

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 46 Exit Thorndike

Hector looked at Ward Allen. "It was true, wasn't it, about the shortage of accounts? Only it was Dean who was short—and on my account?"

"I don't know," Ward said, watching Della sip the brandy and water. "I knew he'd taken the bonds—not at first, but today, I could only guess why he'd taken them."

Fenner stopped beside Thorndike. "You'd better lie down."

"It won't matter now."

"Want a drink?"

"Nothing thanks." He remained sitting but the effect of the shock was passing and pain had begun to write its message on his face. "There are just one or two things I'd like to say."

He paused and seemed to be having trouble breathing.

"Hector... You're right about the hundred thousand. I was broke I tried to sell the ketch, but even that wouldn't have made much difference. I was short, with no way of making up. When you told me you wanted to pay Clarke I knew it was the break I'd wanted. I sent the bonds up by Ward to make it look right. All I had to do was borrow them from my other clients for a few hours and then put them back; then when I gave you an accounting it would be in order. I heard Clarke quarreling with Ward at Hector's party; I overheard him talking to Raeburn on the terrace—although I didn't know who Raeburn was then—and it sounded like blackmail. I hoped the murder would cover up the theft, but—then there was Hardacker."

"You were the one in the shadow of the house," Joyce said softly, remembering the moment on the terrace.

Thorndike did not notice the interruption.

"I hadn't much choice," he said. "It was getting the bonds or prison. And for me anything would be better than that—even this."

He was silent then and presently Hector spoke.

"Funny. Even now when we know where the bonds are, they don't belong to me," she shrugged.

"I pay off and get nothing."

"The other thing," Thorndike said, as though he had not heard. "Is this I wouldn't have hurt Della, Ward. I had to make you think I would, though. I had to scare you both to silence. I wanted a chance to run for it. Anyone else, yes, I would have shot it out. But not her."

Della got up. Ward tried to restrain her but she shook off his hand. She went to Thorndike and knelt beside him.

"I believe you," she said. Thorndike nodded and Della's eyes filled. Somewhere in the distance a siren shrieked, drawing rapidly nearer, then dying out again as it stopped below the windows. Ward went to Della. He put his hands beneath her elbows and lifted her gently to her feet.

Bacon Burned Up

LIEUTENANT BACON gnawed on his lower lip and refused to be entirely placated. Arriving at the same time as the ambulance, he had sent Thorndike to the hospital with Sergeant Keogh and word had just come back that the man had died on the way. Now although the others had told him what had happened in the room, he was still far from satisfied.

"Every time I get mixed up with you in a murder case," he

said to Murdock, "you hold out on me a little. Now you've got your wife doing it."

"She didn't hold out. Except at first."

"She was coming here to have it out with Allen. She even called you and Fenner. Did she call me?"

"I wasn't sure," Joyce said. "I thought I was right but I couldn't be sure."

Bacon looked down his nose at her. "Well, I got to hand it to you. It was nice figuring, that part about Raeburn not being able to get a gun. I had the same idea this morning and we've been checking it. The nearest pawnshop to Hardacker's office is five blocks away, and that closed at nine. So I'd been wondering. About Allen, mostly. We'd checked Thorndike's alibi the night of Clarke's murder. It wasn't anything. He was at his club like he said, but there are a couple of ways of getting out and in again besides the front door. The record showed him as being in but it didn't mean a thing."

He turned to Allen. "You actually did see her, huh?" he asked, indicating Della. "That night at Perry Clarke's?"

Allen nodded. "I'd parked my car and crossed the street. Just as I was about to step inside the entrance I saw her inside the corner. I kept on, not believing it could be she; then I turned and looked again. When she went over to her car I was sure. I couldn't figure it out, but there was nothing I could do. I had to see Clarke and I didn't want her to know anything about it."

The Ash Can

"AND you went up and knocked on his door and let him in?"

