CONSUMER'S

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CALENDAR

early days in his calling as a piano

tuner, died last week at Haileybury

hospital. He had been around the pre-

, vious week apparently as well as usu-

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Ashes of Lightning

by Vincent Cornier

Author of "The Steel Dutchman," "The Flying Hat," Etc.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

GILES MORETON: Twenty-five, handsome but temperamental. Reputed to be a former R.A.F. pilot, invalided out. Now works as an inspector in the Lowood tank plant.

CAROL GILROY: Daughter of local solicitor, who has taken up war work as a viewer in the Lowood plant. She is interested in Moreton, who mystifies

HECTOR FLANAGAN: Works superintendent. Hostile to Moreton.

"RATTY" HELME: Progress clerk, who toadies to Flanagan. MAJOR - GENERAL SIR ALBERT HARDISTY: General-Officer Com-

manding the district in which the Lowood works are situated. CAPTAIN CALTHROP: Intelligence Officer on Hardisty's staff, specially

interested in security questions.

CHAPTER XIII ACRES OF FIRE

Flanagan, the relegade, had vanished. From the time he had bee. seen to cower away from Banni's Here was the supercilious and murderous attack, no one had taken heed o him. Ban i's lo ey dyi had certainly stunned Moreton's faculties. However, it ad o m to pass Hector Flana an had realized that opportunity to make gold his e cape Puzzle was in what direction had he gone? It would appear that he had only one possible ine of retreatdown the Helersfield road by whi Morston and Calt rop had re chid the scene. It seemed sucdal or anyor a f attempt o move in any other

Enclosing the near by f ctory i a mighty swathe of fire, three miles moorlands. Days, maybe weeks, would elarse before their creeping furnaces could be extinguished. Soft coal seem shad been ignited and, in some places, the earth was incandescent in mas to a depth of fifteen feet. Rocks could be heard exploding, or screecaing into fragments under the awful heat, and the droning roar of combustion was like the thunder of a sul-

Moreton stood, like a Napoleon, meditating watching the continuous arrival of thousands of troops with all sorts of implements. Fanned out into scores of wirking portles, they

"But, they'll never succeed," Capt. Calthrop heard him muttering to himself, "never!"

"Y'know, old-chap," Celthrop said points." Moreton made no signs of arrest Flanagan. These orders had been repeated to the police, too. Superintendent Millwell and Sergeant Philbeam knew at the time of their



journey, that Flanagan was a wanted man. Had he attempted to escape towards Hellersfield they would have seen him on the road and have grab-

Moreton, still moody and silent, looked down from the hill brow to the kaleidoscope in khaki, incessantly shifting and re-arranging its purposes, down in the valley.

"Then again," Calthrop brightly continued. "Flanagan would have in mind the awful recollection of what the fire did to Banni. You may be sure that he wouldn't dream of attempting a get-away across the moorlands-risking a similar fate."

"Then what?" Moreton roughly came out of the clouds and demand-

"Why the cunning devil would have availed himself of the chance to dive into that bomb crater, cross it, clamber up its farther side, and double back to the factory. I'll bet we'll eventually find him hiding

rogant Moreton of former times "That ireffable word 'ava'led' And, don't be so darned reckless with your

bets-you'd lose." "Really, Moreton," said the affront-

mind, "Ceneral Hardisty made s''ght mist ke. I am not and never the Secret Service, not the Intil cance T c-the whole nestion is untenable, I won't stand for it, either

ed and quite miserable. Moreton re-1-nted. A wry grin broke across his

"S rry, Calthrop, I'm bad medicine sometimes Put I've got every excuse at this minute!"

"Well, if Flanagan's-" "Forget Flanagan!" Moreton made arms. a wide gesture. "Why must you keep on missing the essential points?"

Moreton's attitude carried an enorwas sickened and worried, as by dis- such facility, in such a crists.

for an hour. Except for scorched directions.

"I've thought of one or two other he couldn't have been worse. Some- dence to convict Flanagan and Helme having heard. "In the first place, ing heather had fixed him What sabotage he had noted. Then—from and there had been considerable ap- ing to an official message received by might have found one and, carrying untill now, when he was eating his it in his pocket, the thing had been first meal in fifteen hours-events

was complete on the right side-"

"They were."

upwards, this great ring of fire will ing acid over the heap. close in on the place and the whole Moreton nodded, satisfied, over the plant will crumble like burnt card- rews of that.

whole show will have to close down

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And that will mean the armoured equipment of an army will be lost." "So bad as that?"

Moreton smiled bitterly, "They've timed it magnificently. You see, an absolutely new type of six-speed box was just going into production, intended for our heaviest tanks to date." He stabbed a finger in the direction of the enormous works. "They were being made there only! Now do you see what I'm get-

Captain Calthrop made amends. He surrendered the problem to Moreton. "And what d'you suggest as our

"Back to Hellersfield to see Hardisty, first of all."

