

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Coxe

Chapter 45 Tables Turned

"We've got to stop him," Joyce said.

"We'll stop him," Murdock started for the door and terror struck at Joyce again and she ran after him, seizing his arm.

"Oh, please," she whispered. "He's got a gun. He must have. The way he sat there on the sofa all that time without moving. Don't you remember how his arms were crossed with his hands out of sight? It must be something like that or Ward wouldn't have said those things. It's Jella he's afraid of."

"Thorndike huh?" Fenner said.

"Murdock's face was somber and taut. 'We've got to get in but—if we knock—'

"We can get in," Joyce said. "I fixed the lock. When I came out I pressed the button that regulates it."

She heard Fenner grunt; then Kent had turned. He gave her a quick hard look, and without warning took her face in his hands. He kissed her roughly, his lips bruising hers, and just as suddenly released her.

"Good girl," he said.

Fenner blocked him off. "This for me," he said. "Watch your self." And then he was at the door.

Joyce stood where she was, unable to move, unable even to breathe. She saw the detective's hand come away from his coat, the snub-nosed gun gleam darkly in his grasp. Somehow she was aware that Fenner had not gone but had come up behind her. She did not see her; she saw nothing but Fenner's left hand reaching for the knob.

She watched, fascinated and immobile as the detective palmed the doorknob. She could see him pull it toward him, watched his wrist turn. She listened, every muscle tense. There was no sound; it did not seem possible that silence could be so absolute and yet—

The wrist stopped turning. It began to push forward. The door opened a crack, widening slowly until, all at once the panel was back and Fenner was moving forward and saying:

"Drop it! Drop it!"

Moving Up

KENT was at the detective's heels, and she had to go too. She could not see the whole room but between the heads of the two ahead of her she saw enough.

Della and Ward Allen stood before the little sofa, staring first at Dean Thorndike and then at the door. Ward's arm was about her waist and in that first instant Thorndike was facing them.

Joyce could not see his gun, but knew somehow that it was there. She saw his head jerk round and then his body. She saw his startled stare, the recoil of his facial muscles; then the mouth drew back and there was an explosion of sound and Fenner was moving up.

Kent was at his shoulder and she could see better now and took a step, and someone was crowding her from behind.

Something thudded to the floor and with the sound Thorndike had wheeled and was diving for a gun that had dropped from his fingers, stooping, reaching desperately with his left hand.

Fenner's voice hit hard and hot. "Don't touch it! Let it lay!"

Thorndike never stopped. In one continuous movement he

swept up the gun and turned. His face twisted and stiff. Then, once again there came that explosion of sound and this time the room seemed to rock under Joyce and her ears rang with its fury.

Thorndike staggered and sat down hard; then the room was very quiet.

Fenner moved slowly up to him. The fallen gun was but inches from his hand and the detective kicked it to one side with his toe and picked it up.

"That's what you get," he said, speaking to no one in particular. "For trying to do a killer a favor. You plug him in the arm and then you have to cool him off anyway. I should've known better."

He glanced about, putting his gun away, and went over to the telephone.

Joyce heard him talking but for another second or two she could not take her eyes from Thorndike. His face was no longer twisted and stiff. There was a curious look of surprise in his eyes and the muscles of his jaw were slack. He glanced down at his right hand. There was a trickle of blood on the back of it, but though he tried he could not raise it; after that he put his left hand inside his coat and sat like that, holding his chest.

Just Nerves

Joyce shuddered as reaction shook her. Weakness was eating her strength, and while she fought for control of her senses she heard Della.

"Oh, it's so horrible," she sobbed, "so horrible—"

Ward turned her quickly away and his arms went about her. Joyce saw her slump and for a moment thought she had fainted. Then the sobbing quieted and her hands came up and crushed Ward's lapels and he bent his head. He began to talk, his lips close to her ear and his voice soft and husky and unintelligible to anyone but Della.

Kent's arm slid around Joyce's waist. Suddenly she became aware of his strength and put her arms about his neck because she could not stop her trembling. He pressed her tight and she felt his hand stroke her hair.

"Steady," he said.

She held to him for long seconds and then released her arms and looked up, aware now that her eyes were brimming and his image blurred.

"I'm sorry," she said. "Just nerves."

"You were magnificent," he smiled. "I'm sort of proud of you."

Ward Allen was talking louder. "Won't you go inward like I down awhile, darling?"

Della shook her head. "I'd rather not, really. I'll be all right."

"I'll get a touch of brandy, then," he took her hands from his lapels and looked for a place where he could seat her.

"I'll get it," Joyce said. "You stay with her."

She went to the kitchen and found the brandy. She put a little in a glass and added water. When she returned to the living room Hester was sitting on the edge of the love seat. Her face seemed older now, the make-up garish against the pallor of her skin.

