The Flying Courier

by Boyd Cable

CHAPTER XIII

Glynn Elliman, a pilot of Imperial Airways is travelling as a special "Flying Courier' by the 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 Vulture 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.

Glynn is ordered by the Prince to reward the man assisting him at Athens. He has a special chain made and gives the key to Norah. At Shargah he stays aboard theplane. The Indian passenger bribes a waiter to locate where Glynn keeps the film on his person.

Instantly the Indian heard a movement in the room, and a question, first in Arabic and then in English, "Who is there?"

He disappeared from the corridor like a ghost; and when an armed policeman opened the door a moment later, the passage was empty. He shut locked the door again, and sat down with his eye on the handle and key.

While this was going on, Glynn, with the connivance of Norah, was probing Jimmy Doyle gently as to his tastes and inclination, hoping to gather some indication of what sort o. present would be most acceptable as a "suitable reward" from the Prince.

But the problem was less easy of solution than Glynn had hoped, Jimmy was frankness itself about his doings and future ambitions He had been through Public School, and had everything planned to go to the University, until the 'depression" period had hit his people's business (like s. many others) and all plans for taking a degree and studying fir Law, with the usual protracted period as briefless barrister had perforce been "hucked in the di.ca.a."

"I know how lucky I am," said Jimmy reflectively, "that the pater was able to use influence with a friend and get me the job in the Bombay office I'm bound for now. It's dashed ungrateful of me, of course, but I don't mind admitting India does not appeal to me one scrap, and I loathe the thought or an office job anywhere. But needs must,' he concluded cheerfully, 'and maybe I'll get a chance to swot some Indian law, and work up into some legal side of the business I'm going to—if it has one."

He was keen on athletics and sports of various kinds. "Motor biking?" said Glynn hopefully and trying to decide whether the price of a little motor cycle would be beyond the Prince's conception of a reward.

"Not me," said Jimmy promptly, 'I've no hanker at all for any sort of motors, or mechanics of any kind.'

Glynn sighed, and tried to think of a reasonable expensive "reward" that would fit with Jimmy's sports and games, but could think of nothing in the shape of Rugger or boating or cross-country carrier outfits that would qualify; and somehow, a set of law books didn't seem the right kind of reward.

"Is University very expensive, Jimmy?" Norah asked casually.

"Dunno about some fellows," answered Jimmy, "but pater and I had it all figuered out that twelve to fifteen hundred pounds was to see me through and give me a start in law—that, and any bit I could make on the side in freelance journalism. By the way, d'you happen to know if there is any market in India for freelance stuff. I've had a few articles accepted in—"

"Typewriter," Glynn exploded suddenly . "Journalists use typewriters, don't they? Machines, I mean; not girls."

"Some do," said Jimmy, "but not me, thanks. More beastly machinery.'

"Yes, of course," sighed Glynn, regretfully thinking how perfectly a typewriter could have been made to fit . whole choice of costs.

'Well, I'm going to bed, Norah said suddenly rising.

Glynn looked at her reproachfully, "This is rank desertion," he said meaningly, but she only laughed lightly. He walked across room with her to open the door.

"You might have struck on a bit until we pumped out something that would square with this reward business," he grumbled.

"Silly," she said. "I've got all we need to know. I'll tell you about it tomorrow. Just one thing. Get his father's address. Say you might look him up one day when you get back."

It was a good hour later when Glynn and Jimmy Doyle started off to bed. Jimmy went first while Glynn saw to certain arrangements he had made for the night. Jimmy's room next to Glynn's, towards the middle of the line of bedroom doors opening off the corridor. As he turned the corner into the passage. he did not notice that one of the first doors was open an inch or two, and could not see that in the darkness of the room inside that doors, the gleaming eyes of the Indian Dass were peering out at him.

The watcher let him pass, and waited with his eyes set on the corner turning into the corridor. In his right hand he held a straight-bladed knife, and hanging from his wrist by a foot-long string, dangled a padlock key; and in his left hand he held the door-handle, and a long noosed cord of silk — the dreaded strangling cord of the "Thugee," the cord which, when dropped over the head of the victim and drawn tight with a jerk, chokes, to silence, or the faintest gasp and gurgle, the last breath that can be drawn or expelled.

The Indian plotter was staking almost all on this last throw—the throw of the silken cord, backed with the thrust of a knife if it were needed to hasten the work. But he was handling tools he knew, tools that had served the caste of Thugs in India for centuries and had rarely failed i the hands of the experts.

The creak of European shoes, and soft stamp of their heels came to the watcher. Swiftly, with his eyes on the corridor corner, he shifted the knife to hold it in his teeth, took the cord in both hands and ran it smoothly through his steady fingers As he caught the first glimpse of Glynn's figure swinging round the corner into the corridor, he closed the door silently and held it ready to swing open on smooth and well oiled hinges.

He heard shod feet come towards opposite to, past his door; counted ten paces of their passing—ten paces that would be equal to five strides on his following bare foot-soles, as swift and silent as Death itself. At the tenth receding footstep, the door swung open, and the expert in Thugee slid out from it into the corriback.

