

Shifting Sands

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THE STORY

CHAPTER V.—Marcia admits to herself that she has altogether too deep an interest in her quest; but is powerless to overcome it. Unable to write because of his injured wrist, Heath has Marcia write "Mrs. S. C. Heath," New York, saying he is safe. He also wires orders to a man named Currier to come at once. Sylvia, in her room, bedsheets herself with the jewels. At Marcia's approach she hides them there. Heath asks Marcia to bring him the jewels. They are gone! Terror-stricken, she informs Heath. He kindly makes list of the loss. Sylvia has a letter from Horatio Fuller, "boy friend" in her home town, Aiton City. Seizing an opportunity, she restores the jewels to their original hiding place. Heath's consideration for her in their supposed loss moves Marcia deeply.

MARCIA took up her sewing. "Do you think so?" questioned she, raising her brows. "Seems to me we've had lots of rain and fog."

"Wal, yes, aow you mention it I do recall a few thick days. Still, spring is comin'."

"I'd like to shingle the south all this spring," announced Marcia, giving a disconcertingly practical twist to the conversation. "How many shingles do you suppose it would take?"

Eleanor frowned. The dialogue was not proceeding along the lines he had mapped out.

"I'd have to reckon that out. It's a good notion, though, to make the ell tight. That's what the birds are doin'. They're gettin' their nests built an' kinder pickin' out their mats."

"I did not realize you were so much interested in birds, Eleanor," Marcia exclaimed. "I have a fine bird book I must lend you. It's in the other room. I'll fetch it."

Springing up, she disappeared. "Drat it!" murmured Eleanor. "Could anything be more exasperating? An' me neither knowin', nor carin' a hang whether a bird's a robin or a sparrow."

"Oh, heavens, who's this comin'?" If it ain't 'Tish Winslow! Now what in thunder does he want, buttin' in?"

Eleanor threw open the door. Before he could speak, however, Elisha puffing and out of breath bawled:

"Where in the name of goodness did you put the engine-house key, Eleanor? Whipple's hen house is afire an' we've hunted high an' low for it."

"My soul an' body," Eleanor gasped. "I clean forgot to leave it. Must be in my pocket."

Wildly he began to search. "You're a fine head of the fire department, you are!" roared Elisha. "If you'd put your mind on town business 'stead of on Marcia Howe, we'd all be better off. Traipsing over here to see her in the middle of the day, palmin' off that telegram as an excuse. You better go straight back to the village fast as you can leg it an' carry the key with you," went on the accuser.

"Don't wait for nothin'. I'll explain matters to Marcia."

"But I've got to see her. I've got to speak to her private," protested the wretched official. "I want to give her somethin'."

"Give it to me. I'll hand it to her," Elisha's extended palm was not to be ignored.

"This—this—telegram," quavered Eleanor. "I ain't had a chance to—"

"Do you mean to say you ain't given her that telegram yet?"

"I was intendin' to. I was just about to when—"

"Wal, of all the—" words failed Elisha. "Here, give it to me," he commanded. "I can be depended on to deliver messages if you can't. I'll see she has it. In the meantime, the best thing you can do is to hoof it to town quick's ever you can."

"Ain't you comin'?"

hat, blue leather case. If the sheriff's eyes bulged when he caught sight of it, they all but popped from his head when, egged on by curiosity, he pressed the catch on the box.

Quick as a flash the whole situation clarified in his mind. These were the widely heralded Long Island jewels; and the thief who had stolen them was here beneath this roof!

It was as plain as a pikestaff. Hidden by fog he had escaped in his boat and inadvertently run aground at the mouth of Wilton harbor.

Of course Marcia did not know. Even though a friendship existed between herself and Heath, she was unquestionably ignorant of the nefarious means by which he earned his living.

Far from cherishing anger or resentment toward the person who exposed his villainy and prevented her from sacrificing herself to such an unprincipled adventurer, would she not regard her rescuer with deepest gratitude? Elisha's head whirled.

Nevertheless, confused though he was, it was clear to him he must not make a mis-step and neglect to perform his official duty with dignity.

Heath was ill. There would be no danger of his leaving the Homestead at present, especially as he had no suspicion the jewels had been discovered.

The best plan was for him to return to the mainland; get his badge and handcuffs; find out what formalities such a momentous event as an arrest demanded; and return later and round up the criminal.

He did not dally. Carefully putting the gems back where he had found them, he placed the telegram upon the table and went out, softly closing the door behind him.

It flashed into his mind that as the tide was coming in it might be well to borrow Marcia's boat and row back to shore.

This would serve two purposes. He would reach home sooner; and Heath; cut off by the sweep of the channel, would in the meantime be unable to escape.

Never had Elisha rowed as he rowed that day! The dory fairly leaped through the water. Reaching shore, he sprang from it and dragged it up on the sand. Then, trembling with excitement, he set out for home.

