

Rattlers Fast 6 Months
Santa Cruz, Cal. —(UP)—Mike Murgrove, foreman of the Hoover ranch near here, is authority for the statement that rattlesnakes are the cheapest pets anyone can main-

tain. He has kept five in captivity for the past six months and they haven't eaten a single morsel of food placed in their glass cage.

Trade in a Good Town—Decatur.

Public Sale

Have sold my farm and will sell at Public Auction, 1 1/2 mile South of Fort Wayne on Hanna street extended near Hill Crest School, on

TUESDAY, October 27, 1936

at 10:00 A. M.

HORSES—Pair of Sorrell Mares, smooth mouth, weight 3000 lbs.
CATTLE—Large Holstein Cow, fresh by sale day, a 7 gal. cow; 2 outstanding Large Guernsey Cows, fresh, 5 gal. cows, 4 & 5 yrs. old.
POULTRY—40 Chickens.
FEED—250 shocks of good Corn in shock; 3 ton Hay; 50 bu. Oats.
IMPLEMENTS—McCormick Hay Loader, new; McCormick Binder, good; Mower; Tedder; Dump Rake; Double Disc; McCormick 10 Disc Fertilizer Grain Drill, new; Manure Spreader; Spring and Spike Tooth Harrows; Oliver Breaking Plows, 1 Rider, 1 Walker; Drop Tongue Wagon and Box; New Clipper Fan Mill; Oliver Riding Cultivator; Brown Walking Cultivator; 2 Hay Ladders; Dump Boards; Low Wheel Wagon; J. Deere Corn Planter, good; Double set Work; Harness; Stretchers; Drag Road Grader; Good Spring Wagon; Butchering Tools; Carpenter Tools; Platform Scales; Copper Kettle; Milk Cans; Oil Stove. Piano and Bench. 2 Eggs 11.3x12.6. Household Goods and small articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—Cash unless arrangements made with owner before day of sale.

CHAS. F. MOELLERLING, Owner

Roy Johnson, Auctioneer.

Lunch will be served.

"THE BIG FOUR" by Agatha Christie

CHAPTER XXXII

"Leave England at once. You can do no good here—I tell you that frankly. You will never accomplish anything," the countess went on.

"In that case," I said stiffly, "it seems rather extraordinary that you are all so anxious to get me out of the country."

The countess shrugged her shoulders—magnificent shoulders, and a magnificent gesture.

"For my part, I think that, too, stupid, I would leave you here to play about happily. But the chiefs, you see, are fearful that some word of yours may give great help to those more intelligent than yourself. Hence—you are to be banished."

The countess appeared to have a flattering idea of my abilities. I concealed my annoyance. Doubtless this attitude of hers was assumed expressly to annoy me and give me the idea that I was unimportant.

"It would, of course, be quite easy to remove you," she continued, "but I am quite sentimental sometimes. I pleaded for you. You have a nice little wife somewhere, have you not? And it would please the poor little man who is dead to know that you were not to be killed. I always liked him, you know. He was clever—but clever! Had it not been a case of four against one I honestly believe he might have been too much for us. I confess I frankly—he was my master! I sent a wreath to the funeral as a token of my admiration—an enormous one of crimson roses. Crimson roses express my temperment."

I listened in silence and a growing distaste.

"You have the look of a mule when it puts its ears back and kicks. Well, I have delivered my warning. Remember this, the third warning will come by the hand of the Destroyer."

She made a sign, and the car whirled away rapidly. I noted the number mechanically, but without the hope that it would lead to anything. The Big Four were not apt to be careless in details.

I went home a little sobered. One fact had emerged from the countess's flood of volubility. I was in real danger of my life. Though I had no intention of abandoning the struggle, I saw that it behooved me to walk warily and adopt every possible precaution.

Whilst I was reviewing all these facts and seeking for the best line of action, the telephone bell rang. I crossed the room and picked up the receiver.

"Yes. Hallo. Who's speaking?"

