

CHAPTER XX OUT-MANOEUVRED

night was as black as pitch. The lights from the destroyer twinkled in the distance like stars low in the water. Gor- his ship, signalled to the engine-room to extra troubles. I'm sorry I ever met business of putting on the lights on the trawler. Crockett dealt with the navigation lights, first putting out the tri-coloured masthead light, and immediately afterwards doing the same to the white light below them. Gordon put the light out in the engine room, while Doyle attended to the galley and the cabin shared by Peter and Gallop. The lamp in the captain's cabin had not been lit.

Wicks was at the wheel, and Doyle joined him.

"I bet that's troubling her," he said with satisfaction. "There isn't a glim showing anywhere on the trawler."

Wicks chuckled. "I knew I could beat her," he announced. "I doubt if the captain of that destroyer can steer without a light on his bridge."

"You must be able to feel your way in the dark," said Doyle admiringly. "There may be something in that,"

There was a slight pause.

"I'm wondering why that destroyer is chasing us," Wicks remarked. "There's no doubt that she is, but I can't quite understand it. It didn't look to me that she blundered upon us by accident, either. Unless, she was cut looking for suspicious craft. Have you heard any whispers of a coming revolution? Any reason for suspecting gun-running?"

"There's nothing that I know of. Of course there nearly always are rumors of an impending revolution. It's either coming from the Army or the Navy, or the people who are not in either. hadn't heard that gun-running was going on. I should doubt it, personally. Sinclair would have been in on it like a shot. He has a nose for that sort of is a most promising recruit. I don't thing. He can smell a new racket a mile away. He never said anything to us about giving up the pearl fishing. He wasn't doing too well out of it and he'd have switched over to something else like a shot. So that makes me think that gun-running is not taking place along this coast."

Wicks frowned.

Wicks laughed.

"If the destroyer didn't blunder into us she must have been searching for us. That puzzles me."

"Maybe she got to know of your posipassed. She could have sent out a a minute. "You were expecting some feel that it would have been wiser to got anything from." trouble over the gold, weren't you?" he have left those pearl fishers to their clear off with that sort of thing in going to complicate things." these days?"

"I hoped they'd think that we'd gone to the bottom," he announced.

"They might be thinking a thing like not to trust the man." that, surely. But there is always the chance that you would slip across the Atlantic. They must have been bearing a thing like that in mind. It isn't the first time it's been crossed in a small craft, you must remember. It would probably be worth while taking a little trouble to make sure that the trawler didn't sink. But that wouldn't be bringing a destroyer after you."

"I've realized that," Wicks told him.

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" THE YELLOW FLEET "

"She's pretty old—or else got damag-, a pleasing prospect." ed in the storm. She couldn't be go-Wick's scheme worked perfectly. The ing much slower if she launched all her cheer up somebody else-I've had

boats and tried to tow herself along!" stop. The trawler glided forward for a short distance and then started to drift | would come to a thoroughly bad end."

Wicks went on deck and watched the level with them on the starboard beam

"She seems to be going better now,

ne observed. "Unless the lights are confirmed. "I'm sure of that Probably

her engines during the day." was only the smallest twinkle in the the horizon. listance.

Wicks gave a grunt of approval and returned to the bridge. "All right," he said to Peter, "you can

to below now. I will carry on." Peter obeyed. Wicks was standing more than his fair share at the wheel. but he seemed to be able to do with a very small amount of sleep. Apart

anxious to be in control as much as possible because of getting out of danger. ALLA IS WORRIED match in order to light his pipe as

from that, however, he was naturally

Peter entered the cabin

"It doesn't seem to me that you will have much chance of getting the gold for yourself," Peter said to him. "Doyle | me. know if you feel like trusting Sinclair You might release him and take control of the ship that way."

Gallop gave a snort of disgust. "That wouldn't do," he said quickly. ly. couldn't trust Sinclair. He'd try to cut my throat at the first opportunity.

