

Thrilling Mystery Story In 30 chapters

THE GREEN SHADOW

by HERMAN LONDON

INSTALMENT XXXIX

Conclusion

Summers was peering craftily at the old man. "Tell me this," he said suspiciously. "If Ferryman wasn't present when his wife was murdered, how do you explain that I found a piece of green-stained lens in the room where she died?"

"Oh," said Axelson, a sickly smile hovering about his lips, "that happened afterward. We had an argument about what to do with the body. Ferryman struck me, and I struck back."

Summers nodded as if satisfied with the explanation.

Dale smiled at an odd recollection. He recalled the little scene in the restaurant when he had caught Ferryman's glasses as they fell. He had noticed the green stain, but the thought of associating Ferryman with the evil enterprises of Dr. Moffett had been too staggering, and in the stress and rush of subsequent events he had almost forgotten the episode.

"Well," Summers grumbled, addressing Ferryman again, "there

was one man you didn't fool, and that was Ainsworth. He fooled you."

"Paul?" the girl exclaimed. "Ainsworth?" Dale echoed. The captain scratched his sturdy chin. He looked quizzically at Miss Castle. "Ferryman was working some sort of scheme against your father, wasn't he?"

The girl started and turned white. "It was just a frame-up," Dale hastened to say. "You know how he tried to frame me. He tried to work the same sort of stunt on Mr. Castle, except that his motive was different. He hoped to get money out of Mr. Castle."

Summers narrow gaze travelled from Dale to the girl. "Well, anyhow Mr. Castle must have been worried. And you were worried, too, Miss Castle. Ainsworth noticed it, but you wouldn't tell him what the trouble was, and so he started out to find out for himself. It seems his intentions were good. He was plied because you wouldn't tell him, and he wanted to help you. He bribed one of your servants to keep his eyes open and report to him what was going on."

"Wambley!" Adele exclaimed. She looked quickly at Dale. "And we thought—"

"An all-round comedy of errors," Dale murmured with a rueful sort of smile.

"And he also got around somebody in your father's office," Summers went on. "Ainsworth seems to be the sort that gets what he goes after."

"Oh, he is!" said Adele in a queer voice.

"It seems he intercepted a letter," Summers went on, still watching the girl narrowly. "It was signed by Dr. Moffett, but it didn't tell much. It was just a lot of mysterious hints. Well, to cut a long story short, Ainsworth got on Moffett's trail. He did things his own way. He couldn't learn much as an outsider, so he joined Dr. Moffett's crew. Just how he worked it I can't tell you. Maybe he'll explain later. Anyhow, he got on the inside of Dr. Moffett's gang and pretended to work with it."

"Just like him!" Adele exclaimed. "And he never told me. But then, and her face fell, 'I couldn't expect to—'"

"But even on the inside he couldn't find out much," Summers continued. He never saw Dr. Moffett's face to face, but he had talks with him. That's where the mask and the green light came in handy. Being a newcomer, he wasn't let into the secrets of the gang. They didn't quite trust him, and they threw dust in his eyes. It seems Dr. Moffett has a brother who is the ugliest man in the world."

"Oh!" Dale exclaimed. "That explains a little."

"The brother is straight, even if his face would stop a freight. Ferryman doesn't like him. The brother knows something about his crooked work and has tried to stop him. Half jokingly, Ferryman has scattered hints now and then that his brother is Dr. Moffett."

"He told me the first time I saw him," Adele remarked, "that one of the reasons why he didn't want to show his face is that he is the ugliest man in the world."

"Yes, that seems to be one of his little jokes. He has several. Partly to tickle his own sense of humor and partly to fool Ainsworth, he dropped a lot of discreet hints to the effect that the Picaroon and Dr. Moffett were the same person."

The captain turned to Dale with a guarded smile. "He also made Ainsworth believe that the Picaroon's other name is Martin Dale."

