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DEATH ON THE DIAMOND

BY CORTLAND FITZSIMMONS

Synopsis of Preceding Instalments: It has been ten years since Pop Clark won a United League pennant with his New York Blues. As the season opens the sports writers, with the exception of Terry Burke of the Star, give them little chance. He bets $10 on them at 200 to 1 at the restaurant of Tony Murallo, a gambler, in the Broadway district. From the first game, in which Whitper, the Philadelphia pitcher, is killed with a rifle bullet through the heart after smashing out a home-run, death or injury cripples the Blues' opponents. Both Whitpey and Larry Doyle, the Blues' rookie shortstop and ex-Fordham star, had been attentive to Clark's pretty daughter, Frances, and she had shown her preference for Larry. When four Boston players are injured, Burke learns that Sid Stream, notorious New York gunman, wrecked their taxi with a rifle bullet through a tire. Stream is found dead and Terry receives by mail the warning: "People who know too much die!" Terry has the news first also when Dirkin, Chicago star, drops dead from poison after hitting a homer. The poison comes from a phonograph needle fixed in the handle of his favorite bat Pietro, the Chicago bat boy, disappears mysteriously. Masked gunmen trus up Terry, question him, gag him, and warn him he knows too much. He swears his beats are due to lucky hunches. Both Terry and Doyle have been suspected by Detective Kelly, and Clark sends Doyle to Newark. Larry plays good ball there, is sold to Boston, and is becoming one of the most popular players in the league.

"Nix. You stay here until I hear from New York."

Terry watched Dowell and Klein as they began a systematic inspection of the room. They went over it completely and thoroughly.

The manager was still standing about uneasily. Finally he coughed. Dowell paused. "What do you know about Scotter?"

"Nothing really. He was a good and steady guest here at the hotel."

"Any peculiarities that would be noticeable?"

"He was a very quiet man. He spent a great deal of time in his room. He liked to do jigsaw puzzles; you have had a sample of that. He did not fraternize with the rest of the men as most players do. It was not snobbishness, rather a certain aloofness. He was amiable, but liked to be alone. He was woman shy, and was sometimes rude to women who tried to get his autograph."

"None of the general things, then, that you are apt to find about single men."

"Oh, no!" the manager hastened to say. "He was a confirmed bachelor, and while he was polite to the maids, there was never any complaint about him in any way. He was an ideal guest in many ways."

"You may go. I'd like to have a talk with the maid who takes care of this room. Will you see that she comes up at once?"

The manager nodded and backed from the room. The maid soon came. She was a tall, thin, pale yellow Negress who walked up brazenly to the inspector and said, "I don' know nothing about anything! I knocked on the door about 9.30 and Mr. Scotter said he wouldn't be going out until noon."

"Were you in here last night?"

"Yes, sir. I came in about 9.30 and turned his bed down the same as I do every night."

"Was there a jigsaw puzzle on the table then?" The inspector turned toward the table near the window.

"Yes, sir."

"Was it that one?"

She walked across and looked at what was left of the puzzle. "No, sir."

"Are you sure?"

"The one last night was nearly finished. There were just a few pieces left to be put in."

"You are positive of that?"

"Yes, sir. Mr. Scotter was very particular about his puzzles. I knock-one off one day when I was cleaning and he was powerful mad about it, and one time he came in unexpected and found me putting in some pieces and he gave me instructions to leave his puzzles alone. Very touchy he was about them."

"Did you ever see that one before?"

"Not that I remember, but when he is here he has so many of them I wouldn't say."

"He always has a lot of them in the room?"

"Yes, sir. He keeps them stacked up on his dresser. He rented them from the bookshop. They would send them over three or four at a time."

When the maid left, Dowell said to his man, "Look through that batch and see if there is a bill or anything to tell which shop rented him the puzzles."

There was a bill in one of the boxes for three puzzles. There were three boxes of puzzles on the dresser and the empty box that had contained the puzzle sprawled out on the table.

"That one isn't part of this lot," the man explained.

"Are you sure of that?" the inspector asked.

"I've checked them and they agree with the bill."

