

# The SEVEN DIALS MYSTERY

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INSTALMENT XXXVIII

(Continued)

### With a Sandbag

"Look here—don't be scared, either of you. But I'd better leave you my revolver. I mean—just in case. I'll be back just as soon as I possibly can."

He laid the revolver down on the little table by the sofa, then hurried off. They heard the front door bang behind him.

The house seemed very still now. The two girls stayed motionless by Bill. Bundle still kept her finger on his pulse. It seemed to be beating very fast and irregularly.

"I wish we could do something," she whispered to Loraine. "This is awful."

Lorraine nodded. "I know. It seems ages since Jimmy went and yet it's only a minute and a half."

"I keep hearing things," said Bundle. "Footsteps and boards creaking upstairs—and yet I know it's only imagination."

"If they could get Bill——" said Bundle and stopped. Loraine shivered.

"I know—but we're in the house. No one can get in without our hearing them. And anyway we've got the revolver."

Bundle turned her attention back again to Bill.

"I wish I knew what to do. Hot coffee. You give them that sometimes."

"I've got some smelling-salts in my bag," said Loraine. "And some brandy. Where is it? Oh, I must have left it in the room upstairs."

"I'll get it," said Bundle. "They might do some good."

She sped quickly up the stairs, across the gaming room and through the open door into the meeting place. Loraine's bag was lying on the table.

As Bundle stretched out her hand to take it, she heard a noise from behind her. Hidden behind the door a man stood ready with a sandbag in his hand. Before Bundle could turn her head, he had struck.

With a faint moan, Bundle slipped down, an unconscious heap, upon the floor.

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Very slowly Bundle returned to consciousness. She was aware of a dark, spinning blackness, the centre of which was a violent, throbbing ache. Punctuating this were sounds. A voice that she knew very well saying the same thing over and over again.

The blackness spun less violently. The ache was now definitely located as being in Bundle's own head. And she was sufficiently herself to take an interest in what the voice was saying.

"Darling, darling Bundle. Oh, darling Bundle. She's dead; I know she's dead. Oh, my darling. Bundle, darling, darling Bundle. I do love you so. Bundle—darling—darling——"

Bundle lay quite still with her eyes shut. But she was now fully conscious. Bill's arms held her closely.

"Bundle, darling—— Oh, dearest, darling Bundle. Oh, my dear love. Oh, Bundle—Bundle. What shall I do? Oh, darling one—my Bundle—my own dearest, sweetest Bundle. Oh, God, what shall I do? I've killed her. I've killed her."

Reluctantly—very reluctantly—Bundle spoke.

"No, you haven't you silly idiot," she said.

Bill gave a gasp of utter amazement.

"Bundle—you're alive?"

"Of course I'm alive."

"How long have you been—I mean when did you come to?"

"About five minutes ago."

"Why didn't you open your eyes—or say something?"

"Didn't want to. I was enjoying myself."

"Enjoying yourself?"

"Yes. Listening to all the things

you were saying. You'll never say them so well again. You'll be too beastly self-conscious."

Bill had turned a dark brick-red.

"Bundle—you really didn't mind? You know, I do love you so. I have for ages. But I never dared tell you so."

"You silly juggins," said Bundle. "Why?"

"I thought you'd only laugh at me. I mean—you've got brains and all that—you'll marry some bigwig."

"Like George Lomax?" suggested Bundle.

"I don't mean a fatuous ass like Codders. But some really fine chap who'll be worthy of you—though I don't think any one could be that," ended Bill.

Another Proposal "You're rather a dear, Bill."

"But, Bundle, seriously, could you ever? I mean, could you ever bring yourself to?"

"Could I ever bring myself to do what?"

"Marry me. I know I'm awfully thick-headed—but I do love you, Bundle. I'd be your dog or your slave or your anything."

(To Be Continued.)



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### Local Items

Important! Pioneer's Association meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. at home of Mrs. Jack. Business arrangements for March 10. (40)

Mrs. W. Ross Thomson of Terrace arrived in the city from the interior on yesterday afternoon's train for a brief visit. She is a guest at the Hotel Central.

Mrs. Geoffrey Hamlin and young son, Edgar, arrived in the city on yesterday afternoon's train from Terrace and are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Graham Avenue, Westview.

There are reports here that a former young man school teacher of this city lost his legs in a fish boat accident down the coast. Little or no information of a definite nature seems to be available here.

H. R. McMillan, well known here as part owner of the Big Bay Lumber Co.'s sawmill, addressed a luncheon of the Vancouver Board of Trade last week on "Foreign Markets and What They Mean to Vancouver."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young will be sailing on the Catala tomorrow afternoon for Vancouver. For the past year, Mr. Young has been a member of the composing room staff of The Daily News.

P. M. Ray received a wire this morning from Solloway, Mills & Co. at Vancouver saying they never had a man named Harry Taylor in their employ. Taylor, who is in the hands of the police, said that he worked for them.

Despite unfavorable weather, there was a fair-sized crowd at a Scandinavian dance in the Metro-pole Hall Saturday night. Music was played by Hanson and Farstad and Rheinlanders and other old country dances were featured.

Assistant Superintendent P. G. Russell of Smithers, Divisional Master Mechanic Archie Watt of Prince George and the five road-masters of this division of the Canadian National Railways will be here on Friday of this week for a company fuel conservation meeting.

