byAnneAustin



Nan dropped the receiver of the listenin-in device into the drawer as Morgan's body was outlined disapprove of mergers-in short, to on the frosted glass of the outer door

NAN CARROLL does not suspect retary to ATTORNE JOHN CUR-TIS MORGAN is her love for Morcan until WILLIS TODD, an arlent suiter, faces her with the acusation. Then, though- she depises herself for it, she is forced o admit to herself the truth of

Because of Nan's brilliant mind Morgan depends on her to assist him with his cases, and she entirey justifies his confidence bringing an important witness into his latest case, the defense of GRACE CO, indicted for blackmail, thus helping him to win a spectacular victory. She does not tell him, however, cf a blackmai note addressed to him and containnig a nasty insinuation abou his beautiful and haughty wife

To celebrate his court victor Morgan invites Nan and BER CRAWFORD, a handsome, snobfrish friend of Iris and Morgan, to dinner at his home. During the evening and dinner, Na has to endure the indifference of Crawfor ad of I is who are suspiciously ir terested in each other. While the ar dancing, a terror-stricken mair nterrupts them and behind he stand a policeman and a detective who announce they have comwith a warrat for Crawford's ar rest.

The next morning's papers receant how Crawford has instigat ed a whirlwind stock-selling cam paign to finance a packing plan merger and how his assistant and treasurer, young ROY BLAND, has disappeared with half a million.

GLADYS PAYNE, secretary an alleged fiancee of Bland, insist Bland is innocent. Morgan goes of Crawford's bond and plans to de fend him. Mergan, who has neve defended a person he believe guilty, thus stakes his profession integrity on Crawford's innocence Nan, who has written out a note o resignation becaushe she canno work for the man she loves, tear the note into bits. "With a faith less wife and a faithless friend you are going to need a faithful secre tary," she whispers to herself, NOW GO ON WITH THE STOR' CHAPTER IX

embezzlement of nearly a quarter -if he did call" of the Mid-West Packing Company, a jury that the cashier of the First opened the door of Morgan's privof which the two had been presi- National Bank is a liar The bank's dent and treasurer respectively.

cago, on business for his firm.

erally conceded that Bland had im- ment book or your desk calendar, nediately left New York by steam- Bert and see if you have an alibi tions companies. er for parts unknown. Police ra- for that time. If you were not in Regarding the other phases of the in exactly nothing, but in the in- o'clock, or if someone was with will center on the connections, and disappear. Crawford's trial was set for De-

gember 19, a date which suited were concerned, however, there was John Curtis Morgan well enough, one big disappointment. since there was amazingly little he Payne, Bland's erstwhile secretary ould do by way of preparation. "They can't have anything on for publication, and it was largely

ne. Jack, because I haven't done on Miss Payne's testimony that the enything wrong. I never drew a indictment had been secured, if senny of that money out of the rumor was to be trusted. ank; I never touched a penny of after Bland drew it: I never uthorized his drawing it, and did ford admitted to Morgan that, so t know that he had done so. I far as his desk calendar showed aven't a dollar in the bank that he had had no engagement between

can't account for legitimately." The first time he made this Wednesday, November 9. eeping statement Morgan interupted: "How did it happen that land, as treasurer, could sign and sh checks for such huge amounts? How can I remember what I was t's usual, I believe, for two signaures to be required on all corporatton checks.'

"When we first organized, that Crawford acknowlvas the case." dged readily. "My signature and nis were required by the by-laws. out I had to be out of town so such that I asked the board of diectors to amend the by-laws so hat Bland's signature alone was nough. He was bonded, you know. 'he company won't lose the whole uarter of a million."

It was a newspaper story that reealed the fact that the cashier of he bank, upon Bland's presentaon of the last check for \$100,000. ad hesitated to cash it and had aken it upon himself to telephone rawford for additional authority. "Wolfe, the cashier, says that he poke to you personally on the hone and that you O. K.'d the heck," Morgan told Crawford. That is one of the prosecution's rump cards, of course. What about

The blue eyes looked blank with urprise, but utterly unafraid quarter past five. Thats simply not true, Jack. I've lever spoken with Wolfe over the told Nan delightedly. "I've got to had met and returned indictments, telephone in my life. I've talked go to the district attorney's office against Herbert S. Crawford and with him at the bank, of course, Roy Bland, charging them with the but he never got me when he called

"I'm afraid we can't convince records shows that all of the money Roy Bland was still a fugitive was drawn after the first of No-A check-up at the vember Bland gave himself plenty union railroad station revealed that of time before the next monthly a man answering his description statement was due According to had bought a one-way ticket to Wolfe, the check about which he

Communication Systems Under Federal Study

Investigation of Wire and Congress; Merger Movement Will Be Analyzed.

