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**The Unlatched Door**

By Frank Price  
 CHAPTER ELEVEN  
 Continued

He went back to the beginning and read it again, his face hard and his brows gathered into a frown. The mockery in the phrase "son and heir for what it's worth, of Matthew," set his blood pounding with anger. He looked up to find the inspector watching him keenly and flicked the paper back across the table with a gesture of disgust.

"I should think you guessed how I felt about him from that!" he said. "You might also have known that though he was aware of my feelings I had never told him of them."

"He doesn't say so." The inspector took up the letter and glanced at it.

"Not in so many words, but he does say that he only knew of my being in London by having seen me last night and that he didn't know if I meant to make trouble."

"Do you mean that he would have known if you had spoken to him?"

"He certainly would!" Roy laughed. "Perhaps it's lucky for me that his letter proves we hadn't actually met!"

"It certainly does seem to indicate that," said Kenway, laying down the paper and transferring his gaze to Roy again. "At least, up to the time when his writing was interrupted."

"What's that?" Roy sat up suddenly. "Are you suggesting—?"

"I'm not suggesting anything, Mr. Hemersley; but you spoke of proof and I simply stated for my own satisfaction exactly how much that letter does seem to prove on the point. No doubt you can give a perfectly harmless account of your actions last night after Borden saw you at the Bol-dovinia."

"Of course I can!" Roy began confidently, but stopped abruptly. The inspector waited watchfully and for some seconds the two men faced each other across the table. Presently Roy gave a rather rueful laugh. "I've seen a rather barged into the lion's den and showed my head smacks between his jaws!" he said. "I never thought when I came here after seeing that you could possibly be suspecting me."

"I wasn't," said Inspector Kenway.

"You weren't?" Roy looked into the grave, watchful face and felt that it's owner had spoken truly. "But how are you feeling about it now?"

"That you will be wise for your own sake to give as full an account as possible of your movements after Borden saw you last night. Of course, you can refuse—"

"Is that the official warning?"

"Oh, no. I merely want you to understand the position."

"Which is, that I had better establish a cast iron alibi if I can!" Roy laughed ruefully again. "One hears so much about alibis in talkies, books and plays, but I never thought I should want one. And, if all one does hear is true, they are tricky things to handle! How much time have I to cover?"

"The body was found at approximately seven minutes past two a. m."

"Then I'm scuppered first pop! I went to bed at 1:35 and was asleep in ten minutes, but how can I prove it? I'm a perfectly respectable single man and have nobody to tuck me up and sit by my side because I'm afraid of the dark."

"Where do you live?"

"In a boarding-house—176, Whittington Street, West Kensington."

"Say fifteen minutes away from Darnley Mansions. If you can prove you went to bed as you say, you should be all right at that end."

"That's solid. I was talking to a couple of the other boarders for about half an hour and we went upstairs together."

"That should be good enough. What time did you get in?"

"Round about one. I found the others yawning in the lounge."

"And between the time Borden

saw you and then? Do you know when he did see you, by the way?"

"It must have been, between half-past ten and eleven."

"You had seen him, then?"

"Some time before that. I saw him at once when he came in with three other people."

"Two men and a woman?"

"Yes."

"Did you know them—any of them?"

"Never set eyes on one of them before and don't want to again. The men were as lousy-looking a pair as I ever saw; just the sort Borden would tie up with. The girl was all right to look at—but as I told you, I am a respectable single man!"

The inspector nodded. (To be continued.)

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**Hawks Move Into City, Declare War On Citizens**



When Mrs. Victor Caswell, right, goes for a walk near her Toronto home these days she carries a club to defend herself from the dive-bombing tactics of two night-hawks. The birds, with 20-inch wing spans, have made several raids on her and clouded her with their wings. When she called for help, the birds gave a demonstration for photographers and spectators, swooping close into the exploding flashlight bulbs and diving within inches of the heads of citizens, most of whom — unequipped for air warfare—ducked for cover.

**Seek To Speed Up Officer Supply**

OTTAWA, July 23 — (CP) — The Defence Department has disclosed that in an anxious search for officers it has decided to allow cadets in the services colleges and universities to cut their courses sharply before qualifying for commissions in certain fields.

Badly in need of leaders for the expanding forces, the Department issued new details of the scheme under which it will subsidize the education of young men who agree to serve three years in the regular forces on graduation.

There are two main fields, would-be line (general duty) or executive officers on the one hand and technical and specialist officers on the other.

In either case, a student at one of the services colleges or members of the university military training plans may apply for government help after one year at his own expense.

In the first group, the Government will finance an extra year of study and then the man can join the regular forces instead of doing two more years of studying. In the second group, the Government will finance an extra three years of study.

This subsidized plan is in addition to the normal plan under which young men go through colleges — Royal Military College and Royal Roads — on their own or on scholarships and then decide whether they want to join the regular forces or not.

**May Be Disease Free By August 19**

REGINA, July 23 — (CP) — Canada may be declared free of foot-and-mouth disease August 19, Agriculture Minister J. G. Gardiner said in a statement released here Tuesday.

Mr. Gardiner said that provided no new signs of the disease are discovered, Canada will be declared free of the disease and quarantine regulations on the quarantined and buffer zone areas surrounding Regina will be lifted August 19.

He said animals may be brought onto individual quarantined premises for the purpose of re-stocking under permit. The animals would be kept under observations by Federal veterinarians until Aug. 19.

Then, "In the absence of any indication of disease either among such animals or elsewhere in the controlled areas, all controls and restrictions, including the operation of disinfection stations on highways leading from controlled areas, will be discontinued and Canada will be declared free of foot-and-mouth disease," Mr. Gardiner said.

**Says Eisenhower Only "Front" For Same Old Party**

CHICAGO, July 23 — (AP) — Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tuesday labelled Republican nominee Dwight D. Eisenhower only a front for shrewd forces who "want the same old Republican Party changed in nothing but the clothes it wears."

The Republican leadership, Rayburn said in his prepared address upon taking over as permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention, wants "an America where they are in power and the people are out in left field."

"The Republican leadership tells you that you ought to change," Rayburn said. "I suggest that you treat this proposition with deep distrust."

"What they ask of you is a modest request from their point of view. It is only that you trade your new car for an old buggy; swap your television set for a magic lantern; jump from the bed into a strait-jacket of uncertainty."

Again, he said: "The American people are not going to trade prosperity for promises."

**Gives Up Try At Channel Swim**

FOLKESTONE, Kent, England, July 23 — (AP) — Egyptian swimmer Mustafa Dawoud, 19, a Cairo radioman, gave up Tuesday on this season's first try at the English Channel.

Ten hours and 45 minutes after starting at Cap Gris Nez, he was about six miles short of the English coast—and swimming the wrong way. His coach blamed compass failure in his escort motorboat for the misdirection and failure.

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