SERIAL STORY

Murder on the Boardwalk

Last week: Jaspar, hiding at Chandra's home, tries to explain how Mrs. Talbert had ordered him to deliver the bonds to Christine. Inspector. Parsons, Wilmet. and Bill arrive, trailing Christine through Lucille. Suspicion turns on Chandra. Mrs. Talbert was last seen coming out of his studio.

CHAPTER XV "I take exception to that 'last seen,' Inspector," Chandra said coolly. "However, it is entirely true that Mrs. Talbert was with that night for an hour or more." "And afterwards," Inspector Parsons continued, "so far as I can

learn, she was not seen until her dead body was found." "But early this morning," the clairvoyant pointed out, "her car was also found — parked just across the Boardwalk from the 87th street dock... Are you suggesting that after I had warned Miss Thorenson where to look for the bonds I, myself, had stolen I stabbed her cousin—with a dag-ger that anyone in Surf City could identify as mine—and was also Imbecile enough to leave her car

my own studio?"
"What I'm suggesting is that you know a lot more about this business than you found it convenient to tell me this morning."

parked just around the corner from

"Now we're getting somewhere, Inspector. Because I know a lot more about this business than I did this morning."

Chandra turned to Jaspar, who

stood, glancing with a white, trap-ped look from one to the other. "This, my friend," he said, "is now a police affair in spite of any-thing you can do. You must disgard Mrs. Talbert's wishes."
"Wishes - what wishes?" In-

"When Mrs. Talbert began to suspect that she was in danger, she instructed Mr. Jaspar that no matter what happened he must not call the police.

"He told you that?"
"Mrs. Talbert told me that—the last time she came to consult me."
"So she came to you for advice the night before her death-and the best you could do was to let her get herself murdered withou any warning—and you supposed to be the slickest medium in the

Chandra's hands moved in a gesture of defeat which, even to Christine's unsympathetic eyes, seemed starkly sincere.
"Mrs. Talbert," he said, "was a woman of several fixed ideas. One, which grew in her as she got older

and more eccentric, was the be-lief that, single-handed, she could outwit the world and the devil." "That's a weakness that seems to run in the family." The inspecfor glanced toward Christine.
"Perhaps"—Chandra's smile was



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BY ELINORE COWAN STONE enigmatic-"you are more right than you guess, Inspector. . . . Another of her peculiarities was shat she thought police are all a set of clumsy bunglers. . . I am setting forth Mrs. Talbert's view-point, of course, not my own. Otherwise, I shouldn't be advising

> "Well," the inspector's tone was uncompromising. "I'm listening He'd better make it good." He glanced around at the others.
> "You might as well sit down, since you're all in this from the ankles up."

Mr. Jaspar to tell you what he's

So they did sit down-Mr. Wilmet, obviously seething with curi-osity and afraid that the inspector might change his mind, stumbling over a stool in his effort to fine conspicuous. And Jaspar began his

When he came to the part about leaving the bonds in Christine's room, the inspector turned toward Christine and then toward Jaspar

SHE'LL SIT



"I'm ready to sit out this argument for two years, if necessary," says screen star Joan Fontaine, above, currently suspended after battle with producer Dave Selznick over roles offered her. She says she won't take any more "mousy" parts.

words of that morning: "Perhaps on your keeping them safely for

A little later he interrupted "If Mrs. Talbert had let the police go kidnaped, she might have got something for her money besides a heartache and a crop of misleading and conflicting clues. First the boy was supposted to have been carried off and drugged in his own car; later it looked as if he had been decoyed into the swamp and drowned in a quicksand. I can't recall all the stories; but there's one thing certain; someone who knew the family well was back of that . . . By the way, you were employed by Mrs. Talbert then, too, weren't you, Jaspar?"

"Yes, sir." Jaspar's eyes met the inspector's with the calm of des-

"But there's one rumor you may not have heard, Inspector," Chan-dra said quietly, "that Earl Talbert was not really kidnaped a all; but that he engineered the whole affair himself, and collected the ransom. I happen to know that there have been a number of checks forged on Mrs. Talbert's account that have never been run to their source. I have informa-tion that Earl Talbert, under another name, spent several years in a California prison; and I have had a feeling, from time to time, that Mrs. Talbert, herself, was sure that he was still alive."

After a musing silence, the in-spector asked, "Just how old was this boy when he disappeared?"