"This is St. Giles's Hospital. We have a Chinaman here, knifed in the street and brought in. He can't last long. We rang you up because we found in his pocket a piece of paper with your name and address on it."

I was very much astonished. Nevertheless, after a moment's reflection I said that I would come down at once. St. Giles's Hospital was, I knew, down by the docks, and it occurred to me that the Chinaman might have just come off some ship.

It was on my way down there that a sudden suspicion shot into my mind. Was the whole thing a trap? Wherever a Chinaman was, there might be the hand of Li Chang Yen. I remembered the adventure of the Baited Trap. Was the whole thing a ruse on the part of my enemies?

A little reflection convinced me that at any rate a visit to the hospital would do no harm. It was probable that the thing was not so much a plot as what is vulgarly known as a "plant." The dying Chinaman

would make some revelation to me upon which I should act, and which would have the result of leading me into the hands of the Big Four. The thing to do was to preserve an open mind, and whilst feigning credulity be secretly on my guard.

On arriving at St. Giles's Hospital, and making my business known, I was taken at once to the accident ward, to the bedside of the man in question. He lay absolutely still, his eyelids closed, and only a very faint movement of the chest showed that he still breathed. A doctor stood by the bed, his fingers on the Chinaman's pulse.

"He's almost gone," he whispered to me. "You know him, eh?"

I shook my head.

"Then what was he doing with your name and address in his pocket. You are Captain Hastings, aren't you?"

"Yes, but I can't explain it any more than you can."

"Curious thing. From his papers he seems to have been the servant of a man called Ingles—a retired Civil Servant. Ah, you know him, do you not?" he added quickly, as I started at the name.

"Ingles' servant! Then I had seen him before. Not that I had ever succeeded in being able to distinguish one Chinaman from another. He must have been with Ingles on the catastrophe he had returned to England with a message, possibly, for me. It was vital, imperative that I should hear that message."

"Is he conscious?" I asked. "Can he speak? Mr. Ingles was an old friend of mine, and I think it possible that this poor fellow has brought me a message from him. Mr. Ingles is believed to have gone overboard about ten days ago."

"He's just conscious, but I doubt if he has the force to speak. He lost a terrible lot of blood, you know. I can administer a stimulant, of course, but we've already done all that is possible in that direction."

Nevertheless, he administered a hypodermic injection, and I stayed by the bed, hoping against hope for a word—a sign—that might be of the utmost value to me in my work. But the minutes sped on and no sign came.

And suddenly a baleful idea shot across my mind? Was I not already falling into the trap? Suppose that this Chinaman had merely assumed the part of Ingles' servant, that he was in reality an agent of the Big Four? Had I not once read that certain Chinese princes were capable of simulating death? Or, to go further still, Li Chang Yen might command a little band of fanatics who would welcome death itself if it came at the command of their master. I must be on my guard.

Even as these thoughts flashed across my mind, the man in the bed stirred. His eyes opened. He murmured something incoherently. Then I saw his glance fasten upon me. He made no sign of recognition, but I was at once aware that he was trying to speak to me. Be he friend or foe, I must hear what he had to say.

I leaned over the bed, but the broken sounds conveyed no sort of meaning to me. I thought I caught the word "hand," but in what connection it was used I could not tell. Then it came again, and this time I heard another word, the word "Largo."

I stared in amazement, as the possible juxtaposition of the two suggested itself to me.

"Handel's Largo?" I queried. The Chinaman's eyelids flickered rapidly, as though in assent, and he

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. What great war occurred in 1870-71?
2. What does pomiform mean?
3. Where is the state of Gwalior?
4. In the Roman Catholic church, what is a monstrance?
5. Who was Henry Blake Fuller?
6. On what island is the town of Oyster Bay, New York?
7. In physics, what is repulsion?
8. Name the product obtained by strongly heating coal out of contact with the air until the volatile constituents are driven off.
9. What is the common name for the medical term acute coryza?
10. Name the capital of Kentucky.

