# THE Spun Glass Myster ATALE OF SCOTLAND YARD by H. FIELDING

READ THIS PIRST:

John Tait, stepson of wealthy Lady Tait, is engaged to marry Lucy Burnham, a widow. In France, where the three were sojourning, Lady Tait takes a dislike to Gillian Dundas, a beautiful girl, who, it is disclosed, is blackmailing Tait for a past indiscretion. Back in London Tait becomes alarmed when his business associate, Lord Mills, is found shot to death. Mrs. Burnham takes Miss Dundas "under her wing" much to Lady Tait's annoyance. A luncheon given by Lady Tait in honor of Tait and his fiancee, and attended by John's cousins, Alysia, Etta and Claud Naylor, is a poor success owing to Tait's apparent uneasiness. Tea is interrupted by the discovery of John Tait's body on the sidewalk in front of Lady Tait's home. Suspecting he has been poisoned, Chief Inspector Pointer of Scotland Yard investigates what appears to be murder and first questions the victim's cousin, Claud Naylor.

(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)

### CHAPTER 26

AND THE MAN brought back in a minute the mate to the glove that Superintendent Dartmoor had taken from the room where Lord Mills had been found shot. Pointer sent it along at once to the superintendent at the Yard after the man had

That done, Pointer was free to It was a bare three minutes' ran to meet the chief inspector. walk from the house and, as he ex-Pointer left word for them to report the best and the kindest, to him should they have seen Mr.

was certain that Mills had killed himself, according to his cousin Nay- peated in a hoarse whisper. She lor, and, still according to that young lor, and, still according to that young covered her blanched face with her barrister, knew why. Quite a plausible reason too. Naylor would not have put it forward as the cause of "He had received a threat of some Mills' death unless he had every kind, I think a couple of days ago,

so important a piece of information oncerning Mills' death. It looked forever!" thought that he could pass that death off as due to morbid terror un- Pointer was listening very carefully, til he himself was caught in some and showed it. dark stream that ran into or out of other possible trails.

Pointer sent up word that he tails fatal consequences? What as he said included me, would be much obliged if Mrs. Burn- then? Is that fate or is it charac-



"Poisoned! Poisoned!"

ham could give him a few minutes. | ter?" Lucy's eyes were red rimmed, her

"The doctors seem certain that Mr.

"Poisoned!" she re-

reason to think he could prove it. but evidently he found out more But what lay behind all this? Was the one clue so far available—the top of the gold fountain pen, was it a last effort on the part of the dying man to name his murderer? It word after lunch today that he which we had dropped for half an wanted a word with me. When I hour or so." But the two deaths, so closely fol- ran down he walked up and down in lowing one on the other, seemed, on the bay window—we were in the Lord Mills shot himself?"

the face of things, to be linked in library—without saying anything. I She looked startled. But after a some way. Both men, though not asked him of course what was wrong. moment's thought she shook her business men in the ordinary sense of the word, were co-directors of companies started by Sir John Tait, the polesced many dead follows the control of the word were conditions asked nim of course what was wrong. He told me that he had received a threatening letter that included me the control of the word were connection. We talked of Lord the polescent many connection. We talked of Lord the polescent many connection. We talked of Lord the polescent many connection. the poisoned man's dead father. A reason he felt he must tell me all would go over the companies' books. breast-pocket and felt a moment. He talk of a threat. From something the latter of that for that any connection. We taked of Lord any connection. We taked of Lord the poisoned man's dead father. A reason he felt he must tell me all didn't link it with this other—this breast-pocket and felt a moment. He Meanwhile, as he was not capa- looked surprised and said would I he muttered, as he thrust the letter would hold to the bitten pen top and would hold see if it led to the city or away from know." She broke off to say in a can't even give you the exact words it. Somehow it did not suggest a tone of agony—"Not a word of good—that the threats were in some way business woman as its owner. Why by between us! He in a rush to get connected with his family. Or to do had Tait passed on to his cousin only something, I all excited to hear what with his family."

surprised if the one man had killed which threatened to swamp her. Tait. I have an idea it was conhimself to avoid some financial "Could you tell me more about nected with some discharged servant smash and the other had at first what you mean by his having received a threat of some kind?"

"The first time was the day before the other-the first death. Yes, yesterday. Something came up very large and scroll-like, and writ-Pointer would not be at all surprised about one's character having a good ten apparently with a very fine nib if the Yard accountant were not the deal to do with one's fate-I'm not a and violet ink. I thought after lunch man to find the right key to unlock fatalist, he was—and he said very that he meant to show me that letthe puzzle of the two deaths, but, slowly and as though thinking aloud, ter, but, of course, on thinking his meanwhile, he must follow up all 'Yes, but what if one deliberately words over, I realize that he must

initialed it, "in case it should get He did not look forward to the inter- feared any consequence enough, one wouldn't do whatever it was that hurry to the spot where Tait had face drawn and pale, but she almost on one. He seemed to turn that over in his mind and still speaking as "Is it-true that it's not heart though in a sort of deep reverie he pected, revealed nothing except that failure?" she stammered. "Scotland shook his head and said: 'No. One Tait would have had to pass a cab rank and a letter box at the turning.

