

# BROCKLEBANK'S ADVENTURE



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## CHAPTER XIV ALL ABOARD

As Brocklebank shifted his position to get more comfort, he suddenly saw a thin glow of light in the darkness, close to his eyes. His hand touched the wall dividing the cabin flat from the rest of the hull, and out the bow in two. What he had thought to be a bulkhead was an ill-fitted wooden partition. Between the partition and the curve of the hull the light was coming. The port side of the boat . . . Worth had said to Pamela, "Second door on the left, and switch on the light."

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It seemed, while trying to find out what was the influence which kept up the price of Stellas, stumped upon a suggestion that Lord Brownwood knew something about it. Being aware that Tolfree and Lord Brownwood were acquainted, Charles conceived the alarming suspicion that Tolfree, who was a regular terrier for smelling out rats, had smelt out the plot.

come on board and carry out any inquiry which pleased. And what would they find, Charles? A perfectly innocuous, very small, and easily displayed general cargo consisting chiefly of agricultural implements; the ship's papers in perfect order; the captain's instructions from his charterers to call off the Thames for orders from me."

"The plan, Charles," said Worth. "Plot is such a nasty word for describing an honest business deal. Remember how angry you got with Farley!"  
Plan or plot or deal, said Charles, if Tolfree had smelt it out . . . but the mischief was that no one could draw back now.

"Of course not, Jeremiah! Who wants to draw back? It's a glorious adventure. I love the notion of pitting my wits against Tolfree's."  
"You're a born gambler, Henry—and I'm not."  
"Oh yes, you are, Charles, or you couldn't have made all your money. You're a gambler all right, but you're not a born adventurer. You don't thrill to it! But cheer up! I've got a pleasant surprise for you. George and Pamela are on board."

"All a part of Plan No. 2, Charles—to keep everyone's mind fixed on Plan No. 1. And it's worked like a charm. Even that damned idiot, Rovigo, pulling guns in New York, helped the good work along."  
"Helped! Good gracious, Henry, I sweat whenever I think of it. Suppose he should have pulled the trigger?"  
Worth chuckled again.

PLAN NUMBER TWO  
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Brocklebank folded his missive into a flat spill and switched off his light. He poked the spill behind the partition and wagged it about. Nothing happened.

"What!" cried Charles.  
"Whoa!—not too much noise. Yes, they're with us for the trip."  
"Good gracious, Henry!—you've never been so foolish as that!"  
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## Agreement Likely in Abitibi Timber

Conference Held Last Week Between Premier and Receiver for Abitibi Co.

According to despatches last week from Toronto, contemplated re-organization of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company was advanced another step at Queen's Park, when Premier Heburn and members of his cabinet, sitting in conference with G. T. Clarkson, Receiver for the company, and representative of the company bondholders, practically reached agreement as to the reallocation of the company's timber limits.

No statement was issued after the conference, but Premier Heburn admitted, "we are getting along splendidly."  
Once the timber limits question is settled, the company representatives, it is understood, will negotiate with the government and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in regard to electrical energy that may be required in any new set-up of operation. These power negotiations will be under way by the first of next week, it is reported.

## Rocco Says That He Knows Nothing About the Murder

Word this week from Newcastle, Pennsylvania, says that Rocco Strange, whom the authorities in Pennsylvania assert is Rocco Esposito, arrived safely in that city last week, and that to newspapermen and others he asserted his innocence of the murder with which he is charged—that of Francesco Romeo, a cousin, who was riddled with bullets one night 3 years ago. "I leave there one, maybe two days before Romeo killed, I know nothing about it," he is quoted as saying.  
Rocco is asserted to have told the authorities at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, that he went to Belgium in 1906—the year of Romeo's death—and remained there until just before the outbreak of the Great War. Then he came to Canada, he says, where he married and became the father of four children now living in Kirkland Lake, but formerly residing at South Porcupine. So far as he may be judged from the despatches he does not explain why he dropped the name of Esposito and called himself Rocco Strange. He was married under the name of Strange.

When Rocco waived extradition proceedings and agreed to go to the States voluntarily to be tried for the murder of Romeo, it was understood that he would be given an early trial. In view of the delays that often occur in law, the promise would seem to be implemented by the fact that it is announced now that the trial will likely be held in March. Also from the despatches it appears that Rocco admits he is Esposito, which is an important link in the case. Whether after 30 years a complete case can be made against the man even though all the facts are as the authorities claim, remains to be seen.

## Funny Guy Writes a Funny Letter Here

Southern Ontario Lad Worrying for Three Years Over Half a Dollar Lost Here.

Timmins, Ont., Jan. 6th, 1937.  
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins,  
Dear Sir—I have just read the letter in your Thursday paper from a South Porcupine gentleman who seems to have it in for the people of the South because, he says, they do not realize what the North is doing for them. The North is looked upon by the South as a "hinterland," he says. I myself am from the South, although I have been a pioneer of the North, having been here almost three years. I have to admit that the South does have a false impression of the North in many ways than one. I too had queer ideas about this great country before leaving Old Ontario. Why, I thought there was nothing but wilderness up here, with a few widely-separated villages where the prospectors could come to gamble and drink and spray gold dust all over the place. I expected to see droves of deer munching grass in the schoolyards, and big black bears sniffing in the garbage cans. You can imagine my surprise when I discovered that the prospectors did not carry gold dust and there were very few deer or bears wandering about. Instead of dark little villages I came upon modern, thriving towns with up-to-date buildings so high you could hardly see over top of them. And as for prosperity? Picture my amazement when I was met at the station by twelve well-dressed gentlemen, all begging me to come and work for them. I was overwhelmed with their generous offers. "Fifty dollars a week!" said one. "Sixty!" cried another. "Seventy!" "Eighty!" A hundred! There was only one thing to do, and that was to choose the highest bidder and flip a coin to decide between them. I drew out a shiny new half-dollar and tossed it up. Ten men grabbed my arms and legs while the other two made off with the coin.  
Yours Sincerely,  
A Southerner.