"I thought he was drunk. He staggered and fell backward. He never moved after that. I bent over him and then I saw the blood. He spoke just once. 'She took the envelope,' he said—I could hardly hear him—'Dee did it.'"

Allen glanced about. "I'd seen her, you see, and knew that she must have been in. I never dreamed that instead of 'Dee'—that's what I always call her—he was trying to say 'Dean.' He may even have said 'Dean,' but having just seen her—and later finding the envelope and bonds gone—I could only think of that one word, 'Dee.' He sighed. 'I didn't know why you'd gone there but I knew Clarke, Della. I thought he must have become abusive, that you had seen the gun and in desperation used it.'"

"He had to think that, Della," Murdock said. "He saw you. Clarke mentioned your name—or so he thought."

"I took the gun and got out," Allen said. "I was a fool to drop it in that trash can, but I'd wiped it off. I never really thought that I was in danger."

"Innocent people seldom do," Murdock said.

"No wonder you wouldn't talk," Bacon said. "A fine how-to-do. You won't talk because you're afraid for her, and she holding out because she'll involve you if she says anything." He looked at Hector. "You never said anything to Thorndike about the envelope?"

"I never knew there was an envelope," Hector crossed her knees and her tone was curt. "If I'd known about the envelope and those copies, wouldn't I have demanded them when I paid over the hundred thousand?"

"I guess you would."

To be continued

Foots Creek

Fort Creek, Aug. 14—(Spl.)—The 4-H Club exhibition of live stock, and community dinner under the leadership of Alfred Pontz, Sr., were held August 6 at the Dodds Auto Park at Fort Creek store.

Twenty-five adults and 30 young folks attended. L. F. Francis, county 4-H Club leader of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Owens and daughter of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and daughter of Antelope, and Mr. Owens of Ashland attended. A basket dinner was served at noon and weiners, coffee, and buns were furnished by the club.

Mr. Francis gave an interesting talk on care and preparation of stock for exhibition, and a demonstration of preparing beef stock for exhibition was given

by the Misses Owens and Bingham.

Blue ribbons were given Roland Smith for dairy calf, Alfred Pontz for beef, Don Elders for dual purpose calf, Mary Estramada for Poland China pig, Bob Burton for milk goat, and Arlene Daily for lamb.

All the young folks were given a treat by Mr. and Mrs. Dodds in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Kille, Raymond, James, Jean, Patricia and Byron left August 9 for the hop fields, near Grants Pass.

Mrs. R. E. Shaw was called to Eureka, Calif., August 10 by the sudden passing of his youngest daughter at her home there.

James Shaw underwent a tonsillectomy at Grants Pass last week and was ill for several days. He is getting along all right now.

Mrs. Alfred Pontz is spending sometime in Los Angeles visiting her son and friends there and enroute.

The Mail Tribune wants ads.



HOB-NAILED—Checking rifle at marine gunnery school, Sgt. C. H. Revels exhibits latest in footwear.

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Time shown is PST

Friday
5:00—H. V. Kallenborn, 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; Accent 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, KSL, KOIN; People are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Aloha Land, KJR.

7:30—Tent Show Tonight, KPO, KGW; Lightning Jim, KGO, KEX, KJR; Musicale, KGO, KOMO, KGW; Earl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN.

8:15—Bobby Burns's Orch., KXN, KSL, KOIN; Melody Magic, KGW; Gibbs and Finney, KGO, KEX, KJR; On Our Handstand, 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 Kline's Orch., KXN, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Roth String Quartet, KSL.

9:30—Moon River, KGW, KOMO, KPO; Raffles, Find the Woman, KXN, KOIN; News, KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX; Charlie Harper, KGO.

10:00—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fights, KGO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Lusi Gluskin's Orch., KXN; Studio Party, KEX; USO Program, KJR; Five Star Pinay, KGO; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30—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—Harry Owens' Hawaiiana, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; Al Donahue's Orch., KOIN; News, KGO, KXN; Reveries, KOMO; Polk Music, KJR.

