

Murder At Bridge

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CHAPTER XIII.

"Then why ask me?" Hammond shrugged, but his red-brown eyes flickered toward Polly Beale.

"I thought perhaps you could give me a little additional information," Dundee scolded him. "You see, it happens that I saw you, Miss Beale, and another young man come into the Stuart House dining room about half-past one today, just when I was thinking of lunch for myself."

"The mysterious 'other young man' was Clive's brother, Ralph Hammond," Polly Beale cut in brusquely.

"Your decision to lunch with your fiancée and his brother was quite a sudden one!" Dundee asked courteously. "Just when did you change your mind about Mrs. Sellin's luncheon party at Breakaway Inn, Miss Beale?"

"The tall girl threw up her manly-cropped chestnut head. "There is nothing at all sinister or even queer about it, Mr. Dundee! I was on my way to the luncheon, when I decided to drive past Nita's house, on the chance that she might like me to drive her over."

"Then you didn't know that Mrs. Dunlap had already arranged to meet Mrs. Sellin downtown this morning and to take her to the Inn?" Dundee asked, with his greatest casualness.

"No! I didn't hear of the arrangement," Polly answered decidedly.

"You were a close friend of Mrs. Sellin's, perhaps?" Dundee prodded.

"No at all! But that would not keep me from doing my hostess a courtesy. . . . It was about a quarter to one when I got here, I should say. Nita wasn't here, nor was her maid, but I saw Ralph's car parked in front of the house."

"Ralph Hammond's car?" a woman squealed, but Dundee let Polly continue.

"I rang and he answered the door. Said he was alone in the house, going over the premises at Judge Marshall's request," Polly said evenly.

"That's right—that's right!" Judge Marshall agreed hastily. "Nita—Mrs. Sellin—wanted the unfinished half of the gable top maid's room and bath, and a guest room and bath added to the living quarters already completed. I gave the commission, for an estimate, at least, to the Hammond firm, of course, since they had built the house originally for Crain—Penny's father. . . ."

"I see," Dundee agreed. "And you sent your brother, Mr. Hammond?"

"He was the natural one to send," Clive Hammond retorted. "Small job. All he had to do was to get together an estimate and a list of electrical fixtures and radiators, electric wiring, plumbing, plastering, etc."

"Go on, Miss Beale," Dundee directed.

"Thanks!" There was sarcasm in her brusque voice. "But Polly Beale would not look like a liar she was lying now. Or rather, not revealing the real truth behind the actual facts of her movements that day. For instance, could a simple plea of her future brother-in-law make her do so discreetly as to break a luncheon when such a course would not only disappoint her hostess and her friends, but disarrange the seating plan of a rather formal party?"

Of course the explanation was obvious. She had wanted, first, to see Nita and remonstrate privately with her for so having involved Ralph Hammond, when he was tacitly known to 'belong' to Penny Crain—one of the sacred crowd. Failing that, she had found Ralph himself, and had not expected to find him: had

MAY USE STATE FUNDS IN LOCAL WORK

Salem, Ore., Dec. 8, (AP)—If a legal way can be found in which the state highway commission will divert from its funds about \$500,000 for the improvement of county and market roads in cooperation with county courts as a measure of relief from unemployment.

This was favored at a conference yesterday of Governor Corbitt, Chairman H. B. Van Duzer of the highway commission and State Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram who constituted themselves as a state employment commission. Another conference will be called early next week when the officials will receive advice from J. M. Devers, attorney for the highway commission, as to what legal leeway the commission has.

Van Duzer made it plain that his ideas were his own and that he was not speaking for the other members of the commission. He said the unemployment situation was serious and that scarcely any relief can be expected before March unless emergency action is taken. Diversion of state highway funds for county road improvements, he said, would give employment to every county in the state. The commission already has advanced much of its work, he said, with the result that more men are now employed on state highway work than ever before at this season in the year.

It was conceded by Van Duzer that 100 per cent efficiency would not be expected from emergency employment, and that there would be some waste of money, but the officials felt that the sacrifice was necessary.

Shaw-MacRea State Co.—Supplies	14.00	497.20
Assessor's Office—Travel Expense	47.30	
Chiloquin Review—Printing	14.90	42.20
Justice Court—Justice Fees—Jurors, Witnesses	209.50	
Constable	62.10	271.90
Emergency—Settlement Nodine case	3,297.97	3,297.97
Insane and Feeble Minded	19.00	19.00
Health Unit	33.80	32.80
Tax Refund	8.15	8.15
Agricultural College Extension Work	1,187.50	1,187.50
Institute and Library	569.55	569.55
Grasshopper and Predatory Animal Work	335.40	335.40
Quarantine and Isolation Hospital	24.24	24.24
Weed Control Fund	554.49	554.49
Fair Board Appropriation	871.50	871.50
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES MARKET ROAD FUND		118,347.22