These two facts might or might not These two facts m mean anything. Four of the men of agony.

duct, and yet be unable to change usually on the rank were away.

Pointer thought that truth was because to change would mean to duct, and yet be unable to change, change one's character, one's whole outlook on life, one's sense of right Tait that morning, and then let the constable return to his beat.

Tait was poisoned. I'm afraid it's and wrong. And death would be not an accident." He spoke reluctions that it is and wrong. Then he added So Tait was probably the man who tantly. "Now, Mrs. Burnham, if something about threats not always had left those smudges on the mar-ble outside Lord Mills' door. Tait who the criminal could be?" coming true, and that death would be preferable to allowing oneself to be intimidated. He was turning a letter over in his hands as he spoke, but he put it away n his letter-case without showing it to me. I did ask him, of course, what he meant, what was worrying him, but he seemed to realize that he had been talking on things that might frighten me, for he

changed the subject." "When did he say this to you?" "Night before last, we were alone, walking back from a night club into

"That would be the night that

"Of whom does his family consist?"
"Oh, I don't mean the Naylors, ha Pointer would not feel at all She fought down the hysteria cousins, or his stepmother, Lady Tait. I have an idea it was con--that sort of thing . . ."

"Could you describe the letter at all, that you saw in his hands?" "It was bright violet in color, with rather sprawly spidery writing on it, makes a decision that inevitably en- have had another, a fresh one, which,

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# Old Fort Raleigh Is Fast Being Restored at Roanoke

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ready visited the site of the settlement and more are coming each week. Students of early American history are evidencing much interest in the work and one of the larger New York newspapers has already obtained a detailed story of the restoration to be published in an early issue of its Sunday magazine section.

Sunday before last more than 700 people visited the settlement site, while there was a steady stream of visitors throughout the week. Last Sunday, when this correspondent visited Manteo, the county seat of Dare county, and which is on Roanoke Island, in order to see the restoration work being done at old Raleigh, a steady stream of cars from Virginia and other states, including one from California, as well as many from North Carolina, visited the island and the settlement now in process of being restored. This was despite the fact a cold "northeaster" was howling down the coast, making overcoats nec essary for comfort. Most of these parties had driven from 100 to 250

miles to visit the old fort. The restoration work was started several months ago as a Civil Works Administration project and with an allotment of only \$19,000 for the entire job. It was obtained almost entirery as the result of constant and untiring effort on the part of R. Bruce Etheridge director of the Department of Conservation and Development, whose home is on Roanoke Island, and Frank Stick, artist and architect of Elizabeth City, who has for several years been intensely interested in the conservation and restoration of old Raleigh and other places of interest in this eastern coastal section. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state CWA administrator was quick to see the value of

this project and approved it as soon ALFORD'S PRINT SHOP Telephone 62 QUALITY WITH SERVICE Section of England from which the

as possible, but with the provision that Mr. Stick should have complete charge of the project. He had previously prepared drawnings and plans of the entire settlement, the old fort within it and other buildings as a result or weeks of historical research. He has since made even further studies into the history of this "Lost Colony" and the plans now being followed in its restoration are regarded as being as similar to the original plans as can be found. In some cases thed imensions of the buildings being restored, especially those of the fort, the outlines of which are still preserved after 350 years, are identical with those found in historical accounts of the sea

tlement. The settlement proper, amounting to 16 acres on the north tip of the island, is being enclosed with a palisade of split juniper logs, with pointed tops, as the early settlers are known to have done. A log block house stands at each side of the main entrance. Some 300 feet from the entrance and to the right of the roadway, a replica of one of the log houses built by the original settlers is being constructed, while farther down another similar log house is under construction. On the top of a sand dune, now covered by aarpet of pine needles and surrounded by dogwood trees and the tops of old pines whose roots are buried 30 or 40 feet below in the sand a replica of the log church, the first church ever built in America-will be All of these structures are being built in the old, primative manner, without the use of nails or bolts of any sort. The roofs will be of thatch, using a type of bamboo reed thatg rows in the marshes on the island, held in place with tar.

Stone used for the foundation work of these log houses, is believed to be the same stone brought over as ballast in the ships the colonists were sent over in by Sir Walter Raleigh. They were dredged out of Roanoke Sound a few hundred yards off shore, where the ships are believed to have anchored. Many are covered with barnacles as the result of their long rest beneath the waters of the sound. They have been examined by georogists and found to be unlike any stone in the vicinity of Roanoke Island, but very similar to stone found in the prevent visitors from carrying these

around the pile of stones. "The most authoritative historical sources indicate that when the colonists arrived on Roanoke Island, they dumped the ballast stone over board into the sound so they could scrape the hulls of their ships and generally repair them. Then on the return trip they either used sand as ballast or sand and timber both instead of try-ing to retrieve the rock," Stick said.

Work on the reconstruction of the fort proper has not yet started, although the pine logs from which it is to be built have been cut and are ready to be used. The outline of the trenches around the old star-shaped fort are still discernable and its exact dimensions are known and will be followed. It will be the largest building within the enclosure and the only one built of pine logs. All the other buildings are being built of juniper logs. All the logs being used now were obtained from the mainland across Croatan Sound, since there was not sufficient timber on the island now from which to obtain them. When the colonists landed, however, it is believed the island was much more heavily wooded than at present.