> CHAPTER XIV THE GENERAL BACKS MORETON

Wires throbb d with messares: field radio receivers heard rapid orders, The whole force engaged in fighting the moorland fires was re-organized Seventy per cent of it effectives was ran'dly commented on trench digging and demolition work to the north of the factory. Insignificant building and stone wills were torn down. Clay was puddled; rough concrete mixed and, into a huge and shallow ditching scon to extend for a mile, stones and clay and concrete were disposed form a watertight bod It was I tend ed to divert waters from moorland streams and the Lowood mill-dam in-

The nucleus of the scheme came from Moreton's fertile brill result of his pend ring on the hill. He argued that such an expanse of water, ex-

Then, as Colthrop hesitated, worri-

ermous in its strength and scope. Northern Ontario Power Company, Perrying it was, to the military mind, limited, and recently acquired by the No Particulars Yet the equivalent of a victorious feat of provincial authorities to be operated

Moreton grinned, somewhat cynic- io. gratulations he received. Rather nice, rister who was the defeated Conserva- of Cfn. Boissoneault of the Epiphany Tuesday afternoon, number, gave her name and address. Calthrop slowly lit a cigarette, gratulations he received. Rather nice, rister who was the defeated Conservahe told himself, to have produced tive candidate at the general election mous conviction of sincerity. The man such a magnificent red herring with in August, 1943 and who since that

"Take first Banni's injuries, for ex- alistic mind, that was what it amountample. You tell me you're a doctor. So ed to-the device had served to with- that either the Hydro-Electric Com- last week says that no particulars be it. Well—you saw Flintoff and all draw official attention from the ab- mission or the Ontario Government have been received as to his death on had already begun to grapple with the others. They'd been fire-fighting solute failure of his efforts in other would pay all taxes on the property, overseas service. The Haileyburian

> "Then you saw Ludwig Banni. Had game, in the guise of an inspector, he he been pulled out of blazing petrol, had never collected sufficient cvi-

"Incineration," Moreton repeated. Flanagan had staged his mysterious to loss over \$2,000, the neighboring herhusband, who enlisted from Nor-"In Asche gelegt-in ashes laid," were disappearance under their very eyes, township of Bucke received about and in July, 1942 went oversess last amon his last words, weren't they?" Helme, the progress clerk, had \$1,800 last year, New Liskeard over April, and had been on the Western "Then think of the position here, police, detailed to arrest him, had quote some examples, about \$2,000 letter last month, he was on trans-Think! The wind has only to change searched the factory premises and, -and this scheme of sabotage is ab- eventually, his lodgings. Evidently solutely complete?" He pointed to the Helme, too, had seen the game was this week also that in all sections where ment for burns to his fare received on great factory. "Jerry's bombs missed ended. He had been back to his rooms the Hydro Electric Commission oper- December 3, it was stated. Craftsman the lot-but his creeping, mysterious, and had destroyed papers and clothfire-weapon carries on. Just let the ing in a most unusual manner, by wind change and, instead of working piling them in the hearth and pour-

Calthron was silent. He, too, was a- wanted Helme's neck for the hangghast. He paid tribute, silently. More- man's noose now he had it! For the ton had undoubtedly stated a case! flask which had contained the soid "Yes," Moreton growled on. "They- was of that light metal which is call-'ve won this round. At the best the ed "dental alloy"-a precious metal, nto which platinum is entered as an untill this menace has passed. At the acid-resisting foil. It had been made worst, the plant can be destroyed in Germany. Indeed it was officially Nazi issue given to parachutist spies for the rapid destruction of their Hydro, but the assurance that 1945 parachutes on landing.

> At last definite proof had been obtained on the score of Helme's connexion with Germany-and if Helme the rat, were guilty, why not Flanagan, the wild boar, also?

Altogether Moreton enjoyed his sleepy meal.

When it was ended he found cause for further enjoyment. Garol Gilroy, looking lovely in the clear October sunshine, appeared.

ton, or whatever they call him, re-Tired, I expert?" "By jove, I am, Carol, Absolutely future."

worn out. Thank the lord there's no night-shift for me again, to-night. I hear the whole plant's being closed down temporarily." "Yes," Carol soberly returned, "it

has! Just as we'd got right into our stride with the new boxes, tco." "Sh-h!" Moreton grinned. "Careless talk, y' know. You've heard me vari-

iously described, so you'll have to Close?" "Let that nonsense stop right now,

"You've come unstuck. All is known, so you can't thrill me any more with D. R. Franklin

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Says Hydro Will Pay Taxes at Least for Present Year

Encouraging News for Mun-New Liskeard.