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If You Have That Tired Feeling and Can't Get Away, This Advice May Help

Along about this time of year, vitality is at a low ebb and a girl's reflection in the mirror isn't apt to please her. Her complexion seems to be grayish, tired lines appear around mouth and eyes, her neck is stiff when she wakes up in the morning.

Something must be done, of course. No one wants to go on feeling out of sorts and looking tired and wan. A vacation probably is the most effective way of getting rid of "spring fever." If you possibly can, take a trip somewhere and get away from the typewriter, sewing machine, children or what have you. You'll be surprised at what one short week will do for your disposition and your looks as well.

However, if you're one of those people who never seem to be able to take a vacation, substitute exercise, the right food and some home beauty treatments for a holiday in the country or on a boat. They're inexpensive substitutes and really quite pleasant.

First, make sure that your drinking ten glasses of water each day, a dash of lemon juice when you get up in the morning. Walk to the office or, if your work is confined to the home, take a brisk walk as soon as the morning's housework is done. Get ten hours sleep every night and do some setting-up exercises when you get out of bed.

New Argument About A Political Career

ALBANY, N.Y.—There is no doubt but that a legislative career agrees with Miss Doris Byrne, only woman member of the New York Legislature. She has gained six pounds.

"Really, I'm getting worried about it," declared the comely young Bronx Democrat. "My only hope is that I'll lose it all in the excitement of trying to get re-elected this fall."

Silver Jubilee

Great Britain, India and the British Dominions lay plans for King George's silver jubilee one year hence. May 6th, 1935, is expected to usher in a celebration equalling Queen Victoria's golden jubilee in 1887. Since the union of the crowns of England and Scotland 13 sovereigns have sat upon the throne, only four of them longer than George V. Always popular, the great war and the great depression afforded real opportunities to which this democratic ruler rose.

"To find a cat with loyalty would be like finding one with five ears."—Albert Payson Terhune.

The Smart Bedroom Is Done In Modern or Classic Manner

Naturally you want your bedroom to convey an impression of peace and repose. But whether you furnish it in modern style or use some of the lovely adaptations of period pieces depends entirely upon your individual taste.

A walk through the furniture shops or departments of any of the fine modern stores will furnish you with plenty of inspiration. You will see fine woods wrought with skilfull craftsmanship into pieces of rare and enduring beauty. Pieces that you will be proud to own and to hand down to our children. For one of the outstanding characteristics of the new furniture is that it is soundly and substantially made. If the modern trend has done nothing else, at least it has re-established a regard for value and lasting worth in furniture. For it is a type of furniture that admits of no slighting in construction. Everything must be sound and substantial.

SIMPLE, RESTFUL DESIGNS

One of the most distinguished of the modern bedroom suites was modern in inspiration. The pieces were made of beautifully matched woods—the grain of the wood forming an important integral part of the design. The twin beds had plain head and footboards with the grain meeting in the middle to form an effective pattern. The beds and each piece in the set were outlined in ebony. The drawer pulls were formed of oblong blocks of highly polished wood. The large round mirror over the dressing table was set in a black ebony base—the top entirely without a frame. Above the mirror a long cylindrical light of frosted blass was fastened giving a clear bright illumination for make-up. Another dressing table, also in the modern manner was illumined by indirect lighting—the bulbs set into the top of the table, throwing the light upward and directly on the face so that there were no shadows—a very important feature as every woman who has struggled with old-fashioned methods of illumination can tell you.

Low triangular or square stools are used before the dressing tables. An especially notable feature in bedroom furniture of modern design is the efficient way the chests of drawers are designed. Any man will delight in the easy sliding drawers that open to display large storage place for masculine belongings.

ADDITIONAL BEDROOM PIECES

If you are doing your bedroom in the modern manner you'll be fascinated by a lovely chaise longue upholstered in soft beige fur fabric. It is luxurious in the extreme and ther is a small arm chair to match. Thes pieces are typical of the comfort an ease of this modern furniture. It i severely simple in design yet highl effective.

New York Dresses Up in New Clothers

New York's new night season is i full swing. There were some prophet who would have bet that no nigh haunt would open ever again and that the revolutionists would take over all the best locations. But New York i getting riotously gay and dressing itself up in the newest clothes to be found. The woman who has poute through a few years with a $32.50 dress on her back is now flouting a $75 number. The Place Piquale, one of the gayest spots in town after theatre, is bidding for the smart women. They definitely have bought the best of the Molyneux, Mainbocher last-collection-Paris clothes and that means the Japanese trend. Bordered large-pattern prints, tunic silhouette, etc.

Porridge Stays On Menu Till Summer

LONDON, Eng.—All is well again at the London County Council institution in Fulham road. Porridge is to remain on the breakfast menu until summer.

There was pandemonium at the home when the master introduced a number dietry tnd cut out the porridge. The chairman of the L.C.C. Central Committee controlling the institution and a public assistance officer went around and smoothed the ruffled inmates.

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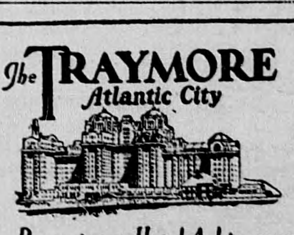

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