● SERIAL STORY

DANGER ROMANCE AHEAD

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

MONNIE MILES—her mania for fast driving almost wrecked her romance.

LARRY COLLINS — newspaper reporter, hunting the murderers of his brother.

MIKE BENTLEY — wealthy rancher, knew too much about auto accidents.

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Last Week: Larry rides the black on a second attempt, winning Barnes' admiration. But Monnie insists that he be put to work building fence. After a day of back-breaking work, Larry is ready to quit. Two men ride up. One is Bentley, neighboring rancher. Bentley orders Larry to put a gate in the canyon fence. Larry refuses. Tells Bentley to see Barnes. As they ride away Larry recognizes Bentley's companion as one of the bank robbers.

CHAPTER V

It was after supper when Larry brought up the subject of the gate in the canyon fence. He and Pete Barnes were sitting outside the bunkhouse, smoking. A brilliant Texas moon bathed the ranch headquarters in cold light and deep shadows. The lean-faced foreman draped his lanky form along the steps.

"Pete, a fellow named Bentley came through the canyon today," Larry began. "Said he wanted a gate put in there, said you ought to know about it and that the Colonel would want it."

"What did you tell him?" Barnes asked.

"I told him he'd have to get some orders from Colonel Miles or from you before I'd build any gate on his say-so."

"Good! It's about time someone was telling Bentley where to get off. But you better get ready to put a gate in there tomorrow. Bentley's up at the house now. By the time he goes home, he'll have the Colonel sold on the idea.

"The Old Man'll probably be raising sand about not putting it in when Bentley asked you to—but don't pay that much mind. The Colonel still runs the Hayhook, and he don't like the idea of Bentley giving too many orders, even if he does agree with that four-flusher."

"I take it you don't like Bentley," Larry said.

"I don't and nobody else does except Miss Monnie. She thinks he's a Spanish don on a white horse. He wants to marry her, I guess." Barnes ground his cigaret under a boot heel. "I'd like to take a poke at that—"

"Who is this Bentley? Where'd he come from?" Larry interrupted, trying to conceal too great an interest in the Hayhook's neighbor.

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"Claims to be part Spanish, but he can't talk it and he don't act it," Barnes answered. "Looks more to me like one of these movie gangstars trying to pose as somebody. I'd trust a rattlesnake twice as far as him.

"Came up from the southwest about four years ago. Bought the old Circle-Cross and set up as a gentleman rancher. Raises polo ponies, fine horses. Runs about 200 head of good cows—fancy stuff.

"He's got about 20 hands working up there and only five or six of them know what a cow brand is. . . . Has plenty of money, though. Flies his own airplane."

"He does? Where does he land?"

"Bentley's got a field all laid out with lights and everything, just like a regular airport, about half a mile from his house. Keeps airplane in a big barn he had built for it."

"Must do a lot of night flying if he's spent all that money for lights." Larry commented.

"Guess he does," Barnes agreed. "He's always going off on hunting trips, down into Mexico. Runs up to St. Louis and Chicago to see a show, now and then. Oh, Bentley puts cattle raising on a gentleman's basis." Barnes laughed, bitterly.

"I don't like him marrying Miss Monnie, either. She's too good for a guy like that. But he seems to be the number one man ever since that accident—"

"What accident?" Larry almost shouted the question.

Barnes paused long enough to roll and light a cigaret before replying. "The last one she had. She hit a cow, on the highway. Wrecked her car, almost killed her. Bentley rushed her to the hospital, claims he saved her life. . . . Well, guess I better go see the Old Man about that gate. Want to come along?"

"Well Have To Do It"

They found the Colonel on the porch. Bentley lounged on a swing. Monica, her dark beauty accentuated by a severely plain, white knitted suit, sat between the men.

The Colonel rose as Barnes' boot sounded on the steps.

"Oh, hello Pete. Glad you came up. Sit down." Barnes dropped into a chair beside the Colonel. Larry remained in the background, leaning against a post.

"Mike—Mr. Bentley—has been telling me about that canyon fence," the old cowman began. "He wants a gate put in there. Guess we'll have to do it. Got to keep on good terms with our neighbors," he laughed embarrassed as a child before his foreman.

"Okay, Colonel. I'll have Larry put the gate in tomorrow," Barnes, agreed. Larry saw Bentley smile at the foreman.

