

The Mutiny of the Albatross

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CHAPTER X—Continued

"Then I'm afraid I've got a bit of bad news for you." He told her by what means the letter had fallen into his hands.

"Dear Andy," it began. "What's the use of quarreling about the Radway woman now? I was wrong to be so savage about it, but I'm not the cold calculating type like you.

"I told the boy to come back in half an hour. He will know enough to convince you, if this isn't sufficient. I'll bring him in here and we can cross-examine him."

"What do you want to do?" Mrs. Radway asked in a strained and lifeless voice. Mary looked at her with a sympathy she dared not show.

"Get the doctor in here and make him answer," Todd thought the thing was obvious. "When we're through with him, we'll hear the boy, Bob, fetch him."

"By the right of being the strongest man on this ship and the most desperate," Bettington glared at Crosby Todd in such a way that the younger man felt the element of personal fear possess him.

"What's this?" he asked essaying cheerfulness. "A council of defense?" Although he addressed his words to Evelyn Radway, she did not answer.

"Why do you call yourself Doctor Waite, when it isn't your name?" Bettington felt himself flushing like a boy detected openly in falsehood.

"Sure he's one of 'em," said the boy eagerly. "His name's Orme. He was a murderer and forger who broke San Quentin and killed a prison guard. They say he was a big doctor in New York once.

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"He read it and then angered them by smiling. Now, at least, he knew why he was prejudiced."

said sarcastically, "Doctor Whatever-you-call-yourself."

"I'd like to tell you my real name," Bettington said, rising stiffly from the chair, wholly unconscious of Todd's threatening gesture.

"Why tell it then?" Todd retorted. Bettington kept his temper with an effort.

"Because some day, when we get out of this h—i ship, I shall be able to remind you I gave you the opportunity to believe and you would not."

"Not very much, I'm afraid, to you; but it's important to me. I'm a painter by profession, as I think you'll believe. I was at Harvard with the father of these Crawin children, as they are called out if they put me to the test. He would recognize me as Howard Bettington."

"He did before they buried you," Bob broke in, triumphantly. He remembered how broken up his father had been at the sad death of his old friend.

"I suppose no advice of mine is welcome, but remember your ultimate safety depends almost entirely on my efforts and I don't propose to be hampered by any childish actions of young heroes like you.

"We ought not to have let him go," Todd said, when they heard the bulkhead close. "We ought to have held him as a hostage."

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"I want the names of the rest of the crew," Mrs. Radway said. Silvers was ready and willing to help.

"Metzger's first. Then there's Pereira, the cook. Kenzie makes three. Graumann, Hammer and Krause; that's six, ain't it. Mike, the deck hand, is seven, and Doc eight. There are two men down there with Kenzie or something like that. Just foreigners who don't know no United States. They're scared to come up. Countin' me, there's eleven against you two fellows. Swell chance you've got."

"Why should we reckon you as one of them?" Mrs. Radway asked. "Can't you see the danger of being associated with men like that? When we get back to New York—"

"But we ain't," said Silvers sagely. "That's the difference. We're going to some place in Central America. I told the Doc I was a neutral."

"Tell me about Kenzie," Mrs. Radway said. She remembered that the second engineer had not struck her as being the same depraved sort as his superior. Silvers was ready as usual. It seemed that no crimes of blood were laid to Kenzie's door.

"He's playing a deep game," said the lad. "Metzger's afraid of him." The lad saw he was upon delicate ground. New conventions hedged him around.

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"In which you ask me to take you to a convenient place where you can signal to a pilot and then get rid of me. I knew very well that was what Sam meant and I know you two precious birds have the same idea. Here are my terms. I'll take you to land in my own way. I will have nobody on the upper deck. If you have men to spare, use them for stoking."

"But who will take a spell when you sleep?" "I'll get that boy Bob up. If you want me, send a message by Silvers when he brings food. You've seen that I'm able to take care of myself. Well, I'll treat either of you just as I did Sam. If you as much put your foot on the main companion."

man was in the habit of marrying in his moments of sen leave and regretting it in haste. No such charges were ever him as troubled the others. But he feared waiting wives more than all terrors.

"I'm in control," Bettington said to him. "I want all the steam you can give me. Have you enough help?" "I've got these hunksies," Kenzie answered.

"If you want anything send word by the boy Silvers, I'm not allowing anyone on the upper deck."

"Suits me," Kenzie said carelessly. "All right, Cap."

"What am I to do?" Bob asked. "Take your turn at the wheel and wake me if you see or hear anything suspicious. You'll sleep up there, so bring all the kit necessary. As for you, Todd, you stays here and never desert your post for a moment. I said I had made terms with them. That's only partly true. I've forced them for the moment to agree with me. They'll start plotting in a few hours, so continue to be on the watch. Under no condition should you go outside this part of the ship, Mrs. Radway. When the time comes that it's safe, you will be told. Silvers is a kind of official messenger. You can use him if necessary."

"Not exactly that, but don't you see he wants to curry favor? He'll try and make Bob think he's a misunderstood hero."

"Not after reading that letter," Bob answered. "No chance!"

CHAPTER XI Bettington Captures the Cook In a sense the breach between Bettington and Mrs. Radway left him better able to carry out his plans. He was, at least, relieved of the necessity of trying to convince her of his integrity. They had condemned him already and no more would he have to seek for excuses.

"In keeping the upper deck free of the crew he was seeking to lessen the risk of sudden attack. There was always a danger that men who had been so much at sea would notice he was not steering a southern course, and his arbitrary ruling about keeping the deck clear must have engendered misgiving among men whose natures were given to suspicion and fear of the motives too obvious to them."

