

DANGER ROMANCE AHEAD SERIAL STORY BY TOM HORNER

YESTERDAY: Monnie tells Larry about the accident, how she was hurrying to Bentley's, almost crashed into the other car on Dead Man's Curve...

CHAPTER VIII MONNIE was silent, wanting to believe Larry, but unable to comprehend how he could be so sure that Hugh had not been drinking...

"Hugh never drank, and he wasn't drunk that night, regardless of what the coroner said he found." He was certain of that.

"If it weren't for this drinking angle, I'd think Hugh deliberately drove off the cliff to avoid running into you— but if he'd been drunk, he wouldn't have done that."

"But—you don't blame me for what I did," Monnie ventured, "and for not telling the whole truth at the inquest."

"I couldn't blame you for anything you've done, Monnie," Larry reassured her. "You didn't kill Hugh. Either he killed himself, or— but you had no part in it, I know that."

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The black settled into a long center as Larry left the ranch headquarters. An hour later, he sat on top of the promontory overlooking the scene of Hugh's fatal accident.

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AN hour later, Larry returned to his horse. He had found nothing of particular value, but he had a clear picture of the scene of the accident. He would have to wait for daylight to examine the floor of the canyon. He mounted and turned back toward the ranchhouse.

The black was walking slowly, picking his way along a cow trail. Larry noticed the black bulk of resting cattle, looming in front of him, turned aside to avoid disturbing them. Suddenly he became conscious of a steady hum, overhead.

He stopped, listened intently for several minutes. The planes were coming closer. He scanned the sky for their lights. None were visible. With sudden decision, Larry wheeled the black, kicked him into a run toward Bentley's airport.

Larry dropped into a draw that led down to Bentley's line fence. Shadows were deeper here, and the going rougher but there was less chance that someone in the plane might see him. Or someone on the ground, waiting for that ship to land. He slowed the

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BOSTON, June 1 (AP)—Two new 1630 ton destroyers, the U. S. S. Nicholson and the U. S. S. Wilkes, were christened yesterday at the Boston navy yard.

LARRY had no doubts, now, as to who was the head of the narcotics ring. There was only one answer—Bentley.

Few people, outside of the authorities, even knew that narcotics were being smuggled in here. No one would suspect Bentley and even if they did, proving such a charge was another matter.

The trail to the ranch led down through the canyon where Larry had fixed the fence. Barnes had been right. Already the plains farmers had cut a road through to the railroad, and all the padlocks in the state couldn't keep them out. Barnes had finally given in, left the gate unlocked.

Larry heard a car coming behind him now. Probably someone taking a shortcut to the highway. The car was coming nearer. If the fool was driving fast, he might run the horse down. Larry turned

ANTI-ALLIES—Here's how at least one student picked the classroom of Paul P. Cram, Harvard history instructor who is strongly in favor of American aid to the Allies. The students refused to give their names, wore gas masks.

MR CRAM YOU MAY ASPIRE TO FIGHT FOR EMPIRE WE WONT TAKE YOUR STUFF ONCE WAS ENOUGH!

FLAPPER FANNY By Sylvia

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OUT OUR WAY By J. R. WILLIAMS