"I told your man that Colonel Miles would want a gate," Bentley put in, "but he didn't seem to think I knew what I was talking about. You'd have saved yourself some work, if you had listened to me, cowboy," he added, glancing at Larry.

"Hayhook hands still get their orders from me Bentley," Barnes said shortly. It was evident that the foreman had little love for his neighbor.

"If Mike Wants It"

"I'm not so sure you want a gate there anyway, Colonel," Barnes continued. "That canyon leads right down from the highway into the big pasture. If these truck rustlers get to operating again, it'll be easy for them to get in there and take the pick of the calves. Better keep that fence like it is—"

"Rustlers?" Bentley laughed. "You've been seeing too many movies, Barne."

"And you'll have every wheat farmer on the plains driving through there to the railroad come harvest," Barnes went on, ignoring the interruption. "Just as well build a road and mark it."

Bentley jumped to his feet, glared down at the foreman. "Listen, Barnes, I'm going to drive through there when I ship this fall if I have to pull your posts out of the ground—"

"I'd like to catch you, or any of your men, pulling a post or even letting down a wire." Barnes' voice was low and calm, but his words carried the sting of a slap on the face.

"Here, you two, don't fight over an old gate," Monnie broke in. "If Mike wants a gate, put it there. You can padlock it shut, can't you Pete, and open it when Mike gets ready to drive?"

'That's it. You do that, Pete. Monnie's got the right idea." That'll suit you won't it, Mike?" The Colonel looked first to Barnes, then to his neighbor.

"Yeah, I suppose so," Bentley conceded, resuming his place on the swing. "Fence'll probably fall down anyway. That new hand of yours don't know much about fence building, Colonel."

Larry stepped away from the post. More than anything he wanted to smash that smirking, oily face. Monnie's laugh stopped him.

"You should see him ride, Mike," she said. 'He likes air—lots of it—between him and the saddle."

Larry fought to control his anger, made his voice lazily quiet. "Guess I'll turn in, Pete. Good night Miss Monnie. Good night, Colonel."

Barnes caught up with him half way to the bunkhouse. "I wanted to sock that guy, too, Collins. Glad you kept your temper and didn't say anything. I sure can't see what Miss Monnie likes about that slick-haired coyote. . . . Must be his good looks."

"I wouldn't make a scene before Colonel and Miss Monnie, Pete. But I hope this Bentley comes out to see me put that gate in."

"If he does, make sure he's alone before you tackle him." Pete warned. "If he has one of his men with him, you'd come back pretty well beat up. And don't get Bentley wrong—he's no coward."

They were at the bunkhouse door. "Thanks, Pete. I'll remember. And say, how about getting off tomorrow. I've some things to attend to in town. I wasn't sure I was going to stay when I came out here, you know."

Barnes grinned. "Go ahead. It'll make Bentley wait at least one more day for his gate, at any rate."

The Files on Monnia

Larry left the Hayhook early, reached town by mid-morning. He drove to the hotel, changed his clothes and called Colonel Harris. Then he hurried over to the newspaper office. The patrol chief was waiting for him in the editor's office.

"These boys are all right," Harris told him. "They're in on the know, too. They'll do anything they can for you."

'Good! Let's have a look at the files on Miss Monica Miles and Mr. Mike Bentley."

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Easy-To-Make Panelled Apron

By ANNE ADAMS

Kitchen duty is really fun if you're wearing an Anne Adams apron like Pattern 4394!! It's dainty efficient and marvelously quick to make. You might accent the becoming front panel by either using contrast, as in Apron B — or by trimming its full length with ruffling or ric-rac, as shown in Apron A. You've a choice of two becoming neckline versions. The lower waistline seams at the sides give smooth fit and allow for extra skirt fullness.

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College Men Describe Ideal

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This, summed up, is the average college man's ideal of his wife-to-be, according to the results of a survey conducted by students of St. John's College, St. John's University, Brooklyn, in answer to the Campus Record of the College of Mount St. Vincent.

Herbert Bullwinkle, undergraduate columnist of the Torch, student publiccation of St. John's College, in answering his feminine contemporaries sums up:

"It seems that college men realize real physical beauty is too often unattainable in a girl, so they say she should be attractive though not necessarily beautiful, and truth is they marry this type.

"Another suggestion is that she have a nice disposition, not dumb but for that matter not too intelligent. All this means she must be a good listener and be clever enough to please the male.