has the following in reference to Hy- the former operated by a Commission he fire, were it to ster direction b dro and taxation, which will be read and the latter by the Hydro itself. the Corp- with interest 'ocally where the ques- The authority quoted by Mr. Cumtion's work The General like tion has been much discussed:-

Confirming unofficial reports that Minister without portfolio and Hydro Hard sty concentrated all his re- have circulated freely in Temiskam- member of the government of Prenitor ing United Empire Loyalists who set- Rev. A. P. Addison, and internament sources into making the scheme a i g district since thortly after an- George Drew. Mr. Cumming said he For one nouncement was made of the deal had received assurance from Mr. Chalof month, a de inite statement that lies that the 1945 levies would be paid

The treacherous blow had been on property formerly owned by the located. es part of the Hydro system in Ontar- Available in Death

time has been in close touch with the Craftsman Poger Conrad Boissoneault For, to his clear-thinking and re- Drew Administration at Queen's Park, formerly of Timmins but whose wife Leonard Paul, Well-Known said in an interview in his home town recides in Cobalt. The Haileyburian as levied for the current year, and article is as follows:clothing an minor burns, they weren't During these weeks that he had that future policy with regard to tax- "Craftsman Roger Conrad Boisplayed his waiting and watching ation in this respect remained to be sonneault, who was born in Hailey-

thing more than a tumble into burns of complicity in the various acts of ships of the area served by the system, result of an accident overseas, accordabout one of these tubes—eh? Have- the moment Helme made that fatal prehension among officials and mem- Mrs. Boissoneault. No particulars are n't you taken into calculation that he suggestion on the station platform, bers of councils over what they had "vailable she told The Haileyburian feared would be a serious drop in their this week, and in a letter from her revenues if, as they had expected, the husband, wr'tten by him on December warmed up, and had exploded into had moved with such rapidity as to property would go into the "exempt" 18, he had given his location as in leave him unable to exercise any sin- columns of their rolls. In the case of Holland then. "True! Yes! The-the incineration gle intrument which would implement Coleman township the amount at "This letter reached Mrs. Boissonsimilarly vanished. A pose of Security \$2,300 and the township of Harley to Front since July. When he wrote the

> ates, its properties are assessed and Boisconneault went overseas with the tixed as though it were a private cor ROCOC transferring in England to poration. Power lines and equipment the RCEME. are included in the as essments, al- "In his 21st year, Craftsman Boishough in some cases, it is stated sonneault was born at Haileybury on where retail stores are operated, con- Sept. 22, 1914, a son of Alfred Bois-General Hardisty had stated he cessions have been made. According to sonneault, now of Timmins, and the Mr. Cumming, nothing definite has late Mrs. Boissonneault, who died abeen decided upon with regard to the bout eight years ago. He went to Timpolicy to be followed regarding the fire mine as a boy, attended school there mer holdings of the Northern Ontario and later joined the staff of Sam Buc-Power Company and their possible evetsky, Ltd., with whom he was em-'axation by the various municipalities, ployed in all of the company's stores and this vewpoint was taken also by except Rouyn. He was located in Coon official of the Hydro who is in the balt for two years, and had been act-North Country on business for the i e in athletic circles there. taxes will be paid is quite delnite:

> > your sinister mysteries."

That certainly out-faced Moreton. "Oh is it Now, who has been letting cats get free? General Hardisty?" "Yes, he has!" Carol's eyes danc-

ed. "He's a perfect wizard of strategy, Giles. Do you know, he came home with me last night, and so charmed "Well, and how is Mr. Giles More- Daddy that the pair of 'em sat mumbling and laughing together until the ally," she laughed, "feeling to-day? small hours. And, between them, they've mapped out your immediate

"But-but I don't quite follow.

"Listen! A camouflage has been arranged. A military post has been contrived in an empty house in the Cathedral Close that's the excuse to Hellersfield, for the continous parade of sentries."

"Of sentries? Carol-sentries, in the

"Yes. Actually they're guarding our house. And Daddy has sent me to offer you hospitality-you can have either of my brother's rocms-for as long as you like. The-the General then, very earnestly, "Please, Giles only a month's duration. come home!"

are paid to municipalities in Souther Ontario served by the Hydro system, and in connection with the recent purchase of the power company's property in this district declared that this had been bought by the province of On ar o and not by the Hydro Electric Commission which, however would operate year. the system. This, he said, would make icipalities Comes from the power system a provincial government utility the same as the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Last week's New Liskeard speaker and the Abitibi Canyon development

ming in the statement he made this hood connections there by frequent mained for the funeral on Tuesday of the idea, and had submitted it to his Hydro Will Pay 1945 Taxes week is the Hon. George H Ohallies, reiderable bud's for his command, surce of authority, was made this in school sections where there is no should the v'tal tank-goars' produc- week that municipal taxes would be municipal organization, in which the raid during the present year, at least "ower lines and other facilities are

