The Flying Courier

by Boyd Cable

SYNOPSIS

Glynn Elliman, a pilot of Imperial Airways is travelling as a special "Flying Courier" by th Air Mail to India, carrying two copies of a talking film of the Prince of Napalata, which it is most urgent shall reach there safely.

The Prince is in London, too ill to travel and the talking film is sent to foil the efforts of THE VULTURE, his half-brother, in India.

On the same Mail line travels Norah Seaman, a girl Glynn had met only a week before. Stefan, Max and De agents of the Vauture are foiled in several attempts, but at Galilee the attache case in which Glynn carries one film is stolen. Next morning after the liner has left Galilee, Stefan and Max, who have stayed behind, thinking their work finished, learn that two copies are carried by the Courier. Stefan hires a small plane and hopes to catch the liner, but engine trouble developes and they leave without him.

Glynn is again attacked in Basra. He has a special chain made.

Glynn and Norah were alone together and lingering over coffee and cigarettes. He divulged as much as he thought he might do. He told her that he was acting as courier and bearer of a package to Naplata but was under the strictest promise not to say what it was.

"I don't want you to tell me a thing you ought not," she interrupted. "But if you may tell me something about all these attacks on you, and why they have been made, I should like to know—and whether there is any danger of any more of the same sort of thing."

"I believe that I have been attacked for the sake of what I am carrying," he admitted. "You know how my attache case was stolen. But I have another package safe so far, and it's this these people have been trying to get."

"But in all these different places, and by all sorts of people" she exclaimed "How do you explain that?"

"I can't altogether," he said, "but I supect it was known I was leaving London with my packages, and either one of our passengers has been arranging these performances at different points, or instructions have been sent to agents at different places along the route"

He went on to tell her his suspicions of Max and possibly of Stefan but said nothing of Dass, the Indian in case this would raise further alarm and fears for his safety. He told her too that he had taken every possible precaution he could, and believed any posible attempt at theft of his package was frustrated in advance.

"Now there's something you can do for me if you will," he concluded.

"I do something?" she said, in some surprise. "O course, I will—anything I possibly can."

"The package I carry is in a strong metal case, and it is practically impossible it can be opened except by the key that unlocks it. I've seen enough of the cleverness of thieves and I want to take the last possible precaution I can. If they could rob me of the key and had no more than a minute or two with the case. they could unlock it and perhaps manage their steal. If you have the key, nobody could possibly suspect it, and they'd be done. Will you carry it for me and give it back to me when I leave you at Hydrapore station?"

'Of course, I will," she said promptly. "And gladly, if it will be the slightest help to avoid some of these dangers."

"One thing I must ask you to promise," he warned her, "I'll pass the key to you presently when I'm sure nobody is looking. You must not mention to a single sould that you have it and you must keep it with you always It it is known that you have it that may mean transfering some of the danger to you"

"I don't mind that," she said quickly.

'I do," he answered drily. "And you might also remember that if by any word you let slip it were known you had it, it would be adding all the more to my risk again"

She closed her lips firmly and nodded emphatically

"I'll be the more careful for that Glynn, you may be sure."

He took the little key from his pocket and after a long pause and a scrutiny of the almost empty room he took out his cigarette case, opened it, and slid the key in after warning her not to seem to watch him too closely, and then pushed the open case across the table to her asking her if she would smoke.

She nodded carelessly, picked a cigarette and the key from the case together, leaned forward and let him light it for her. Atter a minute or so she took out a little pocket handkerchief and leaning an elbow on the table she slipped the corner of the little scrap of cambric through the ring of the key tied and retied it up, so that the key was hidden in it.

Keeping up a pretense of idle chatter, she slid the handkerchief presently into the low breast of her frock.

"That's that," she aid with a smile "You may count on it yourr key will not leave me, day or night, until I hand it over to you."

"Good girl," he said warmly. "I think that just about puts me and my packet as safe as it can be made. Let us have another coffee, and a chat about this train journey from Karachi."

"I suppose there's nothing more you may tell me about why these attempts have been made to get your packet?" she asked.

"Why no," he said. "Except that it is mixed up with Naplata politics somehow."

"You don't need to say that," she smiled. "The whole thing reeks of it, and of the struggle between the Prince and his half-brother—rather a bad lot he's aid to be and known generally as "The Vulture." Everyone knows he is fighting tooth and nail to proclaim himself before the Prince can get back, and those who ought to know credit him with rather a lack of scruples when it comes to getting what he wants"

"If it's him I have to thank for the little attentions to me," smiled Glynn "I'll pay him the compliment of saying he's got a good widespread organization and people that serve him well"

"I'm surer of both," said Noah, and once you're in India I believe it would pay you to hire a good stout bodyguard"

"It's a notion," he said. I might do that same."

