

The Spun Glass Mystery

A TALE OF SCOTLAND YARD by H. FIELDING

READ THIS FIRST:
Talking to her sister Etta, Alysia Taylor is resentful over the approaching marriage of their cousin John Tait and Lucy Burnham, a widow, because the sisters will have to leave Tait's home where they have been living. They relate the news to Reggie, Clarissa, Alysia's fiance. At Alysia's suggestion Reggie agrees to go to Vichy where their wealthy Aunt Norah is stopping with her stepson, Tom, and his fiancee. Reggie is to try to win Lucy's attentions away from John and prevent the marriage.
(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)

CHAPTER 3

REGGIE TOOK the check, talked a little about the route, said that he would start this very day at noon, and took his leave, for ease and comfort, in all an amusing little joke. "And when John has lost his widow, we'll have our wedding," he called back softly before he opened the door and left her.

Etta, entering a second later, found her sister with her head down on the Bradshaw, her hands twisting the leaves into dog's ears. "I heard what he said to her," Etta murmured. "I take it that you're sending him to try and get Mrs. Burnham to fall in love with him instead of with John. It seems to me a very unkind idea, and not very wise."

"Alysia jumped up and shut her bureau with a thud. "I've sold Reggie for good food, the use of a town house, a car, and my accounts settled for me every now and then. For ease and comfort, in all other words, and I shall never have a happy day again."

"Of course he'll marry the woman. It's the only way. I shall always hate myself—and him. Oh, curse money! Curse it!" "Why, I thought you wanted more of it," Etta said with a smile that was frankly satirical. "But as to Reggie trying to separate Mrs. Burnham and John, if she loves him she won't look at Reggie. And if she does let Reggie wheedle her away from John, well, wouldn't it be just as well for him to find out, before marrying her that her love wasn't worth having?"

"You always can find some smug reason for doing anything," Alysia squirmed in her chair. Suddenly she jumped up. "I'm going too! I won't let him go alone. After all, this widow woman is very pretty, Aunt Norah says; that means nothing, but—"

"Now, don't be silly," Etta spoke firmly. "Don't go to Vichy, too. You'll only spoil things. You've decided that it's worth while giving up Reggie for the sake of staying on here, living in John's house. Having decided it, stick to it. You'll spoil everything if you go."

"It's all very well for you," her sister fairly tore the Bradshaw between her groping fingers. "It's I who suffer. I who give up the man I love, not you, and yet you'll benefit too."

"The widow may not take him. In which case, you won't give up anything that is yours," Etta reminded her.

"It's like to see the woman who can resist Reggie when he tries to be charming."

"I'll make no headway with Aunt Norah," Etta observed despondently. Even Alysia laughed. "I didn't count her in. No, I don't think Aunt Norah will become one



Lady Tait regretted having come to France.

of his admirers. But this other little simpton, oh, she'll never have seen anything so handsome and so marvelous! He sweeps you off your feet, Etta, with that voice of his."

"He may sweep the widow off hers," Etta conceded, "and after all, there's no harm in Reggie. He would make a rich woman quite a good husband. The pity is, that like Becky Sharp, he needs £5,000 a year to be good on."

"If only there were some other way!" Alysia said. "Short of waiting till Aunt Norah has given John the £20,000 she writes of as her wedding gift to him, and then killing him off at once, I can see no way," Etta said pleasantly, "and somehow one doesn't feel like committing murder even for the sake of keeping Reggie in the family. But to be serious, there may be no marriage. There's Lady Ida to reckon with, too, you know. She's seemed quite determined on getting John back. And what she's determined on getting—"

Etta's unfriendly smile finished the sentence. "Personally I should have waited, before sending Reggie off, to see what she would do."

"Oh, Ida!" Alysia fairly snorted. "She's no earthly chance of getting John back. She had him at her feet once and he got up again and walked away. When a man does that—"

"I've often wondered why he did do it," Etta murmured with retrospective curiosity. "If he did, I'm not so sure that there wasn't something else between them—not love, but business—"

"Same thing with her!" snapped Alysia. Etta gave a reproving shake of the head as she hurried off in answer to a telephone inquiry.