1. Near which Tennessee city was the battle of Chickamuga fought?
2. When and by whom was the first successful power loom invented?
3. Where was Benjamin Franklin born?
4. What is fullers' earth?
5. Name the island of which Reikjavik (or Reykjavik) is capital.

Some Hollywood Stars Prove Fiery Meteors



Several Hollywood producers who have hitched their respective wagons to some of the better-known stars are finding themselves in for quite a ride. Bette Davis is latest to become involved in "contract trouble." She is the center of a court battle in London to determine whether she is legally entitled to make a British film while under contract to Hollywood. Described by the defense as working under a "form of slavery," the prosecution described her as a "naughty young lady who was flattered by the bribe of a higher salary."

James Cagney has been out of films for some time because he tangled with his producer, Simone Simon, new French import, has proved a bundle of temperament, it is reported, and has been withdrawn from two films in which she was cast. Janet Gaynor has furrowed the brows of her employers on several occasions recently with her demands for top billing and may be in for a drastic contract revision. Another who found Hollywood a difficult place is Robert Donat, English actor, who returned to his native heath in protest over roles given him.

Reformatory Uses Talkies
Green Bay, Wis. —(UP)—Weekly talkies have been made part of the educational and entertainment program at the Wisconsin state reformatory here. Officials expected talking pictures to become a valuable adjunct to the reformatory facilities for rehabilitating wayward youth.

Coffin Finished in Time
Santa Cruz, Cal. —(UP)—Henry Clay Morse, aged 94, fulfilled his last desire to be buried in a self-made casket. When he realized that his sickness must be fatal, he succeeded in fashioning a casket to suit his fancy before death. A native of Kentucky, he came to California in 1852.

Army Post 14,400 Acres
Honolulu —(UP)—One-half of one per cent of the land in Hawaii has been set aside for military and naval reservations since the territory was established at the turn of the century. Schofield Barracks, largest military post in the nation, and one of nine in the islands, comprises 14,400 acres.

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NOTICE

Property Owners

Barrett law assessments on streets, sidewalks and sewers are due and payable, on or before

Monday - Nov. 2

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Mrs. Ada Martin
Clerk-Treasurer.

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MISCELLANEOUS
NOTICE—New and used Singer sewing machines sold and repairs for all makes. Also a complete line of new fall hats. Vitz Shop, phone 925. 24955x

MISCELLANEOUS—Furniture repaired, upholstered or refinished at the Decatur Upholstering Shop, 222 South Second street. Phone 420. Also used furniture. 242112

WANTED

FEMALE HELP WANTED—Girl between 20 and 30 for housework in family of three. Salary \$6.00 per week, for girl who can qualify. This is a good position for girl who desires a good home. Write or call Mrs. Harry Segal, 1515 Kensington Blvd., Ft. Wayne, Ind. 25113

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four room apartment in modern home. Phone 756 or call at 325 North Fifth st. 25233t

FOR RENT—Modern suburban 8 rooms and 10 acres. A. D. Suttles. 253 13

Imbibers Clean Lots

Astoria, Ore. —(UP)—Alcohol gets the credit for the tidier condition of this city's vacant lots. From the ranks of those arrested for intoxication Chief of Police John Aeton keeps crews busy on his new project.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
Notice is hereby given that Monday, November 2, 1936 will be the last day to pay your Fall installment of taxes. The county treasurer's office will be open from 8 A. M. to 4 p. m. during the tax paying season. All taxes not paid by that time will become delinquent and a 3% penalty will be added. Also interest at the rate of 8% will be charged from the date of delinquency until paid. Those who have bought or sold property and wish to have a division of taxes are asked to come in at once.

Call on the Auditor for errors and any reductions. The Treasurer can make no corrections.

The Treasurer will not be responsible for the penalty of delinquent taxes resulting from the omission of taxpayers to state definitely on what property, they desire to pay, in whose name it may be found, in what township or corporation it is situated.

Persons owing delinquent taxes should pay them at once, the law is such that there is no option left for the Treasurer but enforce the collection of delinquent taxes.