LONDON BED TIME



Another day of robot bombs is done, but there's the long night yet ahead, so a London mother directs her children to the safety of an underground back-yard shelter. The little one makes sure her teddy-bear will be safe, too.

"He was in his first year at college." Jaspar hesitated and then went on, "I have been told that he was about to be expelled. . .

"A young man of that age could "A young man of that age could have changed—perhaps beyond recognition—in 12 years," the inspector said reflectively... Christine wondered if she only imagined that he glanced toward Bill.... "Well, go on, Jaspar."

"Well, sir, Mrs. Talbert had gone out in her car. I was always worried when she went out alone

worried when she went out alone at night, because it was generally known that she often carried val uables on her person, sometimes large sums of money. She's done that ever since so many banks closed some years ago. And only the day before, she had taken those bonds I left with Miss Thorenson from the bank."

"You knew it. Does that make general information?"
"It was well enough known that the house was entered once, and there had been attempts to hold her up. . And she'd had extor-tion notes."

"Can you put your hands on any

of those notes: "No, sir. Mrs. Talbert always burned them." Inspector Parsons' smothered ejaculation was eloquent.
"Did Mrs. Talbert have anything of value with her when she

disappeared?" he asked.
"Mrs. Talbert," Jaspar answered
after a brief hesitation, "carried in her briefcase exact facsmiles of those bonds. She had had them made by—a person who was clever at that sort of work in anticipation of just some such thing as happen ed. It was Mrs. Talbert's idea of a joke, sir," Jaspar explained. "You see, she'd spent a lot of money trying to get Mr. Earl back. She said that if she was abducted, too, the joke was going to be on the people who collected the ransom."

Somewhere in the room some- they will prove true to the letter

one drew a sharp, hissing breath.

The inspector did not glance up;
he made no comment. Yet when
he spoke, Christine knew that he felt as sure as she did that somewhere in that group sat Cousin Emnia's murderer.

"Go on, Jaspar," he prompted.
"Well, sir, about 9 o'clock the
doorbell rang. When I answered, it was a special delivery messen-ger. I carried the letter to the light me-in Mrs. Talbert's handwritand saw that it was addressed to

"So you are prepared to identify
Mrs. Talbert's writing?"
"Oh, yes indeed, sir."
Inspector Parsons took an envelope from his pocket and passed it to Jaspar.
'This is addressed to Miss Thor-

enson, you notice, apparently by her cousin. We found it in Mrs. Talbert's purse."
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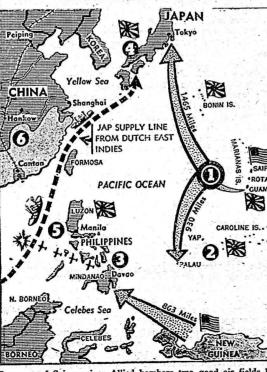
As Churchill Spoke Four Years Ago

And on that grimmest of Bas-tille Days, July 14, 1940, Winston Churchill spoke from endangered but unconquerable Britain: "And I proclaim my faith that

some of us will live to see a 14th of July when a liberated France will once again rejoice in her great-ness and her glory, and once again ness and ner giory, and once again stand forward as a champion of the freedom and the rights of man. "When that day dawns, as dawn it will, the soul of France will turn with comprehension and kindness to those Frenchmen and French-

women, wherever they may be, who in the darkest hour did not despair of the republic." To speak as de Gaulle and Churchill spoke, four years ago, required an act of faith, says The New York Herald Tribune. Now, although the fullness of their pro-phecies has not yet been accom-plished, no one can doubt that

WHAT'S COOKING FOR NIPS



Conquest of Saipan gives Allied bombers two good air fields less than 1500 miles from Japan, gives huge American task forces a good harbor and base and poses some interesting possibilities of future smashes against the enemy, as indicated on map above.(1) invasion of Rota and former American base at Guam; (2) New amphibious operations in Central Pacific to straighten U. S. line for attack on Philippines and Jap homeland; (3) Invasion of southern Philippines; (4) Twin air attacks on Japan from bases in China and Western Pacific; (5) Stepping up of air and submarine campaign against Jap supply and communications lines; (6) China's east coart, where ports may be seized unless Jap drive against Hankow-Canton-railway succeeds.