It was two days after she had sent off her letter to the Naylor sisters, and Lady Tait was installed in the hotel lounge for the first time since her accident. She looked about her with the vivid interest of one who had not expected ever to see a lounge again. After all, she was over 70. But the present day 70 has plenty of fight and pluck. Silver-haired, black-browed, slender, handsome, energetic, she had come through with flying colors, and now, barring a limp, and a liking for chairs, was

very much her old despotic self again. To any one else, or to her at any other time, Vichy at this hour is insupportable. The papers had just arrived from Paris, and each vendor was shouting the name of his sheet in the peculiarly penetrating French tongue.

"Vla La France!" "Vla L'Intransigent!" reached her most clearly in the national daily Eisteddfodd held outside and around the so-called Parc of Vichy. A moment later and the most penetrating howl of all cut through the others. It was Le Matin. Its vendor even managed to make himself heard through the hooting of the motors, which consider it a point of honor to sound their horns at their loudest when rushing through Vichy.

Lady Tait picked out a macaroon from the plate and frowned. It was a most excellent macaroon. Such as only seem to grow in France. Grudgingly she admitted that much. But she regretted having come. Vichy water is all very well when drunk away from the springs with which she believed it to have no connection other than name, but she detested the place itself. She was not inclined to be pro-German, but when she compared French and German spas, her heart warmed to the Teutons.

Her English doctor hadn't wanted her to come. She had thought this insularly. Now she called it wisdom. The French doctor to whom a friend had given her an introduction as one of the leading men there had just been in. Lady Tait's aquiline nose quivered with indignation. To stand behind her, put both his arms around her suddenly, and press his two outcurving thumbs hard into the center of her waistline, and then look grave because she gave a small howl of pain, was really not cricket.

Lady Tait was positive that Doctor Precheur would have shouted a great deal louder than that, if she had suddenly tried it with him. And then to talk about her solar plexus needing toning up, and to write out fussy ordinances for hot spinal shower baths and rubbings.

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RACE TO CONGRESS IS FAST NARROWING

Some Prospects, Including B. H. Perry, of Henderson, Definitely Out

KITRELL UNDECIDED

Says He Will Determine His Course By Week-End; Only Three Definitely In The Contest Thus Far

Elimination of a number of prospects in the fourth district congressional race is fast narrowing the list of prospective candidates who will seek to succeed the late Congressman Edward W. Pou in the national House of Representatives.

So far there are only three avowed candidates who have actually announced. Jere P. Zollcoffer, of Henderson, was the first to make formal announcement of his intentions, after Mr. Pou's death. He was followed yesterday by Harold D. Cooley, of Nashville. Palmer E. Bailey, of Raleigh, was a candidate against the late congressman even before his death.

B. H. Perry, of this city, who had been mentioned as a possible candidate, said definitely and positively today that he was not and would not be a candidate. J. C. Kittrell, who has also been prominently mentioned, said he would make a definite decision before the end of the week as to whether or not he would get into the fight.

Mr. Zollcoffer already is touring the district soliciting support, and said he was much encouraged over the response he had found. He said he had been shown many courtesies and received tentative promises of support everywhere he had been.

It appeared possible today that Wake county would have no candidate other than Palmer Bailey. J. M. Broughton and John W. Hinsdale, both of whom had been mentioned as possibilities, have definitely removed themselves from the race. Indications today were that there would hardly be more than four or five candidates for the place. George Ross Pou, son of the late congressman, and executive director of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, is expected to be an entry into the contest within a few days.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR JUNIORS ENDS

Team Captained by Fred Hight Wins; Order Sends Orphans to Home

The "side" captained by Fred Hight won out in a membership contest over Pat Hight's "side" in the Junior Order, it was announced today, following the close of the contest with the council's meeting last night. The contest has been a spirited one with a large number of members being added to the order.

