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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

WHAT HAPPENED AT nurse, specializing in the care of child- should choose the other way.'

SIR JOHN MONTALBAN: Head of years of age.

smash (unmarried).

RALPH: (married) CHARLES, 21 (unmarried).

and two unmarried daughters ELSIE first place-" and CLEONE.

Montalban in mysterious circumstances tension of his face was eased. LAWRENCE SEVERN: Secretarycompanion to the veteran Sir John.

CHAPTER KIV (Continued) "YOU KNOW WHO KILLED HER" Robert Montalban was silent for a be glad to." slowly: "I see. Yes I do see. A very going in again." proper basis for investigation, too, self-

defence. But surely it won't be so dif- shoulders. "Take it round and drop it "Yes I was told to epxect you. Will -ex-partner of Mailia's?"

left Paris the day after the pair of me. swindlers disappeared. All depends on lute reliance on my photograph-nor gripped the stone hard. even on my face. Innocent people have been known to be singled out from and most fleet. It was a dive so eerie

son," admitted Robert, the wry smile deepening. He turned his head and ing surface on the distant edge of the close, and sat down. looked at Molly. "And Miss Balcon? lake, some way from them. What are her rights? Am I to suppose that she's involved too?"

hand upon Severn's where it lay idly upon the rough stone of the seat. "Lawrence and I are going to be married.' It was the first time she had thought denly turned away. of it in those terms, and she felt her heart turn in her; but it was said and said calmly, and she knew that it was

There was a moment of silence while Robert sat looking at them both in to you then. What was it?" He took astonishment, and the quality of his her by the shoulders. "Molly, you must smile changed. "It's incredible, I know tell me. You thought you had disbut-I'd never thought of that. I can't imagine why. Of course, that let's you

They thanked him as one person,

"Well," said Severn. . 'Are we justi-"My dear man! I was jealous for my own family skeletons, that's all. Go

ahead with your defences. He added, with some anxiety: "By the way, you won't let Grandfather feel too deserted will you? He depends on you so absolutely."

"Don't worry!" said Severn. "I've no intention of leaving him. I haven't consulted Molly on the point, but if I know her she won't grudge a short wait to keep him happy. After all, it can't be so terribly long now.' "No." said Robert. "It can't be long."

He rose holding by the arm of the seat to lever himself up. "I'm glad you told me all this. And now, shall I tell you something? I admit everything you've said: you make a reasonable, a convincing and I know, a most sincere case. But it brings you to a wrong conclusion. My father did not kill Mailia."

He turned his head, and looked at them with a smile. "I don't ask you to believe it, just to know that I believe it and perhaps to bear it in mnid. That's all. You won't do anything about it until-unless you're actively threatened, Lawrence?". "My sympathy for whoever killed

Mailia," said Sevenn drily, "is so profound that only the consideration of my own life can possibly induce me to do anthing against his interests."

now? I have a hankering for one more plunge before tea. I never can resist the lake. It's the one element in which I'm still at home. "He smiled and shrugged his shoulders. "I like to show off. Who doesn't?"

They were on the crest of the bridge when he stopped short leaning upon his hands on the low balustrade to look down into the deep water expanding suddenly fanwise into the lake from

under the single arch. "I have problems of my own just at present," said Robert, in his soft contemplative voice. "I'm going away tomorrow-for another operation. Law-

rence knew about it, I believe." "Yes," said Severn, "you did tell me. "I haven't talked about it, because I dislike the paraphernalia of sympathy. I've known for some time that my spine was steadily getting worse. . In a year or possibly two years, I should be doomed to lie on my back for the rest of my natural life. I'm not going to wait the issue. Leonard has told m ethat this operation may give me back at least a part of my physical equipment more or less intact. I may

even walk straight." His face was contorted by a smile such as Molly had never seen there, confidence." bitter, and yet full of a dreadful humour. "But, of course, he's also told anything, you see. It's just something Twenty years ago there were many me that I may die under treatment. I know-as if I'd seen it happen. But references in The Advance to power The schoolmaster was angry with the

you have done?" "The same," said Severn flatly.

"The same," said Molly, "I hope. But I can't help wondering. I'm human. I you'll tell me when you can."