Insurance	65.33
L. F. Iretson—Surfacing	5,572.55
Glen Hurgen—Labor	8.97
Homer Hurgen—Labor	8.97
Lloyd Gift	3.49
Wm. Bauer	269.69
J. E. McCuller	99.43
M. D. Settle	186.67
Albert Keady	74.18
Wade Pitcher	117.76
E. D. Easton	40.67
F. C. Woolery	37.41
A. K. Keller	21.63
G. Herlihy	61.60
M. Shipman	8.97
C. E. Nye	65.72
Jack Williams	7.85
Harry Harper	4.48
Frank Foster	4.48
Frank Fox	13.95
T. J. Thompson	4.48
Harry Harper	4.48
Ralph Smith	41.54
G. R. Wells	164.70
J. J. Westfall	81.24
Floyd Shipman	102.28
F. A. McManis	17.94
J. B. Lemire	48.00
C. N. Robbins	8.97
TOTAL	7,142.40

Insurance	38.94
Repairs and Supplies	196.58
E. D. Easton	137.29
Ralph Smith	48.50
Wm. Deacon	100.25
M. Shipman	76.29
F. Shipman	30.79
G. Herlihy	67.07
J. D. Welch, Jr.	190.17
K. D. Welch, Sr.	6.73
R. G. Frayne	134.10
J. W. Downing	147.19
F. A. McManis	76.09
Jasper Westfall	8.50
Wade Pitcher	36.68
C. E. Nye	27.44
A. Keller	55.16
Jim Murphy	35.92
John Westfall	52.12
F. C. Wolery	77.22
J. H. Barnes	23.69
W. C. Eldridge	33.58
A. M. Hedrick	135.51
N. C. Robbins	85.77
Homer Hurgen	85.77
Glen Hurgen	85.77
Albert Keady	63.26
Jack Matney	43.08
Jack Williams	94.88
Frank Foster	47.85
Frank Fox	31.42
Harry Harper	30.42
Perry Wilson	47.58
Forrest Reed	13.71
J. B. Lemire	25.18
Joe Zumpfe	42.70
TOTAL	2,497.30

Insurance	65.81
L. F. Iretson—Surfacing Poe Valley-Mallin Highway	5,220.00
W. N. Davis, labor	44.91
Ralph Smith	63.63
Jack Matney	17.65
Curtis Nye	58.90
Jack Williams	78.63
Frank Foster	44.85
John Lemire	44.88
Frank Fox	44.88
Harry Harper	40.39
Perry Wilson	19.47
Thomas J. Thompson	49.59
J. E. McCuller	61.76
Albert Keady	61.76
M. Shipman	8.97
John Westfall	8.97
N. C. Robbins	8.97
TOTAL	8,945.35

Library Fund	657.50	457.50
High School Fund	100.00	100.00

Approved for publication this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1930.
 FRED R. GODDARD, County Judge.
 SILAS OENCHAIN, Commissioner.
 Attest: C. D. DeLap, County Clerk
 By C. J. Gatos, Deputy. 5-11

PORTLAND ASKS POWER RIGHTS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8, (AP)—The city of Portland has filed with the Public Service Commission an application for authority to appropriate 50,000 second feet of water from the Columbia river in Hood River county for power purposes.

The application follows one made on the same location about six months ago by Ralph C. Clyde, now a member of the Portland city commission, but which was cancelled for the reason that Clyde did not file an application with the federal power commission. No application with the federal commission yet accompanied the application by the city, but presumably will be filed.

Prior to these filings E. G. Hopson filed for 60,000 second feet on the same location, to develop 80,000 horsepower at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. This application was filed September 16, 1929, and it was said at the state engineering office that Hopson also has filed with the Federal Power Commission his application for right of way on federal land. This filing is said to be for private purposes.

Amelia Says "No Reason Why She Shouldn't Marry"

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, (A.P.)—Amelia Earhart, fair-haired aviatrix, wouldn't say she wouldn't marry, but she had refused to say when or to whom she would.

Miss Earhart was here to address the Aero club. With a twinkle in her eye, she confessed she wasn't married to George P. Putnam, Boston publisher, who was issued a license to wed her last month.

"Nevertheless," Miss Earhart said, "there is really no reason why I shouldn't marry Putnam, I might."

HILLSBORO MAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Dec. 8, (AP)—William Williams, 40, of Hillsboro, died today from injuries received in a traffic accident Saturday night. He did not regain consciousness after being brought to the hospital.

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CHAS. A. LEVINE IS ACQUITTED

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 6, (A.P.)—Charles A. Levine, who today was cleared of a charge of conspiracy to counterfeit French coins, told the Associated Press it was a plan to fly around the world alone in 15 days which got him into trouble.

The man whose most spectacular solo flight thus far was that across the English channel from Paris to Croydon a couple of years ago, apparently had no doubt of his ability to pilot a plane around the world single-handed.

