

"The VANITY CASE"

A Tale of Mystery and Love

By CAROLYN WELLS

BEGIN HERE TODAY
TERENCE PRENTISS sees lights mysteriously appear and disappear in the Balaclava Inn, and the next day Harbor Gardens, Long Island, is aghast with the murder of Mrs. MARY HEATH, wife of Perry Heath, her husband. PERRY HEATH, house guest of the Heaths are LAWRENCE INGRAM, a Myra, a fortune-teller, and BUNNY MOORE, vivacious, pretty, to whom many points were cast of her unusual actions.

MARY HEATH never used rouge, never wore cosmetics, and had no money for collecting glass, and it was a rare old bottle from her collection that the murderer had taken. Perry Heath was burning at her head and feet; near by was a card marked "The" and she was heavily rouged.

Heath was not a man of affairs, his business was simple—merely the disposing of his pictures through dealers or, occasionally to private buyers.

A list of such buyers and dealers must be easily obtainable, and it could not be a very arduous task to interview some of them. And some of them must have knowledge of Heath.

Yet Cunningham was by no means sure of this. A business man's associates would know about him, but an artist is a different proposition. If for any reason Perry Heath chose to absent himself for a time or forever, it did not seem to Cunningham that he could be easily found.

Why Heath wanted to disappear, he did not know, but he felt sure the disappearance was voluntary and would be prolonged.

He tried to delve into the mystery of the identity of the criminal. There was that strange card to be considered.

If the makeup was the work of an artist or a woman, surely the card was the work of a woman or an imbecile. No man would do such a thing as that. But a woman would be quite capable of thinking the placing of that card would throw suspicion on Heath.

"I've just left the Heath house," he said, speaking gravely. "That detective, Mott, seems to have a stranglehold on the Moore Baby, and—well, I can't see any other direction to look."

"Bunny Moore!" exclaimed Arthur Black. "That won't do. Why, she is a peach, an angel! It's too absurd to think of her killing anybody! You'll have to do better than that, Cunny!"

"Well, here's the straight of it. They've proved that the house was so securely bolted and barred, that the murderer couldn't get out after his crime. Unless, of course, he was led out by some one inside, who bolted the door or window after him. Got that?"

"Yes," said Sam Anderson, a little impatiently, "go on."

"Well, they are still sifting the evidence, but Mott says that he has no doubt about Miss Moore being the criminal. He says the youngsters of today stop at nothing, not even at crime. He says she is madly in love with Heath, and he agrees that with a suggestion of mine, that maybe Bunny Moore and Perry were in cahoots, and planned the crime together. Then, either Perry did the killing and left him out, or he went away earlier, and left her to do it."

"Oh, Sam, Anderson said, in a tone of utter disgust at the idea, you know, Cunningham, you know that infant in arms couldn't simply couldn't do such a thing!"

"That's where you're wrong, old boy. The infants in arms of today are not in their parents' arms, by any means! And a fat lot you know about girls, anyway! I doubt if you've ever so much as spoken to a girl of the current issue! They're Oh Lawks! for sure!"

"Stuff and nonsense!" Anderson remarked, coldly. "You're pig-headed, Al. You've got that Mott man's views in your head, and you shape everything to fit them. Now, if you're going to carry on, you hunt down Heath. That's the first thing to do. Am I right, Black?"

"Why, yes, Sam. You see, I think myself that Heath is the criminal. I don't care what you all say, I think Heath killed his wife because he found her with Inman. Then he vamoosed. I don't care about clews and evidence, my knowledge of human nature tells me that, given a man and wife and a Tertium Quid, there's bound to be a domestic tragedy."

"Well, there's been a domestic tragedy all right," Anderson smiled, grimly. "But your great knowledge of human nature is not infallible, I suppose."

"Oh, Lord, Sam, talk about pugnaciousness! If you get a notion in-

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(To Be Continued)

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Taggart Will Speak To Address State Conference of Democrats Next Thursday.

Former Senator Thomas Taggart, veteran Democratic leader, will speak at a State conference of Democratic workers next Thursday at the Claypool.

Albert Stump and Evans Woolen, senatorial nominees, State Chairman R. Earl Peters and State Vice Chairman Mrs. A. P. Flynn also will speak.

Third district Democrats will confer next Tuesday at French Lick. District Chairman E. B. Croye, of Bedford, announced today.

To Study Corn Borer

Entomologist to Attend Conference With U. S. Canadian Officials.

State Entomologist Frank N. Wallace will attend a conference with Federal authorities and Canadian officials late this month in Ontario when a study will be made of the spread of the European corn borer. A huge Federal appropriation, according to Wallace, will be asked to combat spread of the borer through Indiana. Twenty Hoosier counties have been found infested with the borer.



King Albert

RULER OF BELGIUM REAL FINANCE KING

Wields Powers Which Make Those of U. S. Money Monarchs Tame.

NEA Staff Correspondent By Milton Bronner

BRUSSELS, Aug. 2.—The world has a real king of finance at last. He is Albert, ruler of the Belgians.

Other so-called "kings of finance" merely are financiers who huckster money for profit. Albert is the real thing, by saysof the people expressed through their parliament.

He was vested with a financial dictatorship in the hope he could save the Belgian franc from complete fadecote. His far-reaching authority lasts until next October, and so there would be no legislation or debates to affect the situation.

The Belgian franc accompanied the French franc on its headlong tumble of recent months.

Parties Step Aside

Some time ago there was a coalition in power in Belgium composed of Catholics under M. Poulett and socialists under M. Vandervelde.

Strict limitations were imposed on the importing of cereals for bread-making.

White bread is outlawed. Gray

break takes its place—in the king's palace as well as to hotel.

All-night resorts now close at midnight. Foreigners pay a tax for staying in the country.

Some of His Powers

The financial dictatorship edict empowers King Albert to:

Negotiate any loans he thinks necessary.

Modify the rules of operation of the Belgian national bank.

Increase taxes of all kinds.

Repress news which might injure the credit of the nation.

Regulate the use of foodstuffs.

Check the importation of both necessities and luxuries.

The railroads are to be turned over to a private company for operation, as a revenue measure.

It is intended for the country to go on a gold money basis.

On a handful of deputies and senators opposed giving the King

these sweeping powers. Parliament afterward adjourned until Oct. 19, so there would be no legislation or debates to affect the situation.

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Their secretary of the treasury tried to stabilize the franc and failed. Then Poulett and Vandervelde did a splendidly patriotic

attempt to fly across the Atlantic to Washington.

TRIAL FLIGHT POSTPONED

By United Press

ROOSEVELT FIELD, WEST

BURY, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Rain today

prevented carrying out plans to fly

the great Sikorsky bi-plane

which Rene Fonck will use in his

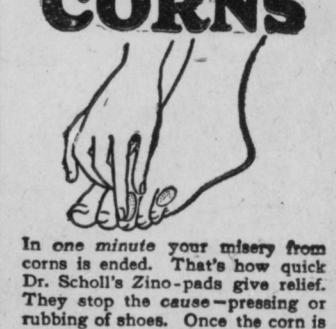
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Washington.

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