

### THIRD INSTALLMENT

SYNOPSIS: A card game is in spect session in Elmer Henderson's pent-

house atop a New York skyscraper. The players are: Henderson, Police Inspector Flaherty, Martin Frazier, Archie Doane, Max Michaelis, and his friend, Williams, a stockbroker. They are waiting for Stephen Fitzgerald. When he fails to appear, a telephone call brings the information that he is out with a girl. Fitzgerald and Henderson are both romantically interested in Lydia Lane, the famous actress, but Archie Doane gerald. When he fails to appear, a telephone call brings the information that he is out with a girl. Fitz-gerald and Henderson are both romantically interested in Lydia Lane, the famous actress, but Archie Doane reveals that she is engaged to marry him.

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"Consciousness? Hospital?" echoed Archie Doane, half rising from a gentleman named Williams were later added.

"I was with friends every minute to the day up to the time I left the Highhart Building. I even went if from the Lambs' Club to the corner of 56th Street and Fifth Avenue to with a friend who had the friend who had the

Fitzgerald fails to appear. A short time later he telephone Inspector Flaherty with the frantic news that he has found Fitzgerald and Miss Lane dead in Lydia Lane's penthouse apartment.

Stephen Fitzgerald's dark, satur-

herty into the studio.
"Over there," replied Martinelli, indicating a chair in the corner of the bedroom upon which a fur-lined overcoat and a silk opera hat had apparently been carelessly tossed.
"Doane had his on when I got here. I hung them up in the closet in the

Archie Doane greeted his friends with a despondent gesture, his face haggard and pale. But he managed rather pitiful attempt at gayety

"I spent the entire arternoon, which half exceptions all the club as soon as my wire was along that may do you good. Take this."

He poured a generous slug of Scotch into a glass which Detective Martinelli had borrowed from the kitchenette and Doane swallowed it eagerly. The color began to come back to his face, but his eyes were still lusterless and his manner descrete as the loud clanging of a gong in the street below signalled the approach of the ambulance.

"I spent the entire arternoon, from about two o'clock, at the Lambs Club, where I am a member. I had a tentative appointment to play cards at Henderson's place in the club as soon as my wire was clear, when it rang again.

"I answered, and a woman's voice cream detected an aunt who lives in New Dersey to call for her and take her to the country over Sunday. She was to have let me know definitely whether she was going to Jersey or not. I was surprised that I had no word from her. I telephoned to all the club as soon as my wire was clear, when it rang again.

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"The three was a piercing scream—the silence.

"I did not need to ask who was speaking. The voice was unmistak—low or not. I was surprised that I had a low word from her. I telephoned to has happened?" and called her name o'clock, but the telephone did not seven o'clock, but the telephone did not nothing more came over the wire. I dialled her mane o'clock, but the telephone did not nothing more came over the wire. I dialled her mane over the wire.

Roosevelt," said the Medical Exam-iner. "I'll give them a hand, In-spector. Do you want to make any card party engagement. A little be-

isn't any way under Heaven, that I bance which was intensined by the an see, of proving that.'

"Ru! before I tell you what happened will one of you see to it that
telled his appointment to play cards
the see decrease in New York are with our party tonight after some
to Lydro without delay?

woman had called him by telephone.



rapher," suggeted Detective Marti-nelli.
"That's right; I'd forgotten that, Tony. Send him in," said the In-spector.
"Let me have another drink, Max, before I start," Doane requested.

"It isn't a long story, anyway."

He downed the drink and addressed the stenographer, imperson-

ally.
"I'd better begin at the begin-

ning and account for my movements before I came here tonight," he

said. "It will not take long."
"I know, and so do you gentlemen, that Miss Lane was at Elmer

"I was disturbed, therefore, mrs; at having no word from my fiances and, second, by Fitzgerald's mysterious absence from our party. I did not know the aunt's name or address, so I could not telephone her. I hesitated about telephoning Miss Lane's apartment again. I had called the number twice, at seven o'clock from the club and later while I was with you gentlemen at Mr. Henderson's, receiving the 'don't answer' signal each time. Miss Lane's custom, as I knew, is to let

Lane's custom, as I knew, is to let her maid have Sunday nights out. "I had about argued myself into believing that Miss Lane had tried to telephone me at the Lambs Club and that the operator had failed to as the others came in.

"Hello, Dan," he said, "I suppose I should say, "Good evening, Inspector Flahrety.' I never expected to meet you professionally. Same to you, Frazier.

"Max, I'm glad you could come. Haven't anything to say to you that I won't say to Dan and Martin or in their presence. I don't care much, anyway, what happens now."

"Cheer up, Archie," said Max "Cheer up, Archie," said something metals and that the telephone bell rang. Someone with a decided German accent want-decided German acc

ponse. I dialled the operator and asked for the number, but the girl

asked for the number, but the girl reported that the telephone was out of order.

"Frantic, I slipped on my over-coat and rushed to the street. I was lucky to catch a taxi almost at once, and came up here as fast as the driver could push his car over the snow. union:
"I pressed the button at the mail-

box in the front vestibule down-stairs, but heard no answering click of the electric door latch; then I tried the door and found that it was

apartment number and got no re phoned at once to Elmer Hender-clusion that Fitz must have been son's rooms, and reported to Inspector Plahetty. I noticed then that the telephone receiver was not on the hook, but hanging from its cord.

