

FAMOUS HEADLINE HUNTER FLOYD GIBBONS ADVENTURERS CLUB Everybody

White Death in the Valley

By FLOYD GIBBONS

ALMA WEBB of Clarence, N. Y., crashes into the Adventurers' club today, and the yarn she brings us is so packed full of thrills that you'll remember it for a long time.

For Alma woke up in the middle of the night on March 13, 1928, to find herself right in the midst of one of the most thrilling, and at the same time one of the most terrifying, adventures that ever happened to anyone.

But the adventure wasn't happening to Alma alone. It was happening to thousands of other people, too.

It was happening to everybody in the town of Santa Paula, California, 65 miles north of Los Angeles—and it was happening to almost everybody in the whole of ill-fated Santa Clara valley.

Bells and Whistles Gave the Alarm.

Alma was living in Santa Paula with her husband and her sister, and it was about two-thirty in the morning when she woke up in the midst of her adventure. It was the noise that woke her.

There were other disquieting sounds out there, too. The streets were normally still at that hour in Santa Paula, but now, mixed in with the din of the bells and sirens, she could hear voices and the patter of running feet.

Fire was Alma's first thought. Forest fires are frequent out there in the California canyons and sometimes those conflagrations sweep out of the woods and destroy whole towns.

One thing Alma did notice, though. The street lamp on the corner was dark. While she was trying to figure out what that might mean her sister came running into the room.

Alma told her she didn't know. She reached for the light switch and turned it, but no flood of light came in response to her touch. She ran to the telephone. It was dead. Then she heard some children crying outside—saw the lights of the neighbor's car as it pulled out of the garage about thirty feet away and roared off down the street.

The Dam Had Given Way.

By that time Alma was doggone sure something terrible had happened. The whole town was awake and going somewhere. She grabbed up a dressing gown and started out to find out what the trouble was.

Alma dashed back into the house. She knew only too well what that meant. Santa Paula lies in a notch between two mountains. The water from the broken dam would sweep down and tear it wide apart.

Alma tried to wake her husband. He was a heavy sleeper and it took precious minutes to get him up. They lit matches to find a few clothes and get them on. Shoes, stockings, coats and pocketbooks—that's all Alma and her sister bothered to take.

All Fleeing to the Higher Ground.

At last they were out of the house and running for the garage. They got into the car and were off for the side of the mountain. The streets were jammed with hundreds of other cars—with crowds of pedestrians all fleeing to the high ground.

It was a picture—a sort of sound picture—that Alma will never forget. Before them and behind them, as far as they could see, a solid line of cars crept along toward the mountain.

It was pitch dark and drizzling. As they started up the side of the hill the long row of automobile headlights furnished the only illumination.

Alma, her husband and her sister had just made it to safety, but there were four hundred and fifty people who DIDN'T make it.

Smoke Small Particles Suspended in the Air

Smoke is nothing more than myriads of small solid particles suspended in the air, writes Dr. Thomas M. Beck in the Chicago Tribune. These particles are denser than air, yet they settle only with extreme slowness because of two facts.

packed mass of a porous solid absorbent. These methods frequently fail with smokes. The reason for this difference lies in the fact that the small, light gas molecules are in a state of constant motion, and travel at incredible speeds which quickly bring them into contact with the absorbing material.

Morris House in Philadelphia. From December, 1790, until March, 1797, Washington lived in what had been the residence of Sieur John Holker, consul general of France, 526-530 Market street, Philadelphia.

Way Back When

By JEANNE

DREISER WAS A BILL COLLECTOR

IF YOU lived in Chicago, Ill., 17 years ago, you may have bought carpet tacks or a can of paint from a young hardware clerk who looked like nobody at all to you.

He was born in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1871. A poor boy, he attended the public schools of Warsaw, Ind., quitting at the age of sixteen to go to work in Chicago at \$5 per week.



An ordinary young man, with an ordinary background, who could have foretold that some day he would produce a book ("American Tragedy") which would arouse world-wide controversy, banned in some cities, required reading in some school systems?

After the collector's job, persistent calling at the Chicago Daily Globe got him a job as a reporter. His rise was rapid as he developed a clear reportorial style, until 1898 he became editor-in-chief of the Butterick Publications which included Delineator Magazine.

