

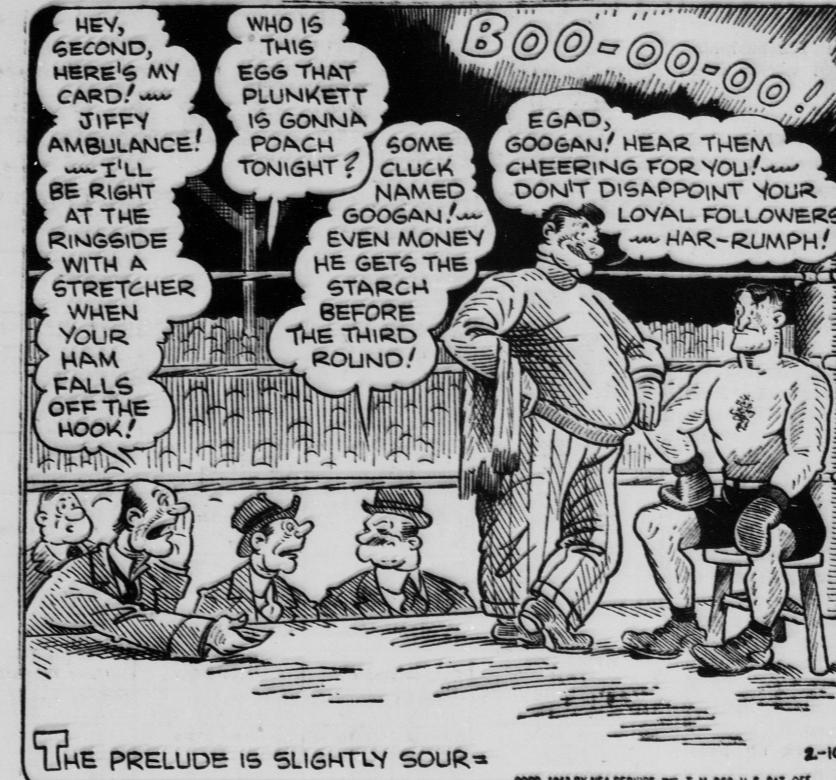
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Serial Story

'Tambay Gold'

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THIRTY-ONE

HENDY flew back to report, and brought word to the sheriff that Loren Oliver was ready to face trial any time the governor would guarantee his safety.

"Looks like we wouldn't need him," Mowry said.

"How's that again?" I said.

"Bixie Groff has lit out for the hills. He talked too much. The bullet that killed my Cousin Maurie didn't fit Prof. Oliver's gun. It did fit Bixie's."

He was explaining to Juddy that his orders were to fly her down to Charleston where the yacht had put in.

"What's about this cruise, Hendy?" I asked him. "Is it a plant to get Juddy back into the Kent family?"

He shook his head, and looked quite melancholy, for him. "Not a hope," he said. "I'm writing my lawyer and having the final papers fixed up, to leave Juddy her freedom. Don't let her marry Todd, though. It'll never work."

"Make your mind easy, pal," I said. "She isn't having any of Angel."

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IN A FEW days the Sears murder was in the clear. The grand jury indicted Bixie Groff—and find him if you can. One rainy morning in comes Doc. His first question was about Juddy.

"She's on a cruise," I said.

"Is she all right?"

"Sure, she's all right."

"Does she need me for anything?"

"No, she doesn't need you."

"Well, I thought—are you sure?"

I mean—has Todd—did the man—is she married?" He'd finally succeeded in getting it out.

"Not more than usual. Not as much, in fact. Hendy is putting through the divorce."

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