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• SERIAL STORY

LUCKY PENNY

BY GLORIA KAYE

THE STORY: Wealthy Penny Kirk has returned from Paris to "rediscover" herself in Kirktown, location of the great steel mills she has inherited. The morning after her arrival she sets out, incognito, to tour the town. Hot and tired, she drops in at a restaurant, is mistaken for a job applicant, and hired as a waitress. Five well-dressed men enter the restaurant, and in a moment a fight starts.

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PENNY MEETS THE EDITOR
CHAPTER III

Without warning, a steel worker who had just come in walked over to the table where the well-dressed quintet was seated and lifted one of the men from his seat. He struck furiously, before the unwary group could come to its senses. Methodically, like a mechanic, he hammered first at one and then at another of the men.

Then they were all on their feet. Slugging with animal ferocity, they ignored tables and chairs in the melee that raged from one end of the restaurant to the other. Penny stepped aside just in time as her table was overturned, the spaghetti spilling onto the floor in a tangled mess. Out of the corner of her eye she saw Pietro lurch from his kitchen screaming epithets in a tongue she couldn't understand and waving a meat cleaver high over his head. The men paid no attention to him. In a whirlwind of fists—the black-shirted steel worker seemed to be spinning like a top, no match for the men he had attacked. Often his flailing punches reached their mark, but now he was weakening.

Then, once more from nowhere, came that familiar tweed-suited figure, the broad shoulders Penny recognized. She wondered what Jim Vickers would do.

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For a long moment, he hesitated. Then, taking in the situati[illegible] with a sharp, thoughtful [illegible] he plunged into the fight [illegible] thorough fierceness that t[illegible] Penny in a strange way she had no time to analyze.

Jim Vickers was a powerhouse in action. He grappled with two of the sleek-haired men and tossed them halfway across the room as if they were pebbles. Pietro, still shouting imprecations that no one could understand, returned to the fray with a more practical weapon, a skillet which he bounced with marked success off the head of another member of the embattled quintet.

As quickly as the fight had begun it ended. Jim restrained the irate Pietro and the scowling steel worker by grasping their arms firmly in his strong hands. The five who had been beaten brushed dirt from their trousers and glared in impotent fury at their attackers, then picked up their crushed hats, no longer white.

"You haven't heard the end of this, Vickers," one of the men said evenly, grimly. "We'll get you yet!" Bitter anger was written on their bruised faces as they stalked out.

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Midge and Pietro, suddenly as calm as though this were an everyday occurrence, surveyed the damage.

"That was the best day's entertainment I've had in a year," said Midge. "I'd give a week's salary to see you do it over again."

"Sit down and have a cup of coffee, boys," Pietro invited. "They've had it coming to them for a long time. Here, Penny. Take care of the boys. Don't worry about the tables. We'll fix them."

Both Jim and the steel worker nursed sore knuckles as Penny served them with hands that still shook.

"What's the story, Bill?" Jim asked quietly. Bill took a long drag on his cigarette before he answered.

"You've probably heard it a hundred times, Jim. My brother lost his pay again this week. Castro's men cleaned him good and proper. He didn't have enough money left for bus fare. I'm going to get those guys," Bill threatened, clenching his fist. "If they don't let my kid brother alone, I'll kill them!"

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"How did it happen, Bill?" Jim's voice was soothing.

"The same old racket," Bill said, as if weary of repeating it, "Castro's stooges were at the mill gate, as usual, on pay day. The kid brother is a good lad. He means well. But—well, like the other fellows, he likes a good time. They roped him into a crooked dice game. He had a few drinks with the boys. When they finished, his pay was gone."

"Sure it was the Castro gang?" asked Jim.

"Sure," said Bill. "It's always the Castro gang. They run this town. You know that, Jim."

"I know. You'd better lie low for a while," Jim cautioned. "They're a tough bunch. Don't worry about that outfit. We'll clean them out of Kirktown."

"Thanks, Jim," said Bill. "I can take care of myself. If they know what's good for them, they'd better stay away from us. My brother has the swellest wife and kid that ever lived. I'm not going to stand by and see his life messed up."

Penny sensed, somehow, that this was the longest speech Bill had ever made. With set lips and bitter eyes, he walked out.

Jim Vickers pulled a sheet of paper from an inner pocket, and made a few notes. Deftly, Midge poured another steaming cup of coffee.

"By the way, Jim," she said, "here's an item for your paper. Meet Penny Kellogg, our new disher-outer of food fit for a king. Penny, meet Jim Vickers, editor, publisher and janitor of the Kirktown Courier.

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Penny felt an unaccustomed blush flooding her cheeks. She managed a smile and a stammer.

Jim Vickers rose gallantly, extending his hand in greeting. She enjoyed his grin.

"Glad to know you, Penny," Jim said. "I'm sorry our little game spoiled your lunch. We don't always play so rough."