The warning came of "All aboard" and in another few minutes they were taking their places in the liner and settling down to the next stretch of the flight to Sharjah further along the same side of the Persian Gulf.

"That last station and the next halt are new to me," Glynn said. 'The route ran along the Persian side when I was on the job out this end."

"I read something about changing the route at the time" she said casually. "More political business wasn't it?"

"Yes," said Glynn, and producing maps went on to show the old and the new route, and point to some of the points unolding like the map itself, below them.

The steward came along and handed a long wireless message to Glynn. It was from the Prince's Secretary relayed on by wireless from the last land cable station, and it said with utter disregard apparently of the cost of cables and wireless messages—'Prince disturbed by dangers you are meeting. Stop Congratulations you on success so far. Stop. Desires you suitably reward as you think best gentleman who gave such valuable assistance at personal risk at Athens Stop Instructing his Indian house provide competent guards at Karachi to conduct you to destination Stop Spare no expense whatever to insure success of your journey. Stop Please report progress rom each stopping place. Secretary."

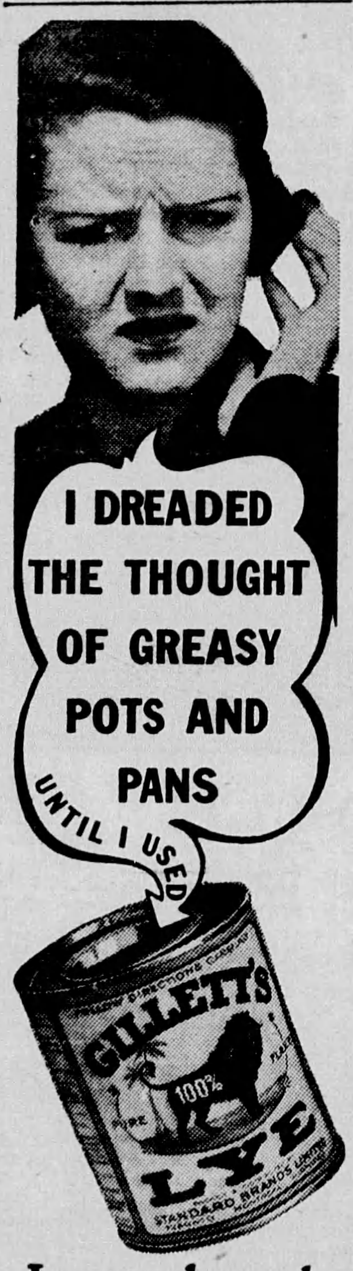
Glynn read this carefully through twice, and then, with a chuckle passed the message over to Norah. "Nothing in it you may not know," he said, "except as a specimen of the extrarvagances of Indian princes with cablegrams."

"And of Oriental caution," she added, when she had skimmed through the mesage. "You notice the name Naplata is not mentioned and there is nothing in this that might not be a normal business message except to anyone who knew its inner meaning as you do—and as I do, thanks to you for letting me into some of the secrets."

'Gosh! You're right," agreed Glynn reading the message through again. "But there's one item rather puzzles me. Read that bit about 'suitably reward' the rgentleman—you know that means Jimmy Doyle. What d'you think the Prince's idea of 'suitably' would run to? Does he mean a fiver or a tenner or something up or down from that?"—To be continued.

Plows at 89

Tilbury—John Fletcher, of Valetta, known to scores of people in the district, is one man who doesn't mind the wintery weather. He celebrated his 89th birthday recently and exercised behind the handles of a plow. He is one of the oldest settlers in the township.



It cuts through grease—makes messy kitchen jobs easy!

DON'T be a slave to kitchen chores. Just use a solution of one teaspoonful of Gillett's Pure Flake Lye dissolved in a quart of cold* water. It puts an end to stubborn stains. Lifts grease and grime off like magic!

Gillett's Lye is indispensable for all your heavy cleaning . . . for stopped-up drains . . . for toilet bowls. Order a tin from your grocer today. Say good-bye to hard rubbing and scrubbing!

*Never dissolve lye in hot water. The action of the lye itself heats the water.

