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MARK A. CHEEVER DIES IN MAPLEWOOD

One of the Oldest Members of Maplewood Methodist Church has Resided at East Side for Over 60 Years. Born at North Wiltshire, P. E. I. Mrs. Mary Ada (Cook) Cheever, widow of Lilburn H. Cheever, Malden Mass., passed away at her home this morning after a three months illness aged 79 years. The deceased was a native of North Wiltshire, P. E. I. the daughter of James and Mary Jane (Damerall) Cook. She came to Malden to reside in 1877 and was married in Maplewood since. She was married Dec. 18, 1879 to Mr. Cheever by Rev. Wm. P. Ober at that time pastor of the Maplewood Congregational church. She had made Maplewood her home for over 60 years, residing at her present address 20 years and previously on Field St. and Broadway. Mr. Cheever passed away on August 16, 1938. Mrs. Cheever was one of the oldest members of the Maplewood Methodist Church and was active for many years in the work of the Ladies Aid Society. She is survived by one son, Walter L. Cheever of Santa Barbara Cal., three daughters, Miss Jessie L. Cheever and Mrs. Grace C. Best of 38 Granite St. and Mrs. Agnes M. Duffy of Milwaukee; also 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and the interment was at Forest Dale.

Life Insurance February Report

TORONTO, March 7 — Nearly \$31,000,000 of new ordinary life insurance was sold in Canada and Newfoundland in February, according to returns compiled by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau, and given out today by the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association. Detailed sales by provinces, based on returns by 18 companies having 87% of the total insurance in force, exclusive of group and wholesale insurance, annuities, reinsurance, revivals, etc., were as follows:— British Columbia \$ 2,546,000 Alberta 1,428,000 Saskatchewan 806,000 Manitoba 1,792,000 Ontario 12,561,000 Quebec 8,307,000 New Brunswick 699,000 Nova Scotia 1,306,000 Prince Edward Island 143,000 Newfoundland 291,000 Total \$30,879,000

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POLICE COURT — At police court yesterday a man charged with disorderly conduct was remanded till Saturday. A non-support case was adjourned for a week. A prohibition case was adjourned till this morning.

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JOINS FLEET AIRCRAFT — The many friends of Ronnie Robertson, Mermaid, will be interested to learn that he has accepted a position with the Fleet Aircraft Co. of Port Erie, Ontario, and will leave for there on Friday morning. The president of this company, Capt. J.W. Sanderson will be remembered by many here as one of the flight commanders in the Flying Circus that visited Charlottetown in 1931. He was also one of the participants in the Goodwill Tour of 1933. Capt. Sanderson was a member of the same flying squadron as Ronnie's father Major A.S. Robertson, in France, during the latter part of the Great War.

Murder's removes stains.

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Gervaise Leverton regarded his wife across the rim of his glass and there was a queer little smile on his lips. "I don't think I should like to be tied up at the House," he said, "about early morning. I've got time in some constituency opening bazaars in the winter and crowning the village queen in the summer. You know how I'd hate that, my dear. I'm quite happy with the dogs. They'd miss me, too."

Muriel Leverton sighed. Gervaise was a difficult person to handle. He was so easily satisfied. A man with no ambition. However, she was determined to keep pegging away at him. One of these days, she decided, she would ask Lord Rostrum to slip down for a week-end and get him to explain to Gervaise that the country needed such men as he to direct the nation's affairs which, as everyone knew were in a terrible mess-up what with all the unrest in Europe and no one ever knowing what other countries would be up to next.

Gervaise got down his glass and yawned. He wanted to be up and about early morning. He had promised the dogs to take them for a scamper to Highman's Spinney. "Ready, my dear?" he inquired. Muriel Leverton nodded and arose from her chair at the fireside. Gervaise was still thinking about the dogs as he opened the door of his room with Muriel a step or two behind him. He stood aside to allow her to enter. He was always punctilious about this. His wife smiled as she moved past him and then he saw her pause abruptly. Her body stiffened and a queer little cry escaped her lips. The case containing the celebrated Leverton Diamond was broken and empty.

Realizing immediately that Muriel Leverton had never been a hysterical woman, Gervaise almost snatched forward impelled by a sudden anxiety. "CRIMSON CLOAK AGAIN" The shock of discovering the empty case at first numbed him. It was like experiencing a happening that you had never dreamed of. The moment of sheer unbelief paralyzed the nerve-centres. Gervaise Leverton's lower jaw hung down limply. His eyes bulged. He moved forward slowly stiffly as an automaton moves. The glass case which was about twelve inches square and eight inches in depth had one side completely demolished and the velvet pad on which the diamond had laid was bare. Muriel Leverton was the first to regain composure after the shock. She appeared to thaw into animation. "Pull yourself together, Gervaise spluttered. Muriel Leverton was accustomed

to taking charge of situations if not similar to this one, at least those demanding a certain amount of ready generalship and a subjugation of panic. "The only fact we have at the moment, Gervaise," she announced, walking around the smashed case, "is that your diamond has disappeared, and I suppose we ought to do something about it. The question is: 'What?'"

"I wish you wouldn't talk like that, Gervaise," she said irritably. "What's the use of talking about electric alarms and all that? Whoever took the diamond must have made certain that no alarm would ring. Might I suggest you examine the pedestal on which the case is still resting?"