"I wondered about you, Dean," she was saying. "You were so curious about my giving that hundred thousand to Perry. I wondered if you were so attentive because you wanted to handle the rest of my money."

To be continued

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:
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Los Angeles: KOA (NBC-Red) 850.
Denver: KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland; KOMO (NBC-Red) 930.
Seattle: KPO (NBC-Red) 680.
San Francisco: KSL (CBS) 1160.
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Time shown is PST

Thursday

5:00 p. m.—Thirty Minutes To Play, KSL, KOIN; Maurice's Orch., KPO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KGO, KEX, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Thirty Seconds To Go, KXN; Dance Orch., KOMO.

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

6:00 p. m.—Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Music Hall, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Sur Les Boulevards, KEX, KJR; Voice of Victory, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—Stage Door Canteen, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fifteen Minutes From Broadway, KGO; News, KEX; Armchair Cruise, KJR.

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

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

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

8:15 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KOIN, KSL; Lum and Abner, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KOMO; Mopland Sisters, KGW; On Our Bandstand, KPO.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KXN, KOIN; Frank Morgan, KPO, KOMO, KGW; This Nation at War, KGO; News, KSL; Flowers for the Living, KEX.

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

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

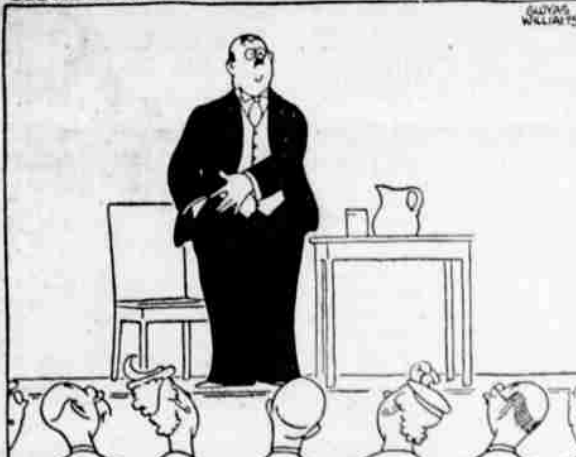
10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KGO, KJR, KEX; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KXN; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, Woody Herman's Orch., KXN, KSL; Organ Music, KGO; Betty Martin, KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Northwest Bible Institute, KJR; The World Today, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Harry Owens' Hawaiians, KGO; This Moving World, KEX; Al Donahue's Orch., KOIN; News, KSL, KOIN; Dinah Shore, KGO, KEX.

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



FRED PERLEY'S INSPIRATIONAL TALK TO THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE WORKERS OF THE COMMUNITY WAS SOMEWHAT OF A FAILURE, BECAUSE EVERY WORD OF HIS CAREFULLY MEMORIZED ADDRESS FLEW OUT OF HIS MIND WHEN, AS HE BEGAN, HE DISCOVERED HE HAD LOCKED HIS KEYS IN HIS CAR.

(Continued from the Mail Tribune, Aug. 12)

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Pen name of Charles Dickens
6. Throats of six at dice
9. Thickness
12. Dutch city
13. Make amends
14. Regret
15. Faunt
16. Goddess of the hearth
17. South American wood
18. He of the squared stone
20. Chick beetle
21. Distant
24. Nerve network
25. Shell-minded
26. Showers
21. Prosperous times
22. Audacity
23. Ice crystals
24. Symbol for tellurium
25. Greek word post
26. Sallet
27. Blind asterisk
28. Baseball team
29. Beverage
30. American red cedar
31. Juliet's family name
32. Son of Beth
33. Epoch
34. In the
35. Crippled
36. Antelope
37. Wooden shoe
38. Town in Pennsylvania
39. Australian bird
40. Wear
41. Small round mark
42. Female deer
43. Scolded
44. Sheep

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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Greek letter
2. Harsh points
3. Gentle breeze
4. City in Georgia
5. Roman road
6. Distress call
7. Go to
8. Inspector of weights and measures
9. Food element
10. Full grown
11. Period of time
12. Old card game
13. Deceiving
14. Sound of rain
15. Scattered image
16. Plaster
17. Pleasant
18. Deceived
19. Triangular
20. Function
21. Stylized
22. Hanging spots
23. White canvas
24. Laid
25. Cracked
26. Balance patron
27. Laid
28. Sufferer
29. Part of great

To Unbalance the Axis



SINCE the start of this war Canadian industry has tackled and solved many problems of production and, as a result, many items never before manufactured in Canada are now being turned out in large quantities. One of these is the constant speed propeller, which is a mechanical work of art requiring rigid balance tests in all stages of its manufacture. In the photo a technician checks the balance of a blade in upright position.

