MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Coxe

Chapter 27

'Just Nervous'

ALL along Joyce had told herself that Ward Allen could not have killed Clarke, but this, she realized now, was simply because such a conclusion was the one she wanted to believe. There was no logic in such a belief; she was trying to reason with her emotions. If Ward was found guilty, Delia's happiness, her life even, would be ruined; therefore Ward was not guilty. And yet . .

"Even if he did," Thorndike was sayin, "we're all going to stick by him. We'll see him through this."

"If he killed him he was justified," Delia said resolutely. "He must have had good reason to. I won't believe he did and even if I'm wrong it won't make any difference. I love him."

"Well, it's no good worrying about it yet," Thorndike said.

He pulled up in front of Delia's apartment house.

Joyce and Delia got out and thanked him. When they entered the foyer they found Jack Fenner waiting for them. He looked very neat and well-groomed, his hat was in his hand, and his upward-slanting eyes observed them deliberately.

"I got here a little early," he said.

They went upstairs, taking off hats and coats and settling down in the living room. Delia got a box of cigarettes and an ashtray and put them on the table beside Fenner's chair, and he watched her move about, his smile of approval constant.

Conversationally the going was awkward for the next few minutes. They talked of this and that, and Fenner asked Joyce where Kent was, and she explained, and the quiet crept up on them again.

"You haven't told him?" Fenner asked.

"About this?" Joyce said. "No, I told you I wouldn't."

Delia stood up and walked over to the windows. Joyce and Fenner watched her and when she became aware of their inspection her face twisted in a rueful smile and came back.

"Just nervous," she said.

"That's okay," Fenner said, "you've got a right to be."

"You'd like a drink, wouldn't you?"

"Now that you mention it," said Fenner, grinning, "I think I would."

"I can get it," Joyce said.

"In one of the lower cupboards," Delia said.

Fenner pulled himself from the chair. "I'll go with you."

In the kitchen Joyce found a bottle of Scotch. "I'll get you some ice."

"Never mind," Fenner said. "Ice dilutes it."

Long Wait

HE poured whisky in the glass and added some water from the faucet. He rolled some of the mixture around in his mouth, said: "Ahh," and drank. Leaning against the sink, he held the glass up and studied it.

"When're you going to tell me the rest of it?"

The question brought Joyce up with a start.

"But I've already told you."

He looked at her, one brow up.

"Have you?" he said; then, removing the pressure of his glance. "All right. Whenever you're ready."

They went back to the living room and found Delia pacing the floor. Joyce sat down and glanced at her watch. It was ten minutes of twelve.

"You know what you're going to say?" Fenner was watching Delia and she stopped pacing. "You have the envelope?"

"Oh!" Delia put her hand to her mouth. "But I haven't." She looked at Joyce. "I mean—"

Fenner stiffened and his eyes struck sparks. "Wait a minute! What is this? You tell me—"

"She can get it," Joyce said.

"How long'll it take?"

"Twenty minutes."

"Oh," Fenner said slowly. "So you've got it?"

Joyce started to deny this but changed her mind. "Yes."

Fenner leaned back. "Okay," he said.

Joyce looked at her watch. Twelve o'clock. Delia looked at her watch.

"It's time," she said.

Fenner finished his drink and they waited. The quiet expanded until it became stifling. Delia could not sit still for more than a minute at a time, and finally Joyce could no longer bear to look at her. Twelve ten, now; twelve eleven, twelve twelve.

The sound of the telephone bell was a physical shock to Joyce, jarring her nerves so that for the first second or two she could not move. Neither could Delia. She gasped and the blood drained from her face and she looked helplessly at Fenner.

"All right," he said, a snap in his voice. "This may be it." He came out of his chair, touching her shoulder.

Joyce watched her lift the instrument, heard her say: "Yes," and then froze on the edge of her chair, holding her breath.

No Dice

IT took forever for the next word to come.

"Oh," Delia said, and that was enough to tell Joyce something was wrong. Never had she heard such relief come from one small syllable.

"Yes," Delia said, color tinting her cheeks again. "All right. . . . Thank you, Uncle Dean."

She hung up and smiled weakly.

"False alarm, huh?" Fenner disgusted.

"He said it was all right," she told Joyce. "About the lawyer."

