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"TELL me about it," he said at last, casually. "I was thinking of making a boat and going down on a prospecting trip."

"I'll tell you about it, and then I think you'll change your mind. The first cataract is the one just above where we first saw the river—coming in; then there's this mile of quiet water. From that point on the Yuga flows into a gorge. The walls are just about straight up on each side, and of course are absolutely impassable. For nearly two hundred miles the river is considered impassable for boats. Two hundred and fifty miles or so below there is an Indian village—but they never try to go down the river from here."

"And after you've once got into the rapids, there's no getting out—or landing?"

"Of course not. I suppose there are places where you might get on the bank, but the gorge above is impassable."

"You couldn't follow the river down—with horses?"

"Yes, in time. Of course it would be slow going, as there are no trails. The brush is heavy, and the country is absolutely unexplored. If any criminal—or any one like that—could take down this river in a canoe in high water—and get through into that great, virgin, trackless country a hundred miles below, it would be almost impossible to get him out."

"And with good intentions, him to hold off and kill a dozen?" Ben's hands shook, and he locked them behind him. "They call that country—what?"

"Back there." That's all I've ever heard it called—Back There."

"I must be going now," the girl said. "My father pretty near goes crazy when I stay away too long."



"IT'S MY LAST WARNING. TURN QUICK, OR I'LL FIRE. SHE SAID."

His mind seemed to leap and gather her words. She was the joy and the pride of the old man's life. And Ray Brent, the stronger of Neilson's two subordinates, loved her, too.

"To strike at them indirectly—through some one else—such had been his greatest wish."

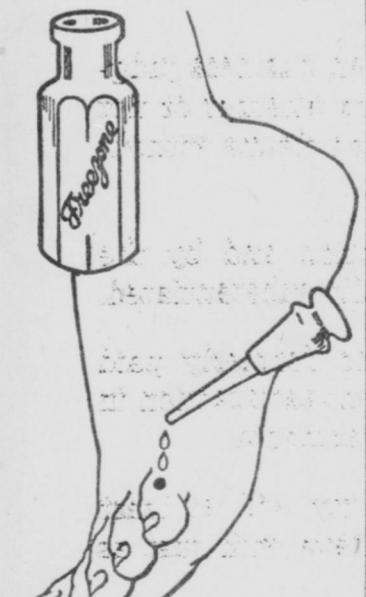
"Goodby," the girl was saying. "I'll see you soon—"

He turned toward her, a smile at his lips. His voice held steady when he spoke.

"It'll have to be soon—if at all," he replied. "I've got to really get to work in a few days." How about a

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Once more he fired, but the boat was farther distant now, and the pistol went wild. The pistol was empty. He turned back to his cabin for his rifle.

His pistol, however, was at his belt, and his hand reached for it. His steady finger pressed back against the trigger.

The first shot fell far short. He raised the gun higher and shot again. But he shot low. But the third bullet fell just a few feet on the near side of the canoe.

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CHAPTER X

The Stream of Death

"We'd better keep on going to our landing place," Ben advised. "There's no place to land above it. I went all over the shore this morning. That will give him time to cool down.

I only want to get around this curve."

"What do you mean to do?"

Before he comes with his rifle."

"Turn into the shore," she told him, half-whispering. "You still have time to steer into shore. I'll jump overboard if you don't."

He shook his head. "Don't jump overboard, Beatrice," he answered.

"It isn't my purpose to kill you—and to jump over into this stream only means to die."

The girl knew he spoke the truth.

"You're safe with me—the daughter of Jeff Neilson can't ever be any

thing but safe with me—as far as the thing you fear is concerned. I'm simply paying an honest debt, and you're the unfortunate agent."

"You've still got time to turn back," the girl answered him, seemingly without feeling. "Glide into shore, and we'll try to catch an overhanging limb. It's my last warning."

Ben shook his head. The girl's white hand flashed to her side, then

rose sure and steady, holding her

pistol. "Turn quick, or I'll fire," she said.

