# The SEVEN DIALS MYSTERY

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INSTALMENT XXXVIII

(Continued)

**BUNDLE DUMFOUNDED**

"That's right," said Battle, as Mosgorovsky leaped up and came round to Bundle. "Get a chair for her. It's been a bit of a shock, I can see."

Bundle sank down on a chair. She felt limp and faint with surprise. Battle went on talking in a quiet, comfortable way wholly characteristic of him.

"You didn't expect to see me, Lady Eileen. No, and no more did some of the others sitting round this table. Mr. Mosgorovsky's been my lieutenant in a manner of speaking. He's been in the know all along. But most of the others have taken their orders blindly from him."

Still Bundle said no word. She was—a most unusual state of affairs for her — simply incapable of speech.

Battle nodded at her comprehendingly, seeming to understand the state of her feelings.

"You'll have to get rid of one or two preconceived ideas of yours, I am afraid, Lady Eileen. About this society, for instance—I know it's common enough in books—a secret organization of criminals with a mysterious supercriminal at the head of it whom no one ever sees. That sort of thing may exist in real life, but I can only say that I've never come across anything of the sort, and I've had a good deal of experience one way or another.

"But there's a lot of romance in the world, Lady Eileen. People, especially young people, like reading about such things, and they like still better really doing them. I'm going to introduce you now to a very creditable band of amateurs that has done remarkably fine work for my department, work that nobody else could have done. If they have chosen rather melodramatic trappings, well, why shouldn't they? They-ve been willing to face real danger—danger of the very worst kind—and they've done it for these reasons: love of danger for its own sake—which to my mind is a very healthy sign in these Safety First days—and an honest wish to serve their country.

**Introductions**

"And now, Lady Eileen, I'm going to introduce you. First of all, there's Mr. Mosgorovsky, whom you already know in a manner of speaking.. As you're aware, he runs the club and he runs a host of other things too. He's our most valuable secret anti-bolshevist agent in England. No. 5 is Count Andras, very near and dear friend of the late Mr. Gerald Wade. No. 4 is Mr. Hayward Phelps, an American jouornalist, whose British sympathies are very keen, and whose aptitude for scenting news is remarkable. No. 3——"

He stopped, smiling, and Bundle stared dumbfounded into the grinning face of Bill Eversleigh. Eversleigh.

"No. 2," went on Battle in a graver voice, "can only show an empty place. It is the place belonging to Mr. Ronald Devereux, a very gallant young gentleman who died for his country if any man ever did. No. 1—well, No. 1 was Mr. Gerald Wade, another very gallant gentleman who died in the same way. His place was taken—not without some grave misgivings on my part—by a lady—a lady who has proved her fitness to have it, and who has been a great help to us."

The last to do so, No. 1, removed her mask and Bundle looked without surprise in to the beautiful dark face of Countess Radzky.

"I might have known," said Bundle resentfully, "that you were too completely the beautiful foreign adventuress to be anything of the kind really."

"But you don't know the real joke," said Bill. "Bundle, this is Babe St. Maur—you remember my telling you about her and what a ripping actress she was—and she's about proved it."

"That's so," said Miss St.. Maur in pure trans-Atlantic nasal. "But it's not a terrible lot of credit to came from that part of Yurrup—so I got the patter fairly easy. Gee, but I nearly gave myself away once at the Abbey, talking about gardens."

She paused and then said abruptly:

"It's—it's not been just fun. You see, I was kinder engaged to Ronny, and when he handed in his checks—well, I had to do something to track down the skunk who murdered him. That's all."

"I'm completely bewildered,' said Bundle. "Nothing is what it seems."

"It's very simple, Lady Eileen," said Superintendent Battle. "It began with some of the young people wanting excitement. It was Mr. Wade who first got on to me. He suggested the formation of a band of what you might call amateur workers to do a bit of secret service work. I warned him that it might be dangerous—but he wasn't the kind to weigh that in the balance. I made it plain to him that any one who came in must do so on that understanding. But, bless you, that wasn't going to stop any of Mr. Wade's friends. And so the thing began."

"But what was the object of it all?" asked Bundle.

"We wanted a certain man and wanted him badly. He wasn't an ordinary crook. He worked in Mr. Wade's world, a kind of Raffles, but much more dangerous than any Raffles ever was or could be. He was out for big stuff, international stuff. Twice already valuable secret inventions had been stolen, and clearly stolen by someone who had inside knowledge. The professionals had had a try—and failed. Then the amateurs took on—and succeeded."

"Succeeded?"

"Yes—but they didn't come out of it unscathed. The man was dangerous. Two lives fell victim to him and he got away with it. But the Seven Dials stuck to it. And as I say, they succeeded. Thanks to Mr. Eversleigh, the man was caught at last red-handed."

"Who was he?" asked Bundle. "Do I know him?"

"You know him very well, Lady Eileen, His name is Mr. Jimmy Thesiger, and he was arrested this afternoon."