Dale laughed amusedly. "Nothing new in that. I have been mis understood so often that it doesn't worry me. Even you, Summers, have viewed me with suspicion now and then. But that explains why Ainsworth paid me a visit the other night." He fingered his jaw reminiscently.

"Well, Ainsworth started to watch you," the captain told him. "And I guess he discovered several peculiar things about you, especially when he followed you in the dark hours of the night. The things he saw seemed to lend color to what Dr. Moffett had hinted. Ainsworth wasn't to blame for being deceived. You do some queer things at night, Dale—looking at the moon when there's no moon, for instance."

"You're too literal, Summers," Dale eyed him with mock approach. "Don't you ever see things through the eyes of the soul?"

"I don't," Summers declared stoutly. "I can see plenty with my real eyes. And one of these days

"Now, Summers!" The captain's reddish face relaxed in a grin. "Anyhow, you have made good on your promise." He regarded Ferryman darkly. "I haven't got the Picaroon yet, but you've helped me to make a good catch."

"And I'll help you make an even better one," Ferryman declared in a tone that trembled with chagrin.

Dale glanced quickly at the girl and saw a look of returning dread in her eyes. And then he glanced at the fireplace, where the evidence of Mr. Castle's tragic mistake had been reduced to ashes.

"There," Moffett snarled, his face black with malice, his manacled hands raised and pointing in Adele's direction. "stands the daughter of the mysterious Mr. Graves."

Adele shuddered. A faint gasp of dread fell from her lips.

"Raving!" said Dale contemptuously.

"The daughter of—who?" Summers exclaimed.

"The mysterious Mr. Graves," said Dr. Moffett in a voice that throbbed with spite and malice. He glared at Adele.

Summers stared in amazement. And then he turned to Adele, noting her blanched cheeks and the horrified look in her eyes.

"You mean to tell me that Virgil Ellsworth Castle is the mysterious Mr. Graves?" he exclaimed incredulously.

"I do," Dr. Moffett declared, his face a glow with malicious glee. "Look at her. Doesn't her face tell you enough?"

Summers gazed again at Adele. Her face told a tale of horror.

"Fidelious!" Dale murmured. He laughed as at something very preposterous. "Try to tell any sane person that Virgil Ellsworth Castle is the mysterious Mr.

Graves, and you will draw the biggest laugh you ever heard."

Summers was not listening. His hard eyes were fixed on Ferryman. "Can you prove that?" he demanded.

Ferryman gave a chuckle of malicious satisfaction. "You might ask Miss Castle to explain why she gave me a check for \$100,000 tonight."

"One hundred thousand—"

The sum was too staggering for Summers, but again he looked into Adele's stricken face. She would indeed have much to explain if it could be proved that she had given Ferryman such a check. "Where is the check?" he demanded.

"In my pocket. Get it, please. These confounded handcuffs—"

Summers came forward with a brisk and eager step.

"No, the other pocket," Ferryman gleefully directed.

Summers thrust his hand into the other pocket. He brought out something. For a moment he stared at it blankly.

"The Picaroon's card!" he exclaimed in a hollow voice. He searched the pocket again. "There is nothing else."

A heavy groan of frustration, edged with a beast-like snarl, broke from Ferryman's lips. A long trembling sigh of relief escaped Adele. Her brightening eyes fixed on Dale, and Dale cast another glance at the black, silent ashes in the fireplace.

"Queer about that card," said Summers.

"Isn't it?" agreed Dale innocently. "Wonder how it got into Ferryman's pocket. Another frame-up, maybe."

"Maybe," Summers shrugged his sturdy shoulders. "Anyhow it's been a good night's work."

Dale turned to Adele. He saw a warm, misty heavenly smile in her eyes. He smiled back and touched her hand lightly.

"Thanks," he said softly.

"Why? Why should you thank me?"

"You will never know," he whispered. Then he turned quickly and a little awkwardly toward the door. He was still smiling. Life held its compensations for the Picaroon.

