## Family Congressman's

#### By EDWARD LAWSON

WHAT HAS HAPPENED: Sent out to interview Representative Paul Lucas. Congressman from Miscissippi. I discover two persons working frantically ever his dead body, removing it from an easy chair and placing it on a bed. One is a man named flutchinson, the dead man; builer, and the other a middle-aged, white-haired, fairly beautiful woman who described herself as the housekeeper. I call the police to handle the case and give the amazing story to my paper. Butchinson tries to escape by leaping through the window while the police are on the way, but I hold him until they arrive.

The two servants ascribe the Congress-man's death to an attack of heart disease, but the police doctor, after examination, declares that Lucas has been murdered

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the doctor as he concluded his brief ease, examination. Finally he looked

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'This shift wo men and a sob sistir over to help you out.' Jimmie Stewart, my city editor, told me. Come's bringing a camera and the other's an expert on homicide cases. The woman is to get an inside story from this so-called housekeeper you've been yapping about. You story from this so-called housekeeper you've been yapping about. You story from this so-called housekeeper frieer minutes with the latest developments."

"O.K." I said, and hung up.

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in so shor' a time, a man so honored and respected as Paul Lucas, murdered!

I turned and rushed from the room into the hall. As fast as the rown into the hall. As fast as the rown into the story of Paul Lucas's death. This story, certainly, would make from pages all over the country!

"I'm sending fee thought.

Finally he stopped r d faced the woman. "I want you to tell us just exactly what you know about this story as I 'id, I knew. Tome only nad a moment to take in the scene said. "Everybody gets into bad at a glance before hurrying out to habits of some sort. This seems to be about the worst that the when you first met him—and come when you first met him—and come

And his efforts did not go with-out reward. For among the numer-ous bills and memoranda on Paul Lucas's deak he discovered on Paul Lucas's desk he discovered a cryptic note, buried deep in a motley pile of miscellaneous papers. The note was undated and unsigned; it was typewritten very poorly, as though by someone unfamiliar with the machine. Handling the scrap of paper carefully, we read the note and puzzled over its meaning. It said

stick to your "Better society ladies or you'll regret

"It looks like a threat of some kind," I offered.

"It might be." the detective agreed. "This little note might prove of utmost significance in this case. And then again it may mean nothing at all."

"Are there an more like it?"
"I haven't found any. We'll look tarough these papers on the desk,

though. I assisted him in wading through the stacked-up mess of paper on the congressman's desk. "Isn't it queer." I observed, "how a man can be so neat and so clean person-

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I hurried back to the room in which the d tectives had cor regard. There were half a dozen other reporters cluttering up the other reporters and decorated with the servants was cheating on them. Either a man or a woman could have written and the from treatment of the bedroom in which he of the policy of the pol

ute," he said. He went into the congresman's private office again He went into the



umphantly carrying another slip of paper. "Look!" he said. "The type's the same. Whoever wrote that note to Lucas, wrote it on his own typewriter. And he must have been here, in this apartment, to have done it."

have done it."

"That makes things a little easier," the inspector sighed. "With that clue you've got there, we can go on with the investigation." He turned to a police sergeant who had been in his attendance since he had entered the building. "Smith," he said, "g that woman—the housekeeper, and send her in here to me. She's back to her own room, resting. There're two privates guarding the door; tell 'em I sent you for hes."

"Yes. sir." Sergeant Smith's heels clicked together and his hand touched the brim of his cap in salute.

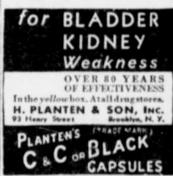
salute.

A moment later he returned with the middle-aged, white-haired lady in black on his arm. He helped her into a chair and stood L-hind her while the inspector paced the floor



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