"We were astounded to hear she must also be able to cook and sew. So you can see they look for a wife—and wasn't that what your mother told you?

Nobel Peace Prize Withheld in 1940

The Nobel Peace Prize will not be awarded this year, it is announced.

The last individual to win the peace prize was British Viscount Cecil of Chelwood in 1937. In 1938 the award was given to the Nansen International Office for Refugees at Geneva. In 1936 it was conferred upon Carl von Issietsky, the German pacifist, while in a Nazi concentration camp.

The Nobel Peace Prize was withheld in 1939. Other years when the prize has been withheld were 1914, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1924, 1928 and 1932.

Men And Women Must Both Work For Democracy

Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize Winner, Warns They Will Have to Share Responsibilities Equally — World Needs Women's Opinion Expressed

Warned by Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize winner, that democracy can survive only if men and women share its privileges and responsibility, members of the U. S. National Woman's Party closed their biennial convention in Washington last month with new plans for pushing an equal rights amendment to the Constitution in the coming session of Congress.

Miss Buck's address, highlight of the three-day convention, was a plea for women to "come out of their seclusion, their safety, their irresponsibility toward the policies which compels us to chaos and war."

"COME OUT OF SECLUSION!"

Describing women and Negroes as the biggest minority groups in the United States today, she warned:

"Unless women realize their responsibility, neither we nor any other nation will achieve true democracy, and as the machines of war grind on, the very ideal of democracy will one day perish from the earth. The world needs the opinion of women as well as men."

She's A War Waitress

Pretty Pill German, popular member of Ottawa's younger social set, was caught as she was about to prepare a tray in the Red Cross Tea Room, which has become a popular mealtime rendezvous in the capital for officers and men of the fighting forces as well as for civilians . . . and, no wonder!

"Bird" Contest

Write the following list of questions on slips of paper and give one slip to each party guest:

1. What bird would be a number if one letter were omitted?
2. What bird would be a large animal if its initial were changed?
3. What bird would be a twelfth of a foot if it were beheaded?
4. What bird would be a hunting dog if one letter were added?
5. What bird is a valiant man when curtailed?
6. What bird is a boy's plaything?
7. What bird is a girl's name?
8. What bird can be transposed into a wild beast's home?
9. What bird is an animal when five is subtracted from it?

Answers: Tern, ten; goose, moose; finch, inch; eagle, beagle; heron, hero; kite; Phoebe; rail, lair; dove, doe.

Royal Tour Dress Given To Canada

The dress worn by Queen Elizabeth in the Separate Chamber May 19, 1939, during the royal tour was presented to Canada on behalf of the Queen by Princess Alice in a ceremony at the public archives at Ottawa the middle of December.

A robe de style, created by the Queen's famous London dressmaker, Norman Hartnell, it was fashioned from shimmering white satin.

"Long ago I found out that people who love flowers are as a rule pretty decent sort of folks."
—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe.

TABLE TALKS

By SADIE B. CHAMBERS

SIMPLE DESSERTS

Firstly, I should like to thank one and all for the lovely greeting, best wishes and messages, and encouraging remarks about this column. Here is hoping that it may continue to be what I wish it to be, a practical aid to all in solving daily problems.

After the holiday I think we all long for a quietness and simplicity, and when it comes to desserts, not only do we wish to prepare simple things, but we need the change to lighter dishes.

Simple Baked Custard

For every egg, use 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon of sugar — and a dash of nutmeg. I allow one egg for two in a custard.

Beat the egg well, add the sugar, mixing thoroughly, then add the milk. Bake in individual molds, setting in dish about half full of water. The oven should be medium. Bake until silver knife comes out clean.

Just Plain Junket

I can't understand why more people do not use junket as dessert. Firstly, it is non-starchy, secondly, to using milk one of the necessary foods and then it is simple to prepare. It can be varied and dressed up in so many ways. I much prefer the plain junket which one may flavor to one's own taste. The very simple directions for making are always on the package. I vary the sugar for sweetening with brown sugar, which gives a delightful caramel flavor, then again cocoa may be added. Make just as if you are preparing cocoa — then cool to lukewarm and add junket tablets as directed.

