# The Free Press Shart Story

# ABOVE THE CLOUDS

BY HOPE DARING

called 'frame' my poor brother."

months ago. What can we do?"

here to live, to an honored place in

turning the affair over to Mr. Crosby

Janice shook her head. "But he is leav-

"Would he stay for this?" demanded

"He could not do that. But I am sure

to bring your son home. We will an-

nounce the marriage in the first edition

"That old lady is a terror, but her

husband was of the finest, and so is the

the rest will do his work and mine.

No. I've no suggestion to make. . There

must be no expense to the Courier, and

whatever there is of news value in the

affair must be kept for the Courier ex-

"Of course," was Janice's curt reply.

"Maurice Black! He was my chum ir

Arleen- to the telephone. I must have

money for my expenses and for that

blackmailer. Don't think I will need to

use that last, but if they are sending me

to safeguard the family name at any

cost, I'll do it and let the law settle with

The Blacks' car took the three girls

down town. Arleen was left at the bank

with her mother's check. She was to

bring the money to the Courier office,

but Janke and Marie went there at once

Roy and Arnold, next in command to

Crosby, met them. "I've telephoned to

the airport," Roy reported: "A ship and

a pilot are awaiting for me. We will

be back in time for Maurice to appear

at the tea. I say, Janice, we will look

"Oh, I am due there as a reporter."

said the girl, a little wearily. "Don't

forget, Mrs. Black, to give him the pawn-

ticket to redeem your necklace. Your

mother said you must wear it to-night."

she called society." Marie pressed the

slip of cardboard into Roy's hand. "But

I've only this to wear," touching her

Roy lingered to say "You three should

know that on the advice of the older

men of the Courier staff, I am taking an

officer with me. Policeman Day, of the

local staff." He chuckled then, "Janice,

"We must go back with Policeman Day.

A smile brightened the girl's, face. "His 'The Brushwood Boy,' where one

That is hard by the City of Dreams." Roy, that is what you are taking to-day,

but your road leads high up above the

The next moment Roy was saying

Back from the City of Sleep."

The road to the Merciful Town,

"Yes, when I was introduced to what

in, to see the result of our labors."

high school. I'll go by plane.

this Skinner later."

plain street dress.

clouds.

you remember Kipling's,

She then located Roy, who was at once

Yes, you can have Roy for the day

wife in the receiving line at the tea."

family as Janice was doing.

with anything like that."

Mrs. Black sat up in bed, wringing her

hands. "What can we do? Marie wants

to take the money back to him, but

seat of the automobile at Roy Skinner, and he says if the sum of one seat of the automobile at Roy Ekinner, and he says if the sum of one Stewart's side, she frowned. "I'd thousand dollars is not in his hands rather be just a stenographer, as I six o'clock, all the papers of this locality planned to be when I entered the Cour- and especially of Maurice's home city ier office, than to be sent on such an will publish a story branding my brother errand as this. Mrs. Black wants some as not only a bootlegger but also a robone sent to her home early this morning, ber. The fellow came to see Marie and going to give late this afternoon, to in- money from Maurice's family or of he troduce her daughter to society. Wants and the rest of us seeing him forever to tell what they are going to wear and dishonored. Skinner even boasted to my sister that the story was false, but dewhat the guests will cat."

clared he had the power to what he The young journalist laughed as he deftly sent his car along the crowded "It's a part of the game, Janice. Not until you bring into the office a big socop will you get big assignments."

"Just what is a socop to you, Roy?" He understood. "A real story that the Courier brings out before any other paper in this region has it. One that you get after close thinking and quick moving, despite the cost. You may even have to defy the common rules of your paper."

"But not those of truth and honor. Roy, I'm not sure I shall ever be a journallet. It is not a sensation that I want, but a story, a bit of life, something done to help on the world. Thank you, Roy. for bringing me out."

He had stopped the car before one of the city's finest homes. Janice had the pure." door open and was on the walk before the steps, and her ring at the door was answered by a dignified-looking man- society."

