

LEAP BEFORE YOU LOOK

By Peggy O'Mora

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of the house and handle the business end of the project at the same time.

"Why didn't you say what you meant?" Tomi asked. "You want someone to spy on me to save you the trouble. Given skirts and a rat-tailed pompadour, you'd make a second Great-aunt Hannah."

"I'm just beginning to appreciate your Great-aunt," Bartell retorted. "However, the housekeeper is a must-have. Timothy put that into writing. You are to choose her, so you won't have to worry about her spying on you. Now, if this salary isn't for this woman, for whom is it intended?"

"An expert in ransacking."

"And I suppose this expert has been chosen?"

"Yes, he is Pierre Prudhomme."

Tomi relaxed as Bartell smiled. It was such a delightful, cheery smile. "Why, don't you pay the lad what he's worth?" he asked.

Tomi accepted his words at sound value. "Oh, then you do approve? And what would you suggest doing about his salary?"

"To pay him off with a swift kick which would land him right in the center of Canal Street. That's in New Orleans, if you don't know its location."

Bartell arose to demonstrate Prudhomme's payment.

Tomi arose with him.

"It's useless to talk to you, Mr. Bartell. I'll assume you will meet the obligations of the farm. As for Mr. Prudhomme's salary, I'll take care of that. I saved a little money while I was working. I don't know of a better way to apply it than to make it work for the farm."

"Wait a minute," Bartell was around the desk and had stopped Tomi's departure. "I'm not going

to let that—that—"

"Fraternity brother?" offered Tomi sweetly.

"All right—fraternity brother—be indebted to you personally. I'll take care of his salary out of the fund. I'll admit he does know frogs."

"And why the admission?"

Bartell flushed. "I had him investigated," he confessed. "Went over to the fraternity house Sunday and we long-distanced Tullane."

Tomi's eyes widened with interest. "And what did you learn, if you don't mind my being forewarned."

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DALLAS, Mar. 19 (AP)—District Attorney Andrew Patton indicated today he would file a motion to have Arnold Benson, 21-year-old

matricide, tried for insanity. Benson, who told officers he had shoved his mother, Mrs. Albert Darver, into the Trinity river, was being held in the insane ward of the county jail. Benson was found nude on a

county road early yesterday. He told Inspector of Detectives Will Fritz and others "I don't know why I did it." Dr. Arthur J. Schwenkenberg, who had been treating Benson for about a year, said the man was

dangerous but that his mother had not fully realized his condition. **BELGIAN LEADER DEAD** BRUSSELS, Mar. 19 (AP)—Gustavus Sap, Belgian food minister and veteran political figure, died today.

NO APPROPRIATION MILLFIELD, N. H., Mar. 19 (AP)—This town isn't spending any money this year. The voters—all four of 'em—got together and decided no appropriation was necessary.

DIES AT AGE 94 CORSICANA, Mar. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Carrie Freeman, 94, native of Georgia and a resident of Navarro county 55 years, died last night. Two daughters and six sons survive.

HURLEY HERE H. B. Hurley, former superintendent of the Continental Oil company properties at Foran, but now of Fort Worth, was a visitor in Big Spring Tuesday.

UNDERGOES SURGERY Walton Kennon, son of Mrs. W. A. Kennon of Big Spring, underwent major surgery at the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital Tuesday morning.



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