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THE CHINA STAR

By JOSEPH LEWIS CHADWICK

Hugh Morley, U. S. Secret Service agent regularly stationed at Manila, is aboard the China Star, bound for San Francisco, under orders from Washington to guard Eli J. Brandon, international financier, who is travelling incognito as "John B. Ellis." Morley has not yet received more explicit orders. He is attracted by the lovely Sylvia Ames, and when Phil Lon, an over-inquisitive Chinese-American, tries to pump him, he says he is a lawyer from Baltimore, aboard the China Star because of his interest in Sylvia. When he meets Sylvia on deck one evening and makes love to her, she leaves him abruptly.

CHAPTER III

Morley watched Sylvia disappear, then turned toward the smoking room. What was the matter with him, talking such rot to a girl he had met but once? But was it rot? He actually felt that way about her!

A radio was blaring in the smoking room as Morley entered. Through the haze of smoke, he sighted the diminutive form of Phil Lon. With him were John Ellis and the man with the scarred face.

Lon gestured to Morley, and introduced him to Ellis.

"... and Mr. Richard Stell," Lon continued. "Mr. Stell is the big-game hunter. He brings them back alive."

"Mr. Lon tells me you are a lawyer," said Stell, "just out here on a business trip. But I could have sworn I had seen—"

His voice was drowned out by the radio. A raucous voice filled the room.

"Flash! News dispatches from Shanghai report that Eli J. Brandon, mystery man of international finance, has signed an important pact with an Oriental organization to pour gold and credit from the coffers of the Brandon banking house into the trade arteries of Asia and Africa. The details are secret but, from a reliable source, Universal Press has learned that, through this pact, Brandon interests will control gigantic oil concessions in Africa."

Phil Lon turned the radio dial, tuning in dance music.

Morley glanced at John Ellis.

"Interesting," Ellis muttered.

Richard Stell snorted. "Interesting, bah! It's diabolical!"

Phil Lon leaned forward. "Savely, he asked, 'What do you mean, Mr. Stell? Surely, this is progress?'"

"Progress for the Brandon interests!" Stell retorted.

Ellis smiled patiently, and turned to Morley and Lon.

"I've gathered that Mr. Stell abhors civilization in his beloved wilds."

"Stell turned burning eyes upon Ellis.

"Rubbish! I simply see through such promotion schemes. Wars!"

"Oh, come now, Stell," said Ellis. "You exaggerate."

Stell's voice lashed out, "I'd like to meet Brandon face to face! I'd rip his precious trade pacts to shreds!"

Morley smiled to himself as Ellis abruptly rose and left the room.

Stell subsided weakly. "Stupid fool! He irritates me."

Morley asked blandly, "Just who and what is Mr. Ellis?"

It was Lon who answered. "He is a wealthy collector of Oriental art and jewels." He leaned forward. "I understand that on this crossing, he carries some of the Fu Watong jewels..."

Stell started. "The Fu Watong jewels! Why, man, they are a collector's dream! How did Ellis get hold of them?"

Phil Lon shrugged. "Who knows?" He went on to explain to Morley. "The Fu Watong jewels were found in a historic temple. They were in seven urns representing, according to legend, Life, Youth, Wisdom, Health, Love, Progeny and Death. There were diamonds in the urn of Life, pearls for Wisdom, rubies for Death, and so on."

"And from which urn came Ellis' jewels?" Stell asked.

Lon grinned. "Perhaps Mr. Ellis has the diamonds. Or the pearls."

Morley got to his feet. "Or perhaps the rubies of Death," he murmured. "How about a drink, gentlemen?"

Stell declined, but Phil Lon accepted quickly.

The cocktail lounge was crowded, but Morley's alert eyes immediately found Sylvia Ames. She was with a tall, blond young man and a dark, exotic-looking girl.

"Miss Ames is often with Carl Van Doering," said Lon. "But he doesn't seem to have made much headway yet. Besides, he is undecided between Miss Ames and the other young lady, Rennie Stell. That's Stell's sister."

They went to the bar and ordered drinks.

"Known John Ellis long?" Morley asked casually.

"I had the privilege of meeting him in Shanghai," Lon replied.

"What is his racket?"

"He is a gem collector, I told you."

"And what else?"

The Chinese met Morley's gaze.

"I think," he said "that there are many of us aboard this ship who are not what we pretend. Ellis, too, I'd say." He shrugged.

Morley scowled. "I can't figure you out, Lon." He studied his glass.

"Do you think I have some interest in— in John Ellis?"

