













SERIAL STORY

DATE WITH DANGER

BY HELEN WORDEN

Yesterday's inquest is performed and police speculate next about Justice French.

CHAPTER XVI

"THE war is on," Mary told Ladd over the telephone. "The Duke has made the first move. I haven't got time to go into that now. Would you like the story of the inquest for the 12 o'clock edition?"

Talking in headlines Mary sketched in the happenings of the morning in the medical examiner's office to Sam Darwin, a reporter man. "The boss wants to speak with you again," Sam said when she finished. "What did you mean when you said Martin had made the first move?" asked Ladd.

"I couldn't prove it, but I think he and Bill Condon tried to run me down a few minutes ago." There was a moment's silence. "I can't afford to lose the best reporter I've got. Do you want help?"

"No, I don't think the Duke will try that again. When he comes to his senses he'll realize it wouldn't be good business to hurt me, at least not right away. He'll watch his step for the next few weeks."

"I wish you wouldn't be so scared self-reliant." There was expectation in Tom's tone. Mary laughed. It was a charming laugh, flippant and gay. If Ladd had known women as well as he knew the newspaper game he would have caught the intimate quality of that laugh. As it was, it maddened him.

Once more he was the impersonal editor. "I want to trap Martin with the goods," he snapped. "That's why I advised Fenelon to have Miss take the inquest. We all know Martin's guilty as the devil, but we'll have to prove it. Find out whom he's stalking now."

MARY knew that the crowd which went to the Dove at night could be found at the Turf noons. She also knew Clem Shirley might be there. It was a sharp sensation, stimulating to the imagination, to go from the grim squalor of Bellevue and the morgue to the golden splendor of the Turf, with its creamy velvet carpets, crystal chandeliers and mirrored walls. Mary knew most of the people in the tiny little restaurant (lack of space was one of the Turf's assets) by sight. They belonged to an international set. There was the lavishly bejeweled Comtesse de Jacques whose husband sold champagne; the homely daughter of an American-tool manufac-

turer who'd married a rascally Italian prince; the silly American boy who'd taken a showy Egyptian princess for a wife; and the alluring German dancer who was to star in a Broadway show that the millionaire across the room was angling for.

Mary knew their histories. Some were shabby, some great. There was the doll-faced Viennese actress lunching with that slippery German who arranged marriages, a little fat man with beady green eyes. She was hard and glittering and beautiful. In a day or so Mary was sure the actress would be announcing her engagement to the rich old banker the German was visiting in New York. Such a pair as this actress and her match-making friend usually hunted on the Riviera.

"A mixed green salad and a demi-tasse," she told the waiter. "At sound of her voice, a girl at another table turned around. "Why, Mary Franklin!" she exclaimed. "What are you doing, eating all alone. Come and join Jack and me."

"Clem!" cried Mary. "We run into each other all the time, don't we?"

VITALITY was Clem's most dazzling characteristic. Life surged through her veins with a radiance that left others breathless. Her dark curls were tucked under a fuchsia red hat and she wore a prim, rather Victorian-cut dress of red wool trimmed in pink. Her blue eyes were dancing with the joy of living.

"Oh, Mary! Last night was so exciting, I'd never seen China-town before. We were really taken behind the scenes by Mr. Martin."

"That's so. We did meet you last night," laughed Jack Burden, ordering a cocktail for Mary. "Is Chinatown one of your vices?"

"I go occasionally," she replied. "But Clem was right. You both were being guided by a man who knows it better than I. Duke Martin is the silent partner in a number of local schemes."

"Such as?" Jack looked at her with inquiring eyes. "Oh, fan-tan and opium rackets."

"Really!" said Clem. "How fascinating." Jack took Clem's hand. "Our little girl is learning about the big world. Don't get too close to the fire, darling."

"Your wings will be singed if you do," warned Mary. She told them of Janice French's inquest. "Duke Martin stops at nothing," she repeated.

"You're just an old fogey, Mary." Clem tossed her head. "You and

Jack belong back with the dowagers. As if I couldn't take care of myself!"

"You're flirting with the same slab Janice French rests on now," declared Mary. "I like your father too well to see you get into trouble." Mary fancied she saw a look of worry in Jack's gray eyes, but his manner was light. "I think you're over serious, Mary. The morgue's got you down. I'll keep an eye on Clem. Forget the inquest. Come to a movie with us."

"I can't," smiled Mary. "I'm a working girl." But as they put her in a cab, she suddenly asked, "What are you doing tonight, Clem? Perhaps you and Jack could have dinner with me."