"I am Miss Temple from the Courier the matter. At last Mrs. Black proposed office. Mrs. Black is expecting me." "Yes, but-you-Here is Miss Arleen,"

as a girl a few years younger than Janice ing the city for twenty-four hours," she came down the stairs, wiping her eyes. "I am gad to see you. Mother thinks on his way to the station now. Shall you may be able to help us. You see, telephone there, and have him paged?" the tes must be given up, but Mother insists that it must go on. Oan you help Arleen.

us-my sister and me?" Another girl, older, worn shabby, had come forward, to stand at Arleen's side. Hesitatingly Janice said, "If I or the paper can help you, we will do it gladly.

What is it you want done?" "It is about cancelling the invitations and getting the money to Maurice. What is it, Julia?"

A frightened-looking maid in a white cap and apron said, "Mrs. Black heard the bell and sent me to ask Griffen who it was. She wants the girl from the Courier office brought up to her once."

Arleen was trembling. "She is in bed. Miss Temple. She fainted when Marie came. We had never seen my brother's wife until this early morning, did not know that he was married."

"But if your mother is ill, will not my going to her be an intrusion?"

"She thinks some one from your office can suggest a way out of our trouble. The doctor left something that will put her to sleep, but she will not take until these matters of the ten and the money are settled."

Arleen led the way upstairs and into luxuriously-furnished sitting room. This gave entrance to a chamber. Mrs. Black, large, florid, forty-five, struggled up to sitting posture to demand: "You are the girl from the Courier office? Jack Crosby, the editor, was a friend of my husband's. I know he will help me. Sit down and tell me what to do about it," Janice sat down. "But you will have to explain matters."

Brokenly, mother and daughter talk ed. As for Marie, she sat still, her lips compressed, her hands clasped in her

There were two Black children Arleen and Maurice, who was several years older than his sister. The father had died eight years before. The mother decided that Maurice was to be a lawyer His grandfather had been a judge, an his father at forty had won laurels in that profession. Maurice, however, was determined to be an aviator. He went through college and then, three years before, after a bitter quarrel with his

mother, had left home. His mother and sister had heard no word from him until that morning year before he had married Marie D'Anders, a French girl who had come to America after the war. He then had a position as a pikit. Six months after the marriage the amashing of the acroplane he was flying sent him to a hospital where he stayed until his little savings were exhausted. He was offered a posttion at Monroe, only two hundred miles from his old home and had accepted, although both he and his young wife

were vaguely suspicious concerning it. ."My sister," and Arleen's words were plainly defiant, "does not understand fust how it came about. Maurice's employer was a bootlegger and a wretch, He has my poor brother in his power, looked away, but just where Marie does

## GOOD SHOES FOR YOUNG AND OLD

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in readities for your brother, Arisen. The proper evening clothes, I mean." "Well, Long and Crasmore have his . "I'll be down at once." measures. They can send up

"Some one would talk. Hasn't he a ship that would do at the house? Ever if it is a little old, no one will notice. Have your faithful old Griffen sponge and press the garments, Mrs. Black must also be fine and gay."

"But she is a half head taller than ! am," declared Arleen.

"Just my height. I can manage that, way." socop, Roy," declared Janice,

Roy was off. Janice took up the many ner?" and the pressing duties of the day. She arranged for space to be held in the last edition of the Courier for Roy's and her The Black-D'Anders marriage was to be announced in the edition of the paper, but not it was positive that Roy had been ence of the young couple at the tea be promised.

She went out to the Black home for lunch, going in the Black car. On the way she stopped at her boarding house to pack her new pale green crepe evening dress. On arriving at her destination, Arleen agreed with her that it would be "the very thing" for Marie to ducts Laboratories of the Department

family now, and the Blacks always wear that evening ... shield their women from such things. Skinner offered her the money to come here, but she would not touch it. Instead, she pawned the only thing of save those of Janice. "To-morrow, for different purposes and for export value she had—an emerald necklace that her great grandmother wore when the that my sister arrived here without suit- tific processes in the manufacture of D'Anders' were in favor at the French able clothes."

court. The money, of course, is Maurice's: he was to have twenty thousand at the appointed time. Roy rang her, and great advances have been made. dollars when he was twenty-three, six Yes, everything was all right. Maurice Black, and the city officer would provements in the design and operation "Turn the matter over to the police. take off as soon as the telephoning was of lumber dry-kilns in which tempera-It's an attempt to blackmail, simple and concluded. He then read her the ac- ture, humidity, ventilation and circulacount he had written of the appear- tion of air are accurately controlled. "Oh, the family name can't be dis- ance of the young Blacks at the tea. and degrade, due to warping and checkgraced! Maurice and Marie must come "Now read yours, Janice," he said.