Story have had a great sense of living in our But not now-please." MOLLY BALSON: A young London time. If I loved living a little less, I "Not another question," promised Severn, and let her go. Bpt he did not

"Yes," said Severn, "I think so." "So I go to-morrow. My chance gets troubling the Montalban family nearly ninety slimmer if I leave the decision too long. I shall be under Doctor Leonard at the Ashurst Hospital ,a Cottage Hospi ROBERT MONTALBAN: His son, little hospital at Ashurst. If all goes tal if ever there was one, was on the who has been master of the family seat singularly well I shall be home within near side of the town, and had once for twenty years. He has three sons: | two months. But I won't disguise from been two semi-detached houses. As ROBERT, Junior, crippled in a road you that I know where the probabilities they approached its open iron gate, are, Still, what is to be, will be." His Molly slipped her hand into Severn's shoulders lifted. "What I really want- arm. He looked down at her, and ed-why I really mentioned it in the found her face grave.

They waited. It was apparent that about Robert. He means it when he BARBARA MONTALBAN: Wife of his mind wavered upon a confidence says the results are immaterial." uncertain whether to take one way or | "Yes-yes, I know. But, after all, it March 16th, for the late Mr. Joseph side." "Well," said Sikorski, "if Pro-

Will you do that?"

full minute, a slight rueful smile touch- "Things may look so much clearer elderly nurse. ing his lips. Then he said to Severn then. I hope so, I think so. Well, I'm "We have an appointment with Mr. Robert let fall the wrap from his had mentioned it to Doctor Leonard."

ficult to disentangle yourself from this on top of the steps will you, Lawrence. you come this way?" Why should I walk all that way? . . . "Unfortunately," said Severn, "I was Lend me your shoulder for a moment a little upon pillows. Someone had in France at the time. Worse still, I will you? The rail's a thought high for brought him flowers a sheaf of yellow

the memory of the staff at the pen- the outstretched hand, and lifted the smiled. sion where I stayed, and the hotel slight weight to the balustrade with where my opposite number apparently ease. Robert stood, misshapen but ing. Are you surprised? I was." stayed with Mailia. I don't place abso- capable, poised upon curved feet which

He dived. It was sudden, and silent, Molly "I should call that an excellent rea- The surface did not shake. When she raised her head Robert was just break-

"He's uncanny," said Severn, watching her grave face as her glance rose "Indirectly yes," It was Molly who slowly from Robert's head, momenanswered him, choosing her words with tarily motionless near the shalows, to a dogged deliberation. She put her the front of the house, settled with a sudden intelligence upon the window which had been Mailia's. Higher still she looked, and her eyes were as sud-

"What is it?" asked Severn instantly "Nothing" she said. Her voice was shaken by an uncontrollable tremor of

"I think not! Something happened covered something. Didn't you? Didn't you? You thought you had seen in. Nurse. May I congratulate you through the Mailia mystery. Didn't you? Do you really believe you can be shaken like that, and I not know?"

She put up her hand, and touched him beseechingly, and even the hand was trembling. "Please, Lawrence! Don't ask me. I can't tell you-"

"Then you do admit there was something to tell? What did you see when you looked up then at Mailia's window?"

"Nothing but the face of the house. The same which you see now. Nothing else at all."

"And then you had an idea. knew suddenly-am I right I wonder?-you knew suddenly who killed

Molly closed her eyes. "And how she was killed. Didn't might be well to try out local hockey you? Didn't you, Molly?"

She said: "Oh, Lawrence, Lawrence O. H. A. variety met with little favour " and suddenly she began to cry from the big crowd present. In openwih hard, unaccustomed astonished ing the meeting Dr. R. H. Brown, pressobs, burying her face in his shoulder.

CHAPTER XV. ZERO HOUR It was afternoon when Robert left out to the annual meeting. The finan-

the house for the hospital Before the cial report for the season as read by car drew away from the terrace Molly the treasurer, Mr. T. M. White, was a made an opportunity to ask Dr. Leonard aside: "Is he really running a great risk? Dr. McInnis, J. W. Reed, Chief Bor-

He believes he is, you know.' "As a matter of fact the chances Laidlaw, W H. Wylie, W. R. Dodge, J. are about even."