Dowell grunted. "Call the mail clerk and have him come up."

The mail clerk was a thin, pale young man who slid into the room a few minutes later.

"What kind of mail did Scotter receive?" Dowell asked.

"All sorts of letters from all over the country and many packages."

"What kind of packages?"

"From the sound of most of them when you picked them up, I'd say they were probably jigsaw puzzles. It was a known fact in the hotel that Mr. Scotter spent a great deal of his time doing puzzles."

"How long has he been here this time?"

"Four or five days. The team came back last week."

"Any packages this trip?"

"There was one this morning that came through the mail. I sent a boy up with it as soon as it came in."

"What time was that?"

"I called Mr. Scotter and asked him if he wanted it sent up and he said yes. It was a little after nine o'clock."

Dowell went over to the waste-basket and pulled out part of the morning paper, some torn letters and a large sheet of wrapping-paper. He studied it for a moment and then handed it to the clerk.

"Was that the one you saw this morning?"

The clerk looked at for a moment. "Yes, sir. I remember the printing. It's very bold lettering and it has the room number, too."

It was indeed bold lettering. Terry could see it from where he sat and it looked as if had been done with the end of a match-stick.

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Canadian Press Service Lauded

President Says News-Gathering Association Lived Up To Reputation

TORONTO, — Addressing the annual general meeting of the Canadian Press, the cooperative news gathering association of the daily newspaper publishers, President W. R. Preston of the Brantford Expositor made an interesting survey of the world situation during the past year. "European complications," he said, "preempted the front pages of the newspapers and there were many times since last we met when another world conflagration seemed practically unavoidable. The threat of war almost continuously upon us brought the nations to the very brink of another struggle.

"Demand from the newspapers for the latest information has seldom been more intense and the responsibilities resting upon news gathering organizations have been most severe. I am glad to say that The Canadian Press, through its London Bureau and its alliances with the Associated Press, Reuters and Havas, has lived up to its best traditions and performed a great public service by giving a very complete coverage of all the news, while maintaining its reputation for speed and accuracy and the general reliability of its reports."

The president went on to refer to the careful coverage of the difficult political situation occasioned by the Social Credit experiment in Alberta, to the reorganization and enlargement of the London Bureau last winter resulting in a much expanded and more intimate report of the news of the old country and the Empire, and to the successful experiment last summer of a Canadian Press picture service, whose logical development in time would be the carrying of an all-Canad picture service by telephoto alongside the news.

Referring to the recent retirement of E. H. Macklin, Mr. Preston said: I would like to remind you that the beginning of our cooperative association goes back 30 years to the establishment of the Western Associated Press in Winnipeg in 1907. That young organization owed much to E. H. Macklin of the Manitoba Free Press, first its treasurer and then its president. A man of vision, he never lost sight of the ideal of a national news association. That doctrine he steadily preached to his conferees in the east with an eloquence of phrase so characteristically his own. His unremitting missionary work finally bore fruit in 1917 when the four sectional news associations were knit into one which has become the Canadian Press of to-day.

"Mr. Macklin gave the new organization his warm-hearted support and on every occasion he has taken the long view of the future of our cooperative association. He could have been president any time these score of years but he preferred to remain in the background, though even his modesty could not refuse the office of honorary president, created in 1924, to do him honor. History will acclaim him the Father of the Canadian Press."

Queer World!

Putting Back the Clock: Every German university man must henceforth defend his honour by sabre duels. "An affair of honour," it is officially stated, "may deal with love, money, and reputation of self, family, or Fatherland." The sabre is 3 ft. long with a quarter-inch rounded tip, razor-sharp.

Aftermath: It is nearly twenty-three years since the war started and yet last year fourteen new cases were admitted to St. Dunstan's—all those of men who have now gone blind as a result of having been gassed. During the last five years nearly two hundred new cases have been admitted.

Expensive Buttonhole: An English carnation valued at £1,000 caused great interest at a display in New York. The high price is due to the fact that only the first plant of the new variety can be used, as the seeds seldom breed true. It takes about five years to develop.