The granite monument erected in 1896 in the center of the plot formerly surrounded by the original fort, wili not be disturbed, nor will any of the trees of the "Croatan Oak" also witnin the enclosure be bothered, Mr. Stick said. For the log bastions of the fort can be placed and the small blockhouse within it built without disturging any of them.

Work has beentemporarily suspended on the restoration work as a result of the abandonment of the Civil Works Administration program and the limited Emergency Relief allot ments made to the State during the past two months. For a time there was doubt as to whether the work could be completed with ERA funds as all. But present indications are than Mrs. O'Berry is trying to get additional funds so that the work can proceed as soon as possible.

### Highway Fund Of Million Is Sure

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automobile license tax through Apri for the first ten months of the present fiscal year amount to \$19,386,698, according to figures just announced by the Department of Devenue. The total appropriation for the Highway and Public Works Commission, including \$8,613,000 for debt service and \$6 900,000 for maintenance of both State and county roads and 7,700 prisons in 83 prison camps, amounts to \$16,700, 000. So on the basis of ten months collections, and without taking into consideration the amount to be collected within the coming two months, there is a surplus in the highway fund now of \$2,686,698 in excess of this year's appropriation and based on this year's collections alone. In addition to this, there is a surplus of about \$2, 500,000 in the highway fund carried over from last year. So there is no doubt about there being any lack of money in the highway fund to be diverted into thegeneral fund.

On the other hand, the revenue collected for the general fund so far during the first ten months of this fiscal year amounts to only \$18,685,988 which is \$6,499,337 short of meeting the general fund's budgete dexpenditures of \$25,185,325. And wwhile the Department of Revenue is bending

stones away as souvenirs, it has been June, the egeneral belief is that colfound necessary to build a high fence lections will fall short at least \$1,000,lections will fall short at least \$1,000,-000 or even more, making it neces sary to take the \$1,000,000 from the highway fund to meet general fund

## J. H. Bridgers Conveys Property to J. B. Hicks. Both as Trustees

A deed filed yesterday with the register of deeds covered the transfer of the property of the old Townsville Railroad, a short line running from Manson to Townsville, a distance of about ten miles, in this county. It was given by J. H. Bridgers, trustee, to Jasper B. Hicks, trustee, and the consideration was named as the bonos of the railroad as held by the purchasing trustee.

The railroad has been in litigation for several years and is now zeing dismantled. Townsville township on two different occasions issued bonds for the road in the aggregate sum of more than \$75,000, much of which still constitutes a burden on the townsnip The only other deed filed Wednes

day was that in which A. A. Bunn. trustee, sold to Cora Hawkins tor \$630, property in the "Mobile" section of the southern part of the city.

# WASHINGTON at a Glance

By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington, May 2.-It's hard to ex-

plain, but the obvious fact is that there is a decided public reaction away from President Roosevelt's recovery program, with apparently no public reaction whatever away from President Roosevelt. Contrariwise, it wouldn't be good betting that he isn't actually gaining strength.

NRA unmistakably is disintegrat ing. CWA is on its way into the discard. AAA is fizzling out. General Johnson is a punctured halloon.

The brain trust's stock is below par Not a cabinet member has scored conspicuous success; some of them none at all or even less than that. criticized or outrightly denounced

Administration policies are severely But the President, accounts from every direction indicate, is popular as ever; tremendously popular; increasingly popular, maybe-which is saying a lot, considering the majority he was elected by.

Congress, to be sure, is resentful of him, including numerous lawmakers of his own party alignment.

Yet Congress is afraid of him, too including plenty of Republicans. Next November's elections undoubt-edly will see considerable Democratic losses on Capitol Hill. When (as now looks like a certainty) the White House tenant is chosen for a second term, it is conceivable that a Republican-labeled Congress will come into

office with him. However, this does not necessarily nean (should it happen) that he will bel ess potent than he is today. Just

how much of a Democrat every effort to collect this more than President Roosevelt really is, in a \$6,000,000 difference during May and strictly partisan sense, is a question

concerning which there is a deal of party organizationspeculation among politicians.

Among the cognoscenti I believe the consensus to be that he cares far more for a continuation of his own type of governmental philosophers in power than for the domination of any especial group under some particular accidentally-inherited name-

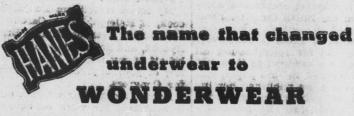
That he recognizes old-fashioned Democracy as, in the long run, essentially a minority set-up in this coun

That his ultimate aim is the per petuation of national control by his kind of folk, withoutr egard to the interests of any narrowly-designated days.

That theterms "Democratic" and

'Republican" mean little to him. That his objective, in short, is a sorting out of the "rights" from the "lefts"—a task which the radicals vainly have been attempting to accomplish ever since the era of populism, or earlier, but with which he seems to be making a fair degree of

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