By JOSEPH H. BAIRD United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, July 19, (U.P.)reparations for a thorough invesigation of the entire communicaions field, including wire and wireess, both domestic and internaional, and the interstate transmission of power, are being made by the Senate Interstate Commerce

When the committee convenes a the next regular session of congress in December it is to begin immediate consideration of the bill of Senator James Couzens, republican of Michigan, for creation of a Fed-

the committee received power to subpoena witnesses. Many of these it is expected, will be called, and in connection with the bill the committee expects to survey carefully the entire "set-up" of American

This commission on communica tions, according to opinion in Sena torial circles, will be one of the powerful agencies ever create by the American government. A the "Interstate commerce commis sion of wire and wireless" it wil have authority to fix rates, determ ine traffic conditions, approve or

Two subjects on which the com-New York on the night that Bland phoned you was presented by Bland mittee may seek further light are was supposed to have left for Chi- in person on Wednesday, November first, the "patent pool" arrangement 9 A pretty cool customer, that by which the Radio Corporation of But since he had had 10 days Bland The check was presented America collects royalties from before the audit of the books had at five minutes of three, Wolfe manufacturers of radio receiving evealed the shortage, it was gen- says. Get your business engage- sets second, the connection-if any

lios to all ships at sea had resulted | your office between two and three Committee's investigation, interes terval Bland had had time to land you who can testify in your be- any, between American and foreign half, we'll spike their biggest gun." telegraph, cable, telephone So far as newspaper accounts wireless companies.

and financee, chattered not at all tion of this prohibition.

The day after the bank cashier's Berdoo Forest Fire Now Under Control

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jul -(U.P.)-Flames which have rav half-past two and three o'clock on aged the Santa Ana Canyon section in the San Bernardino national for "But of course that doesn't mean est since Monday were under control today, Forest officials stated, Crawford pointed out, "Good Lord! chough conditions still were bac humidity was low, and several week deing that particular half-hour? patrol will be necessary to starr There was nothing to fix it in my out embers of the blaze. mind, as there would have been if

niles from the Rig Rear fire fighters turned to a small brus ire covering 80 acres of Keller creek. A few men were release

Highway construction provide employment for 6,000 men in Illi

he called me and talked to me of he phone on Wednesday afternoon November 9, I never received an

putting the call through-honest, to! I asked you if you wanted i speak to Mr. Wolfe, and yo

comin in from the elevators.

Wolfe had called and you though me if I have to go on the witnes ny secretary would tell me any Isn't that exactly what you 'emember, sweetheart?" Alice: "Well, if you say so, bu I'm scared of the district attorne;

Bert- Cooh, isn't it cold here it's going to be a hard winter Crawford (laughing exultingly What do little girls with fur coat

are for hard winters? Alice: "But I haven't any fu oat, Bert-' Crawford: "You will have whe

roof I'm crazy about you-Alice: "Yeah? Men and who else ou've got such a good memor or what I remember, Bert, may ou can remember what you pron sed me about that red-heade

get my vanity I'd left the nigh efore. Remember?

Nan droped the receiver of to tening-in device into the draw Morgan's tall, thin shadow was utlined on the frosted glass of the

(To Be Continued)

Vegas' Growth Is Shown by Great City Permit Jump

Either Las Vegas' business has grown by leaps and bounds since 1928 or the diligence of Police Chief Percy Nash in collecting city licenses is having genuine effect-both, in all prebability.

To date since July 1 nearly a third as many business licenses have been paid for this quarter as were paid during the entire year of 1928, according to figures dug up yesterday by Mrs. Viola Burns, city clerk.

There have been 342 licenses paid so far for this quarter, whereas for the whole of 1928 there were but 1072, it was

Newton Talks over which he once reigned.

At the meeting of Las Vegas on a fishing trip. The courtesy was thirds majority was necessary for much appreciated and is taking on passage. the status of an annual event.

