

FRIDAY,

Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller

CHAPTER VI
(Continued)

"Sure — why not? Catch 'em at night. You kids help Mother along — I'm going on ahead."

Adelaide said, very blandly, before he swung away. "You know, Dad, Gary's leaving tomorrow... going to Mexico."

Harvey faced about. "No, you're not leaving. You can't go yet. You stick around a while, son, I might need you."

"There," said Adelaide complacently, hanging to Gary's arm. "You see? What did I tell you?"

"Oh, but — look here, Mr. Mason, I can't do that. I've got a job. I've got to get to work. I owe you too much already."

"You've got a job right here till I get the dope on this oil business. You found this oil, didn't you? You stick around till we know what's what."

And Gary Tallman, because he was in love and weak with the knowledge that going away would tear his heart in two, agreed tentatively.

Back in the house, Harvey began thumping through the telephone book frantically. Mona Lee sat, a little collapsed, in a deep chair, her gaze fixed on her feet.

Harvey was shouting into the telephone now. It seemed to Mona Lee that her husband's loud voice never afterward died. When — where there had been quiet and calm — a raucous and confused bedlam ensued — the tension of hurrying men, of snarled orders, of ringing telephones that never seemed to stop ringing, it was as if Harvey's voice had gone on and on, never stopping, never letting peace return.

It was midnight when he hung up at last, his hand triumphant. "Well, I got me some fellows who know their business," he announced. "Had to chase 'em all over Texas and part of Louisiana, but I got 'em. And they'll be out here Friday."

"Friday's hulks," protested Mona Lee faintly. "Not for us. Not if we get those men on the job. Why don't you folks go to bed?"

"What's the use — with you yelling enough to wake the dead? Gary, you go along with me. Not strong yet and you've had a long day."

"How can I sleep?" exclaimed Adelaide, when she burst with excitement. "And it's three days till Friday."

"Roll over and shut your eyes — that's what I'm going to do, announced Harvey, lumbering up. "Tomorrow, I want you kids to drive up to Dallas and get me a good map. That'll keep you busy for one day."

"Let's slip the roosters." Gary grinned lamely, as he staggered up. "Tomorrow," said Adelaide coolly. "I'm going to concentrate on pigs. There are too many of them anyway."

At least, Gary told himself in the morning, he had this day. The sun was golden; the prairie blazed with bloom; bluebonnets brought the sky down and spread it in deep splendor over the earth.

Adelaide had a saucy little curl in front of her ear that blew about in the breeze and danced when she laughed. She sang softly as she drove, and scolded every vagrant dog and Negro jockey driver that slowed down her skimming speed.

Adelaide hurried away. She felt exhilarated and made over new. The sun was brighter, the clean streets of the city shone, and the faces of people she met seemed to wear a brightness, too.

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NAAFI TO THE RESCUE — Enjoying a cup of coffee from one of the NAAFI mobile canteens during a break period at a training camp in Pulo, Germany, are left to right: Pte. Charlie Doyle of Mount Stewart, P.E.I., and Sgt. Sterling MacAulay of Charlottetown, P.E.I. (National Defence Photo)

Schedule For Prime Minister's 11-Country Tour Announced

OTTAWA, (CP) — Details of Prime Minister St. Laurent's six-week, 11-country tour were made public today. They are:

Feb. 4—Leave Ottawa.
Feb. 5-6—London; lunch with Prime Minister Churchill.

Feb. 7-8—Paris; call on President Coty; talks with Premier Joseph Laniel and other ministers; radio broadcast to French people; placing of wreath on tomb of Unknown Soldier; meeting with members of North Atlantic Council.

Feb. 10—Bonn; lunch with President Heuss of West Germany; talks with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer; radio broadcast to French people; placing of wreath on tomb of Unknown Soldier; meeting with members of North Atlantic Council.

Feb. 11—Soest, Germany; visit to Canadian brigade; talk with troops; lunch with brigade officers.

Feb. 12—Gros Touquin, France, and Zwickbrücken, Germany; visit to R.C.A.F. Wings; watch air demonstration; talks with airmen.

Feb. 12-16—Rome; place wreath on tomb of Unknown Soldier; lunch with President Einaudi; conversations with prime minister and other prominent Italians; audience with Pope Sunday, Feb. 14; guest of honor at government banquet; guest of mayor of Rome at reception; lunch at Canadian College.

