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THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW — By Fago'y & Shortea

## Slow Boat From Marseilles

By Michael Hastings

(Continued)

"That is satisfactory," he said. "I warn you both to take care that there are not any more regrettable incidents."

Lacoste thought of the two seamen still ashore, and felt apprehensive. But he answered, boldly enough: "There will be no more incidents, doctor."

"We will attend to everything doctor," said Zakas.

"I hope you will—for your own sakes." And with that veiled threat Prinz left the cabin. He made his way to the square opening in the side of the ship and went slowly down the gangway. Once on the quay he stopped to light a cheroot. He wanted to be alone, and to think without fear of interruption.

There were some wooden crates gathered in readiness for being hoisted by derricks and lowered into the vastnesses of some cargo ship's hole. Against one of these he leaned.

Somewhere, a first mate must be discovered. A man with the necessary navigational qualifications, and with some strength of character. Perhaps not quite as strong as Jchansen. But definitely strong enough to master Lacoste—who would most certainly resent him.

Prinz stood up. He had no very clear plan of action. As a beginning he contemplated visiting one or two of the haunts in the vicinity of the docks. Seamen gathered there and there was always the chance that fortune would be kind to him.

He left the docks plunged into the labyrinth of narrow streets and began his research.

THE NEW FIRST MATE

"Le Renard" was the fourth place that Prinz visited. He entered it in a gloomy mood. So far he had not seen anybody who was even worth approaching. There were plenty of seafaring men; but not one who looked like an officer, or who might be made into an officer. "LeRenard" seemed more promising. Some of the men drinking at the small tables were obviously of the officer class. He began to recover his spirits.

He crossed to a long bar and ordered a drink. It cheered him even more to discover that they had Prunelle from Alsace. At the other places he had been forced to drink abominable rubbish; fiery water that seemed to peel the lining off his stomach. As soon as he had obtained his drink and lit the inevitable cheroot, he looked around him. There was a hotch-potch of nationalities gathered at the table and near the bar. Some French, of course. One or two English—no Americans. A few Greeks. Greeks were everywhere. He was definite about that—he did not want a Greek. One was enough. Confound Zakas. If the man had been more of a captain this task would not have been necessary. He promised himself that Zakas should suffer. So should Lacoste. Wait until the voyage began!

Drink in hand, he moved along the bar, looking from one man to another. In the end, he approached a Norwegian, whose English proved inadequate. With a mixture of German, French and English, Prinz managed to convey his meaning. The Norwegian gave a broad smile and shook his head. He had a ship. It was a perfectly good ship. Furthermcre, it was going in the right direction to suit him. His wife had just had a baby. He could hardly wait. To-night, he was drinking to his small son. He was going to be very drunk indeed. Perhaps the American gentleman would drink with him?

It was impossible to refuse without giving offence, so Prinz drank.

"She will call him Thor, after me. ja?"

"To Thor, then Skoal!"

"Skoal!" Prinz said obediently.

Then Prinz lost what little interest he had in the Norwegian. A man, obviously a seaman, equally obviously an officer, came in. He was tall, broad-shouldered, and held himself well. He was clean-shaven, with dancing grey eyes which indicated good humour. But there was something else in them which hinted that it would not be a healthy thing to annoy their owner. The man bore himself with that peculiar assurance which stamps the Englishman.

He'd walk up to the devil himself like that, thought Prinz with grudging admiration. The man would have gone past them; but Thor reached out and grabbed at his sleeve.

"To my small son we drink," he explained, speaking slowly, getting each word out with difficulty. "You drink, too?" Even his accent did not cover his anxiety.

A row of even teeth showed in a lazily good-humoured smile.

"Of course we'll drink to him. We'll drink to him being an even bigger and better man than his father."

It took the Norwegian a few seconds to follow this; then he burst into vigorous, delighted laughter.

"By God! A good wish that is!" he declared.

