Grange

Regular meeting of Jackson County Pomona Grange will be held at Central Point July 25 at 10 a. m. Pomona members and all fourth degree members are urged to attend.

Lt. Col. Richard Scarborough of Camp White will be the speaker on the program which follows the dinner hour.

Ladies of Upper Applegate Grange will serve the dinner and those attending are requested to bring salad and dessert and bring their own "sugar."

CONVICTED SEDITIONIST GIVEN FIVE YEAR TERM

Los Angeles, July 21—(AP)—Convicted seditionist Robert Noble was sentenced to five years in federal prison today, and his co-defendant, Ellis O. Jones, was sentenced to four years for the same offense.

Judge Ralph E. Jenney denied probation and severely castigated the two men for their actions.

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

Keep 'Em Rolling at
Ashland Roller Rink
Plan A Party. Call 8681 Ashland.
"For Health's Sake, Roller Skate"
Tue., Thur., Sat., Sun., Eves

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX

SIGHTLESS GRAPPLER

At the age of four Bob Allman was encouraged by playmates to jump from a railroad car and fell, striking his head so that the optic nerve was injured. He has never seen the light of day since. Graduating from a school for the blind, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where besides winning high scholastic honors, Allman entered wrestling competition and was more than a match for most sighted wrestlers! He enjoys "seeing" sports events, and can often describe complicated plays that observers with perfectly good eyes have missed!

HAP HARPER, Washington Correspondent—Slippery Customer Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen

LI'L ABNER—A Bedtime Story By Al Capp

THE NEBBS—Changing the Subject By Hess