Feb. 17-21—Pakistan; two days in Karachi, in company of Gen. Murray and Brig. Jean Allard, Commander of 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade; visits to Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Royal 22nd Regiment, the Royal Highlanders of Canada and Royal Canadian Regiment; lunch with "Van Doo's."

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

There's a town in South Wales called Wagga Wagga. A cabbage contains 90% water, eggs 78, poultry 74, butter 15, rice 13, and sugar 5. So you see there's plenty of water in the different foods we eat.

Here are a few old sayings about Christmas weather. A warm Christmas, a cold Easter. Christmas in snow, Easter in wind. A light Christmas, a heavy sheaf. If there is wind on this day there will be much fruit. If the sun shines through the apple tree on this day there will be a good crop in the coming year. Snow at Christmas brings a heavy hay crop next year. A green Christmas makes a fat grassy field.

The behavior of animals often afford an indication of the weather ahead. When a cat turns its back to the fire we should look for a storm; sparrows chattering freely and bunching together means rain is near; bees making short journeys from the hive also indicate wet weather.

Today nearly all civilized countries maintain a network of observation stations for predicting the weather in advance.

We think of frosts in Britain as being mere pipe dreams. Don't believe it. In 1890-1891 a period of heavy frosts visited the British Isles and lasted eight weeks, in January and February of 1895 ice to a thickness of two feet formed on many waters, and the frost of February 1902 was very severe.

Ball lightning is considered a rare phenomenon. Yet this type of lightning is not unknown in the Garden of the Gulf. When this scribe was a young fellow ball lightning occurred during some of our worst thunder storms.

You can distinguish it from forked, sheet-lightning by its luminous ball moving slowly in the air and bursting in coming in contact with some object.

Many of us believe that weather is influenced by the state of the moon. Is it? Scientific research reveals the fact that no connection whatever can be proved — though this does not take away our interest from the old belief.

Here are a few superstitions about the moon and the weather. If you point at the moon, it will fall; a new moon on Sunday is a bad sign, and if the lady of the skies comes in and goes out on the sabbath day nothing but bad weather can be expected.

Versifiers in days gone by gave their forecasts in rhyme. For example:

If the oak's before the ash,
Then you'll only get a splash;
If the ash is before the oak,
Then you may expect a soak.

Then we have Scottish weather rhymes such as the following which is still widely quoted:

When clouds appear like rocks
and towers,
The earth's refreshed with frequent showers.

Another old superstition informs us that pigs are able to see the wind. They get very restless and emit loud grunts just before a rain very similar to the water-spout in the dreaded sandspouts for which the Sahara is noted.

Up until 1951 a tax was payable on all windows in a house that exceeded six in number. To avoid paying this strange tax people living in the mother country closed up some of the windows.

The flesh of the cland is edible and tastes very much like beef. Many migratory birds creep to death against the high walls of the Empire State Building which is often enfolded in early morning fogs. The death to birds from this cause runs into the thousands every year.

Cared birds and aquarium fishes get part of their food supply from Finland 5000 counts of ants are shipped from Finland every year.

Stamps of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII are no longer valid and must not be used for postage nor will the post office repurchase them.

There are two reasons why a hole is placed in the top of a teapot. First, to provide an outlet for steam when pressure becomes too hot. (2) When we pour water from the vessel air can enter through the hole.

Recently the writer received a collection of rocks from Lloyd MacLean of North Wiltsire, which I have found very interesting. The collection consists of 24 stones or pieces, all of which Mr. MacLean has classified under the caption — Rocks of Prince Edward Island." Here, in his own words, is how he has classified the lot.

Rock number 1 has a glassy appearance and is probably impure quartz. No. 2 like No. 1 has a glassy look but shows signs of fine grains and is translucent, permitting light to pass through. No. 3 shows signs of quartz and has a ruddy appearance and also is not strong and compact as rocks 1 and 2. No. 4 lacks the glassy look but has glassy grains which I assume to be mica. It also has gray and white which are respectively feldspar and quartz shale. No. 5 is a reddish impure quartz. No. 6 is reddish-brown in color comprised mostly of feldspar with some mica and quartz. No. 7 This is hard rock, bark-grained of feldspar and quartz. No. 8 Light brown in color. It probably contains feldspar, mica, and hornblende. No. 9 is perhaps my best example of granite as it contains feldspar, quartz hornblende and mica. No. 10, is probably related to granite as it seems to be lacking feldspar, but has an abundance of hornblende, mica and quartz. No. 11 is a form of granite containing feldspar, quartz hornblende, and mica. (Rocks No. 1 and 10 are igneous). No. 12 is an irregularly grained rock believed by me to be sedimentary. No. 13 is a coarse-grained claystone. No. 14 is a sandstone of very fine grain. These are common here. No. 15 This is a gray slate made up of mica and feldspar laid down under considerable pressure. (Rocks No. 10-5 are sedimentary). No. 16 is a metamorphic type with a layer of impure quartz on top of some impure limestone. No. 17 is made up of quartz, mica, hornblende. No. 18 contains quartz, mica, feldspar. No. 21 has quartz, mica, together with a rather fine sandstone. No. 22 is a piece of coal formed from decomposed plants and animals. No. 23 This is a gray lava rock. No. 24 is a black lava rock, porous and very light. No. 25 This is an igneous rock so light that it will float on water. It contains grains which are invisible to the naked eye.