Applesauce

We are all requested to use more apples both for health and commercial reasons. Choose the best cooking apples; always have applesauce fresh. A delightful variation: add the whites of eggs when the applesauce is about cool. I allow one egg white to 2 cups of fruit. After the white of eggs is folded in — place in sherbet glasses top with whipped cream sprinkled with rolled or chopped nuts and you have a dessert for any occasion. Then if you wish something just a bit more elaborate try this:

Apple and Marshmallow Jelly

1 package strawberry jelly powder
2 medium sized red apples
6 marshmallows

Prepare jelly powder in usual way — grate the apples, peeling too, and when jelly is a honey-like consistency, add the apples and marshmallows quartered. This may be served plain or with whipped cream topped with a cherry. If you have not tried this do so now. Place canned peaches in sherbet glass, pour over to cover peaches a boiled custard top with maraschino cherry of if you prefer top with whipped cream and sprinkle with nuts.

Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie B. Chamers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto." Send stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish a reply.

Give All Children "Chance to Shine"

Woman Professor Has Remedy for Problem Children

Socalled "problem children" usually find the behavior of adults a great problem to them, and should be treated by their elders with "sympathetic understanding," in the belief of Mabel E. Kirk, associate professor of education at Pennsylvania State College.

Miss Kirk said the proper understanding of the child will prevent difficulties while an appropriate environment may remove the causes of undesirable behavior.

NEED "SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING"

"The whole situation probably is much more annoying to them (the problem children) than to their elders, and to them the behavior of adults is a great problem."

She advised "understanding parents and teachers" to provide group activities and encourage a sufficient variety of experiences to give all types of children "a chance to shine," and to "be sure you are thinking of the child's own good and not of his effect on your comfort and your sense of superiority."

Find Women Get The Most Gifts

Half the Christmas Presents Go To Children—Men Receive Fewer Than Half As Many as Women

Santa's first line lieutenants in some large U. S. stores checked up on more than 3,000,000 gifts sold last year, and as a result of their findings the clerks behind counters this year pretty well knew who would get what and how much.

They knew for instance that if 1940 shoppers behaved according to rule, women would receive 323 of every 1,000 gifts bought in department stores, while men would receive only 127. They also knew that youngsters would get 302 presents out of the 1,000 and that the balance would be divided between gifts for the house and gadgets too varied to fit into neat gift classification.

LINGERIE FIRST

Here are some more interesting gift facts based on survey:

Women get more lingerie than any other kind of Christmas present. Out of every 1,000 women who opened gaily wrapped packages on Dec. 25, 121 got slips and panties, 93 drew nightdresses and pyjamas and 39 found housecoats or negligees. Stockings said "Merry Christmas" to 112 and handkerchiefs to 97. When the gifts showered down from lighted Christmas trees 68 women received gloves, 66 handbags, 83 slippers and 34 gay gilets or scarfs. Perfume went to 24, compacts to 29 and beautiful shimmering jewels to 10.

TREND FOR MEN

There must be something in that legend about the vanity of the male, for gifts of clothes went to thousands of his sex.

Daytime Fashion Favorites Noted

Skirt Fullness Introduced by Gatherings and Unpressed Pleats

Style points noted in daytime togs: Skirt fullness is introduced by means of gatherings or unpressed pleats; on the more casual skirts there may be tucks stitched well over the hips.

Sporty-looking bodices are worn with collars and revers open; some necklines may be high and round.

SOFTER SHOULDERS

Pique trimmings are freshly crisp and not overdone; pockets are fulled onto the edges of jackets and set vertically into skirts concealed under their fullness.

Ruffles may be seen spiraling on skirts or frilling at the neck and hips of two-piece frocks; belts may bring a color accent or be of the fabric and lined with one of the shades in the print.

Interesting shoulder treatments are noted in epaulet folds, soft gathers, and sometimes in little bows set on the tip to add soft width.

Fine Watches Given In "Beat Hitler Drive"

Railroaders are noted for their fine watches so it is not surprising that many fine examples have been given to the Canadian Pacific Railway employees' Golden Bomber Fund, to buy a modern $100,000 bombing plane for the R.C.A.F. H. Dubois, Canadian Pacific clockman, Windsor Station, Montreal, examines some of the 160 watches received from Eastern Canada. He found many of them of great intrinsic value and these will be sold as they are instead of gold being extracted and sold. The watch in his hand is one of the best yet received. It wsa presented in 1885 to J. C. Griffith by Canadian Pacific engineers in the Canadian Rockies.

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