"Yes. I shouldn't be surprised at she shook her head that. But I'm not taking any interest in the gold at the moment. I'm perfectly contented to wait and see what

ter ashere. I shouldn't be surprised if | ing this morning?" he does the same to Doyle. He's sure

Gallop yawned. "With so much pletting going on explained. there's small wonder that a simple, darned lucky if we don't get chucked fee was here?" inside a dirty, smelly South American prison. The only one likely to escape

be put out of the way." Peter clenched his fists.

way if we can help it," he declared. Gallop laughed.

propose to protect her," he said. "May- by that time." be you're thinking of taking on the destroyer and her entire crew single-

"We've succeeded in giving the destrover the slip," Peter reminded him.

"For the moment. You'll find that Birthday Celebration she'll be back by morking, overhauling us at a grand pace. I've already said that I want time to look after my engines. They won't last much longer without something going wrong. They were never intended for this sort of

"Neither was the trawler," Peter de- ! clared. "Her seams are opening with Good Friday will be a day of importhe heat. You'll find that next time it | tance. rains you'll be getting the raindrops in Besides being his birthday, it will be

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"Shut up!" Gallop cried. "Go and enough. There 's sufficient for me to Wicks, satisfied with the position of worry my head over without having Wicks. I should have realized that he

"I begin to think that I was happier "This should do," Wicks muttered, when I was tramping the wet paveleaving the bridge for a moment. Peter | ments looking for work." Peter told was standing by and took the wheel him. Then he thought of Alla, and was not so certain.

"I want some sleep, Gallop said. destroyer's lights. She was practically | "They've started the engines again. Something will go wrong. I can feel it. and was obviously going at the highest | But don't wake me up-whatever it is I want to get some sleep."

ceeding on her way under ideal conditions. The clouds had drifted past and the sea was like a sheet of glass. "She is making better speed," Wicks There was no sign of the destroyer. Wicks rested for about two hours and

she was having a bit of trouble with then came on deck again. "It seems that we gave her the slip," They watched her stern light until it he said to Doyle, after looking all round

Doyle chuckled. "Perhaps she put on too much speed

and burst her boilers," he suggested. "Maybe. I didn't get too good a look at her, but it struck me that she was

pretty ancient. Might fall to bits at any time if she came up against bad weather. It's a pity that we couldn't identify her. So far as I could tell she was not carrying a flag. You're certain that she was not the least bit familiar to you?" "Absolutely certain. She gave me the

Gallop was also off duty. He struck a impression that she was a destroyer and an old one at that. But her lines were not familiar. I should think somebody "I'm getting tired of this," he has just taken her off the scrap heap." Doyle chuckled at his jest.

"Very probably. I'll go on the bridge now. You might as well come with

"Very good, captain." Peter did not return to his cabin, but went along to talk to Alla. He found her looking decidedly distressed. "What's wrong?" he emanded quick-

"I'm very worried. Somebody has stolen that revolver you left with me "So would Doyle," Peter reminded I had it last night. I slept very heav-

tion because of that tramp steamer we happens. Wicks is landing into some the galley. Somebody might have been more trouble, so far as I can estimate. able to have dropped something into it. wireless message." Doy! thought for He owes some of it to you. Don't you But I don't know where he could have "There could well have been some-

asked. "Or are they letting people fate? It seems to me that they are thing in the medicine chest. It looks like Wicks. But I doubt it. He was "They are," Peter admitted. "But too concerned with looking after the entirely new road, which, as near as Wicks is going to put Sinclair and Fos- ship. You say the revolver was miss-

ed slightly.

"I sleep with it close beside me," she

honest engineer like myself can't see ed. "I don't quite know how we are pears to be the only snag struck by the wood for trees. I begin to feel sorry going to find out who did it. Have you these contractors, and it is proving a that Wicks picked up that gold. If any suspicions? Do you know who was you want my opinion, we shall all be on deck about the time when your cof-

Alla frowned slightly.