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cenary minded too and the returns from even a nineteen year old cow

will go a long way towards filling the coal bin for winter — suppos-ing there is coal to be got to fill it,

What would we do without a home-town paper? It keeps us in touch with people we haven't heard of in years. But unfortunately the news we read isn't always good news. Last week, for instance, we read in our local paper of the death in action of a young sergeant in the Canadian army. Charlie was a grand boy. But I forgot, he was thirty-five, but we still think of him as the boy he used to be. Partner's youngest brother, the last

ner's youngest brother, the last time he was in England, brought Charlie back with him to work on

our farm. That was nearly twenty years ago. Charlie was with us

about a year. Then he started mov-ing around and we finally got out of touch with him. We often won-

dered what had happened to the

boy — and if it were not for our local weekly we would still be won-dering. Now, as with so many

others, we can only ray tribute to Charlie as a brave soldier who laid down his life in service for his

The faithful priest is contrasted

with unfaithful priests—the sons of Eli — upon whom is to fall the

Eli, The True Priest .

"And there ran a man of Benja-

min out of the army ... And he

min out of the army,... And he said, How went the matter, my son?" Eli never lost his deep concern for the holy things to which God had long ago ordained him. He was a true priest and up to the time of his death he loved the things of God. Though in his weaker days, when there was sin his own family, he did not love

in his own family, he did not love

in his own tamily, he did not love
God enough to rebuke his sons.

Ark of God Is Lost

"And he that brought the tidings
answered and said... And he had
judged Israel forty years." What
a recital of defeat, disaster and

death! But all else seemed of little
acount compared to the loss of the
Ark. To Eli it was a sign that God
had forsaken his people. If only

Eli had been more concerned about the moral and spiritual life of his

sons, of Israel, he would have had no need to be concerned about the

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safety of the Ark.

hard not to be. This morning for instance, the trucker came in to pick up a cow. To him she was just another cow for the stockyards, but to us she was affectionately known as "Old Cicely". We had raised her from a cali. The childraised her from a call. The child-ren had pail-fed her when she was young. They had straddled her back whenever she was in the mood to let them. She had, in fact, grown up with our children. She was the last relic of our early farm-ing days and had helped us weather the storm through those dread-ful years of depression. Yes, Old Cicely was nineteen years old, and still going strong. There wasn't a thing the matter with her other than old age, yet she hadn't a tooth in her head that wasn't worn down to the gums. To have tried keeping her another winter would have been asking for trouble, so regretfully we said good-bye to our faithfull bossie. Poor old Cicely, she deserved a better fate than to end her life as bologna. Wouldn't it be nice if there were

Farmers cannot afford to be sen-timental and yet, sometimes, it is

a ranch or something, kept specially as an "Old Cows' Home." I wonder how many boarders it would have. Not many, I'm airaid. After all, farmers may have a few senti-

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 13. THE PRIEST IN THE LIFE OF ISRAEL I Samuel I: 1—4:18.
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2:27-30, 35; 4: 12-18. GOLDEN TEXT. — For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God. Hebrews 5:1.

Memory Verse: I will pray unto Jehovah. Jeremiah 42:4. THE LESSON IN IT? SETTING Time. - It is impossible, with the data we have, to determine exactly when Eli judged Israel. The fall of Shiloh is assigned by most recent historians as occurring about 1050 B. C., which would make the judgeship of Eli to be 1090-1050 B. C.

Place. - Almost all the events are located in the city of Shiloh, northeast of Jerusalem. The House of Eli

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him... and did I give unto the house of Thy father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire?" Eli is reminded of that day when God set apart the house of Aaron to the priesthood. After such pri-vileges had been conferred on this favored house it was indeed a crime that its leading members should bring dishonor on their invisible King and Benifactor. "Wherefore kick ye at my sac-

rifice and at min have commanded in my habitation and honored Thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people."