"I was full of this plan when I came to Vienna last August," he said, "and I had been looking up equipment firms for a gyroscope and other instruments useful to a flier traveling alone and likely to fall asleep at the controls."

Levine explained his wish for the matrices as motivated by a desire to print his own likeness and that of his wife on the back of medals which otherwise would appear as French coins, taking the products back to America for distribution.

Denmark Ruler Slightly Hurt In Auto Mishap

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 8, (AP)—King Christian was seriously cut about the face today as he returned, shortly after midnight, to Frederiksberg.

Shortly after leaving Copenhagen the royal automobile smashed into a small car of sedan type driven by two women. The small car was crumpled. His majesty, bleeding badly from the face, stopped to see to the welfare of the woman who had been injured and then hurried on to his castle.

The King's injuries were received principally from broken glass which badly lacerated his face.

Invalid Woman Is Saved by Fireman

PORTLAND, Dec. 8, (AP)—Carried from her second floor room in the strong arms of a fireman, Mrs. Josie Harvey, 60, an invalid, had a narrow escape from death when fire destroyed a three-story frame rooming house here. The lodgers saved little of their belongings. The building was a total loss.

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Hearing on Cross State Rail Line Comes This Week

PORTLAND, Dec. 8, (AP)—The original hearing on the Interstate Commerce Commission's petition for a permanent injunction restraining the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing its order requiring the railway company to build the proposed 18-mile cross state extension from Crane to Crescent in Oregon will be held in Portland Wednesday before United States Circuit Judge Rudkin and United States District Judges Bean and McNary.

The original hearing on the injunction was held last September before the late Judge Frank S. Dietrich. Judge Dietrich died suddenly three days after the hearing, necessitating another presentation of the matter.

"Conditions are not as bad as they appear on the surface," said the man as he stepped into his Rolls.

More or Less, except that I skirted the road, stepping upon the front porch, and walking directly into the hall. I saw no one outside or near the house when I arrived." Drake answered, with less than his usual nastiness.

"And saw no one running away across the meadow?" Dundee pressed.

"No one at all," Drake retorted. "I wish to God I could truthfully say that I saw a gunman, with a mask and smoking revolver, walking through the willow trees, but the absolute truth is that I saw no one."

"Thank you, Mr. Drake. . . . Now—Mr. Sprague, 'of New York'."

Sprague's nervously twitching face reddened darkly. "I—I took a bus. I have no car of my own."

EXPENDITURES OF KLAMATH COUNTY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1930, TO DECEMBER 2nd, 1930, NOVEMBER TERM COUNTY COURT.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.

County Commissioners—Attorney Fees—Exp. Coll. Del. Taxes	2.00	
Mileage—Judges and Commissioners	73.35	
Advertising and Printing	458.50	
Western Union—Service County Court	2.34	593.21
Sherriff and Tax Collector—Board Prisoners and Jail Expense	1,047.56	
Auto Traveling Expense—Trans. Prisoners, Mileage, etc.	272.58	
Insurance—Peace Officers et al	40.55	
Shaw-MacRea State Co.—Supplies	13.55	
Chiloquin Review—Biotter's	22.20	
Cofor Bros—Cabinets, etc.	2.59	
Interstate Tel. and Tel. Co.—Service	31.60	
L. L. Low—Postage	11.59	
Western Union—Service	22.48	
Eastman Kodak Stores—Service	65.58	
Kilham State & Ptg. Co.—Supplies	12.75	1,553.97
Hub Tire Shop—Tires		
County Clerk's Office—Shaw-MacRea State Co.—Blanks	2.25	
West Coast Ptg. & Binding Co.—Book	37.33	
Smith-Hates Ptg. Co.—Supplies	3.50	
Elections	2,825.06	2,861.14
Engineer and Surveyor—Lease	2.22	
Chiloquin Review—Printing	4.35	12.57
District Attorney's Office—Traveling Expense	112.40	
Court Reporting	45.00	
M. E. Driscoll—Stamps	10.00	
Shaw-MacRea State Co.—Supplies	6.15	
E. B. Henry—Plat. Co.—Service	110.00	
Interstate Tel. & Tel. Service	1.46	
Western Union Service	2.22	226.22
Coroner's Office—Fees Coroner—Witnesses, Juror Reporter	53.60	
Physician	2.51	
Interstate Tel. & Tel. Service	2.51	
Western Union—Service	.60	57.71
Court House and Jail—Telephone—Insurance, Repairs	712.36	
Fuel, Furniture, Lights, Water, Laundry, Garbage Disposal, Gas	115.00	927.36
Four Farms—Maintenance—Repairs, Salary Supt.	218.47	
County Poor—"Not at Farm"—Widow's Pensions, etc.	2,659.28	2,677.75
Circuit Court—Meals Jury—Jurors, Witness fees, etc.	504.20	
Attorney Fees	25.00	
Chiloquin Review	14.00	

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