He was almost at his gate when to his consternation he saw Eleanor puffing after him.

"You didn't make much of a stop at the Widder's, I see," jeered he. "No. Had other business," came crisply from Elisha.

"You 'pear to be kinder stirred up, 'Lish," Eleanor commented. "What's the matter?"

Elisha determined upon a sudden and bold move.

"Say, Eleanor," began he cautiously. "Did you ever see a man arrested?"

"Wal, I dunno as I ever did—not really. I've seen it done, though, in the movies."

"That oughter be up-to-date an' proper. Just how was the proceedin' put through?"

Thoughtfully Eleanor regarded the toes of his boots.

"Wal, near's I can recollect, the policeman went up to the criminal an' grabbin' him by the arm says: 'You villain! I've got you now. Scram!'"

"I s'pose the policeman wore a badge an' carried handcuffs."

"Oh, law, yes. But what's the game? What do you want to know for?"

Furtively Elisha glanced up and down the empty road and after peering over his shoulder, he dropped his voice to a confidential whisper and hissed:

"'Cause I'm goin' to make an arrest—a big arrest! I've tracked down the thief that committed the Long Island burglary. Moreover, I know this very second where the jewels are. I'm goin' to phone the New York police I've got their man," he concluded.

Eleanor's cunning mind worked quickly.

"I don't know, 'Lish, as I'd do that," he cautioned. "In the first place, you might be mistook in your calculations an' not only get yourself into hot water but make the town a laughin' stock. Furthermore, was you wrong, you might get sued for defamin' the accused's character."

"I ain't wrong, I'm right."

"Wal, even so, I'd move careful," urged his companion. "Most likely there's a reward out for this criminal. Why wait it with a host of others? Why don't you an' me divide it? I'll help you land your man, stacc you're a bit—"

Eleanor, fearing to offend, hesitated a bit out of practice 'bout arrestin'.

The advice was good, Elisha, shrewd in his dealings, instantly saw the advantage of the plan proposed.

FOUNTAIN NEWS

(By MRS. M. D. YELVERTON)

PERSONALS

Mrs. C. L. Owens and daughters, Hazel and Eloise, and sons, Claude and Neal, left Wednesday for Wallace, where they will spend the Thanksgiving holidays visiting relatives.

W. E. Yelverton spent Sunday in Chapel Hill with friends.

Miss Jean Merritt Owens celebrated her thirteenth birthday Wednesday night by taking a few of her young friends to the theatre in Wilson.

W. C. Reddick has returned to his home after having spent some time in Durham at Duke Hospital undergoing treatment.

Mrs. M. C. Smith returned to the home of her mother near Farmville who continues very ill.

Elizabeth Eason, a former student of Louisburg College, came home last Friday evening after a recent illness. She regrets that she will not be able to finish her school year, on account of physical conditions.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mayo, Jr., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Gerald Mack. Mrs. Mayo was formerly Miss Olive Clark, of Greenville.

RECEIVE AWARDS IN ESSAY CONTEST

In a recent essay contest sponsored by the Raleigh Times the following pupils of Fountain school received awards: Carol Yelverton winner of third prize received five dollars and Helen Brown Jefferson, Penina Butts and Louise Norman each received one dollar.

AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Mercer with Mrs. C. L. Owens assistant hostess.

The devotional was conducted by Miss Ella Fleming, which was followed by a most interesting talk on Barium Springs Orphanage by Mrs. Gardner of Tarboro, the secretary of Orphanage work in the Albemarle Presbyterial.

The guests then enjoyed refreshments which were served by the hostesses.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. J. L. Cooke entertained her bridge club Tuesday evening. Bridge was enjoyed at three tables. High score prize was won by Miss Christine Smith and the consolation prize was presented to Miss Helen Smith. Guests other than club members were Mrs. J. P. Gardner, Mrs. L. E. Baker and Miss Frances Dilda.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The Thanksgiving idea was carried out in favors and decorations.

FOUNTAIN HAS THE NEWEST BOY SCOUT TROOP IN PITT COUNTY

Tuesday night at seven o'clock seventeen boys met at the industrial building of the Fountain High School to organize a Boy Scout Troop. The Troop is being sponsored by the Fountain Junior Order of American Mechanics.

The meeting opened with the allegiance to the flag given by the Troop and visitors. This was followed by a short business meeting in which a few of the boys that had not previously registered did so, and the boys selected three temporary Patrol Leaders and Patrol names. After the business meeting the boys had twenty minutes of Patrol instruction in which time the boys learned the deaf and dumb alphabet. The Scoutmaster Mr. H. B. Mayo gave leadership to this, working through the Patrol leaders. The Patrol instruction period was followed by a game of things to do and things to touch with the instruction given with the deaf and dumb alphabet. The Wolf Patrol won this game. The next game played was a shoe relay. The Wolf Patrol also won this. The Paper bag relay was the last of the games and was won by the Hawk Patrol. The meeting was closed by giving the Scout benediction by all present.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, Pitt County, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK

T. D. Murphy, Administrator of W. R. J. Lassiter, Deceased

William Emmitt Lassiter, Grace Lassiter, Lee Nora Lassiter, Joseph Hugh Lassiter, Mabel Eliza Lassiter and William Earl Lassiter, Heirs at Law of W. R. J. Lassiter, Deceased.