FREE BOOKLET—Be sure to get the new revised Gillett's Lye Booklet . . . it tells how this powerful cleanser and disinfectant will lighten dozens of household tasks. Contains full information for soap making, thorough cleansing and other uses on the farm. Write for *free* copy to Standard Brands Limited, Fraser Ave. & Liberty St., Toronto, Ont.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT

Anker-Holth

Cheapest cream separator in the world..let us prove it. Has the only SELF-BALANCING bowl made in America! Twelve features not available on any other separator..these features alone are worth more than any other machine sells for! LIFE-TIME service agreement. Liberal trade allowance...Easy Terms. Write:

Anker-Holth
Dept. W., Sarnia, Ontario

33 RIT COLORS

Get *exactly* the color you want from the new Instant Rit range . . . instant, because it *soaks* right and STAYS . . . never leaves streaks or spots . . . and makes everything you use it on positively lovely.

FREE — Send the front of 2 RIT Packages for FREE copy of "The A B C of Home Rug Making" to John A Huston Co. Ltd., 60 Caledonia Rd., Toronto.

YOU'LL HAVE "BETTER LUCK" WITH RIT

NEW! No longer a soap! Dissolves instantly.

ARTISTS AND AUTHORS

AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL

Send stamped addressed envelope for information on how to sell illustrations and short stories.

We will criticize your work and act as agents in selling your work for a small sum

ART LITERARY SERVICE

39 Lee Avenue, TORONTO

"SALADA" GREEN TEA

713

Delicious Quality

Also in Black and Mixed

TOO MUCH SUGAR COATING

Hilda Richmond

Mrs. Wood, a young mother whose children would soon start to public school, was anxious to know what she could do to help them. At the beginning of the previous school year she had seen her neighbor, almost daily, bribing, coaxing and arguing to get her twin sons started with the other children.

"What was wrong there that they did not want to go?" asked Mrs. Wood of the primary teacher whose class the twins attended.

"To much 'sugar coating' at home," answered Miss Doane, frankly.

This, she went on to say, was not good for any child. This mother had never allowed her boys to feel that there were hard tasks to be performed and difficult lessons to be learned in the first years of their lives, and so they had not formed the habit of attack and had missed the joy of achievement. She had waited on them, had paid them for each little service and had tried to eliminate every hardship from their young lives. Miss Doane said the children best prepared for school entrance were those who had learned to wait on themselves, to sit quietly for short periods of time when there were guests, to perform little errands and chores without being rewarded for each act, and who knew how to work and play with others. "This," she added, "is what boys and girls learn in kindergarten. I wish we had one here."

So Mrs. Wood conducted a little survey of herself and her children to check up on the various items. She found that she was waiting on her children more than was necessary and was "paying" them in pennies and treats much too frequently. On the other hand she had many strong points to her credit as she had always talked with them about school in a very happy way, speaking of it as being a great pleasure and one to which they would be admitted when they were sufficiently big and brave and strong. She had been firm in not allowing them "treats" that would upset digestion — a frequent cause of naughtiness in school — and she had seen to it that they were fair and generally unselfish in their play. So with this good foundation on which to build she gradually eliminated the other habits not so desirable. She played school with the children, representing it as a very delightful experience and she gave them specific duties including keeping their play desks in good order. At other times she set them tasks in the kitchen and dining room. And, although it made considerable extra work, she invited many other boys and girls to the house to play. She soon saw a great change in the children. She had tried to keep them babies before, now she put emphasis on their development and the joy of added responsibilities.

"How did you know all these things?" she asked the teacher who had guided her. Miss Doane laughingly answered, "I have dealt with babyish children too long not to know or not to have the desire to help when I can."

The teacher was always eager that the little pupils who came to her should get the very most out of their first school year, and that was what the properly prepared children usually did.

Release Jack Miner's Geese

Birds Transplanted to Manitoba as Experiment

WINNIPEG—A new experience recently awaited 25 Canadian geese from the bird sanctuary of Jack Miner at Kingsville, Ont. Brought by train from the east, they were to be released near the city.

The plan to transplant the geese was sponsored by the Manitoba Free Press and the Provincial Government. Study will be made of the birds' migratory habits.

The geese were released near Grant's Lake, 20 miles northwest of here, annual spring landing spot for flocks of geese on their return to the northland.

Gun Gave Time In Early Days

CALGARY—Old-timers who check their timepieces by telephone or radio recall the time 50 years ago, when they passed the hat for just that purpose.

Col. James Walker, one of the oldest living members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, secured permission to fire the police headquarters gun at noon each day. The powder was provided by citizens who subscribed to a fund for that purpose. The cannon was one of the nine-pounders brought west when Fort Macleod was first established.

"Cheap for Cash"

The knot was tied, the pair wed
And then the smiling bridegroom said
Unto the preacher, "Shall I pa y
To you the usual fee to-day
Or would you have me wait a year
And give you then a hundred clear,
If I should find the marriage state
As happy as I estimate?"
The preacher lost no time in thought
To his reply no study brought,
There were no wrinkles on his brow,
Said he: "Ill take $3, now."

