

KILLER

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That Colorado fugitive drama produced a weird, unexpected twist tonight. The desperate killer on the train bound for Hot ~~Springs~~ Sulphur Springs turned out to be someone else.

It all began with twelve convicts making a prison break from the Colorado State Penitentiary, at Canyon City. Twelve convicts got away. Eleven recaptured. One of the desperadoes felled by a farm woman who slugged him with a hammer.]

[Leaving one of the fugitives still at large - James Sherbondy; "the lone wolf" they call him. -- ~~vicious murderer~~

Then followed word of an inhuman crime, thought to have been committed by <sup>Convict</sup> Sherbondy. ~~with~~  
He hitch-hiked with  
Robert Hutchins and wife and ~~an~~ small child, from  
Castle Rock. <sup>Once in their car he</sup> murdered the husband, tossing his body out, and then shot the wife, wounding her gravely -- the child unharmed.

The criminal drove on until he wrecked the car -- after which the ~~px~~ police traced him to the Union Station in Denver. There they surrounded the station, to corner him - only to find he had boarded a train, ~~with a passenger coach,~~ with the train already on its way, <sup>Colo.,</sup> Hot Sulphur Springs, the next stop. -- ~~the train due in Hot Sulphur Springs.~~

The Police and Sheriff planned ~~to trap~~ ~~ready~~ to close in on the killer when the train arrived. *meanwhile* Ray Best, the warden of the Penitentiary, at Canyon City, sent word to the posse at Hot Sulphur, advising them to shoot first and ask questions afterward.

The conductor, of the train ~~meanwhile~~ was notified to take the fugitive's ticket and give no indication that his identity was known. <sup>TP</sup> At Hot Sulphur Springs, the Sheriff and a group of law officers waited, ~~their~~ guns ready. But they didn't have to shoot. The murderer surrendered when he found himself surrounded. And, he turned out to be someone else. Not Sherbondy, the missing convict.

The man taken ~~fr~~ from the train at Hot Sulphur ~~identified~~ identified himself as Don Tucker, of Peru, Indiana. <sup>And - he</sup> ~~He~~ calmly admitted the murder of the motorist, Robert Hutchins.

So tonight, the search for the missing <sup>Convict,</sup> Sherbondy, goes on.



PALESTINE

( In the Central Mediterranean British warships  
*those*  
have seized <sup>^</sup> two steamers with twelve thousand Jewish  
refugees -- the largest consignment of ~~illegal~~  
emigrants ever sent out to the Holy Land. The vessels  
are The Pan Crescent and The Pan York - American  
built, *and recently* ~~they~~ placed under Panamanian registry. )

After all the stories of trouble in the  
seizure of immigrant ships, we might expect a climax  
of violence in the case of the two largest. But not  
at all. British warships took over The Pan Crescent  
and Pan York, and are transferring the record breaking  
number of refugees to Cyprus -- (all without any  
disturbance whatever. This ~~is~~ because of an agreement  
with the Jewish Agency -- the agency deciding that  
it would be futile to make resistance and risk loss of  
life, when the British are going to withdraw from  
Palestine in a few months anyway. Then the refugees  
can come in as they please.) The Zionist plan being  
to bring them to Palestine as fast as they can be



transported. At the same time, still another refugee ~~was~~ vessel, a smaller one, actually got to the Palestine Coast, and succeeded in landing two-hundred of its passenger list of seven-hundred. The British intervened at the last moment and took the refugees into custody, sending them to Cyprus -- all this again without violence.

Most of the new hosts of emigrants are from Rumania and Bulgaria, ~~where~~ where the Communist authorities make no objection to the <sup>in</sup> exodus. ~~For~~ *In fact* ~~except~~ they cleared the Pan Crescent and the Pan York.

*TP* It is all part of a mass flight from the Red dictatorship in the Balkans. A Jewish agency representative stated today for example, that in Rumania from eighty-nine to ninety percent of the Jews want to get out and go to Palestine. From fifty to sixty percent are willing, in the words of the Zionist representative - "to leave at the first opportunity, legal or otherwise."

There are some three-hundred-and-fifty-thousand Jews in Rumania - and they are described as being in

a desperate situation. This, according to previous accounts, is not so much because of anti-semitism, as of communism. The Red overlords are wiping out the middle classes, small manufacturers and trad~~er~~<sup>ers</sup> and these in Rumania are largely Jewish. They are being ruined by the Communist pressure on the ~~mer~~ merchant class, their means of livelihood taken away. So there's a mass move in the direction of Palestine - swelling the twentieth century Jewish exodus.