The house of Eli had treated the

holy sacrifices with contempt. The chiefest of the offerings which for themselves. Faithful and Unfaithful Priests "Therefore Jehovah The God o

Israel, saith . . . and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." God honors those who honor Him by putting His gifts to the best possible use. They who despise God by treating His service, His word, His day lightly, irreverant ly, as though these are of little im-portance, will be lightly esteemed by God.
"And I will raise me up a faith

ful priest that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever." There sems little doubt that the direct reference here is to Samuel

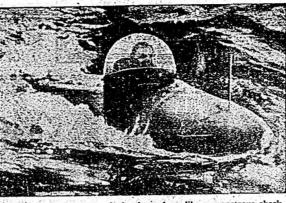


DANCED FOR NAZIS

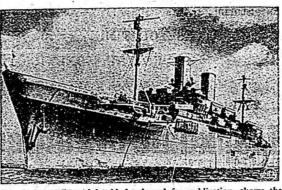


Ginette, French dancing girl who, with her troupe, was brought from Paris to perform for Germans on Cherbourg peninsula, was left stranded when Nazis fled the area. She and girls now seek permission to dance for Allies. She's pictured posing before wrecked German anti-aircraft gun.

GERMAN ONE-MAN 'SHARK'

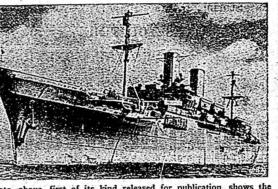


German one-man torpedo is pictured as, like a monstrous shark, speeds toward its objective. Actual torpedo is under water, river" of the missile can be seen through transparent turret.



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PULLING STRINGS



U. S. Army diving unit, believed to be the only one in France, is kept

busy clearing rivers and canals of mines and underwater obstructions.
Unit works from an LCVP (landing craft, vehicle and personnel).
In background, diver's tender helps diver don his helmet before going down to inspect canal bed a few miles behind front.

THAT HAT!

ARMY'S 'SUB-SEA SOLDIERS'

Pte. H. Koebe, Winnipeg, himself a new head dress Installing a switchboard system helping to clear the rubble from for U. S. First Army headquarters war-blasted Carpiquet. in Normandy, a sergeant gets to

work on tangled maze of wire ou

COMMANDS NAZIS ON ATLANTIC COAST



Field Marshal Gunther von Kluge, right, who recently replaced Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt as commander of the Nazi Atlantic CCoast forces, discussion strategy with a fellow officer, somewhere along the Channel Coast. This is the first picture of von Kluge released sicne he became commander of German forces on the western front.

STUDY IN CONCENTRATION



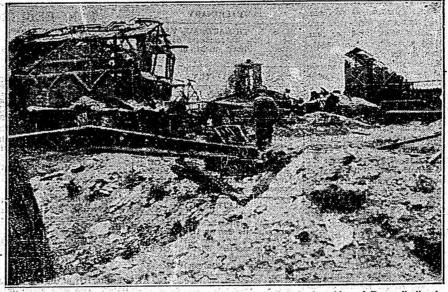
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SIDEWALK CAFE, WARTIME STYLE



In a rubble-littered street of La Haye du Puits, France, three imaginative Allies rig up their own version of the famous Parisian sidewalk cafe. They are seen here drinking a toast to "a short war".

NORMANDY FACTORIES LAID WASTE



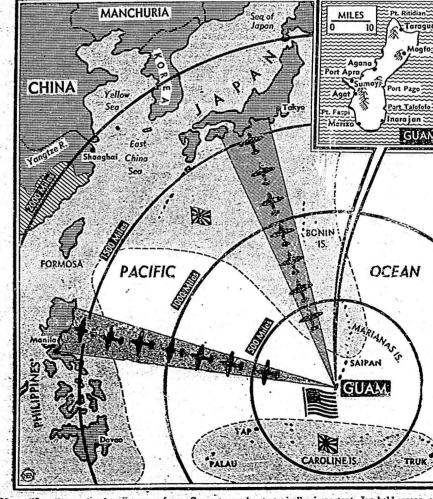
Monty's greatest-ever aerial and artilery blitz, which preceded the breaching of Rommel's line in Normandy, laid waste this factory district of Colombelles. Canadian infantrymen who followed the search through the still-blazing, devastated ruins of these factories.

MINESWEEPER SUNK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL



A few minutes after this picture was made, the USS Tide, which had been engaged in clearing the English Channel of mines, sank to the bottom. She was sunk while steaming toward the Normandy beaches. Two ships stand by to pick up survivors.

GUAM-ANOTHER 'STEPPINGSTONE' FOR BOMBERS MANCHURIA MILES



Map above shows bomber-distances from Guam to such strategically important Jap-held areas as the outlying Marianas Islands, the Bonins, Japan itself, the Carolines and the Philippines.