Cleone said her careless farewell to Robert from within the house, and went on arranging fresh flowers in the "Very well put! Shall we go back vases in the hall; but Mrs. Montalban came out with her son to the car, and kissed him before he got in. A brief, cool kiss it was, but from that selfcontained, self-sufficient woman it was

a concession Molly had not expected. "Good-bye, Robert," said his mother. Do try and be back in time for my birthday, won't you?"

Molly walked a little way down the drive after the car had departed, and authorized to arrange for the next meet met Severn in the yew walk. "Lawrence," said Molly, holding him McInnis was to be chairman of this

by the lapels "do you believe Robert committee until the next meeting when will be back for her birthday-or any the officers and executive would be reg-

"My dear, your guess is as good as St. Patrick, s day was well observed mine. Is it important? I mean, of in the camp twenty years ago. Among course, apart from your personal liking the other events along this line, The for him. Is it important that you Advanced featured the following parashould know-now?"

She turned her head away. "Perhaps Ball under the auspices of the Entert doesn't matter. But I wish I knew. Severn took her by the shoulders and hall last Friday proved a great success turned her round towards him." Her face was strained and pale, but her eyes met his straightly.

"Molly, there's something on your

She made no denial.

"I wish you'd tell me what it was that dawned on you so suddenly yes- up to the usual McIntyre standard and terday. Surely I have rights in your the whole evening from beginning to "Oh, yes But There isn't present.

I'm choosing the gamble. What would that doesn't go in a court of law. It shortage and such like. At the same doctor's small son. "I will certainly isn't any use telling you-and I can't time there were references to plans to have to ask your father to come and

bear to tell you-"

per cent in the amount of power sup- Mr. O. Hanson and family; Mr. and plied to the mines here went into effect Mrs. F. E. Loney; Charlotte and Arthis week. The reason for the temp- thur; Ivy and Bill McLellan, Noranda; orary curtailment is given as the sud- Mr. and Mrs. C. Abrams; Stan, Russ, den cold spell preventing the repletion Millie and Lloyd; Nelly and Percy of the water supply. The facilities were Reid; R. D. Morris; Art Jackson; Mr. fairly well taxed during the winter but and Mrs. Owen Farnan; Fran and it was hoped that early spring thaws Ross, Velma and Jack; Alex McGrath would help out the exhausted storage and family; Maye and Cy Hodgins; supply of water. The change in the Mr. and Mrs. Art Olson and family; weather took away this hope. The Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Townsend; Mr. and curtailment will be only of short dur- Mrs. Billy Neary; Mr. and Mrs ation, however, probably a week or ten Stearns; Jack and Beulah; Mr. and days. As the mines have auxiliary Mrs. Jack Anderson; Mrs. Borland, Jr. much handicapped, though, of course, Mrs. James, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. there will naturally be increased ex- Chynoweth; Nell and Dave; Mr. and spring thaws, however, much water family; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Storms; shortage will be possible and the en- Gladys Hemming; Mr. and Mrs. Sheri-"Yes. Soon, I hope. I don't like larged capacity of the power supply is dan; The Manhires; Mr. J. L. Brown; "I like living too. We Montalbans keeping my own counsel. Lawrence, hoped to avoid similar difficulty in fu- Milton Abramson; Doris and Claude ture years."

sease to be troubled by her obvious Friends Pay Sad Tribute to Late Joseph Baxter

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you, don't they?"

Montalban," said Severn. "I believe he

Robert was in a private room, raised

He braced himself visibly, squaring his

shoulders back into the pillow. The

grow taut, and his eyes half-closed.

lines of his face seemed to sharpen and

"I want to talk about the Montalban

mystery. The notorious Montalban

mystery! Just for a little while — it

won't take long. And then I'm afraid I'll have to turn you out and go and

have an argument with my destiny."

(To be Concluded).

Twenty Years Ago

In the issue of The Advance of Mar.

22nd, 1922, there was much attention

given to hockey. The hockey fans in

Timmins thought this particular time

of year with hockey over for the season

as the right time in which to plan for

the next season's hockey. Accordingly

there was a big attendance and much

interest at the annual meeting of the

Hockey Club. Speaking of this annual

meeting, The Advance said: - "The

gathering of the hockey fans at the

council chamber on Monday evening

went on record as very strongly in lav-

our of the best possible brand of Sen-

ior hockey for the camp next season.