The annual sale of delinquent lands and lots will take place on the second Monday in February 1937 at 10:00 A. M.

County orders will not be paid to anyone owing delinquent taxes. All persons are warned against them. No receipts or checks will be held after expiration of time, as the new delinquent law requires the Treasurer to make daily deposit.

Particular attention: If you pay taxes in more than one township mention the fact to the Treasurer, also see that your receipts call for all your real estate and personal property.

In making inquiries of the Treasurer regarding taxes to insure reply do not fail to include return postage.

JER F. LEECH, Treasurer Adams County, Indiana Oct. 5 to Nov. 2

MARKET REPORT

DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS

Brady's Market for Decatur, Ga.
Close at 12 Noon
Corrected October 23

No commission and no charge on Veals received Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

100 to 120 lbs. 120 to 140 lbs. 140 to 160 lbs. 160 to 180 lbs. 180 to 210 lbs. 210 to 250 lbs. 250 to 280 lbs. 280 to 350 lbs.

Roughs
Stags
Vealers
Ewe and wether lambs
Buck lambs
Yearling lambs

FORT WAYNE LIVESTOCK
Hogs—15 lower to 16 lbs. 225 to 250 pounds 200 to 225 pounds 250 to 275 pounds 180 to 200 pounds 275 to 300 pounds 300 to 350 pounds 150 to 160 pounds 140 to 150 pounds 130 to 140 pounds 120 to 130 pounds 100 to 120 pounds

Roughs \$8.25, Stags \$8.25, Calves \$10.50, Lambs \$10.50

LOCAL GRAIN MARKETS
Corrected October 23

No. 1 New Wheat, 60 lbs. 100 lbs. No. 2 Wheat, 85 lbs. 100 lbs. Oats 25c. Soybeans, No. 2 Yellow, 18c. No. 2 Yellow Corn, 12c. Rye 18c.

CENTRAL SOYBEANS
Soybeans, No. 2 Yellow, 18c.

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES
In the matter of the estate of the late W. B. Peterson, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the 22nd day of October, 1936, is the day on which the estate of the late W. B. Peterson, deceased, is to be sold to pay the debts and liabilities of the estate of the late W. B. Peterson, deceased, and the same to be sold to the highest bidder for cash.

Witness, the Clerk and I, the day of October, 1936. G. Henry Berry, Clerk. By Mildred Berry, Clerk.

Wanted
Adjust Your Balance

P. A. Kuhn Chevrolet N. 3rd st.

SALE CALENDAR

Roy S. Johnson
Auctioneer
Decatur, Ind.

Claim your sale date and avoid booking sales away from you.

Oct. 26—Robert McCormick, 1 mile east of Decatur on Road 224.

Oct. 27—Charles Morrison, 1 mile south of Fort Wayne on na st. Closing out farm sale.

Oct. 28—Martin Kropf, 1 mile east and 2 miles south of Decatur. 80 acre farm and personal property.

Oct. 29—Indiana Jersey Cattle Association. Sale of Jersey cattle, Indiana.

Nov. 4—M. W. Allamano, 1 mile east of Williams, closing out sale.

Nov. 4—John Towner, 1 mile and 1 mile south of Monroe, closing out farm sale.

Nov. 5—Lavinia Dehl, 1 mile south on road 27 and 1/2 west. Closing out sale.

Nov. 9—Henry Buttner, 1 mile east and 4 miles north of Decatur. Closing out sale.

Nov. 10—Floyd Smith, farm south of St. Paul Church. Closing out sale.

Nov. 11—Graham and Park, 1 mile north and 1 mile west of Monroe. Large stock sale.

Nov. 12—Carl Crow, 3 miles west of Van Wert, Ohio. Closing out sale.

Nov. 18—Vilas Luginbuhl, D. D. Jones, 1 mile south of east of Salem. Closing out sale.

Nov. 19—Wm. Kirkland, east of Ohio. Closing out sale.

Nov. 23—Everett & Berry, Gettys Farmer, 4 miles south of 1/2 mile east of Uniontown.

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