**(To Be Continued Tomorrow)**

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA
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# STATION WINNER

**Will Play Off in C.N. Crib League With Freight Shed for Holtby Cup**

Canadian National Recreation Association Cribbage League results last night were as follows:

Station 14; Drydock 13.

Locomotive Shops 17; Freight Sheds, 10.

General Offices 18; Car Department 9.

**Final Table—Second Half**

| | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Station | 76 | 59 | 76 |
| Car Dept. | 71 | 64 | 71 |
| Gen. Office | 69 | 66 | 69 |
| Freight Sheds | 67 | 68 | 67 |
| Low Shops | 65 | 70 | 65 |
| Drydock | 57 | 78 | 57 |

Station are of the second half and will play off with the Freight Sheds team, winners of the first half, for the Holtby Cup.

Play-off will take place on Tuesday, February 25.

# Berg Wins Over Mushy Callahan

**Sensational British Lightweight Scored Technical Knockout On Chicago Boy**

LONLON, Feb. 19:—Jack "Kid" Berg, Great Britain's sensational lightweight, scored a technical knockout last night over Mushy Callahan of Chicago in the tenth round of a fifteen round engagement billed as a junior welterweight title contest.

Albert Soulier was charged in city police court this morning with obtaining lodgings by fraud at the Pacific Rooms. His case was adjourned for eight days.

# RUPERT WON HOOP GAME

**Defeated Port Simpson Athletic Club 39 to 37 Last Night**

Prince Rupert All-Stars defeated the Port Simpson Athletic Club 39-37 in last evening's basketball game before a large number of ardent fans. The game started rather slowly, with each team taking numerous long shots at the basket. The first half ended with Rupert on the long end of a 27-15 score.

With the beginning of the second half Rupert kept up its scoring to take a longer lead of 32-15. With only 15 minutes to play, Simpson staged a wonderful rally to score 14 points to Rupert's three. The play became furious at this point and both teams were striving hard to obtain possession of the ball. The fans became frantic and urged their favorite team to score. Rupert scored twice in succession, but Simpson retaliated to score twice also.

Will Lambie, playing guard for Rupert, turned in a stellar game. W. Mitchell was the pick of Rupert's forwards. Ross and Henry were the best on the Simpson team. Ross was high scorer of the evening with 19 points to his credit.

**Intermediate League**

There were two intermediate games. In the first game the Bankers defeated the High School 26-24. This was the fastest game on the floor during the evening. Snappy combination plays resulted in the majority of the points scored. Both teams were travelling at a fast pace. With three minutes to play the score was 20-22 in favor of the High School. Scott scored twice and Macdonald once to put the Bankers in the lead 26-22. Irvine scored on a long shot from past centre.

The second intermediate game was very one-sided with Big Four on the long end of a 46-17 score. The C.N.R. was not playing as good a game as they have shown in previous matches. Their greatest fault was too much individuality in their plays. They seemed to forget that there was such a thing as teamwork. Jack McNulty was high scorer for Big Four with 20 points.

**Team Standings**

| | W. | L. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Senior— | | | |
| Elks | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Players' Club | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Three Two | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Intermediate— | | | |
| High School | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Big Four | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Bankers | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| C. N. R. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ladies— | | | |
| Maple Leafs | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Toilers | 0 | 2 | 0 |

# Theodore Johnson Of Terrace Dead

**Was 45 Years Old and a Fisherman Succumbed in Hospital at Midnight**

The death occurred about midnight last night in the Prince Rupert General Hospital of Theodore Johnson, who was 45 years of age and gave his calling as a fisherman. Coming here from Terrace, he had been about two months in this cityy. He was a Catholic and was born in Halifax. As far as is known, there are no relatives in this district.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers and the funeral will take place Friday morning.

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"Acts Like a Flash - A SINGLE SIP PROVES IT"
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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill of Huntsville pay a flying visit to Moose Lake, in the Algonquin Lake district.

# BANQUET TO BOYS' BAND

**Bandmaster Thomas Wilson Host Annual Affair Last Night**

The annual banquet given by Bandmaster Wilson to the boys of the band took place last night at the Boston Cafe and proved a most successful and enjoyable event. Nearly thirty of the lads were present and all took full advantage of the splendid dinner served by the management. Alderman Collart, chairman of the Boys' Band committee, presided and others present in addition to the boys and the bandmaster, were Mayor Orme, W. H. Tobey, Colonel Nicholls, John Dore, Frank Derry, George W. Johnstone, A. O. Franks and Alderman Pullen.

Music was provided by the Boys' Band Orcheestra which was much appreciated. They played several selections before the dinner commenced and several afterwards.

A number of brief addresses were given including a financial statement by Secretary W. H. Tobey, songs by Bandmaster Wilson and a story by Percy Mcclntosh.