A suggestion that perhaps on account

of the expense and other difficulties it

next season instead of the Senior N.

ident of the Porcupine Hockey Club,

remarked on the large attendance

which was in pleasing contrast to a

years ago when only five or six turned

very satisfactory and creditable one

when the conditions are considered.'

land, Jos. Everard, A. Brazeau, H. G.

Monoghan, P. Macaulay and others

spoke on hockey affairs. Chief Bor-

land made a hit when he said admiss-

ion prices had been kept too high dur-

ing the season then closing. On motion

of Chief Borland, the following com-

mittee was appointed to explain the

situation and secure their co-operation.

Dr. McInnis, H. J. Marshall, W. Dodge,

H. Laidlaw, A. Brazeau, Chief Borland,

J. R. Todd, Dr. Kirkup, E. J. Meyers,

Mr. O'Neill, G. Adams, Dr. Brown, and

Alex Gillies. This committee was also

ing of the Porcupine Hockey Club. Dr.

ularly elected for the ensuing year.

graph:-"The St. Patrick's fancy dress

taining Committee, at the McIntyre

in every way. There was a very large

crowd and a great many unusual and

attractive costumes. Mr. Roy Ennis

won first prize for the gentlemen's cos-

tume and Miss Mary Watson first for

ladies. The refreshments served were

end a very enjoyable one for all

From the Porcupine Advance Fyles

United Church on Monday, March 16th.

"There's no need to be distressed MAILIA DAUNT: Met her death at the other. Then he smiled, and the is a desperate occasion, isn't it?" She Baxter, who was killed in an accident vidential intervention is the natural smiled a shade ruefully. "Do you know at the Hoyle Mine on Friday, March way of achieving victory, how would it "I want you both, if you will, to come I wouldn't have believed when I came 13th. Services were held at the Tim- be won by a miracle?" "Clearly," said and see me at Ashurst the day after to- here that one could become so fond mins United Church, and interment the Rabbi, "it would be miraculous if morrow. Better come in the morning, of any Montalban. They grow upon was made in the Timmins cemetery, we won it by ourselves and without Pallbearers were Messrs J. T. ("Scotty") | Divine intervention." "Of course," said Severn. "We shall Severn rang the bell in the tiny Andrews, Hollis Collishaw, Mel Cavanporch, and they were admitted by an augh, Maurice McNulty, Geo. Poppleton, and Don Cooper.

Floral tributes were sent by: Broken Harp-His wife and children. Pillow-Mrs. Isnor and family.

Robert raised himself on one elbow. Findlay; Miss E. Young; Frank Feld- it was indicated."

however the following paragraph had man and family; Hattie and Verner Gartshore, Vivan and Bill Beaton.

It Will be a Miracle if War Not Won by a Miracle

(London New Statesman) The story goes that Sikorski stayed at Jerusalem on his way to Moscow and there talked to a Rabbi about the Funeral Services Held at war. The Rabbi held that the war might be won either by natural means or by a miracle. "And what are the natural means?" asked Sikorski. "Since our cause is just," said the The Rev. W. M. Mustard conducted Rabbi, "it would be natural to expect funeral services on Monday afternoon, the intervention of Providence on our