GREECE

The Greek government reports that the town of Konitsa has been relieved, with forces of soldiers breaking into the beleaguered place from ~~xxx~~ three sides. The Communist guerrillas ~~were~~ driven out of their positions on rugged ridges, to the West, South and East, ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> government troops <sup>ing</sup> poured in - rescuing the small garrison that had stood a red siege ever since Christmas.

~~The Communists were commanded by red guerrilla leader General Markos, ~~who is~~ the head of the rebel government the leftists have proclaimed. They fought hard but failed to ~~take~~ <sup>get</sup> Konitsa, the town they ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> hoped to make the capital of their red regime.~~

~~all~~ <sup>we hear</sup> This ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> from Athens. - ~~But~~ <sup>But</sup> a guerrilla ~~xxxxx~~ broadcast proclaims a line of news entirely different -- saying the government forces have failed to break the siege. ~~So we have the xxx~~ <sup>And there you have the</sup> contradiction so familiar in war bulletins.



## BRITISH STRIKE

( In Great Britain the New Year began with new phases of socialism going into effect - the Labor Government taking over the railroads, for example, and other properties connected with transport.) Which, in turn, produced an outbreak of labor trouble at the port of Southampton -- where the sailing of the ~~Mauretania~~ Mauretania was delayed for hours by a strike of dock workers. The trouble was of the most British character) ~~Mauretania~~ -- all because of a cup of tea.

The government took over the Southampton docks, and raised the price of the cup of tea served to the water front workers. The English have to have their cup of tea, and dock men on the job were getting theirs, at two-and-a-half cents a cup <sup>(-two pence has pence)</sup> Socialism increased that <sup>to three pence</sup> ~~to three~~ and a third cents a cup; so the workers went on strike in protest.

After tying up shipping, including the Mauretania, the strike was compromised - when the government agreed to postpone the <sup>in</sup>crease of ~~the~~ price of a cup of tea, postpone <sup>it</sup> ~~the~~ hike until January

Fifteenth. <sup>H</sup> In England you can nationalize, and you can institute socialism -- but you can't monkey around with that British cup of tea.

KING MICHAEL

In the Royal Rumanian romance, we have the story as told <sup>by</sup> Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma. In Denmark today, she said she didn't know when the abdicated King Michael would get out of Communist Rumania to join her -- but she hoped it would be soon.

Princess Anne relating the story to a news man of The London Star, told how it all began and the heartache that followed: "We met for the first time in Claridges when we were in London for the Royal wedding", said she. "People say it was love at first sight -- I never thought such a thing would happen to me."

But it did - and the young couple wondered what to do about it. King Michael was supposed to go back to Rumania, back to the Communist overlords, and the temptation was - to duck out of that. But, there are other things to be <sup>(considered)</sup> ~~considered~~ -- friends and family in Rumania, and I suppose there was the matter of finance -- the royal property. Moreover, Michael is said to have felt that it would be cowardly



not to go back. However, he did prolong his trip -- his mission of attending the festivities of the London wedding of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to the British crown.

Today Princess Anne ~~of Bourbon-Parma~~ related:

"We prolonged our stay in London, and then I went with King Michael and his Mother to Lausanne. When he went back to Rumania," she goes on, "we knew that pressure was being put on him -- but nobody tried to <sup>persuade</sup> ~~persuade~~ him not to go. I did not say anything against it. I thought it very courageous of him to go back." To which she adds: "I did not think, nor do I think that he did, that the situation would end in abdication."

All of which ties in with the supposition that Michael's resignation of his crown was provoked suddenly, when the Communist overlords refused to permit him to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma.

For her it was an anxious time. She tried ~~to~~ to phone Michael at Bucharest, but was told the lines were blocked. So she was left in suspense. "I had

no news," she said today, "until I heard the announcement of his abdication on the radio. We were at dinner. It came as a complete surprise", she adds.

She says their engagement is still unofficial, but it is expected that the Princess will go to Switzerland to join Michael when he gets out of Rumania -- while the Rumanian Queen Mother will go to Copenhagen to make arrangements with the family of the Princess for the wedding.

