

**MYSTERY OF THAT JOINT BANK ACCOUNT**

(By D. J. Walsh.)

PHILIP WHITECASTLE, his jaw set, nervously hung up the telephone receiver. He turned to his beautiful wife, faintly clad in a kimono, a look of abject terror in his honest blue eyes.

"Mary," his words froze in his throat. He was shaking as one shakes during a nervous chill. He tried to speak, but his words choked and died in a husky voice strangely overpowered by emotion. His eyes, like ghosts peeping from tombs, finally rested in a blank stare on the family Bible, still open after the quiet hour of evening devotions.

"Philip," came the gentle voice of a woman with poise and balance. "Philip, what on earth has happened; who telephoned to you at this hour; what was the message?"

It was several minutes before this strong man could talk coherently. In broken sentences, punctuated by long pauses, jerking muscles and deep sobs, Mrs. Whitecastle learned that a newspaper reporter from the Morning Life had telephoned her husband. The reporter had informed Philip that the Morning Life would carry a story connecting his name with that of a woman, a recluse, who had just died.

"What comment has Mr. Whitecastle to make?" the reporter inquired. The little illuminated clock on the mantel struck eleven.

Philip, without a word, limped to the door.

"But, Philip, surely you are not going out tonight? William isn't home yet, and I'm afraid to be alone."

The last words of this gentle protest were unheard by Philip. He was blindly groping his way down the street.

Just as the little illuminated clock struck twelve a knock came at the door.

"Who is there?" and Mrs. Whitecastle attempted to conceal her fear.

"It's me, mother; it's William—let me in—oh, please hurry"—and his voice was full of agitation; he was like some one in a trance being chased by burglars.

"Mother, mother, dear," he cried, as the door opened. He shoved into the hand of this brave little woman a copy of the Morning Life. There, on the front page, like daggers, in glaring red letters, she read:

"Philip Whitecastle's Name Linked With Woman."

Her eyes glistening with sealding tears she read on while William stood silently as one struck dumb.

"The death of an unknown recluse in a dark, dusty room at 123 Jane street is linked with the name of Philip Whitecastle, married, churchman, and the dean of engineers on the M. F. T. railroad. A joint bank account book was found in her room when police investigated date last night."

Mrs. Whitecastle, after a long pause and a struggle at self-control, was the first to speak.

"William, my son, your father and I have lived an ideal married life. You are now twenty-one years of age. For twenty-five glorious years your father and I have been pals, sweethearts. No cloud has marred our happiness. Whatever that cruel newspaper story suggests will be satisfactorily explained by your father. We have trusted each other implicitly, and long ago we agreed never to doubt each other on apparent circumstances woven by second-hand information. I know everything will be all right, my boy."

"But, mother, Jane told me—"

A key rattled in the keyhole of the door. The door opened, Philip Whitecastle with three reporters at his heels, entered.

"Mr. Whitecastle," began one reporter "you have, no doubt, read the morning paper?"

"Yes."

"Well, what is the real story back of this mysterious setting?"

"Mysterious?" and Philip shrugged his shoulders helplessly.

"Perhaps you prefer that your wife and son leave the room while we discuss this affair?"

"On the contrary, I insist that they remain."

"Mr. Whitecastle, back of the death of this recluse, this woman, is a story, an interesting story, I might say. The public demands that we print the news. We propose to get that story from your lips, if possible, but, regardless of that, we have enough facts right now to write a story."

"We know that you and this woman had a joint bank account. You had had it for many years. We know that you frequently visited her. We know that she left \$50,000. We know that you were the only one with a key to her trunk, to her jewel box. We know that you invested money for her. We suspect that she was once a woman of power and influence—ah, yes—even refinement, I dare say."

"What is the story?"

"Well, boys," Philip asserted frankly, "it would seem that you fellows have enough dynamite there to concoct any kind of story you choose to write."

Mrs. Whitecastle and William sat

silent, drinking in every word in this strange drama.

"You refuse, then, to throw any light on your connection with this woman—this joint bank account?"

"I refuse to make any comment," and Philip Whitecastle opened the door, at the same time handing the reporters their hats.

"Philip, dear," and Mrs. Whitecastle paused, almost afraid to frame the question, "Philip, those terrible insinuations cannot be true; they can't. Please let me hear you say that they are not true. Tell me it is all a mistake—Philip—oh, darling, tell me—did you know that woman?"