Resignation of Chief of Police at New Liskeard

Last week's issue of The New Lis-Pillow of roses-The family in Nova keard Speaker had the following paragraph:-"Chief of Police G. C. Brom-Wreaths and sprays-Aunt Lottie ley, who has held that office in New and Uncle Mort, Billy and Jennie, Liskeard for the past three and a chrysanthemums set in a big vase. He Kirkland Lake; Annie, Wilfred and half years, has resigned his position Severn set his sturdy shoulder under saw Molly's eyes settle upon them, and Donald, Montreal; Cousins Zillah, and will relinquish his duties here Dorothy and Ruth, Toronto; Violet and toward the end of the present month. "Cleone sent them early this morn- Wilfred, Kirkland Lake; Hollis; Em- His resignation was accepted by the ployees Hold Gold Mine; the Mechan- town council at a special meeting of "I wouldn't have expected Cleone's ical and Electrical Crews of the Hoyle that body, held yesterday at noon. kindness to run to flowers," admitted Gold Mine; Hoyle Mill and Crusher Arrangements for handling the situa-House; Aunt Etta and Howard; Mr. tion which has developed are in the "Neither did I. You see, we're an and Mrs. Geo. Poppleton, South Por- hands of the police committee of counidentity parades before. Well, are you that it made Molly look over the rail incalculable lot. Come and sit down cupine; George and Elva Mustard, cil meantime and it is indicated that satisfied I have a reason for playing and down to the lake in search of the beside me, Nurse, Lawrence there's an- South Porcupine; Don Cooper and a temporary appointment will be made vanished body. She could not see him. other chair yonder. Would you mind family; Elsie and Esmond Chinn; Dr. pending further consideration of the and Mrs. C. E. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. matter. The chief, who took over the Severn brought the second chair Robert Farrell; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice post in the fall of 1938, is to receive McNulty; Mr. and Mrs. M. Purdy; Miss his usual holiday allowance of salary,

to be published:—Reduction of thirty Neilly; Mr. and Mrs. B. Rutherford; Delightful Numbers by Young Dancers at **Ukrainian** Event

Celebrating the birthday of a famous Ukrainian poet, the Ukrainian people of this district gathered at the Lions steam plants , production will not be Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Carver, Club Hall to enjoy a programme of music and dancing on Sunday evening Speakers included numerous promin- To Permit No Curtailment pense and inconvenience. With the Mrs. Joe Duval; Cliff McGrath and ent Ukrainians, and selections were given by the Ukrainian choir and the Ukrainian orchestra directed by Wm. Kuinka.

> classes, who proved their exceptional trator of Services advised the North ability and talent in varied tap and Bay Regional Office of the Wartime soft shoe routines. Attractive cos- Prices and Trade Board this week. tumes and charming children added to | The statement followed complaints the clever routines, which opened with from retailers that some of their coma "Dutch Dance" performed by Rayette | petitors were not living up to the spirit Brochu, Glenn Campbell, Shirley of the order which covered delivery Kramp, Mary Smith, Shirley Johnson, by automotive equipment to conserve Alfred Rickard, Margaret Malloy, John rubber and gasoline. Girard, Jackie Thompson, Dora Anderson, Joan Proulx, and Ted Proulx. Rayette Brochu, one of the exceptionally talented little dancers, was a dainty figure in the "Irish Jig", while Joan Carson performed with precision in a "Military Tap." Glenn Campbell's "Sailor's Hornpipe" gave a new personality to the routine, and Veronica Caesar, Jackie Thompson, and Shirley Kramp practically "brought the house down" with their "Russian Cossack ment delivery order of no more than Dance," which included a series of one delivery daily to any one area over acrobatic stunts, as well as a difficult any one route. number of tap steps.

Rayette Brochu and Glenn Campbell, Try The Advance Want Advertisements

is making them one of the most popular pair performers in the district, fit-

tingly illustrated their right to this post with a soft shoe dance. Jackie Thompson, who has been for some years a popular dancing artist on all programmes, showed his talent Programme of Music and with a light and graceful interpretation Dancing at Lions Club of a rhythm tap and a whirlwind quickly that the audience was held

> spellbound. The entire programme was based on music and dancing, giving several hours of pleasant entertainment to the large crowd which attended.

of Delivery Curtailment

North Bay-Persons trying to evade the delivery curtailment order by pur-Guest artists, whose performances chasing bicycles or horse drawn equiphighlighted the programme, were the ment may be only tying up their capidancing pupils of Miss Mae Watts tal uselessly, James Stewart Adminis-

Mr. Stewart notified A. T. Smith. Prices and Supply representative at the North Bay office, that further authority covering all modes of delivery will doubtless be given to his department. Mr., Smith, in commenting on the statement of Mr. Stewart said that delivery services must not be augmented by the further purchase of bicycles and other equipment and that delivery services must not be in excess of those

maintained effective with the curtail-

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overcome any such difficulties. For see me," he remarked. "You'd better "I won't ask you. Not yet. But this latter reason, there is no power not," said the boy, "He charges \$5 a shortage to-day. Twenty years ago, visit."-Smiles.

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