Fig. who was the delegate of the bill.

among the delegates: TEXAS

"Texas occupies all of the continent of North America except a mall part set aside for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Texas owns the north half of the Rio he world with one bank wet and Gulf of Mexico and South America, in the valley. and on the west by the Pacific ocean and the rest of the world. Underneath Texas they have at this writing been down only 8,000 feet or so for oil, and up in the air Texas has in Guadalupe Peak, 0,500 feet above sea level, the highst hill in the United States east

Texas is so big that the people n Brownsville call the Dallas people Yankees, and the citizens of El Paso speak of the residents of 'exarkana as being 'effete Easters.' It is farther from El Paso o Texarkana than it is from Chiago to New York, and Texarkana cioser to Milwaukee by airline than it is to El Paso, (Try this on your Rand-McNally.) The United States with Texas left out would ook like a three-legged Boston terrier.

the Rockies.

"The chief occupation of the people of Texas is to try to keep from making all the money in the world, and at that the wealth of Texas increased 539% between 1900 nd 1927. At one time Texas was so ild that not even the law of gravtation was obeyed, and the chief ursuit of the Texans was Inlians nd Mexicans, but now it is crop ecords and Democratic majorities. t is so healthful in Texas that ut in Eastland a horned frog ved 30 years sealed in a corne. tone without food, air or water.

"Texans are so proud of the one Star State that they cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should be opened the map of the state would be found on his brain. he word 'Texas' is of Indian orgin and means 'Friends,' and the l'exas people are that way yet uness you take a slam at their State. f your front gate is not at least 8 miles from your front door, you o not belong to society as contituted in Texas. Down on the King ranch the front gate is 150 niles from the front porch and he owner is thinking of moving he house back so as not to be anloyed by passing automobiles ther Texas landlords have whole nountain ranges on their ranches, nd one Texan has 40 miles of navgable river on his farm. If the roportion of cultivated land in l'exas were the same as in Illinois, he value of Texas crops would qual that of the other 47 States combined. If all the people of the Jnited States were to move to l'exas, it still would be no more lensely populated than is Massahusetts. Texas has land enough to supply every man, woman and hild in the world with a tract 0x200 feet, and have enough left ver for all the armies of the orld to march around five abreast.

"To move the Texas corn crop bould take a string of box cars onger than the distance between New York and San Francisco. II he 1,500,00 tons of sulphur mined n Texas annually were in the ands of his Satanic Majesty, they vould solve his fuel problem. If all he cotton grown in Texas were baled and built into a stairway, it would reach to the Pearly Gates. If the 213,768,000 barrels of oil prouced in Texas last year were made nto gasoline, it would run a wellnown make of light car throughat eternity. If all the hogs of l'exas were one hog, he could dig he Panama Canal in three roots and one grunt. If all the Texas eers were one STEER, he could and with his front feet in the fulf of Mexico and his hind feet n Hudson Bay, and with his horns unch holes in the moon, and with is tail brush the mists off of the urora Borealis."

"As Texas is to the Universe, so allas is to Texas." COME TO DALLAS "The City where Conventions always like to return."

Kaiser's Exile To End Monday As Act Expires

But Wilhelm Is Not Likely to Return to Germany; Reichtag Has Heated Debate on Measure.

By FREDERICK KUH United Press Staff Correspondent BERLIN, July 19 .- (U.P.) -The question as to whether the former Kaiser will return to Germany has arisen again because, on Monday, the Defense of the Republic law will expire and the virtual exile of the monarch will come to an end. It is considered extremely doubtful, however, if Wilhelm intends to leave Doorn and return to the land

Von Lindeiner-Wildau, a National-Of Texas Trip ist, has informed the United Press that he believes the failure to proist, has informed the United Press long the Defence of the Republic act would have no practical effect. One of the reichstag's most Rotary Club Thursday, the lunch- heated debates occurred over the eon was made more pleasant by government's measure to have the trout brought by Walt Houck from act prolonged. The vote was 263 southern Utah where he had been for and 166 against, but a two-

The Nationalists battled stub-K. O. Knudson, presiding in the bornly against the prolongation of absence of President-elect Wm. S. the law, principally, it was believed Park, called upon Raby "Fig" New- because of the so-called "Kaiser ton to report on his honeymoon Paragraph." The Facists and Comrip from which he has just re- munists, as well as members of the economic party, voted against the

Las Vegas club to the Rotary Na- The Nationalists fought so hard tional Convention at Dallas, saved against the measure, Von Leindeihis convention report for the next ner-Wildau said, only to defeat the neeting, but told of the fine hos- discriminatory legislation against pitality and enterprise of the people the former ruler, restoring him at least to the privileges of ordinary In concluding, he read the follow- German citizens and permitting ing amusing and interesting piece him to live on German soil. Moreof publicity which was circulated over, he added, it will remove the stigma which the law hitherto had affixed to the one-time emperor.