Owing to the inclement weather, there was not a very large attendance at the weekly Cinderella Dance of the Moose Lodge on Saturday evening. Those who were there, however, had a very enjoyable time dancing to strains of melodious music furnished by the Premier Orchestra. B. J. Bacon was master of ceremonies and Ted Rorvik presided at the door.

TEA SUCCESSFUL

The tea and sale of home cooking held Saturday afternoon by Hill Sixty Chapter I.O.D.E. was a successful affair, despite unfavorable weather, the sum of \$25 being realized. In the raffle of an embroidered tray cloth, the winner was Mrs. H. B. Rochester. The afternoon's musical program included vocal solos by Mrs. T. A. Ross and little Miss Betty Woods, with Mrs. George Hill Jr. accompanying.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Girl to help with household and children. Apply Mrs. Good, Suite 4, Summit Apts. (42)

## MASSETT SHINGLES

One Hundred Thousand Shipment Arrived Here Recently; Is Popular Product

One hundred thousand shingles arrived in Prince Rupert recently from the Robertson and Simpson sawmill at Delkatla, near Massett, it being the first movement of shingles this year out of the Queen Charlotte Island plant. The new mill in Massett Inlet is putting out an excellent product, which is proving very popular on the Northern B. C. market. An attempt will be made by the company this year to enter the Alaska market as well.

## ARE MAKING HOCKEY TOUR

Prince George Intermediates Leave For Okanagan to Participate in Provincial Championships

PRINCE GEORGE, Feb. 17.—The Prince George hockey team left on Saturday to engage in the interme-

diated amateur hockey championship of British Columbia games. After participating in a series at Quesnel, with four district teams, the local men will proceed to Armstrong. If they win there, they will go to Vernon to play in the final for the provincial championship.

C. C. Ternan is in charge of the team as manager and members are: C. Izowsky, goal; R. Kerr and W. Thompson, defence; Dick Corliss, Bud Graham, Walter Nehring, A. Van Somers and R. Carson, forwards.

The party is making the trip south in three automobiles.

## Massett Opposed To Regulations

MASSETT, Feb. 17.—The new fishing regulations were discussed at an open meeting held in Martin's Hall. Local residents went on record in favor of the open-door policy with regard to the issuance of fishing licenses in this province, no restriction of the fishermen's right to change fishing grounds at will, the maintenance of a competitive market and the cancellation of the present regulations for the coming year.

## ROAD WORK ON ISLANDS

Extensive Operations Planned For Massett District by Provincial Public Works Department

Extensive road work in the Massett vicinity during the coming year is outlined by W. K. Gwyer, district engineer. Two and a half miles of new road, extending east from the Sangan River, will be cleared, graded and planked this spring, besides improvements to roads already constructed. The North Beach road justifies considerable expenditure, because more traffic is handled over this one road than over all the other highways on the islands.

## Cash Register at Massett Is Looted; Thieves Escape

MASSETT, Feb. 17.—Thieves looted the cash register in the store of James Martin and escaped with a sum of money. The case is under investigation by Constable Martin of the Dominion police.

## Many Prospectors Going Into Taku River This Spring

On account of sensational reports of rich ore which were made last year and good opportunities exist there, scores of miners are reported to be preparing to enter the Taku River area this spring. While it will be May before prospectors will be able to reach the field by ordinary means of transportation, some have already in over the ice and snow, in effort to be early on the scene.

## Three Young Ladies Pass Examination

Of ten candidates who wrote stenographers' examination here on December 7 last, only three were successful in passing. They were in order of merit: J. M. Dalby, Dorothy E. Rose and M. Dalby.

Results of the examination announced in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette.

## FINALS OF BADMINTON

Will Be Played Tonight; Semi-Finals Finished on Saturday

Finals in the city badminton championship tournament under auspices of the I.O.D.E. Badminton Club will be played tonight as follows:

8 p.m., mixed doubles—Mrs. V. Long and C. J. Norrington vs. Miss Caroline Mitchell and Frank Russell.

9 p.m., exhibition game.

9:15 p.m., ladies' doubles—Miss Caroline Mitchell and Miss Frances Cross vs. Mrs. H. L. Shadwell and Mrs. Sheiford Darton.

9:45 p.m., men's doubles—A. C. Brand and Robert Bartlett vs. Will Lambie and Frank Russell.

Ladies' and mixed doubles will be decided by the best two out of three sets, while the men's doubles will be the best of five sets. Mayor C. H. Orme has been invited to present the prizes at the conclusion of the games.

In a semi-final of the mixed doubles on Saturday evening, Miss Caroline Mitchell and Frank Russell beat Mrs. J. H. Horton and W. Tobey Jr., 15-8, 15-8.

In a men's doubles semi-final, Frank Russell and Will Lambie won 15-11, 15-11 from H. T. Cross and Allan Cross.

## ELKS WIN BILLIARDS

Took Fixture of Last Thursday Night From Canadian Legion 1139 to 1136

Last Thursday evening's Billiard League fixture between the Canadian Legion and Elks was completed last night, the Lodge Men scoring a win by the narrow aggregate of 1139 to 1136. In the final deferred games results were:

F. G. Pyle, Canadian Legion, 175; C. P. Balagno, Elks, 250.

J. W. Scott, 250; A. Donald, 181.

The league standings for the second half of the season are as follows:

G. T. L. Av.	
Canadian Legion	8 9144 1143
Grotto	8 8497 1062
Elks	8 9428 1179

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