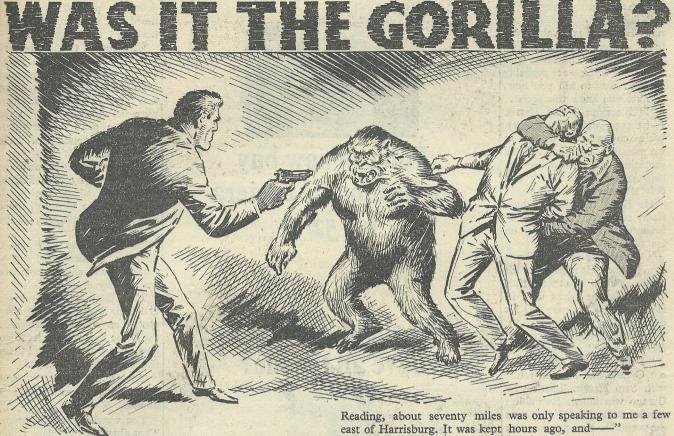
A pistol and torch against an enraged gorilla! Paul Terhune faces an attack from Chako while Uttley makes his getaway, using Dick Staunton as a shield!



TO look at Paul Terhune as he entered the Harrisburg police depot just before midnight, no one would have guessed that little more than an hour earlier he had quarters of a good many It might help us catch the narrowly escaped death, being imprisoned in a heavy members of the Red Star Circus killer." caravan at the bottom of a pond.

A hot bath, a change of clothes, and a brief rest had made all the difference. His grey eyes were alive with ment. determination as he made for Lieutenant Staunton's room.

"Any news?" demanded Terhune eagerly.

phone calls which he had asked "Phew, I'm dead beat!" to be put through. He had found three names on a piece back. of paper near the circus man's

in New York," said Staunton, a slip of paper in his hand.

"They say that until four country in a strong-man act, and called himself Torgo the Mighty. He was supposed to have been something sensational but dropped out of the business in 1959 and has never been heard of since."

"Hm! That was the year Carr was executed," grunted the British detective. "Have they is, or about this Lavington Boarding House?"

working on it."

Terhune slapped him on the let me speak to him.'

phone, and had guessed they murderers, and we've only got ceiver and heard an indignant, were with reference to Uttley, to rope 'em in. They're bound cracked, high-pitched voice at He was hoping for big things to be caught sooner or later, the other end. from the Era, a circus magazine. especially as Uttley seems deter-We've heard from the Era, mined to stick to the gorilla," ment. We regret to inform you

who was showing the strain of orderly hurried in with another dered this evening." recent events. He consulted slip of paper. It was an answer "Murdered!" screeched the

by an old acrobat named Sam Harris.

in the past.

"I believe we're on to some-"Not yet, but they're still thing at last! Staunton, I want to know if I knew why Uttley Staunton you to have a priority call put had given up the strong-man He was referring to three yawned and closed his eyes, through to the Lavington at stuff." once. Ask for Sam Harris, and

Staunton had the call put "Cheer up. We know the through, Terhune took the re-

"This is the police depart-The side door opened and an that Louis Cyrano was mur-

to another of their queries. aged acrobat. "His father was The Lavington Boarding murdered, too. What did they

"Would you be good enough to tell us what he wanted to It had been the winter know when he rang you up?

"He was talkin' about one Terhune flushed with excite- of his men called Uttley, who he'd just found out used to be Torgo the Mighty. He wanted

> "And did you know?" demanded Terhune eagerly.

> "Of course, I did! I know everything an' everybody in the circus world. Torgo gave up the limelight after his brother was executed at Pittsburgh in 1959,

> "You say his brother! You mean Brogan Carr?" fairly shouted Terhune.

"Yes, they were brothers. There was Brogan an' years ago Uttley travelled the House was in the town of want to murder Louis for? He Lee Carr. They were as like as two peas in every way. I always said they ought to do a twin act, but after Brogan went to the chair, Lee changed his name to Uttley an' quit the arena."

Terhune drew a deep breath. on his words.

"Mr Harris, did you tell all this to Cyrano?"

"Yes, he seemed mighty excited about it, and raved some-

FOR NEW READERS.

Paul Terhune, the famous English detective, was helping Lieutenant Dick Staunton of the Spring City, Pennsylvania, police to investigate the broken-neck murders case.

Terhune had discovered that the murdered man had been connected with the trial of Brogan Carr, a murderer, seven years before. After Carr's execution, his brain had been transferred to the body of Chako, gorilla, which was now roaming free with its half-mad keeper, Ellis The others in the room hung Uttley, who was wanted for murdering a police guard.

Louis Cyrano, the owner of the Red Star Circus, where Uttley had worked with Chako, had discovered something of Uttley's past. Cyrano

found out who this Sam Harris was murdered before he could pass on the information to Terhune.

Terhune was on the point of investigating Cyrano's leads when the circus caravan he was in was pushed into a nearby pond. Terhune managed to escape only with difficulty.