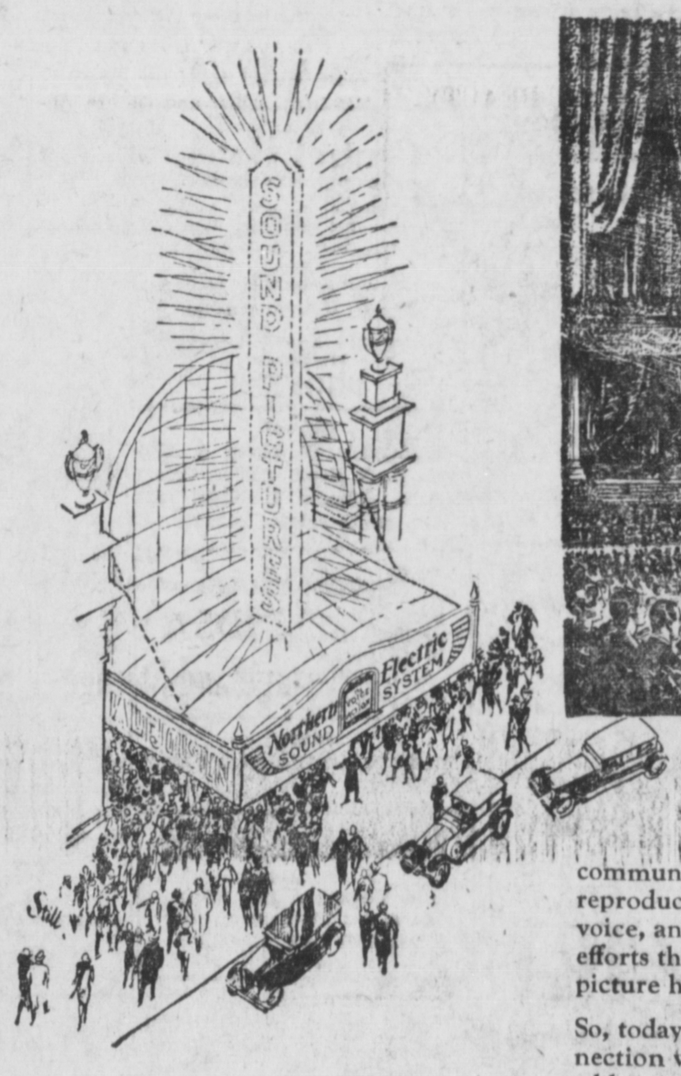
Among those who spoke, all appreciatively of the band's work and that of its leader and committee, were Mayor Orme, Col. Nicholls, W. H. Tobey, Ald. Pullen, A. O. Franks and Bandmaster Wilson.

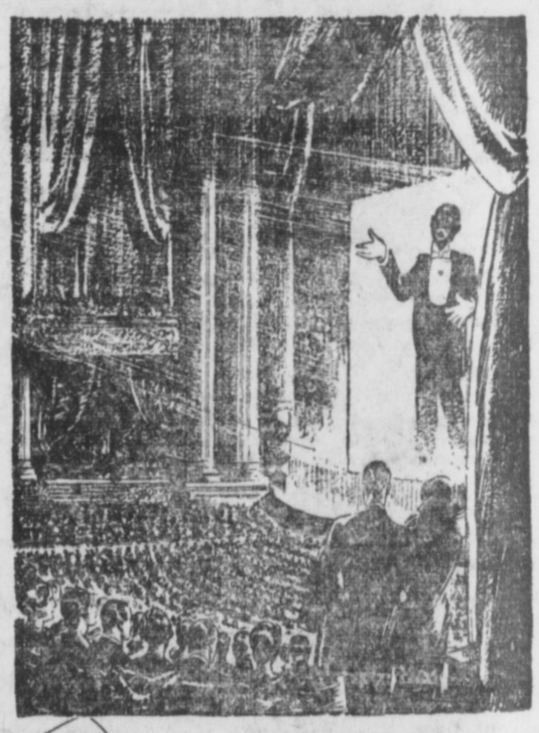
# WHIST

February 20—Leif Erikson vs. Canadian Legion; Grotto vs. M[illegible] Seal Cove vs. I.O.O.F.; Elevator vs. Six Musketeers; Drydock vs. S[illegible] drews.

February 27—Moose vs. Can[illegible] Legion; Grotto vs. St. Andrew[illegible] Erikson vs. Six Musketeers; [illegible] Cove vs. Elevator; I.O.O.F. vs. [illegible] dock.

RECREATION



THE talking motion picture is really the child of the telephone! The efforts to perfect telephone communication naturally led to the study of reproduction and amplification of the human voice, and it is a result of the success of these efforts that the synchronization of sound and picture has become a reality.

So, today, in addition to its activities in connection with radio broadcasting and public address systems, the Northern Electric Company is enabled to contribute still further to the *recreation* and enjoyment of the Canadian public. This Company manufactures, installs and services the talking picture apparatus, known as the Northern Electric Sound System (Western Electric in U.S.A.), which so rapidly is being adopted by theatres across Canada; nearly 200 already, having been installed in theatres from Halifax to Vancouver.

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