"I thought you did all right," Penny approved, inwardly thankful that he did not recognize her. "It certainly was swell of you to come to Bill's rescue. He was getting the worst of it, you know."

"Lots of good fellows like Bill are getting the worst of it," Jim said soberly. "The showdown is coming soon." Jim went on to explain that on pay day Castro's shills worked the mill gates. "They're a tricky bunch. The men have money, burning a hole in their pockets. Castro provides the temptation and the suckers lose their pay."

"I can't understand that," said Penny. "Don't the men know they're being tricked?"

"It's hard to explain, Penny," Jim said. "But the hunger for excitement and fun is just as gnawing, sometimes, as the hunger for food. Castro runs every place in town. The men wander into one of his spots just to have something different to do. Before they realize it they've had too much to drink. If they don't gamble their pay away on Castro's crooked games, they're rolled for their money."

He looked up at Penny, studied the serious expression on her face, and laughed suddenly.

"Gosh, Penny. It isn't as bad as all that," he said. "Let's see you smile again. I like your dimples." Involuntarily, Penny complied.

"You're a stranger here and it's my civic duty to show you the sights," Jim volunteered. "How about a guided tour of Kirktown?"

Penny hesitated. Jim's invitation was tempting, but dangerous to the plan she had been outlining in her mind. Penny Kellogg in a waitress' uniform might mean nothing to Jim. Would he recognize her as the Penny Kirk he had known in Paris if he spent an afternoon with her?

"Come on," he urged. "I'm harmless."

"Well—" Penny wanted to go, admitting to herself that she'd been a little lonely. Maybe it was worth a chance. . . .

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SOVIETS SALVAGE SCRAP, TOO

Like Canadians, Soviet civilians are conducting scrap drives to obtain metal to keep Russia's vital war industries rolling. Nation's need for scrap to feed steel mills is as great as ours.

Dairy Farmers Ask Selective Service Aid

The Dairy Farmers of Canada approved a resolution at their annual convention in Calgary last week urging a selective service policy that would make experienced farm help available to the dairy industry.

Other resolutions passed urged:

A more stable policy of dairy product subsidies.

Establishment of a Federal food supply department with price-fixing authority.

The metals controller do everything possible to make cream cans available for transportation of milk and cream.

Consideration of dairy farmers' requirements in new gasoline and tire regulations.

Equitable distribution of feed and feed concentrates.

The dairy farmers asked that a survey of the whole industry be made in order that the correct importance of the different branches may be established for present and future needs and the correct price for the different commodities found.

They requested a subsidy policy that will continue for a sufficient length of time after the war to establish confidence in the minds of producers and encourage them to produce to the limit.

One railway in England has run 11 special trains with 82,071 bags of mail for prisoners of war.

GOOD EATING NEWS

Neatest trick of the week is this cookie recipe that calls for only one cup of your precious sugar stock and makes five dozen crisp wafers that will delight the hearts of every cookie lover. And speaking of hearts, why not bake a batch for St. Valentine's Day. Cut the cookies with a heart-shaped cutter. As a special treat put two together sandwich fashion with cream cheese softened to a spreading consistency with orange juice.

And for hearts that beat in double time, cut half the dough with a small cutter, the other half with a larger one. When you put the cookies together let the smaller hearts beat atop the larger ones.

The recipe goes like this:

ORANGE ALL-BRAN VALENTINE HEARTS

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
½ cup All-Bran
3 cups flour
3½ teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup orange juice
2 teaspoons grated orange rind

Blend shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Add All-Bran. Sift flour with baking powder and salt and add to first mixture alternately with orange juice. Stir in orange rind and chill. Roll out dough about ⅛ inch thickness working with a small amount at a time and keeping the remainder chilled. Cut into heart shapes with floured cutter. Bake on a greased baking sheet in moderately hot oven (375°F.) about 10 minutes.

Yield: Approximately 5 dozen.

TABLE TALKS

SADIE B. CHAMBERS

The Fruit Basket

Fresh or canned fruits are one of the most expensive items in our diet, when we consider the amount of food value for our money. However, fresh fruits add a great deal of interest to our meals and when they are in season they may be included in limited amounts on even the low cost diet. The most important point for the housewife to remember in buying fruit is always to purchase in season and to choose only the less expensive varieties.

Great saving can usually be made by canning fruit in the home while there is an abundance and the price is low. An example of this is peaches. A pint jar of home canned peaches containing 8 or 9 halves preserved at the height of the season will cost 5 to 6 cents. The ordinary No. 2 can of peaches bought in the store contains approximately 6 halves and costs 12 to 17 cents. Another thought — every can we purchase may be one can less to send to the men overseas. Surely we are willing to make this sacrifice. If we did not can last year to help save the fruit and to send more overseas let us resolve to do so next year from early spring on.