Clem hesitated. "I'm sorry, Mary, I don't believe I can." "She's got a date," interrupted Jack, "and it isn't with me, but I'm going just the same." "Oh, don't be silly, Jack," Clem's voice was impatient. "We're not married. Besides, you're not asked tonight."

THEY were still arguing when Mary drove off. For the rest of the afternoon they wrangled, even in the darkness of the movie theater. Jack thought Clem incredibly stubborn.

"I've been very patient, but this is getting past a joke. What gazook is taking you out tonight?" "What right have you got to know everything I do?" she flashed back.

"My love gives me the right." "I don't call that love." Before he could answer she had left her seat. Two old ladies blocked Jack's pursuit. By the time he reached the street, Clem had disappeared.

When Clem reached her apartment, the butler said her father had called to say he'd driven to Long Island for a hunt meet and decided to stay for dinner at the club.

"Will you be dining here, Miss Clem?" "Yes, Bailey. In my room." Still in a rebellious mood, Clem walked slowly back to the elevator and mechanically pressed the button marked with the number of her floor.

For some time after she went up to her own apartment, she sat with her hands nervously clasped, an angry spot of color on her pretty round cheeks. Suddenly she burst into tears.

Why did Jack have to be so possessive? She'd give him something to be jealous about. Impulsively she reached for the telephone.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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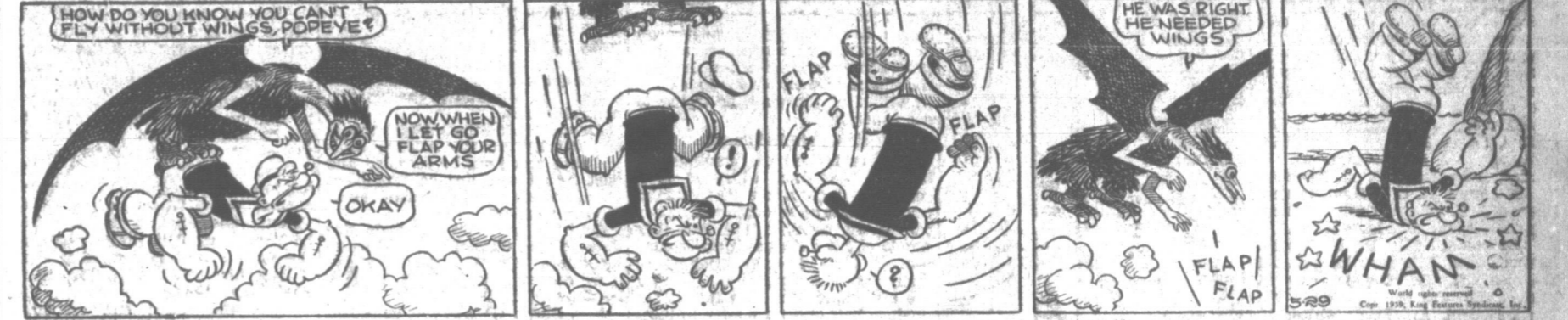
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RED RYDER

A Trip for Scar-Foot

By FRED HARMAN



Death Toll On Rural Highways Upsets Record

CHICAGO, May 29. (AP)—America's sustained traffic safety record was given a setback by careless driving and walking on rural highways during April, the National Safety Council reported today.

The April death total was 2,210 compared with 2,250 in April of 1938. The safety record which during the preceding 17 months always showed at least a 9 per cent improvement fell to a net improvement of only 2 per cent.

While fatal accidents in cities decreased 9 per cent during April from the same month a year ago, a 3 per cent advance in deaths on rural highways cut the net improvement.

The council said the estimated reduction of only 40 deaths was no slight if could be wiped out by unfavorable records in a majority of the ten states still unreported for the month.

Despite the poor April showing, the first four months of 1939 showed 270 fewer lives lost than in the corresponding period a year ago, or a drop of nine per cent. The four month totals were: 1937-8,800; 1938-8,470.

