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## Murder In Duplicate

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"He's a sort of distant cousin," Mary spoke lifelessly. "And he's rather — horrible. He very much hoped that Aunt Julia would leave him all her money. When she didn't, he was furious. He was convinced I had killed her." She shrugged. "So did most other people, of course. But Corder had a more personal reason for believing it. He thought if Aunt Julia hadn't died when she did, before she had time to do anything about the will, he would have got the money instead of me."

"Sounds a nasty specimen," said Jim.  
He felt her shudder a little. "He found out that I'd changed my name, and was living in London. He came to see me. It was — rather terrifying. He's enormously fat, and he sat opposite me, out of breath and looking like a stranded whale, telling me in a voice full of hate that I'd managed to fool the police but I couldn't fool him. He accused me straight out of murdering Aunt Julia, and getting the money that should have gone to him. He admitted it was the money that really interested him."

"He's got a little, piping sort of voice that sounds all wrong coming from so large a man. He's pompous as well as fat, and he looks at something just above your head, and his eyes bulge. He told me 'if you'd killed her after she changed her will, I wouldn't have minded in the least. You'd have done me a favour. But to kill her and rob me of what is rightly mine was unforgivable. I never forget an injury.'"

"And then," said Mary, shuddering again, "he got to his feet, and stood glaring at me, quivering like a great disgusting jelly. He said he'd never rest until he'd seen me" — she had difficulty with the word — "hanged."

"He said that, did he?" Jim spoke slowly. "Mary, you ever think that Corder might have murdered your aunt?"  
"Oh, yes, I did," Mary nodded her dark head. "So did the police. But not for long. Quite apart from the fact that I was the obvious suspect, Corder had a complete alibi."

"Alibi's can be faked."  
"The police seemed sure this one hadn't been. In the end, he wasn't even asked to attend the court, though his name was mentioned in the newspapers, in connection with the case. Anyhow," Mary pointed out, "he had no motive, you know. As he himself said, if Aunt Julia had been killed after she changed her will — presumably in his favour — it might have been different. But she was killed without the will having been touched. That's how I inherited; and that," Mary added bitterly, "is why I was suspected of poisoning her."

"Suppose Jim said quietly, "Corder thought she had changed her will? It was common knowledge that you and she had quarreled, and that she'd announced she was going to disinherit you. Suppose Corder thought that had been done already. He was still not sure of getting the money. Your aunt might live a long time — people with heart trouble often do. Or you and she might make it up, and she might change her will again. If he removed all those uncertainties by causing her immediate death —"  
Mary shook her head. "There isn't an atom of proof of all that," she argued.  
Jim's voice was grim. "I'm not

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## RE-ELECTED FOR 13TH TIME AS PRESIDENT OF CCL

By 739 votes to 85, 72-year-old A. R. Mosher was returned to office to begin his 13th term as president of the Canadian Congress of Labor. The veteran leader met only leftwing opposition in the form of William L. White of the Vancouver Marine workers but he was dealt a crushing blow at the final reckoning. Re-elected by 950 delegates, representing 370,000 members at week-long conference held in Toronto, Mosher now holds only one office, having recently resigned from the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

so sure. Don't forget what Smith told us both, just before the poor devil collapsed, he was describing what he saw in the cottage that night. He said: 'I thought she was alone' — he meant your aunt — 'but she wasn't. She had a visitor, but she was still all right when he'd gone. I saw her move about. That was a long time after.'"

Jim punched the steering wheel in his excitement. "So now we know what nobody else seems to have discovered, that your aunt had a visitor that night — a man. Yet that man never came forward, afterwards, to tell his story. Who was he?"

"And there's another thing. When you entered the cottage, and found your aunt, she was dying, but still partly conscious. She managed to say one word, and you told the police it sounded like —"

## Explore Mountains Under The Sea

PORTSMOUTH, England, Sept. 29.—(Reuters)—British scientists explored uncharted mountains below the sea during a 2 1/2-year voyage around the world in the 1,400-ton survey ship Challenger, which arrived here Saturday.  
The highest undersea peak, about 7,000 feet, above sea bottom was discovered 400 miles off Cape Vincent in the Atlantic. Several others were charted in the Pacific.  
Dr. T. F. Gaskell, chief of three scientists who took part in the survey, said "Samples of materials taken during the soundings will probably solve many scientific arguments about the geological nature of deep sea beds."

