

WHERE'S EMILY?

by Carolyn Wells

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Emily Duane and her friend, Pauline Pennington, disappear on Emily's wedding rehearsal day. Emily had gone to visit the hospital, but never arrived there. After leaving the Duane home, Pauline was seen in a vanishing. Later, Pauline's body is found in the ravine, and, close by, Emily's scarf. Emily's aunt fears Emily will be accused of murder. An inquest is held.
Now Go on With the Story.

CHAPTER XXII.

"Then, would you say there had been another person present at the breaking and tangling of those vines?"

Now Murdoch was far from shrewd, but he began to see the drift of these questions, and, like King Agag, he walked delicately. "No, sir, I wouldn't go so far as to say that. It might easily be done by one person thrashing around like."

"I see."
After Murdoch came McGuire, with his statement of finding the fur scarf at the place where the body had lain, and of bringing it up when he climbed the steep side of the ravine.

"It was just at the place where you found the lady?"

"Yes, sir."
"Would you say it had been under the body?"

"That I can't say, sir. It might have been or it might not, but we took her up."

"I see." The terrible finality of Winston's declaration of his powers of vision, or some other infatuation, seemed to disturb greatly the climber, McGuire, for he trembled and bit his lips and clenched his hands and looked generally upset.

"What's the matter, man?" said the coroner, not unkindly. Then, with a flash of divination, he said: "Did you find anything else?"

"No, sir."
"You did," returned Winston calmly. "What was it?"

"I don't know."
"Don't lie, my boy, or you'll be in deep trouble. What else did you find?"

Whoever expected or wanted a thrill from the morning's proceedings, received it now.

"This, sir." The trembling fingers of Billy McGuire slipped into his pocket and he drew forth a glittering object which he handed over to his interlocutor.

Winston at once held it up in full view of the audience.

It was a short chain of six diamonds, not very large, but pure, flawless stones.

Now to Robert Winston this was a surprise, a startling occurrence and of great interest, but it told him nothing further.

To those who knew Emily Duane and knew of Rodney's gift to her, it was a thunderbolt.

Not put her hands across her mouth to keep from screaming, Betty gripped the sides of her chair to keep from fainting. And Aunt Judy Bell sat immovable as a statue, showing no emotion save for the fact that all the lustre had suddenly left her great black eyes.

Pete Gibby felt as if someone had slipped a chunk of ice down his back, and Lamb was so full of devout thankfulness that he was not present that he had room in his soul for nothing else.

Jim Pennington sat gazing at the thing with a numb, dumb horror. He had braced himself to stand the trying ordeal he was going through and was quite ready, when the time came, to tell of his wife's death the day before.

But the sight of those diamonds sent a fresh shock through his shattered nerves, and through his weary brain there raced one theory after another as to what it might all come to mean.

the ravine?"
"No, sir!" and the words rang out with a finality equal to Winston's own.

"Did these diamonds belong to your wife, Mr. Pennington?"
"No," was the answer.
"Do you know to whom they do belong?"

"I am not sure that I do."
"Can anyone present identify these jewels?"

There was a pause, and then, deeming it his duty, Burton Lamb said:
"I can. They are a part of a necklace belonging to Miss Emily Duane. I mean, they look like that. I cannot say for certain, of course."

"Miss Duane possesses a necklace of similar gem?"
"Yes," Lamb almost wished he had kept silent.

"Is Miss Duane's necklace still intact?"
"That I do not know," returned the perturbed Lamb.

"Does anyone present know?"
Apparently nobody did, for there was no response.

Winston began to feel that a coroner's lot is not a happy one.

Then his common sense came to his aid, and he bethought himself of a way out.

"This inquiry is not in regard to or in investigation of Miss Duane's disappearance," he said. "We are merely eliciting such facts as may be obtainable in the case of Mrs. Pennington's death. Mr. Pennington, will you detail the proceedings of your wife and yourself yesterday afternoon? Please tell the story in your own words."

So Jim Pennington told again the tale of their going to Emily's tea, which was given for the purpose of letting her intimate friends see her wedding gifts before the day of the ceremony.

He told of their departure, after saying good-bye to Emily, who made no mention to them of her intent to go out on any errand.

"Therefore," said Winston, "which left the house first, Miss Duane or you and your wife?"

"I've no idea, after we said good-bye, Miss Duane turned away, and after a word or two with Mrs. Bell we came away."