Contrary to Todd's declaration that the doctor would try and ingratiate himself, there was no welcoming smile.

Good Grounds The young wife was seeking a separation from her husband on the grounds of cruelty.

Fighting Forest Fires The majority of people believe forest fire fighting to be just a laborer's job, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is on a strictly scientific basis one of the most important of modern professions.

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Anthony, Kan.—A man accused of being a combination Svengali and Bluebeard, who used both hypnotism and money to bring about the murder of his wife, is puzzling authorities here.

The man, Ben Turner, well-to-do Anthony citizen, protests his innocence, maintaining he is the victim of a libel plot on the part of his enemies, who had first planned to kill him as well as his wife.

Turner's wife, Minnie, who was fifty-two, was found beaten and choked to death in the Turner bungalow.

Young Man Confesses. Later, Jim Struttton, twenty-four-year-old employee of Turner, confessed he slew Mrs. Turner and charged that Turner not only agreed to pay him \$100 but also used hypnotism to induce him to commit the crime.

Struttton said Turner began talking to him several months before about killing Mrs. Turner, and that he persistently "nagged" and hypnotized him until he was no longer able to resist.

In Struttton's shoes at the time of his arrest was \$65, which he said Turner had paid him. The remainder of the amount was to be paid later. Struttton said.

Turner is superintendent of an ice and salt factory here and is prosperous. When his wife's murder was discovered, he offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the slayer. He is now wondering if he will be called upon to pay that amount to the officers who arrested him and Struttton.

An offer of Struttton to plead guilty to the murder and accept a life sentence, was refused by authorities who believe he has not told all he knows about the slaying. He will be held for prolonged questioning.

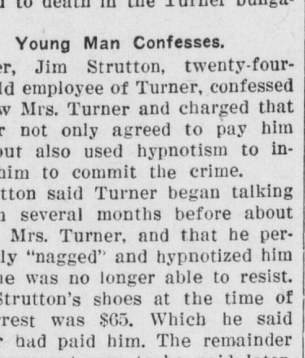
Result of Probe. The investigation of Mrs. Turner's death turned toward Turner when Mrs. Della Barkley of Wichita told authorities that Turner had asked her to employ one of a gang of boogie runners to kill Mrs. Turner, and that she refused to do so. Turner is reported to have been infatuated with Mrs. Barkley.

In the Turner home following the murder, investigators found notes addressed to Mrs. Turner in a woman's handwriting advising her to "go out and trail" her husband. The day of the slaying Mrs. Turner had been downtown shopping. Struttton saw and followed her home. He has since expressed regret for the crime, but declared that he was so under the influence of Turner that he could not help it.

Two Robbers Hold Up Long Busted Ohio Bank West Alexandria, Ohio.—Two banking men sat in the First National bank here recently chatting about money that used to be there. Two other men, with criminal intentions, walked in and roughly ordered, "Hands Up!"

Circus Man Kills Wife, Dog and Then Himself Petrovosclo, Yugoslavia.—After discovering that she had proved unfaithful Wilhelm Harnes, manager of a circus, beat his wife to death, killed his own dog, and then hanged himself in one of his own show wagons.

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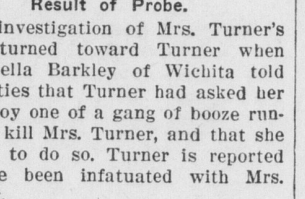
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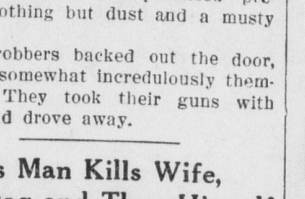


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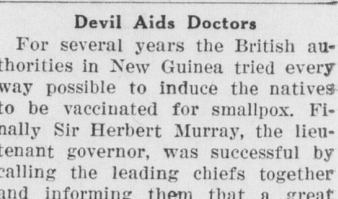
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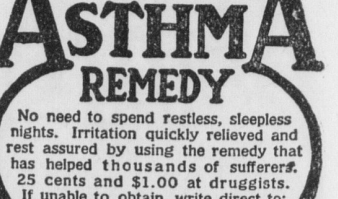


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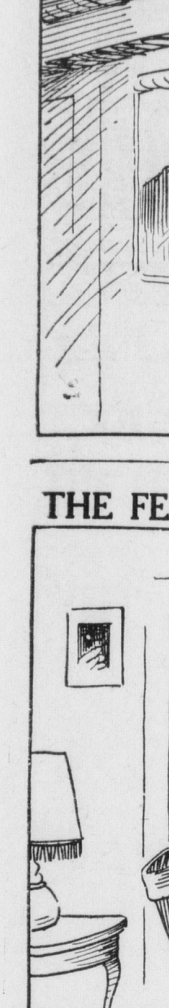


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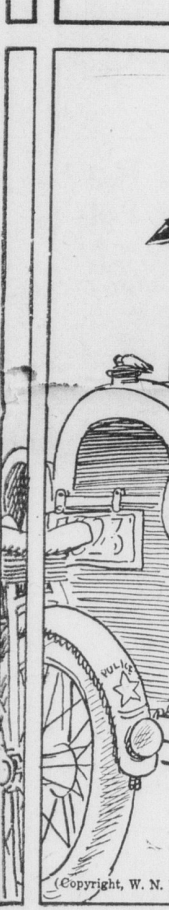
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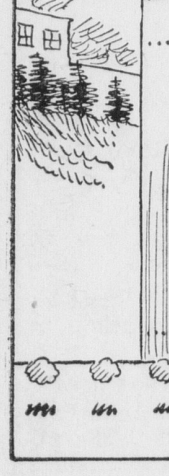
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