In a reference to the death of

bury and whose wife and two children Assessments for this year have been are at present with her parents in made in many of the towns and town- Cobalt, died on December 20 as the

st ke is close on \$9,000. Cobalt stood her husband, who enlisted from Norwenty percent of its entire reversue, port duty, and he had returned to ac-From other sources it was learned tion after having been under treat-

"Surviving are his wife, the former Anita Duval, and a son, Robert, aged Mr. Cumming pointed out that taxes three, and a daughter Carole, six months old and born after her father left for overseas. There are also his father, five brothers and two sisters, the latter being Mrs. Roland Godin of Timmins and Mrs. Ben Kinlough of Montreal. The brothers are Roland in Timmins, Sergt. Romeo with the Provost Corps in Toronto; Paul, in Toronto; Joseph with the Canadian navy at Cornwallis and Pte. Anthony, who after being wounded at Caen on July 16 and in hospital for a time, has been shell-shocked since returning to the line and is again under treatment.

"A service for the late Craftsman Boissonneault was held in Ste. Therese's Roman Catholic Church in Cobalt last week, with the parish priest Rev. Father A. St. Louis, officiating Relatives present included his father. his sister and brother from Timmins and his brother Romo, together with Mr. and Mrs. L. Rouillard of Kirkland Lake, uncle and aunt of his wife."

Recent Death at Sudbury of Mrs. William E. Mason

Sudbury, Jan. 12th-Mrs. William suspects danger. He wants us both E. Mason, a resident of Sudbury for kept under surveillance." She sur- almost 8 years, died at 4.40 o'clock last veyed Moreton's incredulous face, Saturday morning after an illness of

Mrs. Mason, wife of the publisher of The Sudbury Danily Star, died at her The characters in this story are en- home, 22 Elm St. West, from coronary tirely imaginary. No reference in in- thrombosis. She suffered a heart seiztended to any living person or to any ure early in December from which she failed to rally. Her condition was cri-Committee and the committee an

tical throughout the period of illness truly remarkable. He had travelled the heart gradually weakening under across Canada, making acquaintances the strain. The end came quite peace- wherever he went, and remembering fully. Mr. Mason was also bereaved them in unusual ways. He took a keen only a week ago in the loss of a bro- interest in public affairs and was an ther, Stuart J. Mason, of Goderich. able conversationalist on most topics. Mrs. Mason, who was in her 62nd He was a Conservative in politics and

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Born in St. Catharines on March 4, The late Leonard Paul, is survived Maude Tinlin, second youngest dents of Haileybury, and by three daughter of the late Wm. Tinlin and brothers, Hugh A. Paul and Harold Mary Anne McVeigh, She was as wide- S. Paul, of Timmins, and Walter M. ly known in St. Catharines district of Paul, of Kirkland Lake. All were sumthe Niagara peninsula as in Sudbury, moned home when it was known that having retained her family and child- his illness was critical, and they rev sit to her birthplace. She came of last week. Service was conducted at sturdy, pioneer stock, her family be- the United Church at Haileybury by tled, very early in the 19th Century, was made in the family plot in the not far from what was soon to be old Hailevbury cemetery. The pall-Brock's historic battlefield at Lundy's bearer- were Harry Burton, R. F.

One of a family of 10 children, five Boyd, Harold Grozelle and R. Y. sons and five daughters, Mrs. Mason Campbell. was the second last of her line. In addition to her husband she is survived by the youngest sister, Mrs. Edwin Moyer of St. Catharines; a nephew, William Hamilton Moyer, R.C.N.V.R., and a neice, Miss Madeline Elizabeth in years, saw a burglar climbing up the Bradley, of St. Catherines.

through the North, and a frequent Digest. visitor to Timmins dur ing the past

al, but was stricken with pneumonia and passed away after a few days in the hospital. He was 49 years of age and was a native of Shawville, Que., coming to Haileybury about forty years ago when the family moved there. He had been totally blind since the age of two years, but in spite of this handicap he had made a name for himself as an expert piano tuner and was widely known for his expert skill in his chosen line. He travelled all through the North and had a large clientele in his calling or profession. He attended the Brantford Institute for the Blind when he was a boy and there secured a good education and training in muric, and with his natural talent he developed a skill that was little short of amazing. All old-timers in the North knew Leonard Pau', and on his part he had a very wide acquaintance, easily recognizing people by their voices recognizing people by their voices and other characterist'es, his sense of hearing being unusually keen and his memory bring

883, Mrs. Mason was the former Alice by his parents, who are pioneer rest-Richardson, William Whalen, M. S.

a member of the United Church.

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