The defendants William Emmitt Lassiter, Grace Lassiter, Lee Nora Lassiter will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina by the plaintiff, T. D. Murphy, Administrator of W. R. J. Lassiter, deceased, against the above named defendants and others for the purpose of selling the lands of the said W. R. J. Lassiter, deceased, to make assets to pay the debts and cost of the administration of the said estate. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, at the Court-house at Greenville, on Saturday, December 21, 1935 and answer or demur to the Complaint in the said action for relief demanded in the said Complaint.

This the 20th day of November, 1935.

J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk of The Superior Court of Pitt County.

J. G. Anderson, Atty. 5wks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. R. J. Lassiter, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, on or before the 25th day of October, 1936, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

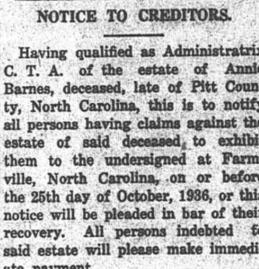
This the 25th day of October, 1935.
T. D. MURPHY, Administrator of W. R. J. Lassiter Estate.
J. G. Anderson, Atty. 10-5-35

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix C. T. A. of the estate of Annie Barnes, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Farmville, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of October, 1936, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of October, 1935.
DORA JOYNER, Administratrix C. T. A. of the Estate of Annie Barnes.
10-25-35wks.

Japanese Army Moving Into North China Zone

Supporting North China Autonomy Movement and Preventing Disorders by Chinese Mobs

Nanking, China, Nov. 27.—A high official said today the Chinese government had determined to meet with force any move to impose the autonomy program on the territory south of the borders of Hopei and Chahar provinces.

Tientsin, Nov. 27.—The Japanese army moved into North China today, prepared to support the North China autonomy movement headed by Gen. Yin Ju-Keng and to prevent disorders by Chinese mobs.

At the same time, the national government in Nanking threatened military resistance to the autonomists and instructed the Hopei provincial government to dismiss and punish Gen. Yin, who still holds the minor post in the demilitarized zone which he deserted to declare an autonomous state in eastern Hopei.

The first contingent of the invading Japanese from Manchukuo, chief base of the Japanese army in northern Asia, reached Peiping late yesterday. They comprised 160 soldiers armed with light and heavy machine guns and came into the old capital from Shanhaikwan on a special train.

Simultaneously, Yin Ju-Keng announced at his capital in T'ungchow, near Peiping, that 10,000 Japanese troops marched through the Great Wall at Kupeikow and headed towards Miyuen-Hsien, a walled city about 30 miles north of Peiping.

Miyuen-Hsien was divisional headquarters during the Japanese invasion of North China two years ago following bitter fighting at Kupeikow in which hundreds of Chinese were killed.

A second detachment of 80 Japanese machine gunners passed through Tientsin en route to Peiping at dusk yesterday.

Two Japanese armored trains which have been held at Shanhaikwan, gateway from North China into Manchukuo, were reported

moving towards Tangku, down-river port of Tientsin. Meantime, Japanese military headquarters here issued a formal statement supporting the autonomy movement and asserting that "any effort of the Nanking government to suppress it will be useless."

This statement was reinforced by a declaration of the Japanese embassy, through a spokesman in Shanghai, saying: "Japan considers it imperative that the political and administrative reorganization of the northern provinces (Hopei, Shansi, Chahar, Shantung, and Suiyuan—with a total population of about 95,000,000 people) be hastened to enable these regions to maintain normal economic relations with the independent empire of Manchukuo and Japan."

Cotton growers of Scotland County purchased 456,840 pounds of tax exemption certificates to gin extra cotton last week.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that order of re-sale contained on November 9, 1935 by His honor, J. Frank Harrington, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C., in that action entitled, "Town of Farmville vs. W. J. Rasberry and wife, Clyde Rasberry, and J. T. Harriss, the undersigned Commissioner, a prior bid of \$730.00 made on October 28th, 1935, having been raised by more than 5%, will, on Saturday, the 7th day of Dec., 1935, at 12:00 o'clock NOON, sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door in Greenville, N. C., the following described real property:

One vacant lot situated on the southeast corner of the intersection of Wilson and Walnut Streets of the Town of Farmville; said lot being on the west side of the T. C. Beaman garage building.

Bidding to begin at \$958.82; and said lot to be sold subject to existing County and Town taxes.

This the 19 day of Nov., 1935.
JOHN B. LEWIS, Commissioner.

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