Joyce leaned back, aware that her muscles were aching. There was a dampness in her palms, and she was angry with herself for letting the suspense do such things to her.

"I was scared to death," Delia said.

"I'll say you were," Fenner said.

At one o'clock Fenner stood up.

"I guess it's no dice," he said. "Something must have gone wrong with his plans."

A look of alarm came over Delia's face. "But what will we do?"

"Nothing."

"You think he's not going to call?"

"There's no good in hanging around for it. We don't know what the score is so there's no use—"

"But if he goes to the police?"

"Why should he?" Fenner went for his coat and hat. "If he wanted the envelope the other day he must still want it. Something made him change his mind about calling at twelve. He may have seen me or he may be playing cagey."

"You think he'll call again?"

"I do, but we can't tell when. I'll stay close to the office the rest of the day and if you should get word, let me know. It'll take you a half hour to get the envelope anyway and I can be around by that time. The thing is, you've waited an hour and he didn't keep his date, and if he should call and find you out he'll know why and wait until he can call again. It's okay for you to wait if you want to but there's no point in my sticking around until you have something."

"I suppose you're right" Delia said, "but just the same I think I'll stay right here."

Joyce picked up her hat and coat. "Come on," she ordered. "Lunch."

Delia shook her head. "I'm going to wait."

"Not on an empty stomach, you're not," Joyce said firmly. "You may be here all afternoon."

To be continued

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice To Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Daisy Paul, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the above estate by the County Court of the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate, to present them at the office of the undersigned's attorney, at 126 East Main Street, Medford, Oregon, properly verified and with proper voucher, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is the 2nd day of July, 1942.

LEWIS ALLEN PAUL,
Administrator.
O. H. BENGTSON,
Attorney for Administrator.

Notice of Filing Application for Approval of a Change in Place of Use and Point of Diversion of Water.

Notice is given hereby that Fred Witt has filed in the office of Chas. E. Stricklin, State Engineer, an application for approval of a change in place of use and point of diversion of water from Pleasant Creek.

By decree of the court for Jackson County, dated April 26, 1919, in the matter of the determination of the relative rights to the use of the waters of Rogue River and its tributaries, a water right was recognized in the name of the Lone Star Mining Company for the irrigation of 5 acres in the NE¼ SW¼, Sec. 22, T. 34 S., R. 4 W., with a date of priority of 1862, through the Collins Ditch, the point of diversion of such ditch being located south 45° east 2 475 feet from the northwest corner of Sec. 22, T. 34 S. R. 4 W., W. M.

The applicant herein, owner of the water right appurtenant to the above-described land, proposes to transfer the water right therefrom to 5 acres in the NW¼ NE¼, Sec. 27, T. 34 S., R. 4 W., W. M., and to convey the water for the irrigation of such land through the Upper Wakeman Ditch, the point of diversion of such ditch being located south 40° west 2,500 feet from the northeast corner of Sec. 10, T. 34 S., R. 4 W., W. M.

All persons interested are notified hereby that a hearing will be held in the County Court House at Medford, Oregon, on Tuesday, September 1, 1942, at 10:00 A. M. All objections to the proposed change, if any there are, will be heard at said time and place.

Any objections should be prepared in writing, one copy served on Fred Witt, Rogue River, Oregon, and one copy filed with the State Engineer at Salem, Oregon, at least ten days prior to the date set for hearing. If no objections are filed, the application will be approved without a hearing.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 3rd day of July, 1942.

CHAS. E. STRICKLIN,
State Engineer.

Notice of Filing Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the Matter of the Estate of Cornelius Collins, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled estate and that by order of the County Court in and for Jackson County, Oregon, a hearing upon the same has been set for Tuesday, July 28th, 1942, in the County Court Room at the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M.

All persons having objections thereto are hereby notified to present the same on or before such time.

Date of first publication of this notice is June 25th, 1942.

GRACE C. COLLINS,
Administratrix of the Estate of Cornelius Collins, deceased.
GEORGE M. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Administratrix.