"Yes," with a note of triumph in his voice.

"Did you love her?"

"With all my heart."

"Who—was she—what was her name?"

"She—she—was my mother."

**Treaty Makes Definite Ownership of Islands**

Seven "lost" islands will be reattached to the Philippines by a convention between England and the United States fixing the boundary between North Borneo and the Philippine archipelago.

Mislaying islands in the Philippines is easier than it would seem, says the National Geographic society, because there are approximately 7,000 islands in the archipelago, distributed over an area equal in length to the distance from Palatka, Fla., to Mackinaw City, Mich.

Taganak, most important of the seven "lost" islands, is only a mile long. Some of the others are merely clumps of trees on small rocks or coral patches. None is inhabited.

England has been administering the seven "lost" islands of Borneo, giving them the little attention they need. On Taganak is a lighthouse marking the very difficult to reach harbor, the most important port on the North Borneo coast.

The provision of the old Spanish and British treaty has been found impossible of fulfillment, because "nine nautical miles off the coast" creates an impossible surveying problem, due to the sinuous curves of the Borneo coast.

So an imaginary line has been drawn across the ocean and it is specified that all the islands and rocks north of this line, and this means most of the group known as the Turtle Islands, will go to the Philippines.

In addition to Taganak there are Great Bakkungan, Langaan, Lihiman, Boan, Bagan and the Mangsees lying north of Mangsee channel.

Although the islands are uninhabited and very difficult to reach, because of the barriers of coral which surround them, natives go to them regularly to gather coconuts and turtle eggs.

The Turtle Islands, as they are locally called, and the Mangsees, lie along the southern edge of the Sulu sea and are as far south of Manila as Charleston, S. C., is south of New York.

"Too Cold to Snow"

The weather bureau says the greater number of more or less heavy snows come with southerly to easterly winds, i. e., in what is known as the "rainy" portion of the cyclonic or storm area. These winds generally are relatively mild. As the storm passes, the winds come from the northwest, roughly, and are relatively cold. In short, precipitation comes with relatively warm easterly to southerly winds, and clear weather follows with relatively cold northwest winds. If, then, the winter wind is from the northwest, it is cold, and from the wrong direction to give much snow. This presumably is the origin of the saying: "It is too cold to snow." This statement, however, is not literally true, for light snows can occur at any temperature, and indeed it occasionally happens that heavy snows occur when the surface air is quite cold.

**Early Postage Stamps**

The use of postage stamps was authorized in this country in 1845, but Congress made no provision for printing them. For the next two years the postmasters of various cities produced their own stamps, impressed with ink directly on the envelope. In 1847 the Post Office department was empowered to issue national stamps, and all the local postmasters' stamps were ordered destroyed. The first stamp was sold July 1, 1847; the first stamped envelope in June, 1853, and the first stamped newspaper wrapper in 1861. During the Civil war small coin was so scarce that encased postage stamps were used as money. A New York man, John Gault, received a patent on these flat circular metal cases for the stamps, protecting them with a thin sheet of mica.

**Then There Is Limburger**

She was giving an order to the grocer.

"And I require some cheese," she said.

"Yes, miss," replied the grocer, smiling amiably; "I have some lovely cheese."

"You should not say 'lovely cheese'!" said the customer severely.

"But why not, miss? It is lovely cheese!"

"Because"—she tried to combine maidenly modesty with an air of learning—"because lovely should only be used to qualify something that is alive."

The grocer's smile broadened as he glanced at the Gorgonzola.

"Well, miss," he said, "I'll stick to 'lovely'!"—Progressive Grocer.

**CURE FOR PAROLE EVILS**

By PROF. E. W. BURGESS, University of Chicago.

SCIENTIFIC board of pardons and paroles, entirely divorced from politics, would be an important element in crime solution. Our present parole activities ought to be raised from a so-called "common sense" basis to a scientific level. Until that is done there isn't much hope of real progress being made toward the reform of the criminal or crime prevention. People fail to realize that crime is an acute social ill, requiring the services of an expert diagnostician and specialist in treatment, the same as a person afflicted with a baffling disease. Imagine having the surgical staff of a hospital composed of political appointees, no matter how good their intentions or how great their zeal. Yet that is what we do in determining the fate of criminals, whose mental or emotional ailments may be as diversified as the hundreds of patients within a hospital.

