



William Christianson, 17-year-old boy from Oakville, Ont., has been charged on 50 counts of housebreaking. He "came clean" and admitted thefts which took place last year. The young "Raffles, Jr." was caught breaking into a house in East York township. Value of loot, which includes bonds, clothing, jewelry and petty amounts of cash, has been estimated at \$70,000. Here Christianson is being led away to jail at Port Credit, Ont., by P.C. J. Price. He lived quietly at home, and operated from a rented room down town.

Victoria, the Village by the Sea

Friend of Mr. Arthur Bartlett, River Hebert, N.S., are sorry to learn of his illness at his summer cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Pierce, Charlottetown, are spending a pleasant two weeks vacation at the Orient Hotel, Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Malpeque Road, Charlottetown, were recent visitors to Victoria, guests of Mrs. Spencer's cousin, Mrs. Fred Inman and Mr. Inman.

Mrs. E. H. Wright has returned to spend the summer in Victoria at her home here. She will be joined later by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Bell and other relatives who will vacation with her.

Mrs. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacBeth have returned to residence at their summer home here, being gladly welcomed by their friends who are always happy to see these genial folks return to our shores.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the newly appointed rector of the Church of England, Crapaud, Mrs. Armstrong and family have taken up residence in the new rectory there and are being cordially welcomed to our midst.

Misses Ethel and Mary Inman have returned to Crapaud to spend the summer months at their home there, and are being welcomed back by their many friends who are always pleased to see them return.

Friends here of Mrs. Beecher Inman, DeSable, are sorry to learn she met with a regrettable accident recently, falling in her own home and injuring her hip and now a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital, Charlottetown, where at latest reports she was resting comfortably.

Tourists and visitors are now flocking to the Village by the Sea and availing themselves of every opportunity to enjoy the delightful bathing offered free at any of the shores around the village and also partake of the hospitality offered by this "big family" who look forward from year to year to welcoming one and all who come to spend a vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cameron, Victoria's "grand old couple" are to be congratulated on their sixtieth wedding anniversary which they celebrated recently. They are both still going strong and enjoying the comforts of their cosy home in the village. May they live many more years together in the sincere wish of their many friends.

Miss Jean Gordon, Social Welfare Worker, Nelson, B.C., has returned to Nelson after a very enjoyable visit with her mother, Mrs. Donald Gordon, Appin Road, the Island. Miss Gordon made the lengthy trip both ways by air, stopping over to visit with friends in Okanagan and with her uncle, Mr. Peter Gordon in West Somerville, Mass. She thoroughly enjoyed travelling by air and was loud in her praises of the beauty and enjoyment of the scenery and climate of British Columbia and as much taken up with her work there.

Rev. Mr. Sheen sang very feelingly "Above The Bright Blue". The pallbearers were Messrs. Howard Bonness, Earl Rodd, Gordon Bennett, Brenton Ramsay, John E. Mountain and Hudson Pridham. Beautiful flowers bore silent testimony to the esteem in which Mrs. Pridham was held. Left to mourn the loss of a loving mother are her two sons, Colwill and Arthur at home, and her daughter, Dora (Mrs. Earl Rodd) predeceased her by twelve years and also her husband by fourteen months.

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AFRICA FLIGHT

By Val Gleiga

"So you haven't learned your lessons, Carol," he said at last. "You still reduce everything in an adventure to the personal. Now get this into your pretty head once and for all! I didn't give you a thought when I shot Antony Southern down, except as a mouth that needed so many pints of water. His relations with you never entered my head. He had committed an unforgivable crime. That was all. A man who steals water on a desert march has to die. There's no choice."

"I was glad to have the chance of having to fight him to get his gun. If I'd had a gun myself, I wouldn't even have taken that much gamble. If I'd caught you at those water-bottles I'd have killed you just as cold-bloodedly," told you you didn't begin to know the first thing about adventuring, Carol. Adventuring means dealing with circumstances where there aren't any laws or police to keep the necessary rules for you. What is called murder in England may be an obvious simple necessity in the middle of the Sahara. That's the beginning and the end of it."

With an impulsive movement Carol held out her hand.

"I'm sorry Rupert," she said. "I've been a fool."

But Larrimore made no move to take it.

"What are you going to do with yourself?" she asked.

"What's necessary and obvious." "But what did they say at—Scotland Yard?"

"Very little. They're only 'making charges,' you see. I rather gathered they were really very keen to help the French extradite me, and—or gullotine me, I suppose."

"Rupert?"

"They're got to communicate with the French again—I gather it's all rather complicated. In a little while I shall be given a hint that if I took myself off and left no address—"

"And you're going, of course." "Larrimore grinned.

