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CHAPTER 24

JACQUELINE scribbled a note as soon as she reached home. She was going out, it said, and might be home late, and her mother was not to wait up for her. She smiled as she propped the note against a vase on the mantelpiece. That, at

any rate, would reduce the odds against her in the coming conflict. port her.

Jacqueline spent the afternoon at a movie, had a meal in a small Soho restaurant, and in the evening sat through two rounds of the program in another movie. When early and she had walked from the theater morning. district to the flat it was almost

half-past 11.

bed, and Jacqueline, glad of the respite, decided that she would break the news in the morning, and was tiptoeing across the landing toward her bedroom when she heard her mother's voice. "Is that you, Jacqueline?"

She opened the door of her mother's room and switched on the however, had found a better use think him a coward. for it. light.



assured me that everything would be all right

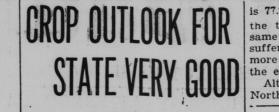
bring his thoughts to heel and con- deed. It had been a brain-wave, centrate on the matter in hand. that announcement that Jacque-She could tackle her mother to- For two hours he struggled on, line had signed in the wrong place. Jim and Colonel Lutman to sup-and finding that it was 10 o'clock, give him a few more days, at any he leaned back in his chair and rate, and even so there was no

stared resentfully at the docu-ments he had been studying. It was no use trying to understand them tonight; he would get up early and have a go at them in the moming risk letting the marriage take There was a small room above

place, and that was what mattered. the offices of Messrs. Stuckey & Lutman had sized up pretty accu-Her mother had already gone to Stuckey which, though it bore no rately what had been in his mind. outward and visible sign of their It had only been a vague idea then, occupation, was none the less in-cluded in the suite. It was ap-Tomorrow morning he would deproached by a short spiral stair-case in the corner of the main see Jacqueline and get the whole office, and had been used, until wretched business off his chest. Charles became sole partner of the He wondered if, when he had told

firm, as a store room. Charles, her everything, she would still There were numbered

Charles sat up, switched on the "So late, dear," said Mrs. Smith. amongst Messrs. Stuckey & light, and felt in his pocket for his "I had to come to bed, but I Stuckey's clients gentlemen whom cigaret case. He put a cigaret he began exploring anxious to sleep. Colonel Lutman assured me that everything would be all right—we had an excellent by when in need of legal advice, preferred that their consultations where the began exploring the began excellent. lunch, Jacqueline. It was such a relief not to have to look at the price of everything before saying I'd have it—but you behaved very strangely at Mr. Stuckey's office the morning and just for the mothis morning, and just for the mo-ment I was afraid you were going quite a common hour; and since at office into his private room.



is 77.9 percent, which is the same as was unusually mild, causing an early er during March further delayed farm is 77.9 percent, which is the same as the ten-year average and about the same as a year ago. North Carolina suffered from last year's drought more than these other states; that is the early spring drought. Altogether, the outlook for crops in North Carolina is good. The winter and fruit. The continued cold weath- more favorable.

Continued Cold Weather in March Delays Planting of Crops

Raleigh, April 15 .- The cold weather of March delayed farm work and the growth of pasture, thereby lengthening the required feeding period for livestock. Spring work has been delayed over the country as a whole. Considerable fruit has been damaged. Rising prices during the winter have been an incentive to encourage farmers toward a maximum acreage of crops this year. Conditions in the eastern part of North Carolina have been fairly favorable for the preparation of soil and for the planting of early truck crops. Farmers are quite busy preparing for cotton and tobacco planting in fields. Considerable corn is already planted. In the central and western sections of the State, however, farm work is somewhat delayed by the cold and wet soil.

The condition of wheat as of April 1st was reported at 86 percent of a full crop. This is 2 percent better than the ten-year average and 5 percent tetter than a year ago. For the country as a whole, this year's condition is appreciably below the ten-year average but is 5 percent better than last year. The stocks of winter wheat on farms throughout the nation are appreciably less than the usual at this eason of the year.

The condition of rye in North Carolina, reported at 86 percent, is slightly better than the ten-year average and is 8 percent better than last year. The oat crop is also considerably better than last year. For the country as a whole, however, small grains are not up to usual. Pasture conditions are also below the average. Peaches are reported at 55 percent in State which is much less than a year ago and 22 percent below the ten-year average. In the Sandhill Belt or commercial area, however, the crop is on-ly slightly below last year's prospects.