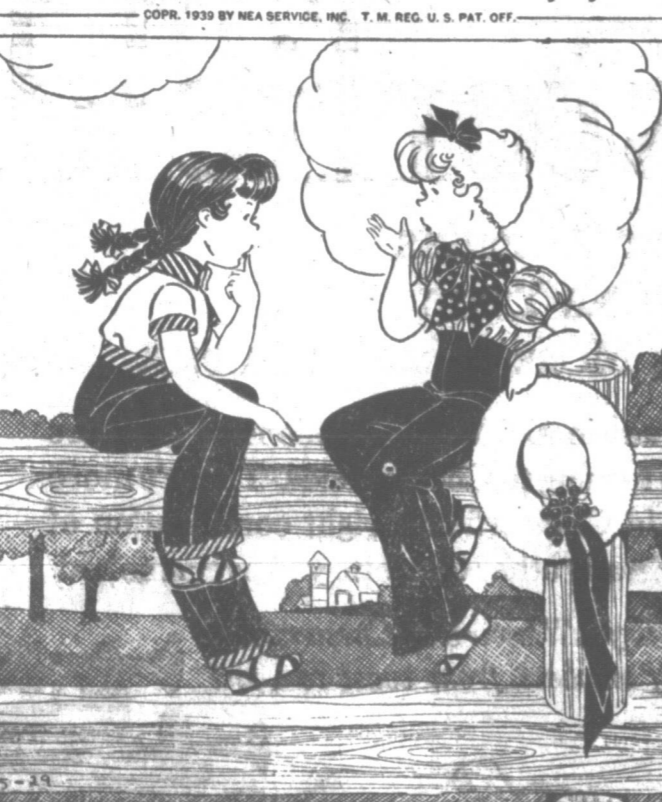
Motor vehicle mileage for the first three months of this year increased four per cent over the figures for the corresponding period of 1938, which made this year's mileage death rate only 11.5, or 15 per cent below the 1938 rate of 13.6.

Check the Want Ads

Mason & Hamlin Pianos advertisement with image of a piano and 'TARPLEY MUSIC STORE' logo.

FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia



"He'd probably make you a good husband, Clarice. Naturally his sister thinks he's awful because she has to live with him."

HOLD EVERYTHING

By Clyde Lewis



"How often does your mother go to these child-training lectures, Eddie?"

ALLEY OOP

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By V. T. HAMLIN



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

You Tell 'Em, Freck

By MERRILL BLOSSER



L'L' ABNER

Sing Yo' Partner!

By AL CAPI



WASH TUBS

A Quick Change

By ROY CRANI



Stahl Given High Award By Scouters

Borger won the Pansy-Lily football benefit game in Pampa last autumn, played by one team representing Borger and Phillips civic clubs and another representing Pampa civic club...

A feature of the affair, held Sunday afternoon, was the presentation to C. H. Stahl of Borger by Travis Lively of Pampa of the Boy Scouts of America national council award of the Silver Beaver...

Beutler Offers \$100 For XIT Steer Ride

DALHART, May 29.—Some cowpokes at the Fourth Annual XIT reunion in Dalhart on August 7 and 8 will have a chance to win \$100 with just one steer ride.

Memorial Services Set For Submarine Victims Tomorrow

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 29 (AP)—While a crew of 60 divers continued their laborious job of re-erecting the sunken submarine, Squid, for its trip from the ocean bottom...

Pen Trusties Escape

HUNTSVILLE, May 29 (AP)—Bill McInturf, 29, and Clifford Prather, 27, trustees at Wynne Prison Farm, slipped away between 3 and 4 p. m. yesterday.

Market Briefs

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP)—The stock market shifted to buying came in at the last and change small minus signs for leaders in gains running to 2 points.

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LEGISLATORS

(Continued From Page 1) For adoption of the sales tax constitutional amendment...

Hoover Trying To Line Up Bloc

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover was described by intimates here today as working quietly to line up a large bloc of uninstructed delegates to the Republican convention next year.

Flays Omnibus Tax

O'Daniel contended the omnibus tax bill passed last week by the house did not have "a Chinaman's chance" of approval in the senate.

Secretary Hull Seeks Repeal Of Embargo On Arms

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Chairman Pittman (D-Nev.) said today he thought a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations committee would favor Secretary Hull's proposals for repealing the existing neutrality act.

Buffalo Lake Opening Draws 50,000 Persons

AMARILLO, May 29 (AP)—A crowd of 50,000 persons from the plains gathered at Buffalo Lake, 30 miles southwest of here yesterday, for formal ceremonies opening the first unit of the great lakes program in the Panhandle.

BENNETT

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Harvesting Of Wheat Under Way

By FRANKLIN MULLIN CHICAGO, May 29 (AP)—Harvesting of the half billion dollar United States wheat crop of 1939 is under way in southern sections of the belt.

Model Plane Owned By Pampa Boy Stolen

The first airplane in Pampa's history was reported yesterday to city police officers. It was only a model airplane but it was a valuable one and to the owner was as a full-size plane.

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