

'WHERE'S EMILY?'

by Carolyn Wells

WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE

On the eve of her marriage to Rodney Sayre, Emily Duane disappears. She had left her Hilldale Park home, "Knollwood," to visit the hospital, but never reached there. Foul play is feared when Jim Pennington reports his wife Pauline, and Emily's best friend, also missing. Pennington says he left his wife at the ravine, a short distance from the Duane home. When he returned she had vanished.

Now Go on With the Story

CHAPTER XV.

"You poor man!" exclaimed Betty. "How do you get along? You come over here for meals until the new cook comes."

Pennington smiled at her ready hospitality. "Thank you," he said, "but we'll manage. Polly is efficient, you know, and the chauffeur's wife is cooking for us. They live over the garage and she's a good cook—but my domestic arrangements cannot interest you," he said to Lawlor.

"Then as far as I can see," the detective seemed to come out of a brown study, "those two women disappeared within a few moments of one another. It isn't logical to suppose their absences are entirely disconnected."

"And yet," Chief Jennings interposed, "if they had been together when it happened, I mean what ever did happen, accident or anything—one of them could have brought back the news."

"You're predicating something along the lines of a sprained ankle or broken leg," Pete Gibby declared. "Now, that isn't a probable explanation at all!"

"Indeed!" said Lawlor jolly. "Just what is your notion of a probable explanation?"

"That the two of them were abducted or kidnapped by men of evil intent."

"Abductions of grown people are not often heard of," Lawlor began. "Disappearances of well-to-do young women are not, either."

Pete told him. "But there is a system of abductions—"

"Oh, Pete, shut up!" Rodney cried out, as one in agony. "Do shut up, I can't stand everything!"

"Go on," urged Pennington. "What do you mean if there's a theory, however awful, let us have it."

"Were these ladies wearing conspicuous jewelry?" Lawlor asked, suddenly.

"No," Pennington began, but Gibby interrupted:

"Yes, Miss Duane was. She had on a diamond necklace that Mr. Sayre gave her for a wedding present."

"Aha," and Lawlor looked like a man who has discovered all. "That's it, then."

"What's it?" demanded Sayre. "Suppose robbers did take that necklace, where are the two girls? You can't assume that they killed them and disposed of their bodies in this short time."

"Why not?" said Lawlor calmly. "You have hunted and searched for two live women, but no search has been made for dead ones."

"Look here, Mr. Lawlor," said Burton Lamb, "I understand your interest and your desire for action, but need you be quite so bluntly definite? Have you no consideration for the feelings of those near and dear to the missing ladies? Have you not even the common decency to speak a little less crudely?"

"I thought you wanted police work done," Lawlor said, sulkily. "I'm not in the habit of mincing words."

"Let him alone, Burt," Sayre said. "Neither Pennington nor myself cares how he expresses his fears. We're all apprehensive that a severe accident or sudden death has wrought this tragedy, and the sooner we begin real investigations the better. I propose that searching parties be organized at once, police, neighbors, volunteers, anybody who can look for the girls, dead or alive. We dare not wait till morning. It's all very well to say that if one had been hurt or maimed the other could come to tell us. They both may be hurt, dying even, and here we sit, palavering over the matter!"

"But what can we do in the dark,"

Mr. Sayre? "asked Lawlor, a little petulantly. "I think we must wait for daylight."

"You may, but I shan't," said Rodney, with determination. "Do you suppose I could go to bed? Or Mr. Pennington, either? No, we will go on another search. Anything is better than inaction. If you as officials want to organize and conduct a hunt, all right. If not it must be amateur."

"Good for you, Mr. Sayre," said Everett Craven heartily. "I'm with you, for one."

Pennington, Lamb and Pete Gibby merely nodded their heads in the foregone conclusion of acquiescence, and they began to rise.

"Now," said Jennings, "don't act like a lot of hot-headed youngsters! Of course, the police will conduct this search. Of course, we'll have posse and we'll do whatever we can and call in outside help besides. We're not lukewarm in this matter, as you seem to think, but it does require a certain amount of system and method, which seems not to occur to you."

"You're right," and Pennington looked at him with anxious eyes. "I, too, want to rush right out and scour the land over, but perhaps a little organization would make for greater success."

"That's the talk!" and Jennings nodded approval.

And then there were some more questions asked and answered and soon the policemen went away, promising to conduct the search with propriety and dispatch.

"That's all right," Pennington said, after they had left, "but all the same you've got me stirred up with your awful suggestions, and I've got to go out and hunt, myself. You see, the idea of Emily's necklace puts a new face on it all. It was dusk, you know, and if those two girls did start over toward the hospital, which is the only thing I can picture them doing, why a passing motor might have been full of bandits, who—"

"Needn't have been so many," said Gibby. "One bandit in a Ford car would have been enough to overpower Emily, grab the diamond chain—"

"Then Polly would have given the alarm," said Pennington. "Grant two bandits, Gibby."

"All right, two bandits, then. But some such thing happened."

"Go on," said Rodney, wearily. "What did the bandits do next?"

"Beat the girls up or left them unconscious, and made off with the loot."

"Oh, Pete, you're worse than the policeman!" cried Betty. "Forgive me, I didn't mean to be. But that's how I see it."

Just then Prall came in and whispered to Rodney, who rose and left the room with the butler.