"Haven't you?" Lon asked blandly.

"You, too?" Morley evaded.

"Yes. But my interest is not the same as yours!"

Then, abruptly, he shut up like a clam.

Morley sighed. Sylvia too, was interested in John Ellis. Sylvia and Phil Lon and he himself. And how many others?

Lon laid a hand on his arm.

"There's our disagreeable Mr. Stell again. He doesn't like his sister's friendship with Van Doering."

Rennie Stell and Carl Van Doering were now at the bar. Stell strode toward them and as he spoke the girl turned and walked from the room.

Twelve Tramless Ontario Cities

Guelph is to abandon its electric railway for passenger purposes. At least seven other Ontario cities have lost their electric systems since rubber tires began to assert their supremacy: Woodstock, Welland, St. Thomas, Peterboro, Chatham, Kingston and Sarnia. Four cities have never had electric lines notes the Toronto Star.

Even in the populous Toronto area there has been a great curtailment of electric traction. The Toronto Suburban to Guelph and to Woodbridge has disappeared; the Metropolitan has been abandoned north of Richmond Hill; the Aurora to Schomberg branch has gone; the radial that used to run to West Hill now extends only to Birchmount; the Mimico line stops at Long Branch instead of Port Credit.

Outside the Toronto zone, the radials which have disappeared, most of them since 1930, include the Nipissing Central, the lines from Hamilton to Brantford, Hamilton to Dundas, Hamilton to Grimsby and Beamsville, Hamilton to Oakville and that around Burlington Beach, Niagara Falls International Railway, the Windsor and Lakeshore (to Kingsville), the Brantford-to-Paris and the Thames Valley line from Woodstock to Ingersoll. The London and Port Stanley manages to continue, with the assistance of London taxpayers.

Apart from Toronto and its satellite municipalities, the following Ontario cities are those in which a street railway is still operating: Hamilton, where the provincial Hydro, as owner, has intimated that it cannot keep on losing money and will ultimately abandon operation. Ottawa. Windsor, where the railway has been in difficulties. London, where the street cars are gradually being replaced by buses. Kitchener, where there is talk of replacement by buses. Brantford, Galt, where there is a railway linking up with Preston and Hespeler. Guelph, where passenger traffic is to cease. Oshawa, where the railway is kept going by freight business. Niagara and St. Catharines, which are untied by a C.N.R. feeder which depends largely on freight revenue. Port Arthur. Fort William. Sault Ste. Marie. Sudbury. Cornwall (town), where freight is an important source of revenue. It would seem from this summary that with Guelph railway no longer carrying passengers, 12 of Ontario's 27 cities will be without electric passenger traffic; two or three others likely to be without it in a short time and some of the rest retaining it only because of freight revenues.

Roses In December

They are staging their annual and rightly famed festival of roses at Portland this week-end. But here at home in our Victoria gardens in the procession of flowers the regiments of roses are also passing the reviewing stand. In the long procession from crocus to chrysanthemum, it is the rosiest flower of them all. Every great singer of love songs has made chaplets of roses to adorn his rhymes and delight his mistresses. Solomon in his song, likens his love to the rose.

For profuse and vigorous growth it is hard to beat the Crimson Rambler, the Dorothy Perkins and their immediate kin. There are many varieties of the climbers and all lovely. The hybrid teas are also lovely in the early season. Later they wither, but often come out fresh and happy again before late Autumn. Some roses survive the first early and slight frosts and under favorable conditions bloom up until Christmas.



You'll find this young spirited navy blue sheer peasant inspired dress so enticingly cool.

The white ric rac trim adds such fresh charm. It outlines the lovely neck, the puffed sleeves and the wide flared hem. You can "pull in" the slim waist as much as you please with the tie belt across the back.

It's so casual for town and yet so gay and pretty for afternoons and a perfect "week-end" dress.

A print crepe with white pique collar will also answer for town or the country.

For an effective vacation dress, make it of a dashing challis print in yellow ground, printed in red and green.

The pattern is so quickly followed with the step-by-step picture chart that is included.

Style No. 3496 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42-inches bust. Size 36 requires 4 yards of 39-inch material with 8 yards of braid.

Stranger Than Fiction

Here's one of those stranger than fiction ones. It concerns a Washington psychiatrist, Viennese born, and goes back some 15 or 20 years.

It seems that the psychiatrist yearned to write, but handled the English language badly. So, over a period of years, he clipped words, phrases and sentences from such magazines as the Nation, Harper's and Scribner's, which he carefully pasted in a scrapbook.