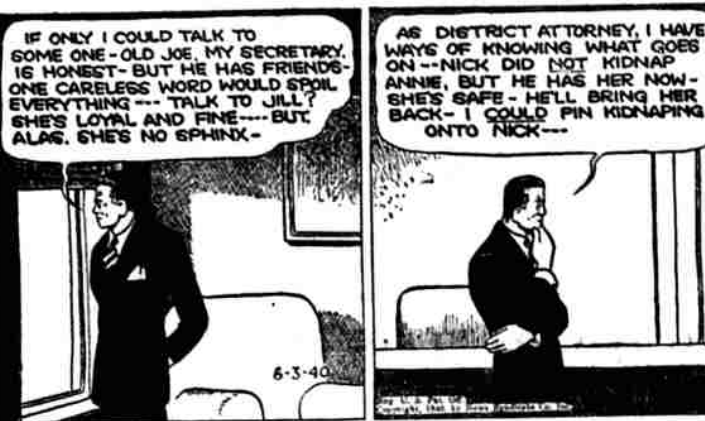


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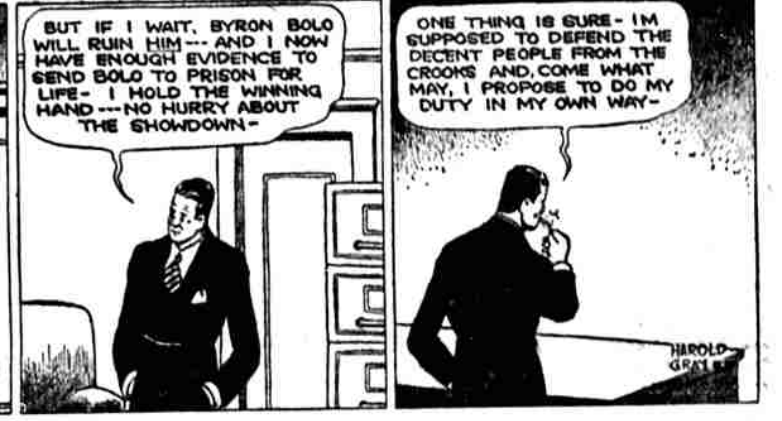
OUR BOARDING HOUSE With MAJOR HOOPLE



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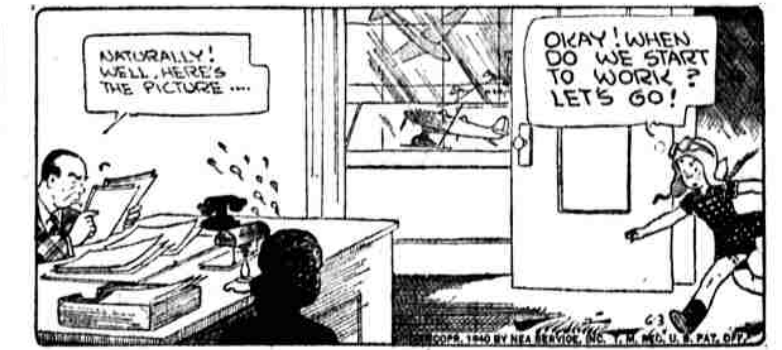
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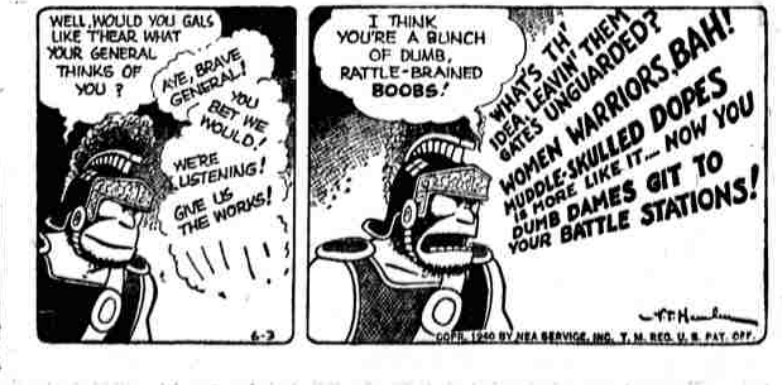
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE. HORIZONTAL: 1. Pictured American diplomat. 2. Crowds. 3. Eagle's nest. 4. Genus of swans. 5. Astrigral pipes. 6. On the lee. 7. Tennis fence. 8. Marched formally. 9. Sprite. 10. Almond. 11. Appliances. 12. Laborer. 13. Fungus disease of rye. 14. To counter-sink. 15. To thread. 16. Stays. 17. Verb ending. 18. Thick shrub. 19. Bile. 20. Corps of Algerian cavalry. 21. Existence. 22. Portuguese money. 23. Cart. 24. Bartered. 25. Wrath. 26. Mouths of roofs. 27. Tatter. 28. She is a diplomat or diplomat to Norway. 29. She is or busy in a nation at war. 30. VERTICAL: 1. Gift of charity. 2. To border on. 3. She worked for social or changes. 4. Placarded. 5. Cringes. 6. Long speeches. 7. Before. 8. Era. 9. Rumanian coins. 10. To chew. 11. Grief. 12. Ringworm. 13. Stern. 14. Pertaining to air. 15. Legal claim. 16. To kill a fly. 17. Wan. 18. Seaweed. 19. Opposite of cold. 20. Spore clusters. 21. Slovak. 22. Rim. 23. Postscript (abbr.). 24. Carolina Carolinas (abbr.).

Crossword puzzle grid with a small portrait of a man in the center.