"Mr. Jennings wants to see you, sir," Prall said, still softly.

Sayre followed the butler to the dining room and then to the back hall.

Here Mr. Jennings stood, looking alarmed and excited.

"I thought I'd better tell you first, sir," he said. "We were going back to the station to get the search party into shape, when, as we crossed the ravine, Sergeant Murdoch noticed the rail was broken away."

"Which ravine?"

"The little one, sir. And he had a powerful flashlight and he turned it down over the rail, and far below, we could see what looked like a huddled-up body. So Murdoch—he can climb like a monkey—he climbed down and—well, sir, he found it was Mrs. Pennington—dead."

"Are you sure?" said Sayre, for lack of anything else to say. He looked blank and dazed, as one does on hearing a piece of news that nearly stuns him.

"Yes, sir," Jennings said. "Will you tell Mr. Pennington? Is he here yet?"

"Yes, he's here. He was just about to go home. Call Mr. Lamb out here, Prall."

Burton Lamb came, and saw with surprise the returned policeman.

"What have you found?" he said and Jennings told him.

"Will you tell Jim Pennington?" Sayre said.

"Good Lord, I can't! But yes, I will. And we must tell him at once. Who's left there—on the scene, Jennings?"

NEW LAUNDRY IS NOW EQUIPPED FOR FULL OPERATION

Modern Machinery Put in for Thorough Service; Public Inspection Date to Be Set.

Installation of new, modern machinery in the dry cleaning department as well as other departments of the New Service Laundry this week, brings the equipment up to a complete point. Since the plant was opened for business in the winter the management has been at work to bring the organization to the place where all classes of laundering could be handled satisfactorily to patrons and returned in the shortest possible time.

Three weeks ago a monster flat work ironer was installed, the only one of this latest type on the coast, having a capacity of seven full sized bed sheets per minute. During the past few days work of installing the machines in the dry cleaning department has been under way, and these units were tested out Thursday and put in condition.

The dry cleaning room is fire proof. Provision, however, has been made for emergencies. In order to combat any possible accident resulting in this department by machines not functioning properly or from gas explosion, two steam lines in direct connection with the big steam boiler are provided. One of these connects with an automatic contrivance on the huge deodorizer that opens up steam pipes running the entire length of the ceiling. This immediately floods the entire room with steam, and to supplement this effective method another steam connection opening in the dry cleaning department is available from just outside the door there to, and can be turned on by any employee pulling a cord. Steam from these sources rushes in so powerfully that no sort of a blaze can continue under the pressure.

In this department are a "washer" big enough to handle a 3x12 rug, another machine for handling fine silks or cotton goods, the deodorizer—the only one in the city of this type—and a device called an "extractor." All of the gas used in cleaning garments passes on through the machines into a separator similar to a cream separator, which purifies the gasoline, separating all sorts of foreign matter coming from the garments from the gasoline, on the same principle that milk and cream are separated by a cream separator, and the purified gas is thus saved to be further service in other operations.

Within a few days, says Mr. Harvey Clover, manager of the New Service Laundry, the plant will be thrown open to public inspection and everybody invited to visit the institution.

The dry cleaning department is under the supervision of E. J. Boyce, well known in this city, and who has recently been east, where he visited some of the largest cleaning institutions. Announcement of the opening will be made in a few days.

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY READY FOR ENCAMPMENT

The members of the local national guard company have been busily preparing their equipment for shipment to Camp Clatsop for the summer training period during June, and supplies and equipment

will be shipped during the next week. The operation of machine gun units has become so varied during late years that a large amount of special equipment has been added and the local unit will ship a full box car of material for use at camp. In addition to the guns special range finding, signal and transportation units are included in the organization until the technical knowledge and skill of a machine gunner must equal that of the artillery units. The guns are now often fired at targets that are invisible to the gunner.

LOCAL GUARDSMEN GROW PROFICIENT WITH SMALL ARMS

A satisfactory showing is being made on the local range by members of the local national guard company in pistol instruction. Out of 19 men who have fired for record scores, 13 have qualified as marksmen or better, which is a showing comparable with any company in the state. The highest score made to date was shot by Pvt. Edwin Russell of Wilbur, who qualified as an expert pistol shot with a percentage of 87.3.

LANE COUNTY COUPLE WEDS IN ROSEBURG

A. H. Ritchey and Dora M. Hariman, both of Cottage Grove, were quietly married Wednesday at the office of Justice of the Peace C. F. Hopkins. Only the necessary witnesses were present. They will reside in Cottage Grove, where Mr. Ritchey is employed as a logger.

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A new roof has been placed on the building, all plaster patched and calcimined and the interior woodwork painted an attractive gray. The outside window trim and doors have been painted an apple green, vividly contrasting with the present cream stucco walls.

The main drill hall is being re-floored this week with a first grade maple floor and will be sanded and waxed early next week. The lumber alone for this floor cost \$1,087.00. The building will be first opened to the public Saturday, June 7, when a dance will be given under the direction of the armory board for the visiting delegates to the district convention of the American Legion auxiliary.

The roof truss supporting the balcony is to be repaired by Homer Gallop, county bridge foreman, and the balcony can again be opened to spectators. The armory board has fitted up a room for the use of the ladies attending armory functions. It has been attractively furnished with wicker chairs and couches

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