The early commercial potato crop is reported at 83 percent or better. This is equal to the ten-year average. The extremely unfavorable weather a year ago resulted in a condition of only 69 percent which gradually got worse until the last of May. For the Southern States as a whole, the crop



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You did sign to refuse to sign. that time of night the journey The door was wide open-he the deed, dear, didn't you?" from Rotherhithe to Bloomsbury, could see the top right-hand cor-"Oh, yes, mother, I signed it." where the solicitor occupied a ner of it silhouetted against the

A smile spread over her mothfurnished flat, involved a long walk window-and in his own room, just er's face and her hand found Jacor an expensive taxi ride, he had for a fraction of a second, he transformed his erstwhile store seen a flash of light. Through the queline's and drew her down until her lips brushed the girl's cheek. room into a very fair apology for window, perhaps-from some boat on the river. But he didn't think a bedroom

"You've made me very happy, Jacqueline," she said. "Bless you, dear. It's years since I really slept There, on such nights as he was so; it had been too vivid for that. detained at the office, he slept; It was more as if someone had properly, but I shall tonight." snapped a flashlight on and off there, too, from time to time, he accommodated his friend, Captain Jacqueline hesitated, frowning; again

then she suddenly stooped, kissed her mother, and switched out the Allwright, when his ship, the John He waited, his gaze riveted on the doorway, but the light did not o' Gaunt, was berthed nearby. And others had slept in that room, light.

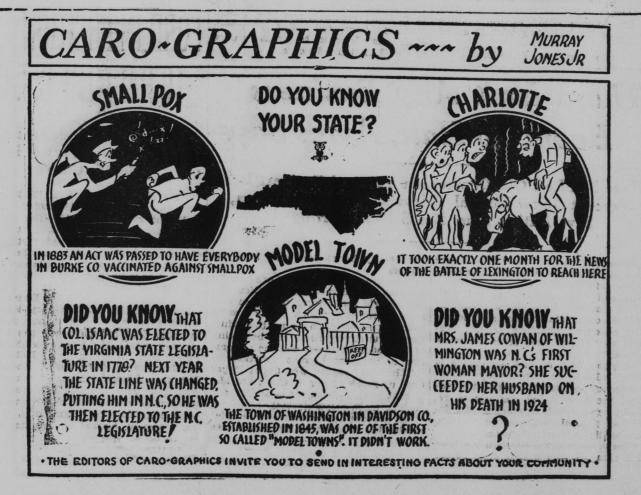
reappear, and he was about to continue his expedition in search light. It was all very well to talk, she told herself as she went to her bedroom, but it wasn't always easy not to be soft. Poor mother! She bedroom, but it wasn't always easy not to be soft. Poor mother! She sleep there tonight. He climbed open, but he had not left it open. the spiral staircase, kicked off his He distinctly remembered shutting night's rest tonight.

shoes, switched off the light, and it. The bottom edge had caught a Charles had work to do on that flung himself on the bed in the ruck in the linoleum and he had afternoon of his talk alone with darkness, only to discover that had to force the door to. Someone was in his room

Jacqueline. There was an impor-tant consultation the next day, and That word "coward" that Jacque-Charles did not hesitate now Whatever other type of coward he a mass of details to be mastered line had flung at him rankled and before he could go to bed that made him restless. What did she might be, he was not a physical know, or what had she guessed? Something, she had said, had hapnight; but when Miss Harringay coward. Slowly, treading noiseand Mr. Bells left at 6 o'clock, lessly, he went down the staircase, the work was still untouched, and pened in his life to push him down congratulating himself that he had he was still sitting at his desk. removed his shoes before lying -something mendous. Was staring at the papers in front of that only femin: 2 intuition? Was down, straining his ears for the him. He looked, as Miss Harrin- it that she had realized, when she least sound, and all the time peergay had remarked to Mr. Bells, "as saw him, that he wasn't in the ing into the darkness of the doorif he had something stuck in his least like the man he could be, way. Cautiously feeling his way gizzard and couldn't cough it up." that here in Rotherhithe, acting as past Miss Harringay's desk, he At 7 o'clock he gave up, went mouthpiece for the riff-raff, he was reached the doorway, felt for the out, and had a meal in a neighbor-ing restaurant. Then, returning to he should be doing something far room, found it, and pressed it his office, he settled himself at his better? down

desk and made a serious effort to | He smiled as he thought of the

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