Fresh fruits may be largely replaced by vegetables, when the former are high in price, or larger amounts of dried fruits may be used. Dates, figs, dried apricots, dried peaches and prunes are excellent sources of iron, which is needed for good blood. Dates and apricots may be difficult to obtain now but all the other dried fruits mentioned are on the market. It should be noted that the tomato, strictly speaking, is really a fruit. Usually it is classified as a vegetable.

Apples are our cheapest fruit for most of the year. They are extremely valuable in our diet and can be used in such a variety of ways.

Dutch Apple Cake

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons shortening
¾ cup water
4 or 5 apples
½ cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Wash, peel and core apples and cut in slices. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in the fat. Add water to make a soft dough. Spread ½ inch thick in greased cake pan. Place apple slices close together on dough and press lightly in the mixture. Sprinkle over this cinnamon and brown sugar thoroughly mixed. Serve with top milk or lemon sauce.

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

Progress of Science In Soviet Union

Amazing progress in the field of scientific achievement has been made in the Soviet Union in the past twenty years, states the Winnipeg Tribune. Without fanfare research has been carried on and borne fruit. For example, Russian scientists had perfected a means of making synthetic rubber which actual production had proven sound even before the war.

A recent article in The Tribune told of the high percentage of Russian soldiers recovering from wounds due to the prompt attention given by their medical corps and the use of the most modern drugs; 98.5 per cent of wounded were healed.

Now the Soviet Information Bulletin tells of how colored cotton has been grown in the country. This naturally colored cotton ranges from reddish to green, with the latest improvement a black variety. The new cotton is said to have twice the strength of the old fibre and does not have to be dyed.

Our Russian allies have come a long way from a nation that not so long ago considered a man educated who could read or scrawl his name.

A Prophecy

Machines can be constructed to drive ships more rapidly than a whole galley of rowers could do; nor would they need anything but a pilot to steer them.

Carriages also might be constructed to move with an incredible speed without the aid of any animal. Finally, it would not be impossible to make machines, which, by means of a suit of wings, should fly in the air in the manner of birds.—Roger Bacon (1214-1294) as quoted by Emerson.

A Family Happy On $400 A Year

Have Everything They Need And Friends Are Welcome

"We never need more than $400 for the whole family in a year," drawled the slight, deeply tanned native of Vancouver Island, as he hooked his rifle on some wooden pegs above the door. "You'll sure stay and have a bite with us," he concluded, waving us to a deep cushioned chesterfield in the corner of a huge living-room.

My friend enjoyed the kind of a home which most men, at some time or another, dream about—on $400 a year, writes W. R. Colcough, Vancouver. The building was of ranch house design; spacious, rambling, one-storey, built of logs and having three fireplaces. Good books lined the shelves. Magazines were scattered about.

We had for dinner roast venison, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower, homemade bread, hot biscuits, plum pudding topped with grapes, and a very delicious cup of coffee in an atmosphere of contented intelligence!

"We have everything we need here," admitted the man after some questioning.

"You see it costs very little to have everything. The boys and I built this house with timber cut on the place. We grow our own vegetables and small fruit. The boys do some trapping and in this way make enough to buy their clothes. I work a spell in the woods or mill to earn the money to get a few things we cannot make. We never buy any meat and have more than we can use. We raise a pig, and then at any time we can get a deer. We have a three-month season. We have more canned fish in the basement than we need. We caught and canned it ourseves.

"Fuel? Lots of that, too. A fir tree will last us a year, and when we want any coal it is quite handy. There is a doctor and a dentist down in the village and the Anglican Church is four miles away. You see, all the cash we require is about $400 annually."

"You must come again," the man had invited. "We haven't very much to offer, but you'll be welcome."

Much to offer? We know men making $10,000 a year who are very poor indeed when compared to our Island friend—who has many friends, is very happy, and makes $400 a year!

Nazis Lose 750,000 On Russian Front

Reuters News Agency quoted a Moscow radio broadcast as saying that German casualties on the Soiet Russain front in the past six weeks totaled 750,000 men, including 250,000 dead.

WORRY OVER COAL SUPPLIES IS UNNECESSARY

Owing to so many people ordering all and sometimes more than they need for the season, coal deliveries are hard to make on schedule. Don't make this situation worse. Be patient until the present rush is over. Then supplies can be distributed equally and no one will suffer. And when you do order coal, make sure it's 'blue coal'. It gives more heat, more comfort and more economy in every ton. Your nearest 'blue coal' dealer will gladly help you to solve your coal problems. Phone him today.

HOW DO THOSE BRITISH WOMEN "CARRY ON"?

British women have shown they know how to "keep going!" And a survey recently made throughout Britain shows that they voted for Aspirin as one of the three drug items most truly needed for maintaining their health and morale.

Especially now, with so many millions in full-time war industries, Aspirin has become almost "standard equipment." Women know, from many years of experience, that Aspirin gives effective, dependable, *speedy* help against colds.

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