—THE END—

Gardiner White Resolves To Win

Looks Like Outstanding Player in Jasper Golf Tourney

JASPER, Alta., Sept. 12.—Gardiner White served notice on all contenders for the totem pole trophy contest that he means to take the unique trophy of Jasper Park Lodge back to New York with him.

In the first round of the tournament he played a steady and brilliant game, defeating F. Salberg of Winnipeg eight and seven. He is now coming back to the form he displayed when he was the runner-up in the Canadian amateur championships, played on the same course, and it will be difficult to stop him from annexing the big trophy of western Canada golf.

As a result of the elimination contest eastern Canada will have no representatives in the semifinals. A. V. Newhall of Calgary won over A. P. Foster of Toronto, two and one, and Jack Starkey of Edmonton won over A. J. Hills after a hard-fought and an unequal game.

The net result of the day showed that Alberta has five of the eight remaining players for the totem pole trophy. New York has two and Seattle one. The outstanding match in the first round yesterday was that in which Herb Black of Calgary won from R. Smyes of Vancouver, three down and seven to go. The other matches in the first round were not so closely contested.

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ARE CLOSE TO PENNANT

Philadelphia Athletics and Chicago Cubs Both Need but Three More Wins Now

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Philadelphia Athletics approached to within three victories of the American League pennant by shading Chicago White Sox yesterday while in the National League Chicago Cubs came within a like number of games when New York Giants beat Pittsburgh Pirates although the Cubs themselves were defeated by the Phillies. In the latter game, Chuck Klein and Hack Wilson each hit their thirty-ninth homers of the season. The Giants won their third straight game from Pittsburgh, reducing the Pirates' second place margin to three and a half games.

Yesterday's scores:

National League
New York 8, Pittsburgh 5.
Brooklyn 2, Cincinnati 3.
Philadelphia 7, Chicago 1.

American League
St. Louis 2, New York 5.
Detroit 2, Boston 1.
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 4.
Cleveland 5, Washington 1.

BIG LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	91	44	.674
Pittsburgh	78	59	.569
New York	73	61	.545
St. Louis	65	67	.492
Brooklyn	62	74	.456
Philadelphia	61	74	.452
Cincinnati	57	77	.425
Boston	51	82	.383

American League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	94	42	.693
New York	78	57	.578
St. Louis	71	64	.526
Cleveland	70	63	.526
Detroit	63	73	.463
Washington	61	73	.455
Chicago	53	80	.398
Boston	50	88	.362

ANYOX MEN ARE VISITORS HERE

Elks Members and Baseball Team Arrived Last Night for Three-Day Stay in City

Members of the Anyox Elks' Lodge, coming to pay a fraternal visit to Brother Bills here, and an all-star baseball team from the smelter town, said to be the snappiest visiting baseball squad to be seen here this year, arrived from the north on the Prince Rupert last night. They will be here until Sunday evening, when they will sail by the Catala on their return home. About twenty-five persons are in the excursion.

Last night the visiting Elks attended a lodge meeting here when degree work was put on, a banquet following. On Saturday night there will be a big Elks' banquet in the Boston Hall.

Ball games are scheduled to be played this evening and again on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. They are expected to be snappy matches.

The Prince Rupert baseball team will be exclusively of Elks' members and will be elected from among the following players: Bill Mitchell, Herman Loblick, Bill Harold, George Mitchell, Bill Lambie, Dido Gurvich, Fred Stephens, Alex Mitchell, Spiro Gurvich, Mike Budinich and George Arsenau.

After arrival of the visitors last night, they were led around the downtown streets in a parade which was led by a pipe band.

At the lodge meeting, four candidates were initiated. The banquet was presided over by G. E. Gulick, exalted ruler of the local lodge, who extended a welcome to the Brother Bills from the smelter town.

W. Bruce of Anyox, entertained the gathering with a humorous address. The proceedings concluded about midnight. Fred Stephens and Bert Morgan had charge of the arrangements for the refreshments.