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## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Lizards abound everywhere and the species are very numerous. There are those of the land, the water, etc. Every district has its kind; but they swarm in the desert places, while some frequent cultivated plains, and others the forests. . . . The hog was adored as a female deity in ancient Egypt, and was the symbol of regeneration. In the Book of Revelations hogs represent uncleanness. . . . Mana (What is it?) is a small white seed which tastes like wafer and honey. It comes from the tamarisk trees near the Arabian desert. The Arabs collect it before sunrise, boil and then strain it for eating; melts as soon as the sun rises. . . . Barley is the most universal cereal in the world, because it can be grown in countries where wheat and oats will not thrive.

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The native soap of Palestine is made from olive oil and potash, and dates back from the remotest antiquity. . . . Tahrets were sounded in Bibical days to drown the cries of human victims sacrificed by fire, in the famous Valley of Hinnom. The furnace itself was called topbeth, and in Job XVII-6 the word means an abomination. . . . Beggars in Palestine scrape their teeth with their thumb nails, and then show the clean nails to those from whom they beg, as an evidence that no food has passed their lips that day. . . . Whales give birth to their young alive, just as a sheep does, and nurse them with milk. Some baby whales are 22 ft. long at birth and weigh up to seven tons. Some baby! . . . The monkey wrench was named for its inventor, Charles Monkey, and not after the jungle animal by that name, as many persons believe. . . . Sixty years ago passenger pigeons were quite numerous, but today not a single living specimen remains in the U. S. A. The last one died on September 1st, 1914, at the Cincinnati Zoo. Mounted, it now rests at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

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The following birds are known as "tree surgeons": Brown creeper, downy woodpecker, black capped chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch and the golden-crowned kinglet — all live on destructive insects and their larvae. . . . Although surrounded by water, there is no drinking water to be had on the island of Capri. It is imported from Naples at a dollar a ton. . . . In 1948, Canadians smoked fifteen billion cigarettes which cost approximately $285,000,000. 66 per cent of these cigarettes were smoked by city folk and only 34 per cent by country people. . . . If you smoke one pack a day, you inhale 840 cubic centimeters of tobacco tar in a year. In other words, your throat and lungs feel the effects of 15 cocktail glasses of tobacco tar containing henzo-pyrene. . . . The Engelmann beetles work in pairs, a thousand pairs have been known to attack a single spruce tree. The female lays about 150 eggs in the inner bark, and the male mixes the baring dust with the pitch and packs it around the eggs to protect them. When the family gets down to work the juices of the tree are completely cut off.

## THE STARS

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events may upset all plans, calculations, hopes and desires. While the energies, emotions and plans may reach high marks of confusion and stimulation, the judgment may not be able to cope with complications. It may take shrewd and well-played strategies to meet the subtleties, intrigues and curious situations.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may find themselves immersed in such circumstances, adventures and contacts as to be breathtaking and bewildering. All phases of life seem to be immersed in a whirlwind of commotion, contradiction and hectic adventures render the mentality and sane judgment "nil." The best procedure to meet the onslaught is to keep calm, balanced and resort to strategies, or to grasp at any wisp of security in a mesh of complications. Able management, finesse, might avert danger and beget thrills and safe anchorage in a sea of bewilderment.

A child born on this day may have multifarious traits, conflict, imaginative, emotional, idealistic as well as practical and capable.

## That Body Of Yours

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(66 per cent cures and 24 per cent improvement) other methods of treating asthma (removal of substances causing allergy, correcting defects of nose and throat and immediate use of a hypodermic injection of adrenalin, epinephrine) should be remembered.

Recently an effect somewhat similar to that obtained by breathing exercises was reported by an Italian physician, Dr. D'Asaro. The method consists of pushing up the abdominal organs with one or both hands at any level of the abdomen on one or both sides at the same time while the patient lies partly on side and back or in a sitting or standing position This, as we think of it, is much like the breathing exercises pushing diaphragm up against the lungs.