On the Radio Chains

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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; Thirty Seconds to Go, KNX; Melody Time, KOIN; Dance Orch., KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—Masters of Music, KOMO, KGW; Death Valley Days, KSL; Clete Roberts Reports, KGO, KEX; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KNX; The Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Major Bowes' Original Amateur Hour, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Bob Crosby, KPO, KGK, KOMO; Sur Les Boulevards, KEX, KJR; Voice of Victory, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—Ravina Park Concert, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fifteen Minutes from Broadway, KGO; News, KEX; Armchair Cruises, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—How'm I Doin'?, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Rudy Vallee Show, KGO, KEX, KJR; First Line, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; March of Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Time Out for Melody, KNX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Musical Memoirs, KSL.

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

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

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KNX, KOIN; Fanny Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; This Nation at War, KGO; Flowers for the Living, KEX; Buy Washington, KJR.

9:00 p. m.—Music in the Moonlight, KPO, KGW; News Here and Abroad, KGO; United We Sing, KNX; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Old Timers, KJR; Company at Ease, KOIN; Romance Time, KOMO; Maudie's Diary, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Moon River, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Freddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KGW; Maudie's Diary, KNX, KOIN; News, KJR, KSL, KEX.

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

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KNX, KSL; Carl Kalash's Orch., KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Sports, KNX; War Time Women, KOIN.

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

Friday

5:00 p. m. — Lewishon Stadium Concert, KSL; H. V. Kaltenborn, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dance, KNX.

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

6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Listen America, KEX, KGO; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KNX, KSL; Serenade, KJR; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

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

7:00 p. m.—Meet Your Navy, KGO KEX; Lanny Ross, KSL, KNX, KOIN; Aloha Land, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Tent Show Tonight, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lightning Jim, KGO, KEX, KJR.

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

8:15 p. m.—Dear John, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Melody Magic, KGW, KOMO; On Our Bandstand, KPO.

8:30 p. m.—Songs My Brother Taught Me, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gang Busters, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Remar Rally, KGO.

9:00 p. m.—Richard Himber, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Ray Kinney's, KNX, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Roth String Quartet, KSL.

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

10:00 p. m.—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fights, KGO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KNX; Studio Party, KEX; Popular Potpourri; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KNX, KSL; Organ Music, KGO; Betty Martin, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Northwest Bible Institute, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN; Roller Derby, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Harry Owens' Hawaiians, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; Fold Music, KJR; News, KNX; Dance Orch., KOIN; Reveries, KOMO.

Oregon Payroll Far Over '41 First Half

Salem, July 23—(AP)—Oregon's industrial payroll during the first half of 1942 was up more than 50 per cent from the corresponding period of 1941, while booming war industrials have more than doubled Multnomah county's industrial payroll, state industrial accident commission figures disclosed today.

The state's industrial payroll for the first six months this year totaled $145,753,523, compared with $96,398,292 in the same period last year.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

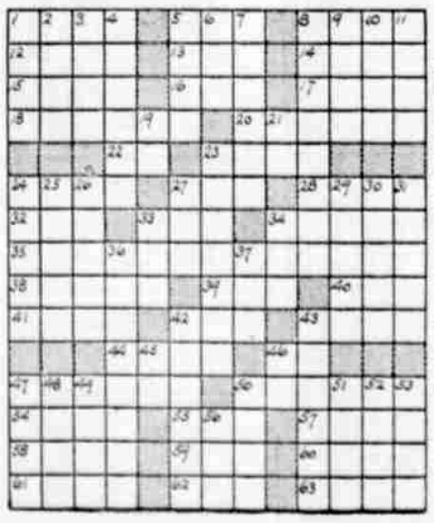
SUBURBAN HEIGHTS By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Outbuilding
5. Seattle
8. Launder
12. Own
13. Spenserian character
14. Pain
15. Of the ear
16. Muffin
17. Metal
18. Coat of an animal
19. Mustine
22. Perform
23. Light beds
24. Destiny
27. Light brown
28. Intimidates
32. Early English money
33. Dervish's cone-shaped cap
34. Kind of resin
35. Serving as a memorial
38. Turkish coin
39. Sound of cattle
40. Born
41. Meadows
42. Confine
43. Make jaunty
44. Provided with shoes
46. Past
47. French opera
50. Gasoline
54. On the ocean
55. Stamping form
57. Perforation
58. Scraped linen
59. Massachusetts cape
60. Kiln
61. Recent
62. Instant
63. Orderly