London Free Press.—After a year's experiment Harvard University has dropped the word "catalog" and returned to the use of "catalogue." Thus another defeat for simplified spelling may be catalogued.

they were discussing its bearing on Henry's intentions.  
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## CLERMONT 50c TAXI

which was formerly  
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## Accused of Robbing Man He Took Home

Cases at Cobalt Court. Cobalt Councillor's Wife Withdraws Charge.

Cobalt, Jan. 11.—(Special to The Advance)—Described by complainant as "a Samaritan" to whom he gave five dollars after he had been taken to accused's house for the night, Antonio Simon, who said he was on relief, was sentenced by Magistrate Atkinson to three months at hard labour when convicted in Cobalt on Saturday morning of theft of a wrist watch and approximately \$44 in cash from E. Stafford, New Liskeard. Simon denied the charge and claimed he found Stafford lying in the snow beside a woodpile near his home, to which he had to carry him part way, he said, but evidence was given that the watch and \$12 were given to police by Mrs. Simon. Stafford said they were missing when he woke up in the morning of Sunday, January 3, after he had accepted an offer of accused to spend the night at his place.

Complainant, who admitted he had been drinking, swore he met Simon on the street late Saturday night and while in the house later—Simon its only other occupant—heard accused mumble about having \$44. His money had been in a trousers pocket and he had taken a five dollar bill from the roll to give Simon. Chief Miller and Provincial Constable Stromberg told of searching the place, where accused denied possession of either watch or money and where they found nothing, but said Mrs. Simon produced the watch and, after her husband's arrest, had brought \$12 to police. Austin Moore had seen Simon with four \$5 bills and some other money, he said, accused claiming to have won the money at pea pool. Simon said there was eight dollars only shown Moore, five dollars of which he had received from Stafford.

At the same court, the magistrate was informed by letter from Mrs. Eva Robitaille that the charge of assault, occasioning bodily harm, preferred by her against her husband, Councillor John Robitaille, would not be pressed. Robitaille was called and produced the letter, in which complainant expressed sorrow for having laid the charge and wished to have it withdrawn. Crown Attorney John B. Robinson said the woman had communicated with him and he understood there was to be a separation agreement between the parties drawn up. In the circumstances, the charge was dropped.

Colliers.—Not long ago, custom tailors, unknown to their customers, used to sew a piece of white thread in a concealed place in each new suit as an indication that the buyer had not yet paid for it. Thus they warned another when to be chary with credit. When the bill was paid, however, they borrowed the suit for a moment on some slight pretext and removed the telltale thread.

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## Starting "Stork Derby" Now in Val d'Or District

(From Val d'Or News)  
J. B. "Mike" Lynch, president, Siscoe Gold Mines, Ltd., drops interest in mining temporarily to finance "Stork Derby."  
Because of the large number of new-lyweds that have arrived on Siscoe Island since the latter part of the summer, Mr. Lynch has deemed it appropriate to back a "Stork Derby."  
Mr. Lynch will sink from \$100 up to \$1000 in this new proposition, pending developments.  
The first couple (of recent new-lyweds) to be visited by the stork will receive:  
\$100, if it be a girl.  
\$200, if it be a boy.  
\$1000, if it be twins.  
Gold Is Not Only Found in Mining!

Globe and Mail.—Women nowadays can drive autos just as well as can men, but they're still to find out how to drive a nail.



## Beautiful Eyes

Would you suspect them of being defective?  
Yes they are. Bright as the child seemed to be, her school marks were unaccountably low. It was incredible that so bright and lovely a little girl should not do better school work.  
And then the teacher wrote a note to the child's mother, suggesting that perhaps the youngster's eyesight kept her back. The mother had the little girl's eyesight examined: It was defective.  
With clear vision restored, the girl's work in school immediately improved.  
If your child is getting low school marks, perhaps her vision is faulty. Let us examine her eyesight; and, if need be, correct it.

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**Attraction**  
Toronto—Professional Hockey  
New York Rangers vs. Toronto Maple Leafs.

Tickets valid for travel train 2 from Timmins, Thursday, January 21st, connecting at North Bay with C.P. train 857 and at Sudbury with C. P. train 28 arriving Toronto 8.00 a.m. Friday, January 22nd.  
All tickets valid to return so as to leave Toronto not later than C. P. train 27, 11.15 p.m. Sunday, January 24th, arriving North Bay and connecting with T. & N. O. train 1, 12.50 p.m. January 25th, EXCEPT passengers from Iroquois Falls and points Porquus to Cochrane may leave Toronto up to Monday night, January 25th account no connection to their destinations train 1 on Mondays.

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