Some Highlights British Budget

Features of the new British budget as revealed by Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are:

The real surplus on the last fiscal year was $195,000,000. On present basis surplus of coming year would be $145,000,000

Employment increases reduced relief payment by $16,500,000; beer revenue was $15,000,000 over estimates Tea and sugar revenue were lower however. Lower revenue was expected from duties in coming year at Inter-Imperial trade increases in proportion to heavier-tax foreign imports.

With "the largest surplus in ten years" he was able to announce these benefits.

Income tax cut from five shillings in pound by sixpence, or roughly 10 per cent.

Unemployment relief cut in 1931 crisis, will be fully restored.

One-half the pays cut in the civil service will be restored July 1st. This cuts the reduction to five per cent.

Auto license tax of $5 per horsepower reduced to 25 per cent.

New duties imposed on patent leather, hydrocarbon and oil.

Lighting Our Troubles

The visible portion of the spectrum which Newton discovered, is only a small part of the radiatoins known to exist. Just beyond the violet end are the well-known ultra-violet rays which have no penetrating power.

Just beyond the red end of the spectrum are the infra-red rays, and it is suspected that these although they are a long way, so far as wave-length is concerned, from the various radiations obtained from radium and the X-rays,fi have a similar, though not so powerful penetrating power. A beam of this invisible light will affect a photo-electric cell although some portion of the body is interposed, between lamp and cell, an electrical change, in fact, which can be measured and recorded. It is suggested that since X-rays show up only the more dense portions of the body, these infra-red rays may be complementary to them and show up the softer tissues.

Lord Willingdon To Help India

NEW DELHI—To help India attain complete equality of status within the Empire was declared by Lord Willingdon to be the main purpose of his life, and that of Lady Willingdon. The Viceroy was recently tendered a farewell dinner in view of his leaving for England on furlough.

The TRAYMORE Atlantic City

The Preeminent Hotel Achievement

BABY AILMENTS Relieved!

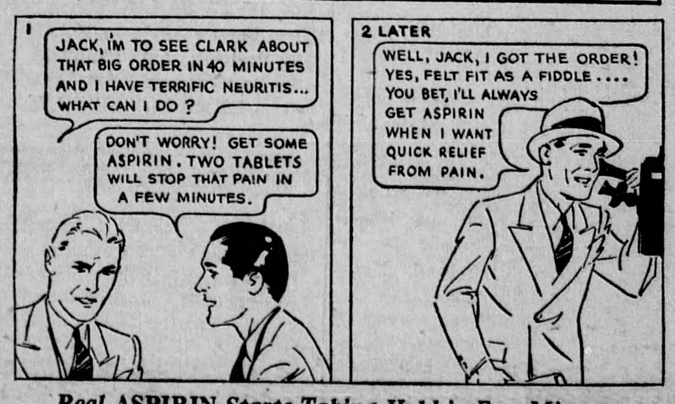
"Baby's Own Tablets have been the only medicine my four children have ever had. In no single instance has it been necessary to consult our doctor." So writes Mrs. Harry Pilmer, Cumberland Bay, N.B. When the baby or young child loses appetite; is sleepless or restless, has coated tongue, colic, indigestion, cold or diarrhoea or is teething . . . give Baby's Own Tablets for *safe*, quick relief. Price 25c at all drug stores. 20G

Dr. Williams' BABY'S OWN TABLETS

MAKES FALSE TEETH FEEL LIKE NATURAL

There must be a reason Dr. Wernet's Powder is the world's largest seller and prescribed by leading dentists: it holds teeth so firmly—they fit so comfortably—that all day long you forget you ever had false plates. Leaves no colored, gummy paste—keeps mouth sanitary, breath pleasant—the best powder you can buy yet cost is small—any druggist.

Quick Relief Now From Neuralgia



Real ASPIRIN *Starts Taking Hold in Few Minutes*

Now comes *amazingly quick* relief from headaches, rheumatism, neuritis, neuralgia . . . the *fastest safe relief, it is said, yet discovered.*

Those results are due to a scientific discovery by which an Aspirin Tablet begins to dissolve, or disintegrate, in the amazing space of two seconds after touching moisture. And hence to start "taking hold" of pain a few minutes after taking.

The illustration of the glass, here, tells the story. An Aspirin Tablet starts to disintegrate almost instantly you swallow it. *And thus is ready to go to work almost instantly.*

When you buy, though, be on guard against substitutes. To be sure you get ASPIRIN'S *quick relief*, be sure the name Bayer in the form of a cross is on every tablet of Aspirin.

Does Not Harm the Heart

Issue No. 18—'34