Saturday
5:00—Little Blue Playhouse, KGO, KEX; Harry Owens' Hawaiiana, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Soldiers with Wings, KXN, KOIN; Dance Time, KJR.

5:30—Velvet Music, KGW, KOMO; Swap Night, KGO, KJR, KEX, News Review, KXN, KOIN; Commandos, KSL.

6:00—Your Hit Parade, KSL; Nat'l Barn Dance, KPO, KGW, KOMO; USO Prgm., KXN, KOIN; Commonwealth Club Luncheon, KGO; Popular Music, KJR.

6:30—Hollywood Whispers, KXN; Blood for a Tero, KPO, KEX, KGW, KOMO; Melody Lane, KJR; Leon Drews, KOIN.

7:00—Sports Newscast, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Time Out Time, KGO, KEX, KJR.

7:30—Grand Ol' Opry, KGW, KOMO, KPO; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; Ellen Parrell, KOIN; Accent on Rhythm, KXN; Ninth Corps Quartermaster, KSL.

8:00—News of the World, KXN; News, KGO, KOMO; Earl Godwin, KGO, KJR, KEX; Melody Time, KOIN; String Concert, KSL.

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8:30—Hospitality Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Chuck Foster's Orch., KXN, KOIN; Ray Hatherton's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; Arthur Gaeth, KSL.

9:00—News, Your Number Please, KOMO; Fred Allen, KGO, KEX, KJR; Your Hit Parade, KXN, KOIN; Dance Orch., KGW; Ice Follies, KPO; Dance Tempos, KSL.

9:30—Glen Gray's Orch., KGO; Healtight Souvenirs, KPO, KGW; News, KSL, KJR, KEX; Sports Scripts, KOMO.

10:00—Musical Steelmakers, KGO, KEX, KJR; The Whistler, KSL; News, KOIN, KGW, KOMO, KPO, KXN.

New Ship, New Sailors



New wrinkle in ship launchings was worked out at Seattle, where 36 recruits took oath of allegiance from Lieutenant S. W. Fraser at bow of minesweeper which was christened a few moments later.

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Reese Creek

Reese Creek, Aug. 14—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Graw, Mrs. Graw's mother Mrs. Rose Sturvil, and Sally Jane Baxter from Medford who spent last week at the Graw home all attended the Colorado picnic in Ashland August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee James, and two daughters of Adin, Calif., were overnight guests at the W. E. Hammel home July 29. They are cousins of Mrs. Hammel.

Mrs. Gervis Sullivan and Mrs. Harry Rhodes spent Aug. 10 in Medford on business.

W. E. Lamb has been undergoing treatment for an ulcer on his left eye for about two weeks but is better now.

Everyone will be glad to know that Homer Martin is nearly well and getting along fine.

Mrs. Truman Collins enjoyed a week-end visit from her sister, Mrs. C. W. Fitzgerald of Los Angeles, and daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Tilden and two sons Bruce and Charles of Hollywood. Charles stayed here to attend school.

Friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes Aug. 9 were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson of Cave Junction, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holt and friends, Mrs. Jones, James Boylan and Mrs. George Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Glaspie and sons.

Neil Sullivan spent Aug. 8 with Tommy and Buddy Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hatfield of Ashland came Aug. 7 and visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphrey and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill at Derby, Aug. 10 they came to the W. R. Lamb home and were overnight guests there. Mrs. Hatfield has recovered from a sickness suffered during the early summer.

The first authentic example of development of a seedless grape from a seeded grape variety is the seedless Emperor grape discovered near Visalia, California.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—To Speak Or Not To Speak

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A TENTH WINNING AFTER PLAY THAT THE BROOKLYN DODGERS DON'T PLAN...

WHAT THE HELL TH'Y' GUY!!

LOOK... SOMEBODY BEANED DE JUDGE!

IT'S THIS NUTT! ASK HIM!

PROBLY ASK HIM!

COME CLEAN, SCREENBALL! WHY D'JA BOP JUDGE? FROBISHER?