Don't Want Money: Nearly 80,000 unclaimed accounts exist in the Post Office Savings Bank. They range from a few shillings to hundreds of pounds the average working out at about £16.

Snake Slakes with Beer: There was practically a riot when a travelling salesman entered a bar in Sydney, New South Wales, with a 10 ft. long snake curled round his neck. But the snake caused no trouble. When his master ordered a pint of beer, it curled its head down to the glass and enjoyed a drink.

A name for every letter of the alphabet, from Ann to Zenus, is the proud possession of a London woman.

Age Means Nothing to Maria Zogarska, a Polish woman. She is 65 years old, has been married for nearly 40 years, and looks like a young woman of 20. The closest medical examination has failed to find any trace of age in her.

Home Hints

By LAURA KNIGHT

Cookies For All Occasions

Unlucky the child of four or forty who lives in a house without a cooky jar. And unlucky the cook who never knows the thrill of making a variety of fancy and tasty cookies. There are so many occasions when you will be glad that the cooky jar is full. These lovely spring days, for instance, when the children come home from school ravenously hungry—give them cookies to eat. They can take them outside and eat while playing. Long, sunny afternoons bring many of your friends to your door while strolling and with a host of dainty cookies on hand, you need have no hesitation in asking them in for a cup of tea, accompanied of course, by any of the cookies for which the recipes are given below. These dainties well made, which necessitates using the finest and best cake flour on the market, will establish your reputation, not only among your adult friends but among your younger acquaintances.

Cookies for parties—cookies for every day—cookies for high days and holidays—all can be made from these recipes with the aid of a few fancy cutters and a little imaginative decorating.

Nut Florentines

Two cups sifted cake flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup butter or other shortening, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, well beaten, ½ teaspoon vanilla, ½ cup nut meats, chopped, ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed, ½ teaspoon vanilla, 1 egg white, stiffly beaten.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla, and beat well. Add flour gradually, beating until smooth. Spread ¼-inch thick in three greased pans, 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Sprinkle with nuts.

Beat brown sugar and vanilla into beaten egg white, and continue beating until mixture thickens again. Spread thinly on surface of dough. Bake in slow oven (325 degrees F.) 30 minutes, or until done. When entirely cool, cut into strips, 1½ x 3 inches. Remove from pan. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Coconut Cream Jumbles

Three cups sifted cake flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ cups sugar, 2 eggs—well beaten, 1 cup heavy sour cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups coconut, premium shred.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, and salt, and sift again. Beat sugar into beaten eggs. Add cream, vanilla and coconut and mix until blended. Add flour and mix well. Chill thoroughly. Roll ¼ inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cooky cutter into 3-inch circles. Place far apart on ungreased baking sheet and bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 12 to 15 minutes, or until done. Makes 30 cookies. (One cup sweet cream may be substituted for sour cream and soda in this recipe.)

Swedish Cookies

Four cups sifted cake flour, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups butter, 1 egg — well beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Add vanilla and blend. Shape into 2 rolls, 1½ ins. in diameter, chill overnight, or until firm enough to slice, and cut in thin slices. Or press dough through cooky press. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 4 to 5 minutes, or until done. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

These rich cookies are especially dainty for refreshments. When sliced, they may be decorated attractively with bits of candied cherry, angelica or citron, chopped nuts, colored sugar, or decorettes.

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"And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now Jehovah hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."— This third well was probably situated beyond the boundaries of Gerar. The name Rehoboth, which means "ample room," indicates that the dispute about the Rehoboth well was probably one year ...

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"And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. And Jehovah appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake." —At last Isaac is back in Canaan, the Land of Promise, from which he should never have departed. Notice that the Lord appeared unto Isaac the same night in which he returned, by which "it is evident that Isaac was at last in line with God's will. This is the first time that we have the now familiar title "the God of Abraham." When God's servants get right with Him, they are said to receive His true revelation of truth and grace. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." (Ps. 25: 14).

"And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of Jehovah, and pitched his tent there: and Isaac's servants digged a well." —Four stages are to be discovered in the restoration of Isaac's spiritual life at this time—the altar, with its thought of consecration; prayer, with its confession of need; the tent, a testimony to Isaac's confession that this was his permanent home; and the well from which came water for his own refreshment, and for the needs of his cattle and crops.