"It was the snow that made me think of that," replied Doane. "It was the snow that made me thought the detective with the Medicarl Examiner I was careful to disturb nothing in the apartment, but made as good a search as I could without touching anythine." touching anything, in the hope of finding the pistol. I found nothing. I understand your detective has found no weapon?

"No; the photographs will show a cock, I went to the first hards and a gentleman named Williams to let me know the minute aber ever accusciousness." Hospital?" echo and marked by the pend to me. Now I'm parting it up and point of something to live for now. Max, a minute ago I didn't care what hap pend to me. Now I'm putting it up to a will apast ten. I went directly to you to get me clear. I realize hards are given to make the concealing that was going uptown.

"Werify the time of the Snow the Weather Bureau, Tony," is possible that it was not detective and pushed the bell button of Miss Lane. I went directly to the me clearly in the evening, and that past tends the corner of the show the minute and a gentleman named Williams and probable the proposed them to the shallow and make the planted to see the soles of them planted to se

room. You will find my footprints thann an hour, I should say not more in the snow. The shades were drawn more than half an hour, when I aron both the windows and the glass rived. He could not possibly lived door, but I could see that there was fifteen minutes with that bullet

shot early in the evening.

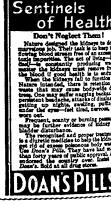
"Verify the time of the snow from the Weather Bureau, Tony," interposed Inspector Flaherty. "Go on Archie; I begin to get your drift."

posed Inspector Fianerty. "Go on, Archie; I begin to get your drift." "Well, look at Fitzgerald's shoet. From where I sat, most of the time on the stool by the telephone stand, I could see the soles of them. I could see the soles of them plain. There are no overshoes or galoshes anywhere that I looked. A man wouldn't come out in thin shoes if there were snow on the ground, it isn't likely. And there isn't a sign of moisture on Fitz's shoes. Therefore, he must have come here before the snow began."

"That sounds reasonable, but it

doesn't prove that he was shot be-fore the snow began," Inspector

wrong," said Donane. "What the Medical Examiner has told us proves Medical Examiner has told us proves that. I was merely telling how I had come to the conclusion that he had been shot some time before the snow began. If I didn't shoot him—which I don't—Miss Lane did in the began that the which I don't be the shoot of the shoot of



## THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS By Mac Arthur







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(Mrs. Floyd Slosum, July 20.—Betty, Jean Halsey of Andover are their grandparents, Mr. Frank Halsey this week,

Mr. and Mrs. Clares and daughter, Virgil, S Schreiner, daughter Ka son Billy of Wellsville v visitors at Floyd Sloon Althea and Metta Je are passing a few days ton Park. Billy Schriener of Visiting his grandparent Mrs. Floyd Slocum this

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Da ily were visitors in Wel nesday. Mrs. Ford Green Ford Green of visitor at Orvil

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dor, N. Y., were visitors Mrs. Ed. Dean, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Floyd visitors of Mr. and Case at Greenwood Fr and recompanied them

## Elm Vall (Mr. Charley Cole,

July 19. - Mrs. Leah Black Creek was the g May Cole, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd daughter visited at mother's in Corning, M. Mr and Mrs. Charl-Eric. Pa., arrived lass for a visit at the home Mrs. Judson Burdick. Mr. and Mrs. Charle

children enjoyed an ou on Labo, Wednesday. Mrs. Charlotte Wes drughter of Wellsville drughter of Wellsville
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Mr. and Mrs. Elton
Mr. and Trs. Streeter
and M. and Mrs. Claret
Behavior were callere
Assorb home Sunday of
Mr. Eldyn Proobs
men's visiting her of

or Atvell Miss Carotha Mead days last week at the and Mrs. Wilbur Reyr Suzanna Weaver is vacation with relatives

James Gibson and callers in the valley

ast week.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon ed friends in Smethp day last week. Mrs. Althea Payne

Mr. Althea Payne spent a few days last home of her son, Gor Mr. and Mrs. Georg Stannards and Mrs. and and daughter of Scio callers at Frank Mead

## Joyce F (Mrs. Bertha Green

Mrs. Bertha Green s iry to her foot recei dropped a battery on Miss Anna Kenyon week-end with her aun Mrs. Henry Joyce i

at this writing.

Miss Alice Fisher of was a caller on her sign Gavin.

George Blessing, b.
doing work for Georg
Lyle Hunt, Saturday. yie nunt, Saturuay. Francis and George unday afternoon cal

Vincent Joyce and Vincent Joyce and Greenwood Hill callerents, Mr. and Mrs. Monday morning.

John Conrad and Florence and Clarence are visitors of his markets. Florence and Clarence are visitors of his ur Mr. and Mrs. George Mr. and Mrs. Karr Kanhafer were Sund Mrs. Karnes parents, George Alvord.

George Alvord is bed for the past week
Mr. and Mrs. Kar
ner guests at the hon
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daughter, Dorothy an Green were callers at Cass Kenyon's of Pi-day, the occasion be

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