DOWN
1. Store
2. Defeat
3. Wicked
4. Period of time
5. Very large
6. Number
7. Kind of plum
8. Line with boards or panelwork
9. South American vine
10. Exhibition
11. Domestic fowls
19. Lentre
21. Pronoun
22. Wheedled
24. Pertaining to a central point
25. Went up
26. City in Florida
27. Head covering
29. Think
30. Vacillate
31. Smooth and glossy
33. Thrice: prefix
34. Note of the crow
36. One who eats with another
37. Tier
42. Day of the week
43. Large serpent
45. That man
46. Exist
47. Summon
48. Continent
49. Hire
50. Founder of the Keystone state
51. Wander
52. Genus of the olive tree
53. Gave for temporary use
56. Daughter of Cadmus

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle



FIERY AUTHOR OF 'RED NETWORK' IS CITED AT PLOTTER

Elizabeth Dilling and Two Others Conspired to Break Military Morale, Charge.

Chicago, July 23—(AP)—Removal complaints filed in federal court revealed today Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, fiery author of "The Red Network," and two Chicago men were named in a secret indictment charging conspiracy to break down the morale of the military and naval forces of the United States before and after declaration of war.

The indictment was returned in the federal court of the District of Columbia yesterday.

The brief complaints, signed by William J. Connor, first assistant United States district attorney, stated that yesterday in Washington an indictment was returned charging those named with violating sections of the federal code by their activities.

Artist, Dentist Named

Those named with Mrs. Dilling were George Otto Brennermann, alias Otto Brennemann, an artist, and Dr. Donald Judson McDaniel, a dentist.

The removal complaints asked that warrants be issued for the arrest of each of the defendants and that they be removed to the District of Columbia or be admitted to bail pending trial. Connor recommended bond of $5,000 for each defendant.

It was reported the government alleged Brennermann had drawn cartoons ridiculing the armed forces and that Mrs. Dilling and McDaniel had published or circulated them.

Mrs. Dilling's activities have been under investigation in Chicago by a federal grand jury inquiring into seditious activities.

LOCATE BODY OF MISSING WOMAN

Portland, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. H. E. Kennedy, 67, Portland, lost Sunday while berry picking in the Bonny slope section of the West Hills region, was found late Wednesday morning.

A search had been in progress since a few hours after her 78-year-old husband reported her missing. They had gone berry picking with a friend and became separated.

The body was found by B. F. McKinstry, Portland fireman, member of a searching party. First reports did not indicate the cause of death.

RATTLER INVADES TOWN

Redmond, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Will Kanoff killed a three-foot rattlesnake almost within the city limits of Redmond Monday, believed to be the first rattler killed in or near town. The snake had seven rattles. Kanoff, employed at Redmond airport, was returning home when he saw the snake.

CALIFORNIA JAPS ALL OUT AUG. 11

San Francisco, July 23.—(AP)—Orders for the exclusion of all remaining Japanese in California were posted by the army today, affecting about 6,150 persons in Fresno and Tulare counties.

Registration was set for July 27 and 28, and completion of the evacuation is scheduled by noon August 11.

Today's exclusion orders, numbers 106, 107 and 108, cover the only sectors in California not previously affected by the army's program of clearing strategic Pacific coast areas of Japanese.

Attic Boy's Parents To Face Grand Jury

Parsons, W. Va., July 23—(AP)—After a hearing before Magistrate Lawrence Lipscomb, the parents of a two and a half year-old boy, found imprisoned in the attic of his home, were bound over to the September grand jury yesterday on cruelty charges.

John Lougary, father of the emaciated child, was held after he failed to post $1,000 bond. Mrs. Lougary furnished bond and was released.

Physicians said the baby was showing improvement. He weighed only 15 pounds when found.

FIND AGENCY SAFE ROBBED OF CASH

Klamath Falls, July 23—(AP)—A 350-pound safe, stolen Monday night from the Klamath Indian agency, postoffice and general store, was found last night three miles from the store, Indian officers reported today.

The safe had been punched open and about $700 in cash taken.

Officers said thieves entered the store by forcing the front door with a pinch-bar and apparently carted the safe away in a vehicle.

PEANUT REMOVED FROM TOT'S LUNG

Portland, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Tiny Sharon Sassar, two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Harold Sassar of Emmett, Ida., rested fairly well following removal of a peanut from a lung this morning.