CALIF. GRAPE GROWERS' ORGANIZATION SOUGHT

FRESNO, July 19, (U.P.)-Efforts Grande, one of the few rivers in to sign up 90 percent of the grape he other dry. Texas is bounded on tion corporation will be continued the north by 25 or 30 states, on another two weeks, Lloyd S. Tenny, he east by all the oceans except president indicated here today afthe Pacific, on the south by the ter he had conferred with leaders

Taxes are levied in the form of The German Reichbahn, or fedcopra in the Gilbert Islands, a little eral railway, carries 2,000,000,000 known group of the south seas.

travelers a year. Rogers Park, a Chicago community, forbids the wearing of sunback bathing suits.

One year after reaching peak production, the average oil well shows a decline of 60 per cent.

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Wireless Field Due in Next

Committee.

eral commission on communications Before its adjournment in June

communications systems.

control the communications field.

Under the present radio law, mer Gladys gers between wire and wireless in terests are prohibited. One effec of th Souzens bill, it is believed in senatorial circles, may be the aboli-

story appeared in the paper Craw-

I was necessarily in my office,"

Morgan shook his head gloomily

Brainerd will already have got

hold of her But we may as well

ask her to come over Were you

Bert Crawford flushed, ther

laughed. "A dirty crack, Jack

Always suspecting me of sheiking

But seriously, little Alice Belton is

a friend of mine, I believe. Let':

Alice Belton, a pert little flap

per, with a boyish black bob. ar-

rived at the lawyer's office at a

"Ooh, I'm scared to death!" sh

"Tonight?" Nan echoed. "Haven'

"Good girl!" Bert Crawford had

switchboard operator

you already seen Mr. Brainerd?

ate office and stood beaming a

"Come on in, Alice. My attorne;

"You wont let them be nasty t

"You just bet I won't, Alice

I'll-" The door closed on them

and Nan, without a moments hesi

tation, reached into the deep lowe

drawer of her typewriter desk

box which was fastened to th

drawer, and lifted a queer sort o

receiving instrument to her ear

Morgan had had the listening-i

device installed more than tw

years before. It had been invalu

able as a means of obtaining verba

tim reports from the lips of skill

tish witnesses, who had no ide

that their words were being hear

by anyone except Morgan himsel

hastily. Nan began to jot down i

shorthand the conversation tha

was taking place in the privat

Alice Belton: "Quit, Bert! I'r

mad at you- Oh-h ! You're s

strong! But honestly, I am mad a

Crawford: "What about, Pete

Alice: "Aw, you can't kid m

Crawford: "Listen, Alice. Yo and I've had some pretty goo times, haven' twe? Well, hone

you can do a whole lot for me.

Alice: "It's' about this awf

triel isn't it? Honestly, Bert, y

coulda knocked me over with a-

Crawford: "I know, honey! Lis ten, and listen hard: Wolfe, th

cashier of the First National, say

mighty big favor, if you will-"

Pan? Lord, you're cuter than ever!

Quit. Bert.'

Drawing her notebook forwar

pushed a button on a black meta

isn't here, but we'll have a nic-

stand will you, Mr. Crawford?"

visit while we wait for him.

and she good friends. Bert?"

course.

have her over."

the little

With the main fire stopped ter Wolfe had actually talked to me Nan was present at the conference. "Your switchboard operator this morning.

always asks who's calling, doesn't she? Perhaps she will remember whether you were in or not. She would call your private office before putting the call through, of

> such call-get me?" Alice: "But, Bert, I rememb

> Crawford: "Listen, Alice, dan ling, you're memory's all wet. girl as pretty as you can't be e: pected to have her mind on bus ness every blessed minute. This what you remember: Mr. Wor alled up, you asked him his namyou thought my secretary was i. my office and you put the ca hrough without listening to s who answered it. Two other line were buzzin and you had to hur. to answer them. Don't you remen per? Wait, baby! Then just as yo pulled out the plug on Wolfe's ca. -you'd got the signal that th call was finished—you saw n hadn't been in my office after al And you were so busy with you poard that you didn't tell me M

his trial's over, darling, just as ame you had up at your apart nent that night when I dropped

Crawford: "Jealous baby! I to:

Alice: "You told me you'd no wo-time me any more, and yo ave! My girl friend saw you an hat red-headed dame with th lue-green eyes-ooh., quit, Ber Ionest, I can't think when you' issing me like that! not kidding me about the fur coa lert? And you do love me a who