"I've been trying to work that out." is the girl. She looks too interesting to she said slowly. "I feel practically certain that it was not Gordon. Also, I for a fill of about five feet in front of would necessitate a train of some 16 young lady's father, now Lord Redesagree with you that Wicks was far too? "She's not going to be put out of the busy. It's one of two people. I feel positive of that." "There are only three left; Sinclair

"I'd be interested to know how you and Foster were fastened up in the hold

"I meant Gallop and Doyle-but I'm rather afraid that it's Doyle. I did catch him near the galley once before." (To be Continued)

Sets Unique Record

(From Sudbury Star)

Some people will accept Good Friday as a matter of course. Beyond being a holiday, it will have no special signifiance to them. But for E. W. Neelands, Falconbridge,

the engine-room. Another bad storm the first time that his birthdate April and we'll be using the pumps. It isn't 15, has fallen on Good Friday since the day of his birth. "And I have figured it out that there won't be another birthday on Good

Friday before 1967 anyway," he said. He did not know when the coincidence would again occur, but research had already carried him to 1967 without result. Mr. Neelands is a brother of C. F. Neelands, deputy provincial secretary. He is a field engineer at Falconbridge Nickel Mines and has just returned from a year's leave of absence in Newfoundland where he was employed in road building. *

Incidentally Mr. Neelands has never had occasion to call a doctor, he says. He abstains from smoking and intoxicating drink.

Susan Goodyear:-She's a centipede or putting her foot in it.

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on Work on Highway

Reference to Road Work in the Temiskaming Area.

(From New Liskeard Speaker) occasion to pay our first visit to Temagami for the year, and from Latchford down the sights that met our eyes were a revelation of what man, assist-Martin Construction Company, who over a topographical map of the work, the road when they first pass over it this year. Where previously we were was made without mishap. driving in the valleys, we now look down and see the tops of the trees.

Immediately below the Martin contract the work is in the hands of made to get the road pasable for traf-Angus and Taylor, of North Bay, for fic at the earliest possible date, and the next five miles, which brings us motorists may look forward to being down to Goward. In this section the able to use the road early in May. greatest rock cut on the entire stretch | must be remembered, however, that from Temagami to Latchfard is lo- there will still be considerable work to cated. A cut of 42 feet has to be made | be done in the way of gravelling, and ily. I begin to wonder if . . . " then in one spot, and oddly enough a fill of in some cases widening, and too much 42 feet close at hand takes care of the | must not be expected in the way of a "What did you wonder?" Peter press- refuse. Angus and Taylor do not ap- smooth surface. Mr. Longstaffe also pear to be using the same quantity of informed us that, for the first time in "I had some coffee on the table in modern machinery as the other on- the north, a system known as "fill settractors, but in loking over the .nap | tlement by blasting" is being used on of their territory we see that they are the muskeg. This system consists of in good shape as far as their contract | piling the fill on top of the soft spots,

by the time specified. From Goward, south to Temagami, Dufferin Construction have built an ing the muck out and allowing the rock we can tell, runs in a straight line. A new bridge has been built over Net The girl nodded her head and colour- Lake at Goward, and these contractors expect to be finished within the enable paving to proceed at a much next couple of weeks. Work on the iron mountain just north of Temagami "That's troublesome," Peter mutter- is now under way. This one hill apordinary Temagami rock make an average of 30 feet a day are only able to do 10 feet in this spot.

Blasting operations are under way drill steel and the consumption of a prospector in 1911 in the Kirkland

A large sign at Latchford advises the

general public that the road is closed

to traffic, and while we do not always pay too much attention to read signs. motorists would do well to pay attention to this one. There are sections which are in pretty good condition but On Monday of this week, we had there are others that will tax the skill of the best in the country and then they will need a lot of luck. The trip down from New Liskeard to Temagami (42 miles) was made in about 31/2 hours ed by modern machinery, can do. The and the return trip took quite a bit

lenger, Earl Bartlett, our partner on have charge of the eleven miles south | the trip and navigator, having the misof Latchford, are working day and fortune of knocking the battery loose night in an endeavour to catch up and and breaking the ground strap on a get their portion of the road completed | detour. He did, however, choose a good by the deadline, June 1st. In looking spot for the stop (in front of the engineer's quarters nine miles south of the thing that struck us most forcibly Latchford). Some ingenious splicing of knock 30 feet or so off the top of a done by cutting the towing cable and hill of rock, at the foot of the same with the battery sitting on the floor hill was a valey that required 30 feet in the front, and a few of Norman to fill. Motorists will not recognize Montgomery's sandwiches to hold us until we got home, the rest of the trip | because the interests of the two camps