The best plan for a scientific board of pardons would call for nine specialists, serving for nine years in rotation, one new appointment being made each year as one expired, classified as follows: psychiatrist, sociologist, educator, industrial educator, criminal lawyer, representative of organized labor, and three outstanding socially minded citizens.

The present agitation about the simultaneous release of 600 gunmen might be unwarranted under such a circumstance, as the judgment of such a board would be the warrant that in 99 cases out of 100 the release would be justified and the convict would go straight.

Science has about reached the point where it can predict human conduct and if applied to the problem of pardon and parole it would almost unfailingly register whether it is safe or not to release a convicted man.

**WOMAN OF TODAY FINE MOTHER**

By JEANETTE G. BRILL, Brooklyn Magistrate.

Notwithstanding that the woman of today is criticized on all sides, she makes the finest mother of all the ages. As a mother, she is better equipped educationally and physically. She has experienced manifold contact with the world, which gives her a deeper understanding of the relationships of family life.

Woman has learned the value of training as an asset to happy home life. She has come to understand food and its value, money and its buying power, labor saving devices and the thriftiness of living within an income and saving for a rainy day. She learns all this through courses offered in colleges, schools and home making centers. Where the woman or girl of today refuses to take advantage of this learning we find her sooner or later in the family court.

In throwing off the yoke of subservience, women have gained proportionately in spiritual satisfaction.

It is just as stylish to marry now and have children as it was when I was a young girl. The young woman, who is making her way in business and does not hesitate to marry a man who has not sufficient income to support a home, is a wife in the true sense of the word. Such a woman is inspiring and is aiding materially in building a home.

**WOMAN JURIST HAS WON PLACE**

By JUSTICE FLORENCE E. ALLEN, Ohio Supreme Court.

Women barristers cannot assume the myriad responsibilities of their profession without suffering penalties in the loss of their private lives. But women lawyers experience tremendous compensation in having the sympathy of their countrywomen behind them. A sense of the increasing fairness of men, too, is most apparent.

The slight hostility I found upon first being elected to the Common Pleas court in Ohio, soon faded away. In this marvelous age women stand equipped to work with men as their intellectual equals. Society stands forth in this age as a mechanical giant, yet we are aware that the great social forces of America have not been co-ordinated. Who is better equipped to lead the way here than the man or woman trained in law to untangle the puzzle of the human equation?

The failure of many states in various governmental problems is that they have slipped back into that Old world way of thinking that the office belongs to the officer rather than to the people from whom the office comes.

**NEW SUNDAY-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

By EVELYN SPICKARD, Religious Educator (Episcopal).

Stories of Jonah and the whale, Moses and the burning bush, and the seven plagues of the Israelites, which used to make children sit in open-mouthed wonder, no longer hold a place of importance in the modern Sunday school. In the place of these old half-mythical stories are more reliable lessons taken from the New Testament and the lives of the boys and girls themselves. We are trying to make religion a part of the child's life, instead of a side issue based on improbable happenings.

The findings of educational psychology are being utilized in the modern Sunday school, just as in the week-day school. We are attempting to make the school child-centered instead of teacher-centered. We now believe that practice in religious thought and life is needed if "skill" in the sense of familiarity, is to be acquired. Our present program fosters this.

The new movement is part of the tendency toward a liberal interpretation of religion, instead of the old fundamentalist viewpoint. Science, including psychology, has done much to bring about this advance.

**RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS**

By DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, New York.

I would urge the shortening of the public school day by an hour and the substitution during that time of religious instruction. The naturalistic tendency in modern education tends to make the child a happier personality, free from inhibitions and repressions. The new system of education promises to produce a healthy, happy but heartless race.

As long as the public school is a secular school the church should have a more adequate opportunity to bring into the life of the child the influence of religious education, which is admittedly an important force in character building.

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**Big Anesthesia "Plant"**  
St. Bartholomew's hospital, London, is spending \$1,000,000 to put its patients to sleep. A central anesthetizing plant is being placed in a building at the rear of the hospital's operating department. When it is completed, surgeons will be able to "tag" anesthetic gases in any part of the department. The central plant will eliminate the necessity of carrying heavy cylinders of gas.

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