The last episode in this chapter is quite remarkable, namely that Abimelech, who had previously asked Isaac to depart from the land of Gerar, now comes all the way up to Beer-sheba, not alone to visit his friend, but to assure him of his own high regard for him, and his consciousness that God was blessing him, and to ask for his continued friendship. When we are out of the will of God, we are at the same time so often out of fellowship with men. When we are in the place in which God wants us, we are a blessing to those same men to whom, formerly, we have been a trouble and a burden.

"No formal eulogy is bestowed upon Isaac, either in Genesis or in the rest of Scripture. He is, like his son, Jacob, 'a plain man' (Gen. 25: 27). He has many virtues and graces—faith (Heb. 11: 20), obedience (Gen. 22: 6—9), affectionateness (Gen. 24: 67; 25: 28; 27: 27, 33), conjugal fidelity, gentleness; but he is not among the foremost of the Bible saints. His goodness is passive rather than active, draws forth our sympathy rather than our admiration. Still, there is something peculiarly touching and attractive about his character. Self-effacement is perhaps the most succinct form in which to express it. That was an extraordinary characteristic for the times in which he lived, when men fought on the merest pretext, and Isaac was strong enough to fight. He taught the men of that time a deep and abiding lesson, which perhaps only a man of his temperament could teach, viz., that the servant of Jehovah, the God of Abraham, was not a fighting man, taking things from other people without their consent, brow-beating and coercing, living in their land whether they would or not —armed with Jehovah's power to conquer and oust men. The servant of Jehovah was meek and gentle, blameless and harmless."

Plans for Ontario Relief Program

$1,000,000 For Youth — Road Building Will Be New Means of Attack on Unemployment

OTTAWA. — Road building all throughout Canada will be a new means of attack on unemployment this year. Agreements between the Dominion and the Provinces will involve a Federal contribution of about $7,300,000 for that purpose, it was learned on Thursday at the Labor Department.

Agreements with the Western Provinces have been worked out. Details are withheld until all Provinces have completed negotiations with the Dominion Ministers.

It became known, however, that the agreement with Manitoba involves contribution by both Governments to purchase of building materials to be purchased in municipal works. This is a new development, as in the past the Dominion has contributed only to labor costs and not to materials. An increased relief allowance will be made for men who go to work on such municipal works. A man now getting about $40 a month would probably get about $45 if he accepted employment.

PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

The municipal works are expected to be chiefly playgrounds and parks.

When relief agreements are disposed of, Mr. Rogers will turn his attention to the question of youth training, for which $1,000,000 was voted in Parliament at the past session. Several recommendations have been made to the Minister by the National Employment Commission for coping with the problem of young people deprived of an opportunity to learn the trades on account of unemployment.

Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

Gail Patrick, the only survivor at the Paramount studio among all the girls who won in their "Panther Woman" contest a few years ago, has at last attained real recognition. Not only will she be featured in "Artists and Models" with Jack Benny, she will get one of the best dressing rooms on the lot. It was built years ago for Pola Negri and was later occupied by Clara Bow.

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Every time Sam Goldwyn spends a few days away from the studio, he catches up on all the newest national fads and promptly arranges to use them in pictures. Recovering from a cold at Tuscon, Arizona, a few days ago, he was impressed by a trailer camp. Promptly he bought a story called "Heaven on Wheels," and he cast Barbara Stanwyck for the lead.

Fred Astaire is so determined to have Carole Lombard in the first film that he makes without Ginger Rogers that he is postponing production until she is free. And also James Stewart is so determined to play opposite Ginger Rogers in her solo starring vehicle that he is pleading with the M-G-M to release him from working in Luise Rainer's next. It is so much fun working with Astaire or Rogers that players are willing to give up better roles in order to be with them.

