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WINNIPEG—(CP)—Winnipeg's \$1,000,000 hospital for the aged and infirm now under construction will be called Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Mayor Garnet Coulter announced. It will be the third in the city bearing a royal name. There are already King George and King Edward hospitals.

TRURO, N.S., Jan. 9 — (CP)—Increases in daily rates at the Colchester County Hospital were announced today by president C.E. Stanfield. Rates for ward patients will advance 50 cents to \$3.50 and for semi-private and private patients to \$6.25 from \$5.25. The new rates are effective Jan. 15.

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Smart Girl
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Barney was tearing the package open. He took out three damp enlargements separated by sheets of white blotting paper. All three photographs showed Zorane facing the camera, and Van Arden in profile with the chair in his hands. In one he was picking it up. In the second he was lifting it. In the third he had brought it down on Zorane's head, and in this photograph Zorane's hands were raised to ward it off and he was falling.

Van Arden reached across the desk for one of the damp enlargements. Barney started around the desk toward him. He brought up his fist. Eric reached out a long arm and seized his wrist. "Remember those knuckles, Barney."

The reporter twisted his arm free. "Do you realize what he's done to me?" he said furiously. "He tried to hang that murder on me! He actually made me think I did it. He made Corby think I did. He made Sally think I did. I was sure I did!"

Eric said mildly. "Just what did you do?"

"I went up there and found Zorane making passes at Sally and I knocked his teeth down his throat!"

"What made you think you'd killed him?"

"I didn't! That was Van Arden's little wrinkle. I knocked him out. He was out cold when I left."

The senator said heavily. "Eric, who took these pictures?"

"Featherly!"

"Then he's an eye witness of this murder. Where is he?"

"In the Flower Hospital, unconscious. He was picked up unconscious in Central Park at five this morning."

Van Arden was standing close to the desk looking down at the enlargements, with his hands flat on the desk one on each side. He looked up. Harry Selfert edged a little closer to him. Van Arden, frowning looked about the room until he found Sally. Her eyes were large and dark. One of his eyebrows went up a little. He selected a cigarette and lit it. His hands were steady.

Eric glanced at Sally. He was surprised by something in her face that he had not seen since the afternoon he met her—a sureness of self-possession. There was a curious impression of her face having pulled itself together.

He looked at her. She was getting up from the settee. She was staring at Barney and smiling with such radiance that her dark slim face was transformed.

Barney said briskly. "Are you going to tell us about it, Van Arden or are you going to be the big sinister mystery man to the bitter end?"

Van Arden put the match carefully in an ash tray. "If you mean have I a statement, I haven't."

His voice was controlled.

"Putting the pieces together isn't very easy," Eric said, "because too many are missing. But what happened was, I think, something like this. Yesterday Zorane came to you, Senator, with a phony offer to sell Van Arden out. You offered him a handsome reward to come clean. Zorane decided to double-cross Van Arden and accept your offer. So far, I'm sure, Sally, what were you doing in Zorane's apartment last night?"

Sally said crisply. "He sent for me. He'd been writing. There were pages scattered all over his desk. He said he was going to give me a wonderful break. Then Barney came in."

"I went in," Barney laughed, "and I knocked him cold."

"The moment you left the apartment," Eric took it up. "Featherly, who happens to be the senator's chief investigator, took advantage of Zorane's unconsciousness to grab the confession he had written, and photograph the pages. When he'd finished, he put the pages back on the desk."

"By the position of the pictures on the film, Featherly photographed the confession before Van Arden murdered Zorane. Van Arden must have come in while Zorane was still unconscious. Or when he came in Zorane told him Barney had left him unconscious. Somehow Van Arden knew it or he couldn't have hoodwinked you so cleverly, Barney. One glance at the desk was enough to show Van Arden what Zorane was up to and that was that."

"Featherly must have been standing just inside the bedroom in the dark when Van Arden picked up that chair. He took these three pictures before Van Arden saw him, but obviously, not the camera. Featherly got rid of the camera by dropping it under the folded blanket on the foot of the bed. What happened then is pure guesswork. All we know is that Featherly was picked up unconscious in the park at five this morning."

"Come on, Van," Barney said breezily. "Let's have a nice hot statement."

Van Arden's eyebrows went up a little. "You'll get your statement in time."

Barney sat down at the desk and began making notes. He wrote rapidly. His face was flushed and Eric crossed the room to where Sally stood. He said quietly. "You'd better take Coral up to your room. There's something important I want to talk to you about."

The senator got up. He looked better. He said "Eric, I want to have a word with you."

They went out on the porch. The senator grasped Eric by the shoulders and shook him a little. "Eric, I'm proud of you. The way you went about that!"

"Dad," Eric said, "I'm proud of you, too. The way you held that pack of wolves at bay."

