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By Ernest Lynn

HENRY RAND, middle-aged credit manager of a department store, at dinner with his family, is reminded that the following day is his son, JAMES RAND'S 27th birthday. Jimmy, as he is called, announces he has planned a theatre party for the family, which includes his mother and sister, JANET. He intends, also, to include BARRY COLVIN, Janet's fiancé.

Henry RAND is a staunch upholder of all the homely virtues, including that of punctuality, which is almost a religion with him. When, on the night of the party, he fails to put in his accustomed appearance at quarter to six the family becomes alarmed.

While they are wondering, the phone rings. Jimmy answers it. It is the police. Henry RAND's body has been found in a room at the Canfield Hotel.

Chapter II.

The voice at the other end of the phone stopped. There was a metallic click. The other man had hung up.

"Hello! Hello!" Jimmy frantically tried to call him back. He wanted the owner of that voice to tell him it was all a lie. "Hello!"

"Number, please," came the operator's voice. Dazed, Jimmy mechanically replaced the receiver on the hook.

"What is it, James? Something has happened to your father. What is it?" Jimmy's mother was at his side, her blue eyes staring fixedly at his as if trying to read the truth. Janet came running and put her arm around her mother. Breathlessly they waited for Jimmy to speak.

"Something evidently has happened to dad," admitted Jimmy, gasping at Barry, who was standing beside Janet. "Just how bad I don't know," he lied, "and I'm going to find out."

"He's dead. I know it. He's dead," moaned Martha Rand. She slumped into the nearest chair and buried her face in her work-worn hands. She averted slightly from side to side. Janet ran to her.

"Look here Jim, what is it?" Barry Colvin's hand was on Jimmy's arm, his voice steady. "Let me help."

"You've GOT to help. Barry, Jimmy was whispering. "That was police calling. They said dad had been found dead in the Canfield Hotel."

"God, Jim! Not in that hotel! It must be a mistake."

"I'm praying that it is, Barry, but I'm going down. You stay here with mother and Sis. Please. Tell them anything to keep them going. I'll phone you later." Jimmy had grabbed his hat and coat and was gone.

The cold, wind-driven rain lashed him cruelly as he stumbled out of the front door and made for the automobile. Jimmy, unheeding, was carrying his hat in his hand.

On the way down town, Jimmy, driving by instinct rather than by any conscious direction of his brain, found himself repeating over and over:

"God! It's not true. God! It's not true. It's not true."

The Canfield Hotel, old and run down, reared ugly before Jimmy Rand's eyes as he pulled his car to a stop.

A shabby three-story frame structure, its paint had faded into toneless, weather beaten color that told of careless neglect. A large frosted electric globe that hung over the front entrance carried the words "Canfield Hotel" in black letters that had been eroded by weather until their reading had become almost a task.

Jimmy burst into the lobby. The untidy, bald-headed clerk at the desk was talking to a policeman and at Jimmy's question directed him briefly, "Next floor; room 292."

There, in a room filled with policemen and reeking fumes of gas, Jimmy found his father.

He was lying, face up, in the centre of the floor. Jimmy took one swift look at the still, familiar face and, with a sob in his throat, knelt beside him.

"Dad!" he cried. "Dad." His hand touched his shoulder. "Are you James Rand?" asked the police sergeant.

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The sergeant's face as he spoke. "It still looks like suicide to me. Besides, if it was murder, I'm not so sure that it's a man we'll have to look for."

"What do you mean?" Jimmy doubled his fists and took a step toward the sergeant. His gray eyes blazed. "If you're trying to mix my father up with any—"

"I'm not tryin' anything, lad. But we found a woman's handkerchief on the bed and Detective Moolesiey got it in his pocket now. Show it to him, Mooney."

(To Be Continued.)

HOOP NETTING CAUSES REAL WARM DEBATE

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Mr. W. McCue, Smith's Falls Board of Trade president, also presented a resolution from the Smith's Falls Board of Trade protesting against hoop net fishing. He stated that it was recognized that the Government was spending large sums of money to get tourists, but he declared that it will be like fishing in a rain barrel if hoop net fishing is allowed to go on.

Mr. James G. Jones, who was inspector for over forty years on the Rideau lakes, stated that before the time of hoop nets there was all kinds of game fish, but since these nets have come in to use the fishing has diminished greatly. He was in favor of having Government wardens take out the scavenger fish from the water, they everybody would be sure of what was being done.

Resolutions Presented.

Dr. A. C. Neish, president of the Kingston and County of Frontenac Game and Fish Protective Association, presented a resolution from the local Association protesting against hoop net fishing. He stated, however, that there were two sides to every question. He felt that the honest fisherman was suffering on account of the dishonest one. He was strongly in favor of increasing the number of Federal inspectors to see how many fish are going across the border.

The Council of the Kingston Board of Trade also presented a resolution asking that hoop net fishing be stopped, and one was also presented by the Retail Merchants' Association.

The Other Side.

The evidence on the other side of the case was then taken up and arguments in favor of hoop net fishing were presented by speaker after speaker. There were frequent interruptions and questioning of remarks and several times the chairman was forced to call the meeting to order. The members for Leeds County, Lennox and Addington gave their opinions and many others followed. It was stated that the fishermen were greatly belted and arguments in favor of hoop net fishing were given.

It was declared that the fishermen were not proving a detriment to sport fishing but on the other hand were of a great benefit by taking the scavenger fish out of the water. All the fishermen taking part in the discussion declared that they had not

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taken the sport fish and kept or sold them. There was a great outcry against the American tourists who, it was declared, were the real offenders by taking far more fish than the law allowed. It was stated that destroying the trash fish and that anglers were taking too many bass. The fishermen were almost unanimous in charging the anglers with the trouble that existed over fishing conditions, laying much of the blame on the tourists.

Dr. A. P. Knight, speaking again, stated that there was a plan under way for the farming of the waters just as there was of land, and he urged both sides to use their influence to see if the new policy could be inaugurated.

Hon. Mr. McCrea.

With the last argument presented, Hon. Mr. McCrea was called upon, and stated that he felt it was his duty to come here with a view to creating better conditions. While angling was a sport, it also meant money, and it was a difficult problem to deal with. He pointed out the side of Mayor Angrove with a petition of over 750 names attached and on the other side, Dr. A. P. Knight's argument, coming from a man with years of study on the question.

The speaker stated that the Government had had a difficult time trying to get speckled trout fry, and realizing the problem, the Government had decided to develop its own. From the Nipigon 20,000 healthy strong trout had been secured and issued from the Government hatcheries, and 750,000 eggs had also been secured and it was hoped to have ten million.

"I want you to play fair with me," said Hon. Mr. McCrea, "and I will play fair with you, but if you don't, you cannot expect anything but cold justice." If the hoop net is doing the damage, some other way will have to be found but he could not see where the Government could undertake the netting of fish as had been suggested. The Government did not have the money to do it, for one thing. Nothing could contribute so much towards better conditions, said the speaker, as an active association to create interest and bring results.

Hon. Mr. McCrea suggested that a committee from each side would be able to work out a scheme. He stated that he was proud of this wonderful asset. The fish, he said, had been affected by the levels of water.

In a word, Mr. McCrea stated that

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