

DEATH WRITES THE LAST EDITION

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THE MAN IN PARKER'S STUDY

CHAPTER XI
"DAVE, what's wrong? You sound so queer. Pat's voice was puzzled. 'Has anything happened?'"

Dave hesitated. "Pat could pick the darnedest times to call! He gripped the telephone tighter and stared at Myra Rose's retreating back."

"No, Pat, I—you—" he floundered hopelessly for a moment, then his tongue straightened itself out. "Just a little surprise," he told her. "I'll tell you about it tonight."

"That's what I wanted to talk to you about, Dave," she went on. "Why don't you ask Clem and Mary to come with you? We'll have supper together and spend a comfy evening, just like old times."

"Swell, Pat," Dave tried to be enthusiastic, but his spirits went into a tailspin. She didn't, he told himself, want to spend an evening with him—and him alone.

"Good. Jerry has some sort of a Scout meeting and Mother is going over to visit Aunt Sarah Harrington, so you can plan on helping with the dishes." She laughed at his grunt of consternation. "I know there'd be a catch to it," he groaned. "Okay, Pat, we'll be there with bells on. 'Bye, now.' He hung up and turned to the others."

"Go on, say it," he grinned, a little of the old excitement returning. "Tell me I'm a chump."

"Not chump, Dave," Mary Evans said. "Chump."

"Right you are, honey," Clem agreed with her before Dave had a chance to speak. "Congratulations, son."

"Mine, too," Elmer piped up, and Rod Thomas joined in: "You sure shut the old gal up pronto, Dave. I'd already started to rack my brain about another job."

Dave chuckled. "Maybe you'd better not stop yet, Rod," he said. "I still have to convince the bank that they should back me."

DAVE hailed a cruising taxi and went to the big house on Elm street that had been home to Joe Parker for so long. He wanted to talk to Mrs. Harrington.

"Hello, girl of my dreams," he bowed low when Aunt Sarah answered his knock.

"Go on, now, with your flattery, Dave Elson." She laughed heartily, throwing the door wide. He followed her into the living room with its comfortable old furniture and cheery grate fire.

"What is it, Davey?" Mrs. Harrington stirred up the fire and threw on another stick of wood from the ornate box in the corner before she sat down. The flames leaped, crackling, up the cavernous chimney. She waited patiently until he was ready to speak.

Hesitantly, Dave told her what had happened. Of Myra Rose's arrival and her decision to sell the property. Of the coldly mercenary view she took of the whole estate, her announcement that there was no reason why she should not have the money now, regardless of what had happened.

Only when he told her of his impetuous offer to buy the Express did Mrs. Harrington smile.

"I'm glad, Davey," she murmured, trying to hide the tears that made her voice tremble. "Mr. Parker would be happy, too, if he could know."

She wiped her eyes with the corner of her big apron. Dave reached over and patted her hand. His own eyes felt suspiciously moist.

"Maybe," he whispered, "maybe he does know, Aunt Sarah."

"Come on in," Patricia called when Dave announced his arrival with a sharp whistle, and Clem, Mary and Police Chief Sam Blair ushered him into the room.

"Why, welcome, Mr. Blair," she greeted him in surprise, then to Dave: "What have you done that you have to have a police escort?"

"He's a public enemy, Pat," the police chief boomed. "A menace to the heart of every pretty girl in town."

"Oooh, Dave, give the man a quarter," Pat laughed.

When the dishes were done and they had all gone into the living room, Pat began to feel uncomfortable. Something, she could not

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Buy the Express had not caused their nervousness. At 9 o'clock it happened. Someone knocked—and a dropped pin would have sounded like a brick.

"I'll get it, Pat," Mary was already hurrying into the hall.

The brief silence seemed like an age to Pat as the three men leaned forward expectantly. But Dave, she saw, was watching her out of the corner of his eye.

"I'm George Rand," came the man's voice. "Is Sam Blair here? I was told he wanted to see me."

Pat started up, then sat down again. She threw a frightened glance at Sam Blair, then at Dave. "That's him," she whispered hoarsely. "That's the man who was in Parker's study, Dave."

(To Be Continued)

Raw rubber, selling for less than wood, has been used for open fires in many British homes.

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

HEY, WORRY WART, WHAT'S THE SENSE OF TAKING THAT DOG HOME? YOU KNOW MOM WON'T LET YOU KEEP HIM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN—TAKING HIM HOME?



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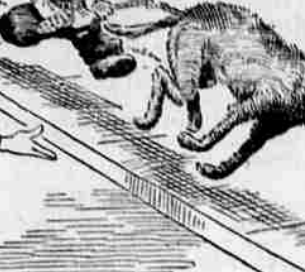
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Our Boarding House

With Major Hoopla

I'VE LOCATED A VERY PLEASANT JOB WHERE YOU CAN RUN THINGS YOURSELF, MAJOR—IT'S TRANSPORTATION EXPERT FOR THE STREET CAR COMPANY! YOU'LL BE IN FULL CONTROL!