"What time was this?"
"It is always hard to say precisely. I should judge it was almost exactly five, but nearer than that I don't know. I left Mrs. Pennington for a few minutes to go over to Wallace's for some cigarettes and she said she would wait for me on the bridge. She often does that, as she hates going in crowded shops."

"When I came back, she was not in sight, so I went on home, thinking to find her already there. But she wasn't. That's all I know."

"Mr. Pennington," and, whether suggestively or not, the coroner dangled the diamonds from his fingers, "have you any theory as to how your wife came by her death?"

"It isn't a question of theory, but it is my belief, founded on certain knowledge, that she purposely and knowingly committed suicide."

"What is your certain knowledge?"
"Her continued declarations that she would do so, and the fact that she had made some unsuccessful attempts."

"What were these attempts?"
"One was only a few months ago. Mrs. Pennington chanced to read a long elaborate news story of women who chose to end their lives by going to the garage, getting into a motor, starting the engine, and calmly sitting there until overcome by the fumes of carbon monoxide. It was a terrible story and had a great effect on her. She left her room softly one night, crept out of the house and down to the garage, and getting into the car, started the motor. Had not the chauffeur chanced to hear the motor running, she must have been killed very soon. As it was, a pulmonologist saved her life."

The speaker looked at Doctor Eaton, who gravely nodded his head, well remembering the occasion.

"I trust it will not be necessary for me to detail any further attempts at suicide made by Mrs. Pennington, but there have been such. She was not entirely responsible, for a great grief in her life led her in a nervous state that resulted in occasional attacks of nervous excitement that amounted to hysteria and at times almost dementia. I am telling you this to explain why I feel certain that Mrs. Pennington threw herself over the ravine bridge of her own accord, though she was not quite rational at the moment."

Winston knew a little about the Pennington's history, but not so much as this, and he was profoundly shocked.

NORBLAD'S CLAIM FOR OWN PHOTOS UNDER SCRUTINY

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—Before the state board of control for its approval or rejection as official state purchasing agency is a bill for \$42 for photographs purchased by Governor Norblad from a Salem photographer. The bill has been questioned by an auditor in the state department. It came in classified as a purchase claim from the executive department with the approval of the governor.

That the bill was part of the governor's campaign expense is indicated by the fact that one item is for 59 glossy photographs, the kind usually used for making newspaper cuts. There are two items. The other is for 10 photographs of the governor.

It was said that after the auditor had scrutinized the bill he returned it to the governor, suggesting that he withdraw it, but that the governor sent it back.

Other expense items of the governor are being eyed dubiously in the state department, and while they have not been disapproved it has been suggested to Norblad that they are personal and do not pertain to state business. These items cover traveling expenses, telephone calls and clipping bureau service.

During March the governor's traveling expenses totaled \$125.54 and in April \$154.99. May expenses have not yet been compiled. A number of the telephone conversations are said to have been between the governor and his campaign headquarters in Portland. Attached to vouchers going from the governor's office was a notation that none of the money included in the expense accounts was spent in connection with the campaign.

Carle Abrams, secretary of the board of control, said some of the governor's expense claims for May had reached his office, but that they would not be public records until some action had been taken on them.

It was said at the state department that the expense accounts of all state officials who were candidates of who were in any way connected with the campaign would be closely scrutinized.

U. S. BUSINESS ON UPWARD TREND, IS FORD'S ASSERTION

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—The Philadelphia Inquirer yesterday quotes Henry Ford as saying that American business is on the upward trend and that the trend upward is setting a faster pace than did the slump a few months ago.

"You see," the Inquirer quotes the automobile manufacturer, "a lot of these fellows were fooling around with the stock market and they got caught—badly caught. They had to go to work again. Now, they've been at work and they're beginning to enjoy it. That is always the reason for good business. In itself, it means there are more people honestly engaged in working and productively than there are idling, and it also means they are enjoying it."

Mr. Ford affirmed the announcement that the Ford Motor company plans the establishment of a factory in China and said he intended to go to Germany shortly to make a preliminary study leading to the establishment of a plant there.

"We also are going to set up a plant in South America," Mr. Ford was quoted as having said. "It is an internationalist in industry, and I believe a world economic scheme that does not embrace the idea of prosperity for all is unsound. That is the idea we have had in mind in establishing these plants over the world. In the south of Ireland our plant is of tremendous importance to the people of the whole section of the Free State."