When he finally wrote his articles, he turned to the scrapbook, and culled his sentences verbatim from these masters of American prose.

Today, he stands at the top of his profession, not only as a doctor, but as a literary stylist as well!—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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Sir John A. Macdonald, during his premiership used to come into the old Toronto Empire office and converse the reporters' room with his stories. One hot night when Manager Creighton was walking around in his socks, Sir John engaged him in close conversation, the while putting a foot on the toe of Mr. Creighton's sock. When the latter started off in his quick way to answer a phone call, he fell on the floor. Jack Kerr helped him up. Sir John said: "It's a mistake to not be aware of what's happening at both ends."

Household Science

By SUSAN FLETCHER

Good old standbys—these wafers and cookies. Just the thing for the lunch box, after bridge, buffet lunch. But vary the contents of your cookie jar. Here are two recipes that will help you do this:

2 tablespoons butter
1½ cups brown sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons water
¼ cup flour
1½ cups sliced brazil nuts.

Cream butter, stir in sugar, add egg and water. Add flour mixed with nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a baking sheet, greased with unsalted fat or oil, at least two inches apart. Bake about seven minutes in a moderate oven, 325 degrees F., or until brown. Remove from oven, let stand half a minute and remove from baking sheet with a spatula. If last wafers get too hard to remove easily, return to the oven for a minute and then remove.

2 egg whites
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup ground brazil nuts

Beat egg whites until foamy but not dry. Beat in sugar and salt gradually. Add ground nuts and drop by teaspoonfuls on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., 15 to 20 minutes, until light brown. Remove from pans at once.

Tinkle of mandolins, a porch hammock and discreet shadows may satisfy the romantic longings of the young for the first part of the evening. But come 10 o'clock, even romance needs refreshments! Keep a supply of chocolate syrup in the refrigerator, a well-filled cookie jar, and leave the young people to forage for themselves. Any blushing maiden who serves either of these chocolate drinks is clearly destined to become the most popular hostess on the block.

1 cup chilled milk
2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
3 tablespoons of chocolate ice cream.

Add milk slowly to syrup, stirring constantly. Beat or shake well. Pour into tall glass. Add ice cream. Serves 1.

1 cup chilled milk
2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
3 tablespoons vanilla ice cream.

Add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Beat or shake well. Pour into tall glass. Add ice cream and serve at once. Serves 1.

(Base for Chocolate Drinks)

5 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup sugar
2-3 cup hot water
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten.

Melt chocolate over hot water; cool to lukewarm. Add sugar to water, stirring until sugar is dissolved; cool to lukewarm. Add syrup to egg yolks, about one-fourth at a time, beating well after each addition; add chocolate in the same way. Then continue beating mixture one minute, or until slightly thickened. Turn into jar, cover tightly, and place in refrigerator. Syrup can be kept for several days. Use 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup for one cup milk. Makes 2 cups syrup.

This syrup can be made with scalded milk rather than hot water, if desired. For a less rich syrup, use 4 squares chocolate.

Beans and peas are big news now. The snap bean crop is estimated at 67 per cent. greater than last year's, the June pea crop is rated at 71 per cent. higher.

To that good news add this little fact—these vegetables are among the good vitamin and mineral group. Snap beans are rich in calcium and vitamin A, a good source of iron, phosphorus and vitamin C, and a fair source of vitamin B. Peas are a rich source for pellagra-preventing factors.

Select only snap beans with pods of uniform size. They will cook evenly. Get pods that are fresh, bright green, clean and free from blights. Avoid dull, wilted looking beans. If the pods snap easily, they are good buys. Avoid the crooked ones and those too sharply pointed. Peas should have bright green pods, be velvety and fresh looking. Flat, dark green pods mean old ones. Yellow is the color of age in a pea,

too. Peas, remember, deteriorate faster than snap beans because of their sugar content. The sugar changes rapidly into starch and the delicate pea flavor is then lost. So if the peas must be kept uniform before cooking, keep them in a cool place, so as to slow down this sugar change as much as possible.

Follow these four rules for cooking both beans and peas if you want to get all their flavor and value. First, cook in a minimum of water. Second, cook in an uncovered pan, so as to keep them green. Third, have the water slightly salted, boiling boisterously when you put vegetables in, so as to cut down cooking time. Fourth, consider the vegetable cooked when there is still some body firmness to it. The average cook overcooks both peas and beans. Remember this—after going into the boiling water there is a difference in cooking method for each—peas should be simmered, beans boiled.