LOWELL THOMAS WAS A COOK

THE life of Lowell Thomas has been tremendously exciting, but it may be encouraging to those of you in everyday jobs, and pining for adventure, to know that he was not always free from humdrum occupations.

The radio and news-reel reporter was born in Woodington, Ohio, in 1892. The family moved to Cripple Creek, Colo., where Lowell attended public schools set in the midst of a typical rough-and-ready mining town.



a newspaper. During the summer months, he punched cows and pitched alfalfa. In Chicago Kent College of Law, he studied law, and then took post-graduate work in English literature at Princeton.

His beginning did not promise excitement and adventure. But then came the World War, and Lowell Thomas went to the front with a staff of cameramen making official pictures! It changed his whole life.

STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

FIVE small boys have just about disrupted Hollywood. They are the youngsters who played on the stage in New York in "Dead End" and who now are in Hollywood playing the same roles in the picture.

They don't like Hollywood, they think acting in movies is pretty silly, and their complete lack of reverence for glamorous stars frequently makes the girls furious or fearful.



"This Is My Affair," a Twentieth Century-Fox picture, has Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor as its stars, which is enough to cause a stampede at the box office any time, but in addition this has some gripping historical scenes.

If you like Navy pictures with lots of gold braid, humming engines, wonderful marine views, and terrific drama, there is "Wings Over Honolulu" for you. It is a Universal picture with Wendy Barrie, Ray Milland, and Bill Gargan and it is so exciting that I just had to say and see it a second time and any day now I may go back again.

Incidentally, Bill Gargan is now making a picture on the Universal lot called "Reporter Missing" and he has been taking the thrills of the picture so seriously, that when a burglar-alarm salesman walked in to his house he found Bill a willing customer.

Any week now Don Wilson may have to break down and sing a few songs on the Jack Benny radio program. When Jack had to bow out of his usual Sunday night radio appearance because of flu, Wilson subbed for him and threatened to sing. Phil Harris, Kenny Baker and the rest explored him not to—and a few days later protests by the bushel poured in from Detroit listeners. They didn't realize it was all kidding and they resented it.

When Fred Astaire goes off the air for the summer, Trudy Wood, his singing partner, will stay on with the new program, which includes barytone Jimmy Blair and a sixteen-voice rhythm choir. Trudy is only twenty-one years old, so you can't blame her for being so happy she went home to sing and shout for hours the day the contract was signed.

Gracie Allen has a perfectly wonderful idea for raising a lot of money for charity. She wants to send her husband, George Burns, and his bridge-playing cronies, Tony Martin, Bert Wheeler, and Benny Rubin on a tour of the country to stage bridge games in public.

ODDS AND ENDS . . . Folks who scribble on the tablecloths in the Paramount studio restaurant are now paid thirty-five cents. Jack Benny's debt is so high that Mary Livingstone gave him a few old tablecloths from home to use on his table at the studio.

AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Chilling Canned Fruits.—Before placing canned fruits in the refrigerator to chill remove the paper label which acts as an insulator.

Cleaning Silver.—Moist salt will remove egg tarnish from silver.

Washing Woolens.—Rinse woolens in warm water to which a little olive oil has been added. This helps to keep them soft.

Clearing the Atmosphere.—Burn a few drops of vinegar on a hot shovel for a quick way of clearing the smell of stale smoke out of a room.

Rice, Scrambled Eggs, Cheese.—Have ready a border of rice (boiled) in a dish. Make some scrambled eggs to which cheese has been added.

Quick Mayonnaise.—The yellow part of an egg is thoroughly beaten up with a teaspoon vinegar. Add some salt and pepper. Pour oil over it and whip the mixture

thoroughly. Then add two dessertspoons of vinegar and one tablespoon boiling water.

Removing Spots From Tile.—Spots can be removed from the tile bathroom floor by rubbing with a cloth moistened with kerosene and then polishing with one moistened with paraffin.