Well, so much for the rocks of P. E. I. and thank you very much Mr. MacLean for letting me look over your fine collection.

FLIES FIGHTER TO RED TERRITORY

TOKYO — (AP) Pyongyang radio said a South Korean air force officer today flew a fighter plane to North Korea.

The Red radio identified him as Second Lieut. Choi Man Chong. The broadcast, monitored in the Korean language in Tokyo gave no details.

A South Korean Air Force pilot some months ago flew a propeller-driven fighter to Communist Korea. The South Korean force has no jets.

One North Korean pilot landed a Russian-built MIG-15 jet at an Allied base last summer. He won a \$100,000 reward offered by the United States Far East command.

DOLLAR UNIT

The decimal system of coinage with the dollar as one unit, was formally adopted in Canada in 1858.

BRONCHIAL COUGH

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Veteran British Labor Leader Continues Active

By Alan Harvey
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — Clement Richard Attlee has been leader of Britain's Labor party for a record 18 years and it looks as though he intends to keep going for a while yet.

The man who presided over the "quiet revolution" of the 1945-50 Labor government celebrated his 71st birthday recently, without dropping any hint of retirement.

His health is reported good and it is a general guess he will still be on hand for the next general election, probably in 1956.

Attlee was elected chairman of the parliamentary Labor party in December, 1935. He was regarded more or less as a stop-gap. But he remained leader longer than anybody else in the party's history.

As prime minister through the difficult post-war years, Attlee enjoyed something less than universal popularity. He was sometimes accused of lacking the quality of firm leadership, of dithering through crises that were among the most severe Britain has faced.

Has Won Admiration

After the Labor defeat of 1951 the picture changed somewhat. Attlee still is criticized at times for

not dealing firmly enough with internal differences in his own party, but his restraint in opposition and obvious patriotism have won admiring comments from Conservatives as well as socialists.

A striking example of the greater general esteem in which Attlee now seems to be held was given last Nov. 20, when he received the freedom of the City. This is the financial heart of London, a community not always appreciative of socialists.

In his speech, Attlee struck an almost Victorian note. "I have thought it my duty to take part in and to further some... changes," he said. "But I would never wantonly destroy things because they are old. I have a love of ancient things."

The same mellow, self-revelatory note, uncharacteristic of the old Attlee, crept into an article he contributed recently to a literary review. In it he admits to a fondness for Jane Austen, Dante, Swinburne and Morris, and says that it was through his enthusiasm for the writings of Meredith and Ruskin that he entered the socialist fold.

FIRST LODGE

Freemasonry in Canada began about 1737 and 1749 when a lodge was instituted at Annapolis Royal, N.S.

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery

Finds Healing Substance That Does Both—Relieves Pain—Shrinks Hemorrhoids

Toronto, Ont. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids and to stop bleeding — without surgery.

In one hemorrhoid case after another, "every striking improvement" was reported and verified by doctors' observations.

Pain was relieved promptly. And, while gentle relieving pain, actual reduction or retraction (shrinking) took place.

And most amazing of all this improvement was maintained in cases where doctors' observations were continued over a period of many months!

In fact, results were so thorough that sufferers were able to make such astonishing statements as "Piles have ceased to be a problem!" And

among these sufferers were a very wide variety of hemorrhoid conditions, some of 10 to 20 years' standing.

All this, without the use of narcotics, anesthetics or strychnin of any kind. The secret is a new healing substance (Bio-Dyne) — the discovery of a world-famous research institution. Already, Bio-Dyne is in wide use for healing injured tissue on all parts of the body.

Now this new healing substance is offered in ointment form for hemorrhoids under the name *Preparation H.* The price is only \$1.19 a tube including an applicator.

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