If you are canning either peas or snap beans, the pressure cooker should be used, for both these vegetables are in the non-acid group for which any other type of canning is downright dangerous, according to a recent agricultural report.

School Homework

Few problems have been more debated than that of homework for school children. As a consequence, foolish things have been said on both sides of the subject.

The British, in their characteristic way, have taken hold of the question, made it the subject of a report by the Board of Education—a report made out by teachers and inspectors. The report recommends that there should be no homework for elementary school children under 12, not more than one hour a day for those between 12 and 14, and 1½ hours for those between 14 and 16.

To the extent that it is possible to draw a line anywhere, this seems fairly sensible. It is not necessarily bad, of course, for a boy or girl to study in the home as well as in the classroom; sometimes, indeed, the work done at home may be more valuable.

It largely depends on the total number of hours worked, and also on the age of the child.—Ottawa Journal.

Your Chances To Marry and Live

Louis I. Dublin, Insurance Co. statistician, tells the fortune of a young man of 20 by the law of averages. You have an even chance to live to be 69. During the last 100 years the average length of life has increased 20 years and it will continue to advance a little more. Of all the children born this year, 75 per cent will be alive at the age of 50; 25 per cent at the age of 70.

Your sweetheart who is now 20, will outlive you by three years, if she follows the average for women.

Your chances of getting a job are better than four out of five, and, as an average young man, you have a 50-50 chance of attaining an income adequate to a fairly good standard of life—\$2,000.

The chances are 9 to 10 that you will marry—and within five years. But you may not marry the girl you now love, because the average man marries at 25 and the young girl at 22. Your girl is only 20. She may be tempted to marry before you are willing or able to do so. The chances are always against a man marrying a girl of his own age or older than he is. After you get married the chances in the U. S. of course, of your escaping divorce are four out of five, although the rate is rapidly rising. You have one very good protection against it; to have children.

You will have as many children as the average father of the past generation. He had six. You will probably have three.

You will die sooner if you don't get married. The home environment is more healthy. If you marry happily at 25, with a wife of 22, you will have three chances in four of celebrating your silver wedding anniversary.

Motorists Who Get Away With It

Recent statistics reveal the lamentable fact that up to date there has been an increase over last year in the number of automobile accidents and their consequent fatalities. Despite the campaign, against reckless driving the slaughter continues, writes the Kitchener Record.

When one takes notice of the disregard of traffic rules and regulations in our own municipality the only wonder is that there are not more tragedies. Very recently a young girl who was alighting from a street car on King street was struck by a motorist who failed to stop. Fortunately she was not knocked to the ground but was whirled around and badly shaken and bruised. The offending motorist stopped but had not the courtesy to alight and see if the girl was hurt. Nothing more was done about it. The driver got away with it and will probably try to pass other standing street cars—until something serious does occur. A few days later a stationer missed striking a girl who was crossing in front of the car. The driver looked panicky for a moment, but he continued blithely on his way. He got away with it and will doubtless try the same trick again. A taxi-driver repeated the manoeuvre a few days later—and got away with it.

These are not by any means isolated instances. Drivers cut into through streets with no regard to stop signs. They pass standing street cars as if every second was worth a thousand dollars. They ignore the speed limit and dash along the main streets in absolute disregard of human safety. It is impossible to have a policeman in every block but common sense and a realization of personal responsibility should restrain every autoist from taking chances that endanger human life. Reckless drivers may get away with it for a while but sooner or later they will find themselves enmeshed in a tragedy that will add to the long list of horrors growing daily longer and give them a load of remorse to carry until their dying day. You can't get away with it all the time.

Cow Herds Decreased 1,000 a Day in 1936

SADAMANOVA, Spain.—The number of milk cows on farms decreased an average of more than 1,000 a day during 1936, according to reports of the Department of Agriculture.

The milk cow population, which has declined 7 per cent.—nearly 2,000,000 head—during the last three years, is believed to have reached the low point, the department said.

Some increase in herds is expected in the next two years and a more marked increase is anticipated in 1939. There is now about one cow to every five persons in the United States.

The cow population dropped from an all-time peak of 26,931,000 head in 1934 to a five-year low of 25,040,000 head on January 1, this year, the department reported.

The drought and high feed prices in relation to the price of dairy products was blamed for a decrease of 398,000 head of milk cows last year. Prices of milk cows have been unusually low in relation to other commodities during the past three years. The inventory value a head rose from \$27 in 1934 to \$50 on January 1, 1937.

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