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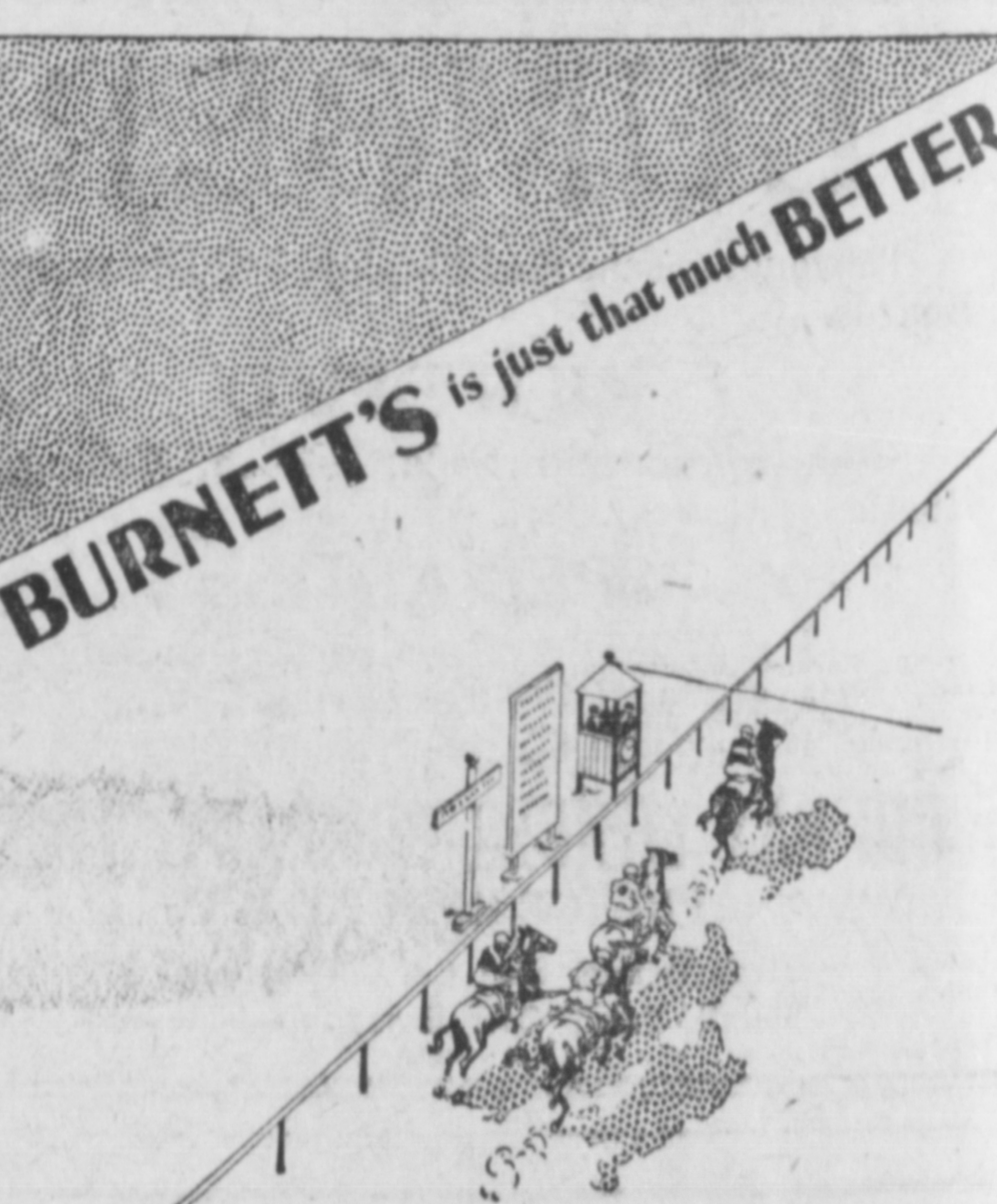
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