LOS ANGELES MAKES HEAVY CENSUS GAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, June 7.—Showing what is believed to be the largest growth of any city of major size in the United States, Los Angeles yesterday awoke to find itself among the first five cities of the nation with an official population of 1,231,730, an increase of 657,957 or 113.59 per cent over the 1920 figures while metropolitan Los Angeles showed a phenomenal growth during the ten years since the 1920 census, greater still was the increase of 1,263,102, or 134.88 per cent, which brought the 1930 population of Los Angeles county to 2,199,557.

The three next largest cities on the Pacific coast are San Francisco, 625,874; Seattle, 362,426; and Portland 295,123.

Based on available figures, Los Angeles now ranks 19th in population among the cities of the world.

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Above Marie Dressler and Polly Moran in "Caught Short," a take-off on the recent stock market crash. This funny pair are said to give their prize performance in this picture which comes to the Antlers Tuesday and Wednesday.

Below, left—Nancy Carroll, who sparkles in Paramount's new musical romance, "Honey," which opens Sunday. "Honey" is based on the famous comedy, "Come Out of the Kitchen."

Below, right—Joan Crawford stars in a new type of picture for her when she appears in "Montana Moon," a romance with a cattle ranch locale. The scenes are taken on a big ranch in the San Jacinto mountains and real cowpunchers participate. John Mack Brown plays opposite Miss Crawford. The show plays at the Antlers Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Attractions AT THE MOVIES

ANTLERS—Last times today, "High Society Blues," Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell; Sunday, Monday, Nancy Carroll in "Honey"; Tuesday, Wednesday, Marie Dressler, Polly Moran in "Caught Short"; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, "Montana Moon" with Joan Crawford.

LIBERTY—Last times today, "The Girl from Woolworth's," with Alice White; Sunday, Monday, John Gilbert in "Redemption," all talking; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, "Crazy That Way," all talking; Friday, Saturday, Richard Arlen in "Burning Up" with Mary Brian, all talking.

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NOTED CHARACTER OF SOUTHEASTERN OREGON MISSING

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., June 7.—Where is "Singin' Bill"?

That was the sobriquet of William McBardeen, character of the high deserts of southeastern Oregon. Word of his disappearance late in May has been brought to Salem by Howard H. Green, deputy state veterinarian, after a trip to Harney county.

Horses pawing and nickering for water; canvas blown from his wagon in the camp near Alberson led to the discovery that he was missing.

"Man employed by biological survey killed at Canyon Junction in 1928," said a note that was pinned to his pillow.

No one remembers a killing at Canyon Junction, which is on Snake river near Nyssa. No one knows the connection between the cryptic message and the vanishing of "Singin' Bill."

For some years McBardeen has made his living by hunting coyotes and selling the pelts. It is said he did well. Tall, bearded and bronzed, a bit past middle age, he seemed typical of the frontier. Yet it is said that he was a college graduate. He spoke perfect English and his conversation hinted that he had traveled abroad. But he chose to live on the plains, with simple camping outfit and rifle. Neither the hot desert summers nor the winters that often are cruelly severe in that region disturbed his good humor. Always he sang. And so came to be known as "Singin' Bill."

Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, met the coyote hunter a few weeks ago at one of his desert camps and Singin' Bill posed for a kodak picture. His last known journey was from Follyfarm, where he camped several days, to Alberson where he was last seen.

McBardeen claimed to have been employed some years ago as a range detective, and there is a theory that some rustler with an old grievance may have "knocked him over." The general supposition is that he has taken his own life. "However," says a letter to Dr. Lytle from Follyfarm, "he seemed anything but despondent while here, and outwardly at least, showed a very happy and care-free nature."

Whatever theory is accepted, the message found on his pillow puzzles "Singin' Bill's" friends. Sheriff Frazier of Harney county is investigating and Dr. Lytle is checking in with the biological survey.

OREGON INSURANCE REACHES 2 BILLION

SALEM, Ore., June 7.—Approximately two billion dollars of insurance protection of all kinds was in force in Oregon at the end of 1929, says the annual report of Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner. A total of 691 companies collected over \$40,000,000 in premiums and fees and paid losses of about \$20,000,000 during the year.

Fire insurance was the major item, the amount in force, aside from automobile, marine and reciprocal insurance, being \$1,068,417,521. Of this \$16,000,000 was written \$114,189,837. The total amount was an increase of \$2,784,884 over the previous year.

Seventy-three life insurance companies wrote 70,530 policies for \$117,716,863 new insurance for the year.

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