"Why, there is not much difference. But I said nothing about their arrival out for each species as not two kinds of For ten minutes the quartette argued being unexpected, and I reckon mine is timber contain the same amount

half-minute of silence; then Roy said, sawn weighs about 4,700 pounds. "Child, that is literature. Something has which about 2,000 pounds is water. When given you the creative urge to-day. That explained, glancing at her watch, "He is is to go in the last edition as you have

"But, Roy-"

"No more. Run along now." James started to take the copy down to the press. On the stairway she was one of the Courier men could put it delayed by a newsboy. When she en- 900 pounds of water per thousand feet. across. In a way it would be a scoop tered the pressroom, James Ogden, the foreman, was at the telephone and she sary or desirable to remove all water "No! No!" screamed Mrs. Black. "We had to wait a moment.

can't have Maurice's name connected "It was Stewart. He told me to run take up moisture from the surrounding your copy straight, to give you all the air. In order that wood used for furni-Janice stood up. "No notoriety is space you wanted." necessary. We will send Roy Stewart

put Roy's name to it. It is his story: If the drying is not done carefully, losses would not have been but for him."

of our paper and have your son and his Janice did not have a single minute of lumber may result from checking of leisure until the last edition was on warping and bowing. In a year's opera-To the surprise of her daughter, Mrs. the street. She left her desk in disorder, tions, these losses may amount to, in for she was due at the Blacks' at six. Crosby approved. Janice rushed to the A hot bath and a cup of steaming if seasoning conditions are not favorable. telephone and succeeded in getting in malted milk restored her. She brushed The requisite amount of drying varies communication with the editor four min- her sunbright hair vigorously and slip- greatly in different countries, depending utes before he must take his train. Plainped into an old-rose georgette frock. Just on whether the climate is as a rule dry ly that gentleman did not attach so much then a maid hurried up from below, to or humid. importance to the affairs of the Black

say, "Mr. Stewart is below, Miss Tem-

spoke, she unfolded the copy of the evening paper that she had brought front page—the story of the Blacks marriage, the bride's romantic past, and the the family home that evening. The article was signed, "Janice C. Temple."

"Wasn't it your story, Roy? You-

"Just a cup of malted milk." lowers will be the usual ones.

### IMPROVEMENTS IN LUMBER DRYING

Research conducted by the Porest Pro Mines and Resources, Ottawa, and sim-"Madam Marian would have been liar organizations in other countries have happy to fit something to her," said played an important part in improving Arleen in a voice that reached no ears lumber drying. The drying of lumber though, it would have been all over town markets is one of the most highly scienhimber. In recent years, the demands Janice was back at the office when of different markets have been studied He. Particularly notable have been the iming, may be practically eliminated.

A drying treatment must be worked

moisture. For example, a thousand feet When she had finished, there was a of Canadian yellow birch when freshly this wood is dried for use such as furniture, the 2,000 pounds of water is reduced to about 190 pounds. Some species contain even higher proportions of water and some, much lower proportions. Douglas fir, a particularly dry wood in the standing tree, contains only about For commercial use it is not necesfor if this were done the lumber would

ture, and other purposes; may not shrink As Janice went slowly upstairs, she or expand unduly, it is necessary that the wood be dried to the proper degree of twenty per cent, or more of the value Canada, from five to ten million dollars,

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EXPANSION IN NEPHELINE SYENITE INDUSTRY

Marked progress is reported by Canada's nepheline syenite industry with the home with her. There it was on the value of production in 1937 amounting to \$121,481 compared with \$37,438 1936. Production of the new ceramic material was beam in 1936 by Canadian Nepheline, Limited, which operates deposits of the mineral in Peterborough County, Ontario.