It ~~will~~ will be a wistful sort of wedding - the bride <sup>herself</sup> ~~herself~~ a Princess of <sup>(exiled)</sup> ~~exiled~~ royalty united to an ex-king who goes into exile to marry her. And they will live the melancholy life of royalty without a throne. Today she said: "I do not know what Michael's plans are. I would go with him anywhere in the world."

POLL -- FOLLOW STRIKES

*And* - Here's a poll from England, The Daily Express in London taking a straw vote to select the man of the year for Nineteen Forty-Seven. So whom did the British public pick? <sup>An</sup> American! <sup>law</sup> Secretary of State, *Gen.* George Marshall, ~~the chief of our foreign policy, XXXXX~~ <sup>*Gen. Marshall*</sup> According to The Daily Express poll, <sup>is</sup> hailed by the British people as the outstanding figure of Nineteen Forty-Seven. In second, ~~place comes~~ -- <sup>In</sup> another American, Winston Churchill. <sup>Third place</sup> -- <sup>President Truman.</sup>



## WEATHER

The weather for Nineteen Forty-eight begins in a misbehaving way -- at least so far as the northern states are concerned. The Middlewest ~~is~~ in the grip of a great winter storm, producing snow, sleet and blizzard. The East having murky rain and thaw, following the huge snowfall after Christmas - turning the banks of snow ~~in the streets into quagmires~~ *into streets choked with* ~~of~~ slush.

~~Festivities of the New Year, last night, were dampened everywhere, less noise, less appear than in the recent years. Also, Fewer accidents, as the~~ *than usual this year,*

*As a* result of bad weather plenty of automobiles were left in garages instead of being taken for joy rides to places of amusement. So fatalities on the highway were far fewer than ~~had been~~ expected.

However, there was a bad railroad wreck in Missouri -- two sections of a westbound streamliner collided <sup>ing</sup> near the town of Otterville -- with a death list of ~~thirteen~~ *thirteen* at last reports. The streamliners

☐☐☐ were running in a blinding storm of sleet, anow  
and icy tracks, and the second ☐☐ section ran into the  
first, smashing the/rear Pullman coach.

*det* { In the south the bad weather of the New Year  
produced the all too familiar terror of those latitudes  
*we heard about last night, in Louisiana,*  
-- the tornado, ~~A series of twisters struck in Louisiana~~  
~~Louisiana oilfields, took the blunt of the swirling~~  
~~winds -- a tornado wrecking the town. Heavy damage,~~  
~~lives lost -- the first of the year featured by a~~  
~~rushing in of relief supplies.~~

## RUNAWAY

The police at West Palm Beach, Florida, are holding thirteen-year old Charley Crawford, who ~~can~~ <sup>might</sup> ~~certainly~~ be described as -- the champion runaway. Charley's home is in <sup>handsome</sup> Bay City, Michigan, which is <sup>where Charley is now.</sup> twelve-hundred miles from Palm Beach. He left without a penny, but when the police picked him up, thirteen-year old Charley was togged out in a spectacular brand new ~~new~~ cowboy suit, complete with a ten gallon hat. In addition to which he had a large gleaming flashlight, not to mention the rakish swagger air of a cowboy of the Wild West.

How Charley did it is a wonder. He says he travelled all the way from Michigan to Florida in a first class Pullman. He sneaked aboard, and hid under a seat - thus evading the conductor. After which a kindly gentleman bought him an elaborate square meal in the diner -- The thirteen-year-old runaway must have <sup>a way with him,</sup> ~~been clever~~ to talk himself into that.

He didn't have a nickel when he got to Palm Beach, but says he got into <sup>which is just</sup> The Breakers, ~~one of~~



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about the Number One

~~swankiest~~ hotels in America -- and how a runaway could achieve that is a wonder. Amid the palms and the plush of The Breakers, he found a wallet with twenty-six dollars in it. Charley says he found it, although you don't ordinarily come upon a bankroll lying around like that.

With the funds Charley bought a sumptuous cowboy outfit in which he was about to embark on some new ~~and~~ remarkable adventure, when the police picked him up. Tonight Charley is on his way back to Lin Bay city way up on Lake Huron, his Michigan home and his Michigan Mon ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> said to be ready to paddle the seat of those new <sup>Palm Beach</sup> cowboy ~~his Michigan~~ pants.

Nelson, what comment from you?