Barbecued Ham.—Fry the required number of thin ham slices from a left-over boiled ham. Arrange them in a serving dish, and pour the following sauce over them; add to the ham fat in the frying pan a teaspoonful of made mustard, half a teaspoonful sugar, three tablespoonfuls vinegar and a tablespoonful of red currant jelly. Warm all the ingredients up together, sprinkle with paprika (optional) and pour over the ham.

Frying Doughnuts.—To keep doughnuts from absorbing too much of the fat in which they are fried, put a drop or two of vinegar in the dough when mixing the ingredients.

WNU Service.

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

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- 1. How many active volcanoes are there in the world? 2. How much gold has been taken out of Alaska? 3. What is the longest telephone call that can be made within the borders of the United States? 4. Is streamlining of railroad trains a recent development? 5. What country is the largest user of radium? 6. What city was known as the city of wooden chimneys? 7. What became of the silver bullet used by British spies for carrying messages during the Revolutionary war? 8. Is woman's blood ever used in blood transfusions?

1. There are between sixty and seventy in active operation. 2. Since the discovery of gold in Alaska, in 1880, the territory has produced more than \$434,765,000 in gold, with nearly two-thirds of this from placer mines.

3. The longest possible telephone call in the United States is from Eastport, Me., to Bay, Calif., a distance of 2,947 airline miles.

4. Streamlining of railway trains to increase speed is generally regarded as a recent development, but in 1900 a streamlined "Adams Windsplitter" train on the Baltimore and Ohio attained a speed of 85 miles an hour in tests.

5. The United States is the world's largest consumer of radium. During the last fifteen years, this country has imported \$10,000,000 worth of the mineral element.

6. In the middle of the Eighteenth century Suffolk, Va., had a building boom, and, due to the scarcity of brick, built many chimneys of wood, and became famous as the city of wooden chimneys.

7. It has recently been presented to the Fort Ticonderoga museum. It was taken from a British spy, who had swallowed it when caught.

8. Women sometimes give blood for transfusion. Usually man donors are available who have better blood supply and stronger constitutions and are more able to furnish blood. There is no reason so far as the blood itself is concerned why the blood of women should not be used.

Foreign Words and Phrases

Cambio non e furto. (It.) Exchange is no robbery. Cor unum, via una. (L.) One heart, one way. Finis coronat opus. (L.) The end crowns the work. Le vrai n'est pas toujours vraisemblable. (F.) The truth is not always probable. Res est sacra miser. (L.) A suffering person is a sacred thing. Des manieres qui reviennent a tout le monde. (F.) Manners that please everyone. Ab actu ad posse valet consequutio. (L.) Inference (or deduction) from what has been to what may be, has force. Ego spem pretio non emo. (L.) I do not purchase hope with money. Ces vers enlvent le lecteur. (F.) These verses delight (charm) the reader.



Hot Weather is Here— Beware of Biliousness!

Have you ever noticed that in very hot weather your organs of digestion and elimination seem to become torpid or lazy? Your food sours, forms gas, causes belching, heartburn, and a feeling of restlessness and irritability. Perhaps you may have sick headache, nausea and dizziness or blind spells on suddenly rising. Your tongue may be coated, your complexion bilious and your bowel actions sluggish or insufficient.

BARI-CIDE advertisement with image of product box and text: Kills Chewing Insects such as the Mexican Bean Beetle, Cucumber Beetle, Potato Beetle. Does Not Contain Lead, Arsenic or Fluorine. Harmless to Bean Foliage or that of other Crops on which we recommend its use.

True Happiness True happiness, if understood, consists alone in doing good.—Somerville. Pleasure and Happiness Pleasure can be supported by illusion. Happiness rests upon truth.

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO

PE-KO EDGE JAR RUBBERS advertisement with cartoon characters and text: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U. S. ROYAL TIRES AND U. S. ROYAL PE-KO EDGE JAR RUBBERS? THE TIRES WON'T LET THE AIR OUT AND PE-KO JAR RUBBERS WON'T LET THE AIR IN!

Phillips Delicious Soups advertisement with image of a soup can and text: "Phillips Delicious Soups are Southern Cooking at its BEST!" GEORGE RECTOR world-famous cooking authority, says "You can't beat Phillips Delicious Soup for real home-like flavor." PHILLIPS Delicious SOUPS