"It's a scoop, child," said Roy, five Established to produce material minutes later when they were on their the domestic glass-making industry, the company has been a success from the start, and has found a ready sale for "Not a bit of it. It was yours. Din- its entire output. Last year the capacity of the processing plant at Laxefield was increased from an initial rate of "And I had a hot dog. It will not twenty tons daily to forty tons daily. already written up the dresses, and the plant, which brought the producing cap-400 tons of shipping rock daily. Potenin the United States appeared so promising that it erected a large plant at Ro-Parmer, and I'll blow you to a good chester, New York, to process crude rock from the quarries in Ontario. This plant will be operated by a subsidiary company, American Nepheline Corporation. and is expected to enter production during the current year.

Along with the foregoing developments region has been carried on by other interests, and several deposits of promise have been located. Three of these properties were operated in 1937, with a total output of about 2,000 tons of crade syenite, all of which was shipped to the United States for experimental process-

According to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, the large deposits of nepheline syenite which occur in Peterborough, Hastings and, Haliburton Counties have been known for many years, but it is only in recent years that their economic importance was established. Although interest in the mineral at present is centred chiefly in its use in the glass industry, research has shown that it is suitable for several other ceramic uses, including semi-vitroous and sanitary ware, and sheet-steel enamels, and it is probable that the field of use will be still further extended.

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of about 25,500,000 fbs. in 1937, as compared with 21,500,000 lbs. in 1936, and and 4,000,000 lbs. in 1931. 16,500,000 in 1935, states the Imperial Economic Committee in its report on the 1937 world consumption of wool. Imports, obtained chiefly from New Zealand and the United Kingdom, were 1,700,000 | again?" the. (Actual weight) higher than in 1938, while exports declined by 4,300,000

bs. The commumption of recovered wool

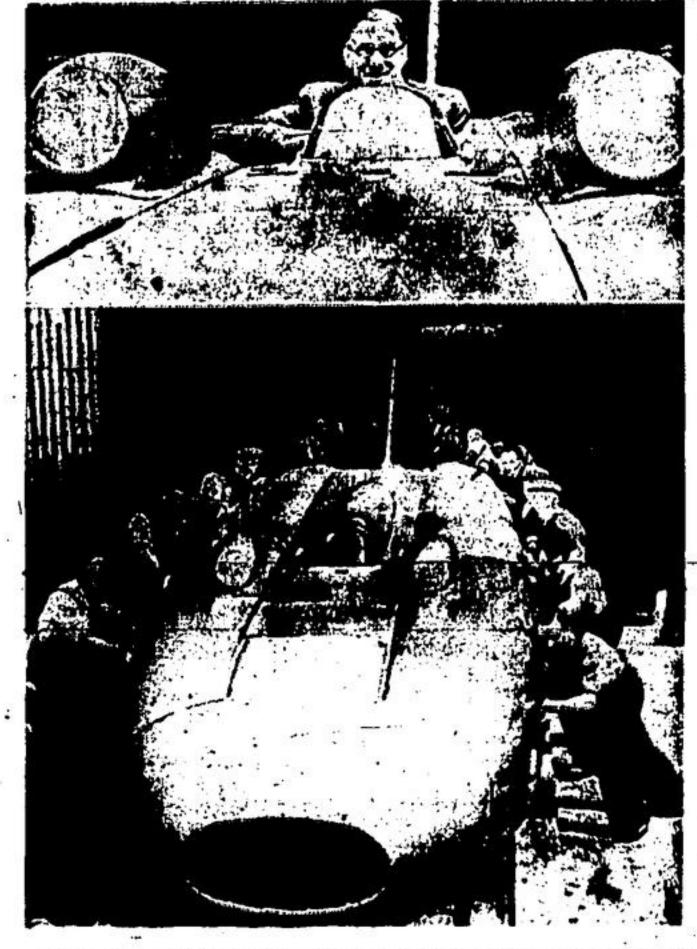
has also been rising steadily since 1921. On the basis of rage used consumption in 1936 is estimated at 15,500,000 that. as compared with 12,000,000 . 1bk., as compared with 12,000,000 lbs. in 1938

ON HIS FEET AGAIN

"Did he give you another loan?"

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