KGO, KXN; Reveries, KOMO; Folk Music, KJR.

Friday

5:00—H. V. Kaitenborn, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KXN.

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

6:00—Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Those Good Ol' Days, KEX, KGO; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KSL; Popular Music, KJR; Accents on Rhythm, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

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

7:00—Meet Your Navy, KGO, KEX; Lanny Ross, KXN, KOIN; People are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Aloha Land, KJR.

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

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

8:15—Bobby Burns' Orch., KXN, KSL, KOIN; Melody Magic, KGW; Gibbs and Finney, KGO, KEX, KJR; On Our Bandstand, KPO.

8:30—Songs My Brother Taught Me, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gang Busters, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Are You a Genius, KGO.

9:00—News, Chuck Wagon Days, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Ray Kinney's Orch., KXN, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Both String Quartet, KSL.

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Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Prospect

Prospect, Aug. 13—(Spl.)—A group of Medford people were entertained with an all-day party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pease, at Jantzer Village, August 9. Picnic dinner was served on long tables on the lawn, at noon. Several tables of cards were in play. Guests included Mesdames Katherine Satterlee, Martha Gall, Dora Lane, Minnie Bryant, Florence Klatt, Ella Gould, Edith Prescott, Lottie Howard, Nettie Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Weed, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pickel, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dyer.

Mrs. Raymond Artimire was hostess for a party, August 11, in honor of her son Frankie's fifth birthday. The afternoon was spent playing games and later refreshments were served to the guest of honor, Frankie Artimire, Bobby and Hattie Broomfield, Billie and Janet Olsen, Robert Zundel, Bonnie Lee Scranton, Larry Coudes, Bryan Herbert, Mrs. Swanson and children, Mrs. Burton Broomfield, Mrs. B. Bentley.

Mrs. W. Zundel, Mrs. Ted Bovana, Mrs. H. Herliker, Mrs. Agnes Scranton, and Mrs. Flora Wagner, Allen Collingwood, welder in the shipyards in Portland, arrived here Tuesday, to visit relatives a few days.

Mrs. E. W. Pease left Tuesday for San Francisco to visit the remainder of the week with her daughter, Miss Jean, who is employed in a lumber company office there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bentley, who have been guests at the home of the latter's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Broomfield for the past six weeks, departed for their home in Los Angeles, August 12. They were accompanied by Mr. Broomfield, who will visit his brother, Florio, who is a member of the U. S. Marines at San Diego.

Dispense With Stockings

Chattanooga, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Office girls around town are taking a tip for summer coolness from the feminine employees of the Volunteer Ordnance works. Officials have put the seal of approval on anklets, or no hose at all, object being not only comfort but less expense for the employee, with silk or nylon hose both scarce and expensive. Men get a break, too—they can wear slacks and sport shirts.

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NORWEGIAN PILOT TAKES LONG PATH

Reykjavik (U.P.)—A Norwegian naval air force pilot has arrived in Iceland from Norway, only 700 miles away, after a trip of more than 26,000 miles.

He escaped to Sweden shortly before the Russian-German war. He flew to Finland, went by train to Leningrad and Moscow, then south to Odessa, across the Black sea to Istanbul, by train to Baghdad, airplane to Karachi, India, and train to Bombay.

There he boarded a Norwegian ship and sailed to Colombo, Ceylon; Capetown, South Africa, and then for 30 days across the Atlantic to Montreal.

After several months in Little Norway, the training camp at Toronto, he went by ship to England, and finally by ship to Iceland.

At least two-thirds of all motor vehicles in the world are in the United States.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX



BEAUTY FROM THE FLOOR
A few years ago, P. T. Land, long-time linoleum mechanic thought he could see picture possibilities in linoleum. He saved scraps which he carefully cut and fitted together successfully. Now he works on a board backing covered with felt, and must visualize the entire picture before he begins to put the pieces in place. Land has never sold any of his pictures, but he presented one to each of his children at the time of their marriage. The smallest picture, an Indian appealing to the Great Spirit, contained 175 separate pieces and required 75 hours to complete!

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Sorry, My Error!

Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen



LIL' ABNER—Cuckoo Clock



THE NEBBS—Emma's New Friend



By Hess

Retrieving Plane Wreckage



Navy diving boat from Alameda Naval Air Station assists Army Air Forces in recovering wreckage of Hamilton Field plane which crashed Saturday in San Pablo Bay.

Owners Forget Safe

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—When police returned a stolen safe to the Moose Lodge hall they found the lodge officers did not even know the safe was missing. Burglars had broken into the

building, carried away the safe and abandoned it after stealing the \$225 it contained. A notebook which the burglars left in the safe indicated that it belonged to the Moose.

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