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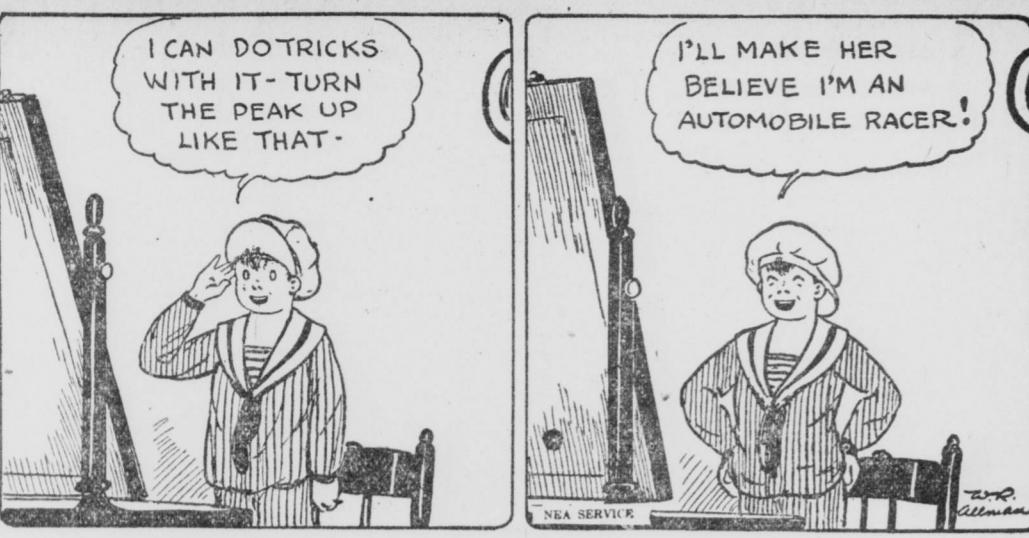
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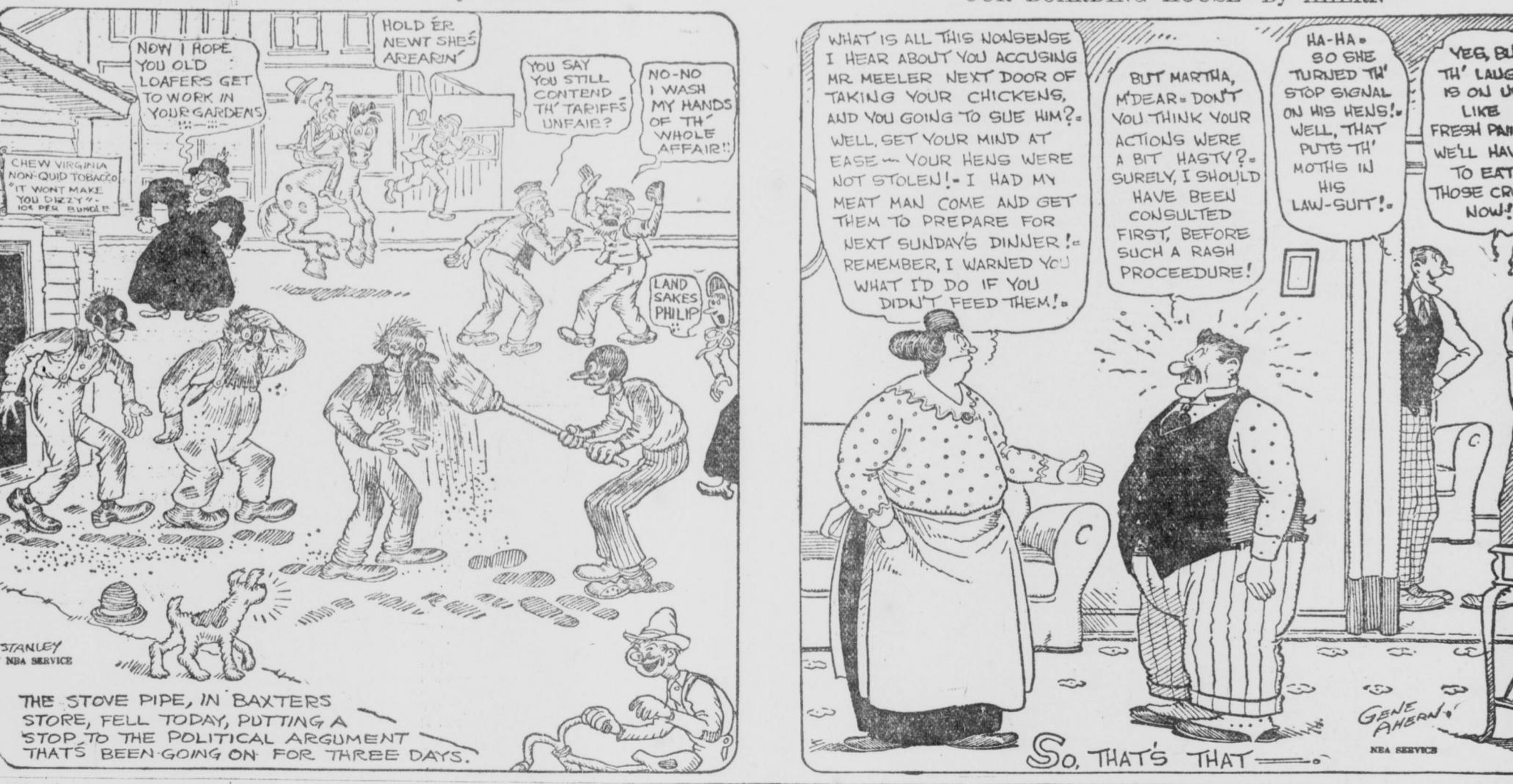
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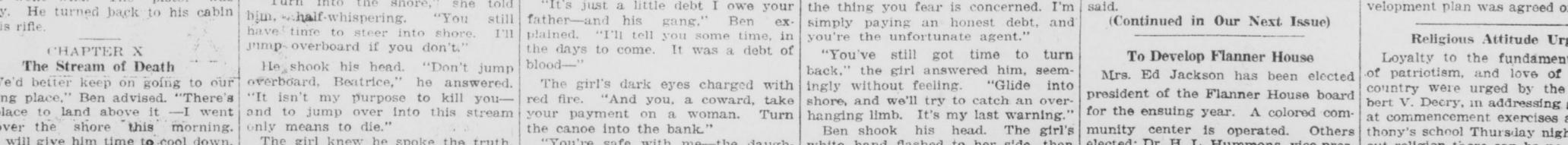


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