Gervaise felt suitably admonished. His eyes strayed to the base of the metal pedestal and there he saw that the carpet had been cut away slightly around the base and protruding he could see a piece of wire that certainly should not have been there. In a moment he was down on his knees and from that undignified position he looked up at Muriel. "The wire's been cut. Out clean, in fact. Looks as if someone knew the secret of the case, Muriel. But at that moment Muriel Leverton was not looking at her husband on the floor. Her eyes had strayed along the room and had eventually fixed themselves on something flung on a chair at the far side of the bedroom between the fire-poster and the window. Without commenting on Gervaise's remark she crossed the room and picked from the chair a crimson velvet cloak. "If Muriel Leverton had been self-possessed before, her composure deserted her as she gazed at the cloak in her hand. She felt herself trembling slightly. How long ago was it since she had worn a velvet cloak—a crimson cloak... just like this one?"

"The years seemed to spin backwards," she explained, hesitatingly. "In here?" Gervaise queried, mystified. "How could it have got in here?" "That's what I'm trying to think," she temporized, her brain working quickly. "I think I'd better phone the police," said her husband, practically. "We're wasting an unconscionable amount of time here. Better leave things to the police. They know best." "Stop!" Muriel Leverton's voice sounded almost menacing. "Not yet, Gervaise. I want to tell you that this cloak had brought back some queer memories and I'm wondering if it's been left here on purpose. A kind of warning, if you understand."

"Afraid I don't," admitted Gervaise. "I don't see any connection between a red cloak and the theft of a diamond." "Don't you? Remember Olive and all that hateful business?" The colour left the man's face. "You don't think that Olive...?" "Someone must have left a cloak behind," she explained, hesitatingly. "In here?" Gervaise queried, mystified. "How could it have got in here?" "That's what I'm trying to think," she temporized, her brain working quickly. "I think I'd better phone the police," said her husband, practically. "We're wasting an unconscionable amount of time here. Better leave things to the police. They know best." "Stop!" Muriel Leverton's voice sounded almost menacing. "Not yet, Gervaise. I want to tell you that this cloak had brought back some queer memories and I'm wondering if it's been left here on purpose. A kind of warning, if you understand."

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him. Better let me phone the police. Muriel Leverton was reluctant. At last she said: "Oh, very well. But Gervaise, will you promise me to say nothing at all about this cloak? I've a very special reason, you understand." "But my dear, it might be important," her husband began to protest. "We'll see how far the police go first," Muriel conceded. "The diamond's insured, so there's little cause to worry on that score. As regards the other matter I mentioned I want time to think. It's just possible that there will be a perfectly reasonable explanation for this crimson cloak." Gervaise was at the door. "Very well," he agreed, "but I tell you now, I don't like the idea. It's highly dangerous." Muriel Leverton watched her husband leave the room and disappear down the corridor. Carefully she folded the crimson cloak and hurried with it into her room. (To be continued)

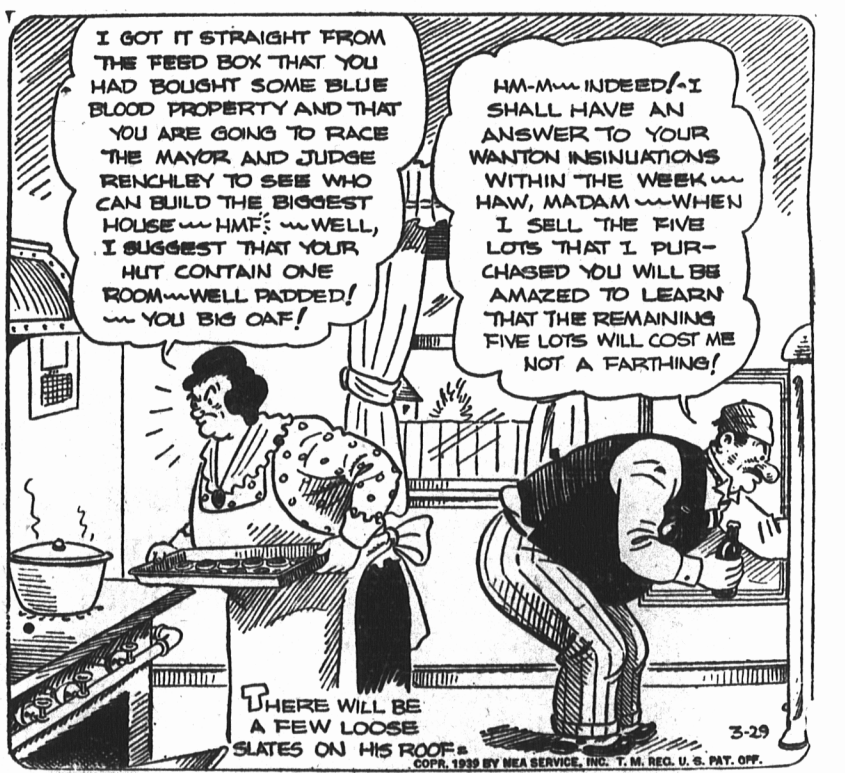
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