Fred Astaire

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ODDS AND ENDS — Dick Foran won't finish any more pictures with an embrace. It seems that the juvenile audiences who so enjoy his pictures shrieked in derision when he went romantic — M-G-M has thwarted Elissa Landi's plan to ride in the hunter's trials at Palm Springs. They won't let her risk her neck while she is making "Thirteenth Chair" for them. — Claire Windsor, too long absent from the screen, will return in support of Constance Bennett in "Topper — Luise Rainer has dyed her hair bright red for "The Emperor's Candlesticks" and likes it so well she is going to leave it that way —Whenever 20th Century-Fox needs Wallace Beery for scenes of "Slave Ship" they page him at the circus. Ever since the days when he travelled with a circus, as elephant valet, he has loved hanging around the sawdust tent.

Farm Problems

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Question:—"Will you please be good enough to give me the analysis of Soft Coal Soot, as pertaining to its value as a fertilizer for the farm?" R.R. M., York Co.

Answer:—Soot ranges from .5 to 6 per cent. nitrogen, 3.2 per cent. being the average of a large number of analyses. It acts very much the same as ammonia salts, i.e.—the nitrogen probably being of the ammonia form has to undergo change to the nitrate form which it quickly does in warm soil. Being of a very dark colour, it hastens the absorption of heat from the sun. It is successfully used as a spring top dressing in wheat and other grain, much the same as one would apply Nitrate of Soda, although it is only about one-fifth the strength in nitrogen of this salt (Nitrate of Soda). It tends to lighten the texture of surface soils and is repellent to pests such as snails, etc.

Question:—"Would a fine spreading of hardwood ashes, worked in ploughed clay loam, be beneficial for the growing of barley, when there is no other fertilizer for said field? If it would pay to haul the ashes from syrup camp, how many loads per acre do you recommend?"

Answer:—Wood ashes applied to clay loam soil for barley would serve a very good purpose, as the barley prefers an alkaline reaction of soil. The wood ashes contain approximately 30 per cent. lime, hence would tend to produce this reaction in the soil. Then, too, the lime will improve the crumb of the clay soil. In addition, barley benefits from additional potash, hence the 4-6 per cent. carried by the ashes will be a distinct benefit.

In our opinion, it would pay you well to haul the ashes from the syrup camp. A load of ashes would weigh approximately 1000 lbs., which would mean, if this was applied to the acre, you would be applying about 40 lbs. of potash in each load. This would be the same as buying 40 lbs. of potash, and 200 lbs. of lime. This would be a suitable application of potash for barley and should give you good results.

Experiments in air conditions in hospitals in San Francisco proved a distinct aid in the treatment of patients suffering from acute bronchitis, asthma, hay fever and allergic skin conditions.

Guards' Tribute To Late King

As their own tribute to the memory of King George V, the Brigade of Guards has erected this memorial altar, which has just been unveiled in the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks. Richly and beautifully made, the altar has a front inlaid with a mosaic of semi-precious stones. On the top can be seen the memorial inscription.

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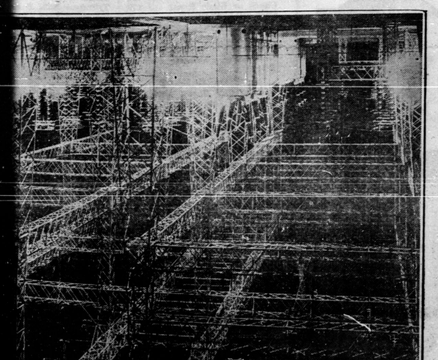
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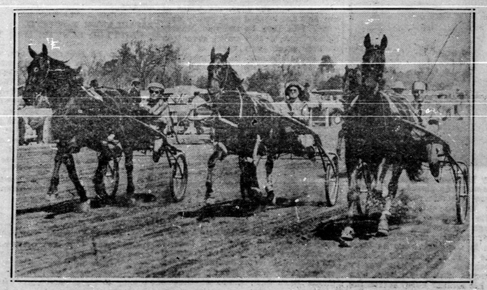
Hollywood Robin, driven by George H. "Pete" Bostwick; Hollywood Audrey, with Mrs. Robert McKim driving, and Seytag, Hambletonian Stake hopeful, with Seymour Knox up, (L-R) step out at the Aiken, S.C., trotting track.