The nut lodged there three months ago.

A Portland physician took approximately 25 minutes to remove the obstruction which last week began to cause the child considerable misery. The removal was difficult, attendants said, because the goober had been in the lung so long.

The removal was effected with a bronchoscope tube.

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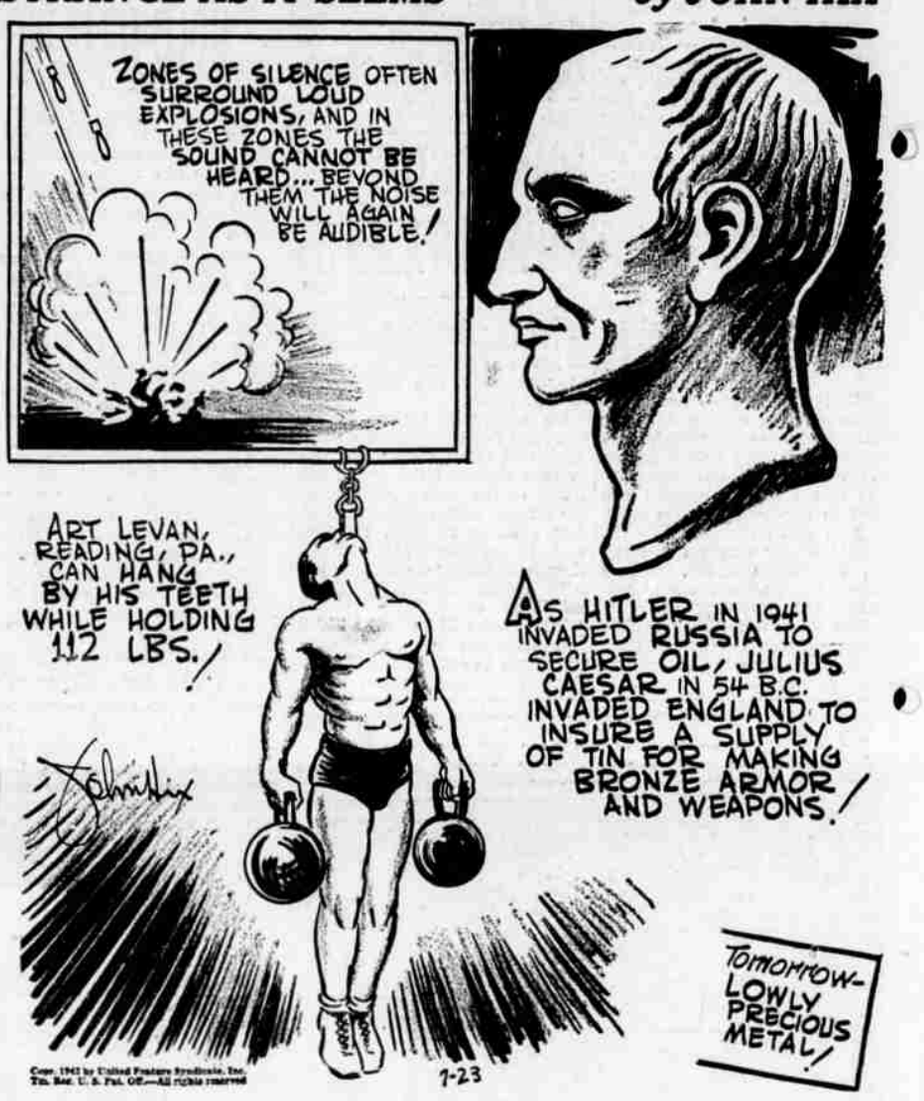
STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX



ECONOMIC WAR

In Caesar's day tin, a constituent of bronze, was found principally in the British Isles, though now England's Cornish mines produce only two per cent of the world's supply.

ZONES OF SILENCE

Sound travels through the air much as do ripples through water travel from a dropped pebble. However, with sound there are roughly circular areas forming rings around the source of the noise where there is only silence! The sound may ripple out, a ring of silence occur, then a sound followed by another of silence, and so on.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Taking No Chances Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen

LI'L ABNER—Which One? By Al Capp

THE NEBBS—Many a Slip By Hess