In conversation with District Engineer Longstaffe The Speaker has been informed that every effort is being goes, and they expect to be finished which crowds the muck up in front Charges of dynamite are then inserted underneath this muck and fired, blowprocess is repeated about every 25 feet and it is expected that in this way a solid readbed will be had, which will earlier date than it would have been if time had to be allowed for the road beds to consolidate.

16 Cars of Dynamite

The Speaker has been informed that tough mit to crack. Drills which in in the twenty odd miles of road now under construction between Latchford and Temagami a total of 596,000 yards man-Mitford, because this young lady of rock must be moved and to do this had the temerity to wear a swastika At Temagami Frank Goddard is rais- it will take 253 tons of dynamite or, emblem at a gathering to discuss the ing his hotel about seven feet to allow if it was all brought in at one time, war in Spain. It develops now that the it and also to construct a new garage. | cars. Add to this the heavy weight of | dale, but then plain David Mitford, was along the lake to make a new site for gasoline and oil and other incidentals Lake area. Likely he did some prosthe T. & N. O. pumping station, which recessary to moving this material, and pecting at Swastika. It would spoil a

Doyle spat over the rail. He had followed the captain from the bridge.

His gloomy predictions were not corbuilding:

Says Progress Good | also provides water to some of the had a good freight business out of this building:

Suggests District Work as Good Plan for Federal Aid

In a front-page editorial last week

The New Liskeard Speaker says:-"The announcement has been made that the Federal Government will go into the program of road building on a scale larger than ever before. Well, the Speaker would suggest that steps be taken by the Federal Government to sprinkle some of their excess money on the part of the Kirkland Lake-Noranda highway from Arntfield to the Ontario mining city. From Arntfield to Noranda-Rouyn the highway is strictly a Quebec issue, but, according to motorists in the North, there appears to be a feeling that the Quebetween the Ontario and Quebec min- prospector in the Swastika area. ing camps. If this is correct we believe it is altogether a wrong attitude. are identical. There are French Canadians interested in the Ontario and Noranda camps just as there are British Canadians. As a matter of fact, it is high time the class distinction was forgotten, so far as it affects general business relations. The Kirkland-Rouyn road is a necessity. If the Quebec Government will not keep up its end of the highway-and it has not done so during the past few years

step in and take care of the jcb for "With decent road conditions, there are few scenic stretches in Northern Ontario more attractive than the country between Arntfield and Kirkland Lake, and also fewer sections which will give a better picture of the mining activity of the North Land. A motor trip through the North is not complete without a visit to the wonder mine of the Noranda camp. Under present conditions, we do not recom mend the road between the provincial boundary and Arntfield as a suitable

-then the Federal Government could

Lady Mobbed in London; Father Once in Kirkland

Reference was made in The Advance last week to the attack by a mob in London, England on Hon. Unity Free-

story if he didn't . In any event, he is said to still have a number of holdings in the Kirkland Lake area including a bungalow in the Dane area. Mr. Mitford, as he was at that time, is said to have created a regular furore by bringing a piano into the Kirkland Lake area in days when mouth organs and banjos were considered the limit in musical instruments. The young lady is said to be a personal friend of Adolph Hitler, who gave her the swastika pin that she wore and caused a near riot. No doubt people in the Kirkland Lake area in any event will claim that the lady had a right to wear a swastika anywhere in was that where it was necessary to both the cable and ground strap was bec Provincial authorities are not at the British Empire in honour of the all anxious to have any too good a road days when her now-titled father was a



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