"I'm afraid it's not so heroic, I know. But then I'm not a hero. I never was—except in your imagination, my dear. And the local police change his spots at my age. I shall just save everyone a good deal of embarrassment—your father in particular—by quietly fading out."

"I've been a fool," Carol slowly. "Another adventure."

"Put it that way if you like—it sounds better than saving one's skin by running away. I shall take a plane from Heston tonight. There are still quite a lot of countries where an extradition warrant doesn't run: Turkey, India and some of the South American States."

Carol went close up to him and put both hands on his shoulders.

"Listen, my dear," he began, "you don't know."

"I know everything at last. Tell me honestly, if you can, that you don't want me to come!"

"I told you I was not a hero, Carol. I'm a normal human lonely man. And I happen to love you. I won't lie about that even to save you, myself. Of course I want you. But I won't take you into this—"

"You will, if I can convince you that my eyes are open!" Larrimore wrenched away from her savagely. "They're not open!" he said violently. "They can't be. You can't know what this is going to mean. I've next to no money. I shall have to take a job flying, probably military flying, in one of those tuppenny-halfpenny reefer planes with a filthy climate."

"The people who might just sympathize with me with things as you are, will curse me for a coward because I won't get away from each other. We shall be hating each other. Just because we shall be so hideously dependent upon each other for everything—"

He broke off, and looked at the girl with eyes grown touchingly and desperately haggard.

"I'm still coming," said Carol. Behind them the door opened quietly, and Cynthia Wright came in. "I'm sorry to interrupt you," she said, "but Sir George wants you to come and have some dinner, Miss Manson."

Carol laughed a little uncertainly. "Did you hear what we were saying?" she asked.

"I'm afraid I did," said Miss Wright. "I couldn't hear it. I meant to cough—but I was too interested."

Larrimore turned towards the secretary. "Tell her it's madness, Miss Wright," he said urgently. "Oh why not suggest that she tell my father—that'll put a stopper on me," Carol cried.

There was a little silence, then. "I should get off quickly if I were you," said Cynthia Wright.

Larrimore stared at her incredulously. "Do you mean that?" he exclaimed. "Women beat me!" (To be continued)

Ellen's Diary
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pected call to leave us in tears at the carnage in its wake. "Just one gone!" James inquired in a low



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tone some moments ago, and "just one" we replied a bit sadly.

"Now don't forget to keep an eye to your ducks, Ellen!" James had smiled to us and waved a hand in parting as the truck containing him and all the others of the family Alderlea rolled down the driveway this morning on the way to town, leaving us to our own faring. Taking advantage of the respite from the haying, occasioned by the prevailing dampness, the trip was being taken to replenish the ebbing stores of feed, upon which the fattening hogs depend. It turned out that a second outing to the city this afternoon one denied to females, returned a buying of live stock and expressions of highest satisfaction over the purchase.

We found it pleasant indeed to take up the threads of our old record, even if there were toilsome pieces of work in connection. We entered with enthusiasm into a spell of wedding, but soon found it monotonous without a small one to question our actions and to

wonder happily over such things as: "Well, if those are Canterbury Bells, why don't we hear them ring?" or "do bees like yellow roses as good as pink or red ones?" and "where do butterflies keep their babies?" and "do they have grandfathers?" And once after a hopeless tussle and a spell of coaxing: "Well, why doesn't a nice dog like Tippy like to smell flowers?"

Ideal weather conditions has encouraged remarkable growth. Never before has the vegetable garden flourished so well as this year and in the near field the farmers' mangles and turnips that at first were slow in appearing, now are making a promising showing. The potatoes too, in our lessened acreage are apparently putting forth every effort to try to equal those of Mr. C's planting, now filling the rows with their foliage in a sizable field which neighbours his house on the hill. The grain-fields have satiny waves now when caressed by the lightest breeze and

on every hand is a promise to the farmer of full mows and granaries and bins.

"Ah, ha," we chuckled to the family who returned at noon, the light of hunger looming large in their eyes, "you left me alone all morning with never a thought about it—now where are you going to get your dinners?" And granddaughter replied promptly: "At your house!" And so we ate ham of our own curing and eggs of which grand-daughter in a fancy can eat only a little of the white, greens from the garden, ripe tomatoes from the city and for desert carried home as well, ice cream and strawberries, quite as red and luscious but not so abundant as those which after a season of picking one day last week, begged to be gathered from walls and ceilings in our subsequent dreams! Strawberry time is about over; the rose season too except for the petted ones, but along country lanes

the sweet wild petals are dropping and in the fields the glory of the clover and timothy falls before the knives of the mowers. Summer has reached its fullness.

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