(To Be Continued)

Hopeful Air In New Oil Well Area

STAPLES, Ont., 10 — (CP)—An air of hopeful but cautious expectancy mixed with the atmosphere of oil pervaded the atmosphere of this tiny Essex County village today as farmers in the newly-found oil field district pondered the chances of making a healthy profit from the "black gold" without lifting a finger.

There were glints of anticipation and excitement in the eyes of the weatherworn faces, but the folk who till the soil of this farm community are not given to counting chickens before they hatch.

"More bother than I've had in 60 years on this place," snorted 76-year-old Samuel Lynn on whose 100-acre farm just east of the crossroads heart of Staples the rusher came in with a whoosh and rumble of thunder last Monday night.

He didn't want to lease oil and gas rights on his farm when the Imperial Oil Company advance men, planning "the most important development in oil in Ontario's history," came around last spring.

They offered him five dollars for a nickel an acre at first. He wouldn't listen so they upped the offer to 50 cents an acre. That was \$50 in all. His resistance softened.

The oil company says the well on Mr. Lynn's farm has a daily flow of 144 barrels, of which Mr. Lynn will receive the price of one barrel in eight as a royalty besides a share of the 300,000 cubic feet of gas produced daily as a by-product.

At Thursday's price of \$3.20 a barrel, Mr. Lynn stood to receive something like more than \$21,000 a year besides the \$50 for his lease.

Not overconfident about the wells, Mr. Lynn recalls that there were oil wells in the neighborhood 35 or 40 years ago. While some farmers made money on them for a time, they didn't last long and nobody got rich.

His son, Arthur, who shares the profits and work on the farm will also get half the proceeds from the well.

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Wartime Device May End Jolts On Fast Trains

By WILLIAM G. SMOCK
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 10 — (AP)—A "first cousin" of the wartime gadget which enabled tank gunners to fire accurately at high speeds over bumpy terrain soon may give the railroad dining car a "cushion" against drink-spilling jolts.

The new device is a revolutionary shock absorber. Eventually, it may also be applied to buses and passenger automobiles.

Created for war use, the absorber was called tank gun stabilizer. It won a presidential citation for its inventor, Dr. Clinton R. Hanna, who also developed its first cousin, the railroad shock absorber.

Railroad engineers made substantial contribution to adapting the device to trains, said Dr. Hanna, associate director of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's research laboratories.

The invention, now being road-tested by one of the nation's leading railroads, is designed to eliminate more than 60 per cent of the bumps and sway caused by track irregularities.

Its backers hope it will enable trains to take curves at 25 per cent greater speeds "without so much as splashing a drop of coffee from a full cup in the diner. The result, they say, will be faster train schedules at greater comfort.

The tank gun stabilizer that helped Allied soldiers blast Rommel at El Alamein had a gyroscope to do its brainwork, but the vehicle stabilizer depends jointly on floating weights that feel up-and-down motion, and a pendulum that senses the pull of centrifugal force and gravity.

Intricate Mechanism

"Working together or separately, these two elements can detect and respond to bumps or side-sway in just three one-thousandths of a second, thus anticipating the movement and correcting for it before it is felt by the passengers," Dr. Hanna explained.

The stabilizer automatically moves car trucks or bus wheels up and down to compensate for bumps in the road surface and train wheels are moved from side to side to correct for track weaving.

A "tilter" banks the car as it rounds curves.

Dr. Hanna simplifies the operation of his invention this way: "When the car comes to a bump or dip, the floating weight instantly senses the motion of the body as it begins. This movement opens one valve and the air rushes in, causing oil under high pressure to flow into the proper cylinder. The pumping of oil drives the piston in the cylinder with just enough force in the right direction to counteract the bump and hold the car body virtually motionless."

"What actually happens is that the wheels are pushed down into the rails and a raised over the peaks while the car floats on a cushion of oil in the cylinder. The same type of suction moves the wheels right or left to correct for side-sway and the car body moves forward in a straight line."

Somewhat like his new shock absorber, Dr. Hanna's career also has been well regulated. He has invented a 25-year-old way with Westinghouse Laboratories largely to developing apparatus regulating speed, position and electrical voltage. He has about 100 patents in his own name.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 10 — It has been estimated that the increased birth rate in Britain, plus the rise in the school leaving age from 14 to 15, would result in an increase of about 80,000 in school by 1952.

What was not foreseen when the Ministry of Education, alarmed by the war, decided to establish a chain of emergency training colleges, was that 108,000 applications for admission would be received. Of these 85,000 were from men. Thirty-six thousand have been accepted and no further applications from men will be entertained. It is announced.

Under the Ministry's scheme 89 emergency teacher training colleges have been opened in two and a half years in England and Wales—these in addition to 136 university training departments and permanent teacher training colleges already existing.

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