At last night's meeting, it was reported that the order had succeeded in placing three orphans in the national home of the order in Tiffin, Ohio.

The council set April 17 as the date for the presentation of a flag to Clark street school with the West End School being presented a flag on April 22 with appropriate exercises at both presentations.

Fred Hight and Pat Hight were appointed as a committee to decide the time and place of the supper for the order.

Rural Churches

GRANVILLE CIRCUIT
Rev. C. L. Spencer, pastor.
Mt. Carmel church.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock, E. F. Smith, superintendent.
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U. S. Funds For Buses In Schools

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buses that should be retired from service. Now that the PWA has approved part of the first request and has granted \$23,000 to be used for the purchase of school bus bodies, both Martin and Dr. Baily are confident that the remainder of the grant, as well as the larger grant of \$120,000, will eventually be approved and that a total of \$500,000 will thus be available within the next two years for the replacement of old school buses.

This will not be sufficient, however, to purchase all the new buses that are really needed, Martin said, pointing out that of the 4,500 buses now in use, at least 2,000 should be replaced. If it is found that the Emergency Relief Administration will positively agree to make up any deficit in the school appropriation needed to pay teachers this year, the school commission may decide to buy \$1,000,000 worth of new school buses and then get the balance needed to pay the teachers from the Federal fund \$50,000,000 already set aside to assist State public school systems. But this will not be done, Martin said, until it is definitely known that the relief administration will grant

the School Commission enough money to pay the teachers in full.

PROGRAM OF HEALTH IS HAD BY NEGROES

A program in observance of Negro National Health Week has been arranged for tonight at 8 o'clock at Shiloh Baptist church, and a number of well known colored speakers are on the program, with the chief address by Dr. C. N. Sisk, whole-time health officer for the city and county. The full program follows:

Music—"God of Our Fathers"—G. W. Warren: Henderson Choral Club and Congregation.
Invocation—Dr. J. A. Cotton.
Words of Welcome—Rev. L. P. Gregg.

Music—Shiloh Baptist Church choir: History of Negro National Health Week—Mrs. M. B. Cotton, State President of P. T. A.

Music—Henderson Choral Club, Assisted by Mrs. A. H. Jenkins.
Introduction of Speaker—Attorney C. W. Williamson.

Address—Dr. C. N. Sisk, Vance County Medical Officer.

Music—Henderson Choral Club, Assisted by Mrs. A. H. Jenkins.
Music—Shiloh Baptist Church choir.
Benediction—Rev. T. C. McDougal, C. C. Poole, Master of Ceremonies.

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AROUND TOWN

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No Deeds Filed.—No real estate deeds were filed yesterday with the register of deeds, but numerous chattels for the Henderson Production Credit Corporation were placed on record. No marriage licenses were issued during the day yesterday.

Recorder is Idle.—The recorder's court held no session today, there being no cases docketed and ready for immediate trial.

Election For 4th Follows Primary

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the governor to call a special primary for the nomination of candidates for an unexpired term in Congress. But it is also agreed that the district Democratic or Republican committees do not have authority to select a candidate until after the filing time or after a primary.

The statute directing that the governor must call a special election to fill a vacancy caused in Congress, does not specify any given time within which it must be called. As a result, it is known that the governor is now being advised to delay the special election until after the June 2 primary. In this way, any candidates who want to may seek the nomination in the primary. If a second primary is necessary, it may be held on June 30. Then the district Democratic committee could meet and nominate the candidate that won the nomination for the regular term in the primary as the candidate for the unexpired term in the special election, which could be held the latter part of July or early in August.

Since it is expected that Congress will not be in session for more than a few weeks longer, it is held that it will not matter if the vacancy caused by Representative Pou's death remains unfilled for a few weeks longer. The current belief is that the situation would be greatly complicated if a special election should be held for the unexpired term before the June 2 primary.



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