In the summer of 1951 the Challenger's adic equipment made the world's deepest sounding, 5,940 fathoms (6 3/4 miles), in an ocean-bottom trench between Guam and Yap in the Pacific.  
Cmdr. W. Ashton, who commanded the Challenger during the last year of the voyage, said the ship and her 100-man crew had been well received in the remotest parts of the world.  
"Indians in British Columbia gave us a 'magic paddle' to keep us from danger, and in Greece, we were presented with 'Pancho,' a red deer, as a mascot."

Mary jerked upright. "Whir!" she breathed. "Something about her will, I thought was trying to tell me she hadn't changed it, after all. But —"  
"But she might have been trying to tell you something about Corder," Jim finished. He had been keeping an eye on the side of the road, and now he slowed and pulled into the kerb. They were in a lonely street, lined with trees, behind which large houses loomed.  
"Butterfield Gardens," said Jim. "And this is number 22. Where Corder lives. Let's go and ask him a few questions."

To be continued

## NEGRO REPUBLIC

The independent Negro Republic of Liberia of the west coast of Africa was founded in 1822.

## CLYDE RIVER W. I.

On Monday evening, September 15th, the W. I. met at the home of Mrs. John Darrach. There were nine members and one visitor present. Mrs. Watson Livingstone presided.  
In the absence of the secretary Mrs. Reginald MacKinnon was appointed to act in that office. Roll call was responded to by naming, "My favorite apple."  
The work of redecorating the hall has been going on for some time and a further meeting was arranged to do some more painting. Mrs. R. Matheson and Mrs. John Gillespie were appointed to purchase oilcloth for stage and kitchen.  
Mrs. Watson Livingstone agreed to contact Mr. Edwin C. Johnson with a view to his giving a lecture on his recent tour.

Members were asked to bring 25 cents to next meeting for the A. C. W. W. Entertainment Fund. A letter was read concerning the Audubon Screen Tours which are coming to the province. The first lecture with coloured films will be held in P. W. C. auditorium and members were invited to attend.  
Members are to bring their contribution to the Protestant Orphanage to the next meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. MacKinnon. Mr. R. D. Matheson will give a paper on Art, and roll call is to be answered with "A recipe."

The meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

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## Canadian Jets Set For Biggest Flight

### 3 RCAF Squadrons to Leave Sept. 29 for NATO Bases in Europe; Two Wings to Follow

Uplands Airport, Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Defence Minister Claxton today told the men who will pilot the biggest movement of jets across the Atlantic in aviation history that within a few months two wings of RCAF Sabre jets will join them in Europe.  
Speaking at a farewell ceremony for members of the three jet fighter squadrons flying to Gros Tanguin, France, Sept. 30, the defence minister said No. 1 Fighter Wing, now based at North Luftham, would join them on the continent.  
Air Vice Marshal Hugh L. Campbell, 44, C.B.E., C.D., of Salisbury, N.B., has been appointed officer commanding the new Canadian air division over the headquarters for the air division are now being put in shape at Metz, the minister said.  
"We expect the four airfields and the headquarters should be within 75 miles of each other. The next wing to go overseas will be based at Zweibrücken, Germany, where construction of the base is well underway."



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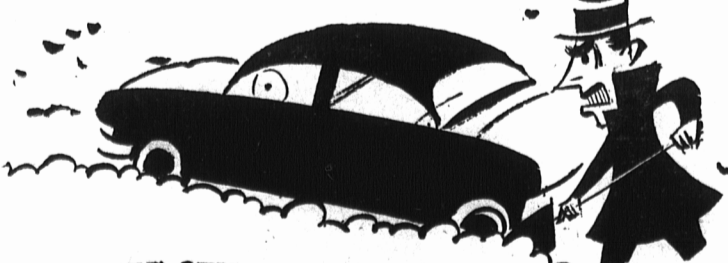
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