EGAD, TOM!... A DIGNIFIED BERTH OF THAT NATURE FITS A MAN OF MY DYNAMIC TYPE AS SNUGGLY AS A KID GLOVE! I'M DELIGHTED!



THOSE CARS RUN ON GLACIER TIME NOW—HOW'LL WE DO IF THE SYSTEM IS WOUND UP BY A GUY WHOSE LIFEWORK IS MISSING BOATS?

M'LL BE IN CONTROL OF ONE CAR.

Red Ryder

RED RYDER FINDS A DISCREPANCY IN SCOURDOUGH DAN'S STORY ABOUT HIS YUKON GOLD STRIKE!

YOU SAID PETE NEVER REACHED THE YUKON!

CALLIN' ME A LIAR, HEY! I'LL SHOW YOU!

YOU'RE FAST ON THE DRAW, RYDER!

YEH! A FAST GUESSESS, TOO! YOU MURDERED PETE AND STOLE HIS GOLD—YOU SHOT AT ME BECAUSE I LOOKED LIKE PETE!

YOU THOUGHT I WAS PETE'S GHOST!

Freckles and His Friends

By Blosser

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO LARD AND HILDA FRECKLES?

IT WASN'T OUR IDEA, JUNIE! WE'RE ONLY ACTING AS STOCKS!

THAT OTHER GUY THOUGHT IT UP! HE'S LARD'S COUSIN HUBERT! LARDS NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

HUBERT JUST GOT IN FROM FAIRFAX! HE'S GONNA STAY AT THE SMITHS!

AND HE SURE HAS SOME SWELL THINGS PLANNED FOR LARD!

SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS ISN'T THE BEGINNING OF A LONG AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!

Wash Tubbs

By Crane

MASCOTT SHOULD BE HERE... WE NEED HIS REPORT IN OUR PLANS TO RAID BERLIN!

I'LL TRY TO FIND HIM, SIR!

WONDER IF HE'S IN HIS OFFICE!

Boots and Her Buddies

By V. T. Hamlin

PUG

HEY, P-U-G!!

WATER

THAT'S THE ONLY THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THIS FARM—

THE PLUMBING IS TERRIBLE

WATER

Allep Oop

By Martin

DON'T YOU EVER HEAR SOMETHING GET LONESOME? I DO—SPECIALLY FOR MOO ALLEY! WITH THE BIG DINOSAUR AND ALL?

I WONDER HOW ZEL AND ROOZY AND ALL OUR OTHER OLD FRIENDS ARE!

ALL TELL YOU WHAT... LET'S GET DR. WORMBUG TO SEND US BACK THROUGH THE TIME-MACHINE JUST FOR A VISIT!

WELL, I DUNNO...

MEANWHILE CAPTAIN BOOM THE ROCKET EXPERT HAS AN IMPORTANT VISITOR.

AH, COME IN CAPTAIN... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

Little Orphan Annie

By Harold Gray

DO YOU THINK MR. SPANGLE CAN BEAT MAYOR GULL IN THE ELECTION?

I'M NOT TALKIN'! AND YOU'D BETTER NOT TALK EITHER!

WHY? IS IT A CRIME TO DISCUSS POLITICS?

COLONEL ANNIE SAYS IT IS, FOR ANY JUNIOR COMMANDO! IT'S ORDERS!

YOU'D THINK SHE'D BE THE FIRST TO TALK POLITICS, WITH HER UNCLE RUMMIN' FOR MAYOR.

SHE GOT HER ORDERS TOO!

BUT SHE'S OUR COLONEL! WHO COULD GIVE HER ORDERS?

I GUESS THERE'S ALWAYS A GENERAL SOMEWHERE TO TELL A COLONEL TO PIPE DOWN.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"He's digging a fox hole—he used to be in the Army!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

NEW JERSEY NOTED STREW SERAI EELER BERM RO PM LEAS AROAR NEW TOPIC YE LA ROW DR NH GE JERSEY TAR UP NEARS HASTE ERIE SH NO DEED ARECA REINS SCORN BLAST ELIZABETH

VERTICAL

1 Twisted

2 Excitement

3 Become weary

4 Abstract being

5 Registered nurse (abbr.)

6 Prisons

7 Sole

8 Head cover

10 Verbal

11 Back of neck

17 Employ

18 Torrid

21 Laughter sound

22 Father

23 Rapid

24 Smell

25 Free astray

28 International language

30 Entice

31 Adjudge

33 He was a famous

34 Samarium (symbol)