I DIDN'T TRIM IT AT TH' JUDGE. I MEAN...

YOU HAD A BRIDGE AGAINST TH' JUDGE... DINT YOU?

THE JUDGE WON'T PRESS CHARGES IF YOU PUT THE FINGER ON YER BOSS!

WE GOT A MUSIC ROOM! TO MAKE YOU DANCE! SINCE SPEAK UP SHORTY!

IF I COULD ONLY TELL THESE COPS I WAS AFTER A NUTT! BUT HAD WARNED ME NOT TO TALK IF I GOT IN TROUBLE!

AN IS YOUNG YANCEY!! SO YARS AGO, WHEN TH' CUCK-STRUCK--HAB BOOTFUL BRIDE-TO-BE RAN OFF WIF TH' BEST MAN!! SINCE THET HOUR, AH HAN MADE IT MAN CARER. THILL ANY BOOTFUL GAL WHO HAPENS T'BE NEAR TH' CLOCK-AT MIDNIGHT? WHUT TIME IS IT, SON?

OUCH!!

AH!! PULL OUT MAN WATCH AN LOOK...

THE NEBBS—Max, the Wallflower

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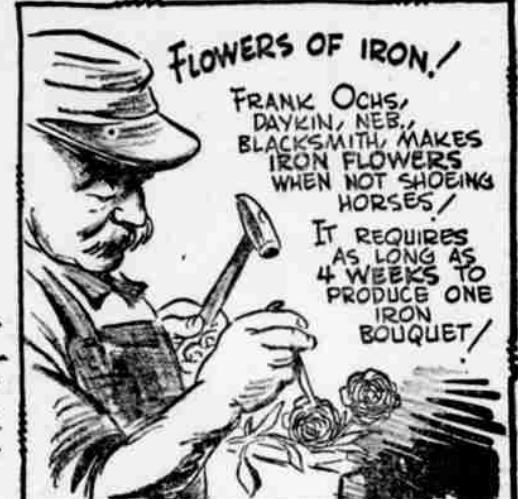
Water-Walking Soviet Sappers



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX

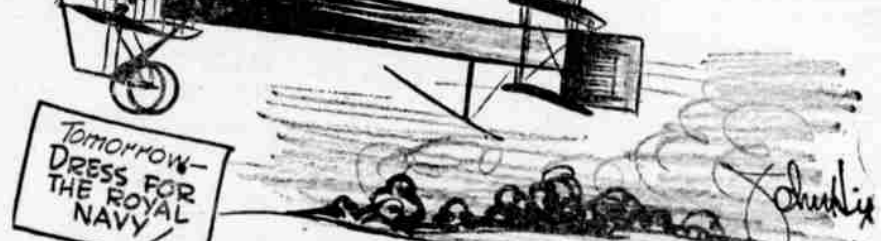
THE GIANT HERCULES BEETLE—(6 INCHES LONG)—TO BE SURE HE WON'T LOSE HER—CARRIES HIS MATE WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES!



A POLICEMAN WAS DETAILED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT A. V. ROE, GREAT BRITISH AIR PIONEER, FROM MAKING HIS FIRST FLIGHT... WHEN HE FINALLY TOOK OFF HE WAS ARRESTED!

CHARGES WERE DROPPED IN THE EXCITEMENT WHEN BLERIOT MADE HIS FAMOUS FLIGHT ACROSS THE CHANNEL...

England, 1909...



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HAMPERED FLIGHT

In the early part of this century aviation was frowned on by provincial English authorities, many of whom secretly thought the idea an affront to nature. A. V. Roe who founded the company that today produces trainers and light planes for the R.A.F., ran afoul of local prejudice at Les Marshes when it was learned that he actually intended to make a flight in a "flying machine." He might have come to grief in the courts had not Bleriot's channel flight proved the value of the infant science.

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LIT' ABNER—Young Yancey Rides Again!!

BY AL CAPP



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IT'S 12.03

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