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## Baxter-Trainor Wedding

The wedding took place in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario, on August 5, of Marjorie Genevieve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Trainor, Charlottetown, P. E. I., to Thomas Edward Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Baxter, of Hamilton, the Rev. Father Flaherty officiating. Mrs. Gordon L. Burjaw was at the organ, and Mr. Burjaw sang. In the absence of her father, the bride was given away by Mr. George Oliver.

She wore a graceful gown with long veil, and carried Sweetheart roses. Attending her sister, Miss Joan Trainor was in pale green taffeta, and her nosegay was of gladioli. Miss Patricia Walton, cousin of the groom, was junior bridesmaid, in pale yellow organdy, with a harmonising nosegay.

Mr. Fred Oliver was best man, and Messrs. Robert Walton and Arthur Oliver, ushers.

About fifty guests attended the reception at the Fountain Tea-room. Miss Zeta Trainor received for the bride's mother, dressed in navy and white.

Leaving on a honeymoon to the Bruce Peninsula, the bride was attired in pale green and grey. The couple will live at 44 Florence Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

## McGovern-Gallant Wedding

Wedding bells pealed forth in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto, on Monday, August 4th when Pearl Katherine McGovern, St. John, N.B. became the bride of Edmund Joseph Gallant, Pisville, P.E.I. Rev. Father Lawylar joined the youthful couple in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The bride given in marriage by Mr. Leo Deigle was very charmingly attired in a gown of white slipper satin styled with sweetheart neckline adorned with tiny lace rosettes. The flared skirt ended in a slight train. A coronet of seed pearls held her fingertip veil of tulle illusion and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white gladiolis with maiden hair fern.

The bride's attendant, Mrs. Lawrence Gallant, was attired in pink jersey and carried a bouquet of pink roses and gladioli with maiden-hair fern. The groom was supported by his brother Lawrence.

Following the wedding ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served to the immediate friends of the bride and groom.

The young couple were recipients of many useful and beautiful gifts along with a sum of money. On their honeymoon trip they motored to Niagara Falls.

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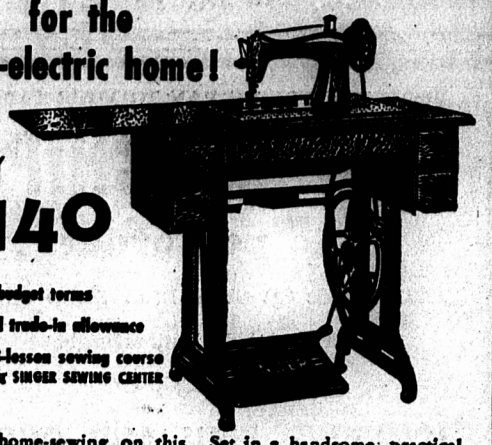

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## Dempsey-Carruthers Nuptials

A very pretty wedding took place at Glebe Rd. United Church in Toronto, when Miss Kathleen Doris Carruthers, daughter of Mrs. Ben. B. Dumville and the late Garfield Carruthers of Howlan, exchanged marriage vows with Thomas Wm. Dempsey, son of Mrs. A. Thornton, 170 Roswell Ave., Toronto on Friday, July 28, at 7 p. m., with the Rev. E. H. Parr officiating.

The bride was beautifully gowned in powder blue organza with white flowers, and with a band of powder blue assorted flowers with blue finger-tip veil. Her corsage was of white gardenias with back ground of baby's breath and gladioli tips with white accessories.

The bridesmaid, Miss Mae Harris of Toronto, was dressed in mauve organza with white figuring with a head band of light mauve lilacs with covering of white veiling over the flowers.

Her corsage was of pink gardenias with a background of baby's breath and gladioli tips with white accessories.

The groom was supported by Mr. Harold Fraser. After the ceremony a reception was held, with relatives and friends attending, after which the happy couple left on a two weeks honeymoon trip to different places in Ontario.


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