

• SERIAL STORY

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A THREAT FULFILLED

CHAPTER IX

ONE day, after Penny had returned to the Courier office from one of her frequent visits to the mill, she found Jim deep in conversation with a visitor. He was tall, distinguished-looking, and a ready smile waited on his lips.

"Hello, Penny," Jim welcomed. "May I present Lou Macdonald, head of the County Humane Society. Lou, this is Penny Kellogg, our society editor."

"I've heard a great deal about you, Miss Kellogg," Macdonald said. "I'd like to compliment you on your series of articles on the Kirk mills. They're great."

"Thanks," said Penny. "I'm glad to know I have at least one reader."

"Here's a little story you might like to handle," said Jim. "There's some good meat in this report of Humane Society activities."

"It isn't exactly pleasant reading," Macdonald warned. "In fact, it's rather discouraging."

Penny studied the figures. Here, in cold type, was a tragic story of families deserted, children who would have faced starvation if the Humane Society had not helped them.

"Kirktown has the worst record in the county," Penny observed.

"Yes, unfortunately that's true," Macdonald admitted.

"There are some men who can't resist the temptation or any other temptations that come their way. They suffer, but those who really are hurt are their wives and children. We do our best to find new interests for these men and to instill in them a sense of responsibility."

Penny listened in fascination to his stories of the strange cases that his office handled. She had never realized such situations existed.

When he had finished, she knew why Jim had been crusading so bitterly against the Castro gang.

"I have an idea," Penny said. "that we can finish this Castro business in a big hurry. Will you help?"

"Will we help?" Jim echoed.

"It isn't easy," Macdonald cautioned. "For one thing, the boys at City Hall are working hand in glove with the gang. Castro spends plenty of money at each election to make sure the right men get in."

"Then," said Penny, "we'll get the City Hall gang out, too. We'll put men in office who'll enforce the laws and who'll run this bunch of tinhorn gamblers out of town."

"Count on me," Macdonald assured. He shook hands with Penny as he rose to his feet. "It's been a pleasure to see you two. Just give me a ring whenever you're ready."

"Thanks for dropping in," Jim said. "We'll keep in touch with you."

Penny was thankful for Jim's invitation to dinner. A steak at Pietro's would hit the spot.

All through dinner, Penny was silent. Her thoughts were on a plan that was daring, and dangerous. It must not fail. She decided to say nothing about it to Jim until she had worked out all the details.

"I'd like to come back to the office tonight, Jim. I've got a lot of work to do," she said.

That night she sat in puzzled thought over her typewriter. Penny discarded page after page of copy. For more than an hour she concentrated on a short, one-page thesis. When she finished, she smiled at Jim.

"I'm not going to show this to you just yet, Jim," she said. "But I want to reserve a page of advertising space in the Courier, and a spot on the front page. I'm not going to pay a thousand dollars, either. You'll just have to trust me to pay for the space."

"Your credit's good," he said. "Provided you can give me two references, both of them millionaires."

"I could," said Penny. "but I won't. And don't reach for this copy. It's for a circular you're going to print, when I'm ready."

"Okay, Penny. The place is yours. Whenever you're ready, just shoot. Just let me in on it a little ahead of time," Jim asked.

"You're the big gun behind the campaign," she told him. "Without you I couldn't do a thing. Without you, in fact, I wouldn't be here."

"Without you," Jim said, sincerely, "being here wouldn't be worthwhile."

THE street was bathed in moonlight. Walking beside Jim, Penny found new contentment. They talked pleasantly of many things. At her door, Jim pressed Penny's hand in his own.

Her lips were inviting. He kissed her, tenderly.

"Good night, Penny," he whispered. She watched him as he marched jauntily back toward the foot of the hill. His kiss would be another memory to treasure forever.

Penny found Midge in bed, reading.

"Hello, there," her roommate called cheerfully. "This is a fine time to be coming home. I know. You were detained at the office. You'd better think up a better excuse than that."

Penny laughed. "My excuse is a lot more exciting than that. I've been using my thinking cap for a change. I really have news tonight."

"Tell me about it," Midge begged.

"I will in a minute," she answered. "Wait till I get comfortable."

Penny left out the incident concerning the bribe Jim had refused. She glossed over the run-of-the-mill social news of the day. She talked at length about Macdonald and the Humane Society report.

Then Penny told Midge of her plan to rid Kirktown of its gang-

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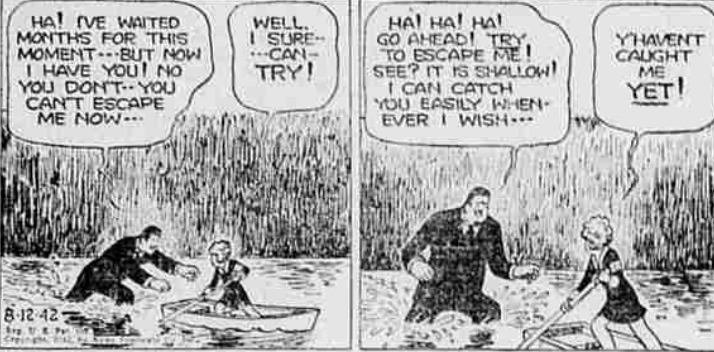
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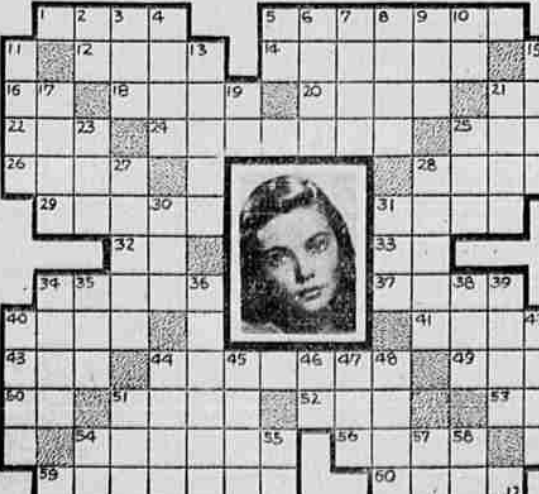
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By William Ferguson



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| 1.5 Pictured screen actress. | 12 Impel. | 14 Eskimo boat. | 16 Symbol for tellurium. | 18 Nearest to. | 20 Tinkle. | 21 Accomplish. | 22 Upper limb. | 24 Miser. | 25 Dove's call. | 26 Tumult. | 28 Grain. | 29 Artless. | 31 Substance. | 32 Government issue (abbr.). | 33 Symbol for gold. | 34 Solace. | 37 Chew upon. | 40 Withered. | 41 Elm. | 43 Existence. | 44 Manager. | 49 Ill-bred fellow. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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