

'WHERE'S EMILY?'

by Carolyn Wells

CHAPTER XII.

"Not a mite of proof or evidence of any such thing," Stone said, wearily passing his hand across his forehead. "I've never had such a baffling proposition as this whole matter seems to be. There's nothing to take hold of, no pointing facts, no clues of any sort. Emily was here one minute and gone the next, and that's all we know about it."

"And Mrs. Pennington?"

"There, again, we've nothing to work on. Accident, suicide, murder. It may have been any one of the three."

"And we don't know that the cases are connected at all," Pete was trying hard to put forth some new theory or idea, but none seemed to come to him.

"No, we don't know it, but the broken diamond chain makes it seem so. I can't see how Mrs. Pennington fell over the rail with the diamonds in her hand unless she had clutched at the chain round Emily's neck."

"Unless the bandit had already stolen it from Emily, and Pauline clutched it from him."

"Then he would have retrieved those six diamonds before pushing the lady over. The police theory of Miss Duane's killing Mrs. Pennington, either intentionally or not, is to my mind, absurd. But the bandit theory, allowing said bandit to be Lal Singh or a stranger, necessitates the abduction of Miss Duane and the killing of Mrs. Pennington in such a short time as to make it seem impossible. Though, I suppose, if the villain had been waiting—"

"Why would he be. He couldn't know Emily was going out at dusk with her diamonds on."

"No, it just has been coincidence that he came. The fact is, if the diamonds constitute the main issue. But if he merely was out for an abduction, for ransom, then, he would lie in wait for hours, if need be, on the chance of getting her."

"Where's the letter the boy brought?" Rodney asked, suddenly. "The police claimed it, and I gave it to them. I have all I want from it. Did it strike you people that 'gully' was a strange word to use?"

"Why no," said Aunt Judy, "we often use it. It was a great word with Emily. She frequently said, 'No gully now,' meaning no trickery or fooling."

"It's not very familiar to me," Stone said, thoughtfully. "I dare say it's an English expression. Anyway, the note was gully. But, even at that, there must have been some reason for its being sent. Nobody is going to pay ten dollars to have a note delivered over here just for fun. I know people have distorted ideas of humor, but they don't usually go to much expense to carry them out."

"I've a good idea," said Mr. Stone, "asked Betty, so gently and sympathetically that Stone answered her in kind."

"Discouraged? Yes," he said. "Disheartened? No. I am up against it, as I have never been before in all my experience. I must have a suspect. How can any self-respecting detective get along without a suspect? He smiled whimsically. "All the available suspects are too absurd. Even the wicked Lal Singh would scarcely dare commit a real crime in this place where he is so well known."

"Not if he were a downright crook?" asked Pete.

"He isn't a downright crook, nor an upright one, either. He is a parasite, a fawning hypocrite, a fraud, if you like, but not a gunman or bandit in any sense of the word. He might steal Emily's diamonds if he got a good chance, but he wouldn't have the nerve, nor the lack of wisdom to abduct her and throw Mrs. Pennington overboard in order to get the diamonds. He'd realize the risk too strongly."

"Then he's out of it," Rodney sighed. "I rather fancied him in the villain's role. And you've no one else to offer?"

"No one, individually. There's a chance of some bad man who lives around her, some servant or chauffeur, say, but no such person has been mentioned to me."

"There isn't any such person," Aunt Judy said, decidedly. "All servants or tradesmen or anything like that love Emily. She's been a favorite with such people all her life. No, her abductor came from outside. Hildade, that's certain."

"Maybe," Fleming Stone said, non-committally. Then he gave a little laugh. "I dare say I'm a howling disappointment to you people," he said frankly. "I've no doubt you expected me to walk in here on Sunday, and produce Emily by Monday morning, at the latest. And I haven't lived up to your expectations, have I? But don't be entirely hopeless, for I've learned several helpful points today, and I rather fancy I'll get some more tomorrow, and all is not yet lost."

"Good for you, Mr. Stone!" cried Betty. "I don't know about the rest, but I was beginning to wonder when the fireworks were going to begin. I see, the same goes more slowly than I anticipated, but if there's a glimmer of a glow of hope, I'm satisfied."

"There is," and Fleming Stone looked very serious. "That's about all it is, a glimmer of a glow, but where there's a glimmer there must be more light behind it, and we'll get there yet. My case, for I have a clue, is so frail, so uncertain, that I almost fear to follow it up, but a hunch tells me to go ahead. I am not the sort of detective who depends on hunches, but there come times when all else fails, and then a hunch isn't a bad thing to have. What about your other friend, Miss Wolcott? We hadn't time for her this morning, you know."

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"Too bad," said Stone, with real sympathy. "And so you read and study plays and then, you can do nothing with them."

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STATE NEEDS MORE BUILDINGS FOR ITS WARDS, HOSS SAYS

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

SALEM, Ore., June 30.—A state building program to cover a period of some years in the future is advocated by Sam A. Fozer, state auditor general, in a statement made public Sunday. He declares that such a program is necessary if the constantly growing number of state wards are to be cared for adequately in the penitentiary, the insane hospital, the feeble-minded and other state institutions.

Since the insane hospital at Salem is filled to capacity and the reformatory institution is approaching that point he thinks it may be necessary before many years to build a third state hospital for the insane.

Since the state has a financial deficit of over \$2,000,000, Fozer suggests that such a program should be financed by a bond issue, a special tax levy or by some other method to be devised. He points out that while the new intangibles and excise tax acts are large revenue producers, they do not increase the state's income for the reason that they reduce the property tax in proportion to the amount they bring in.

Chain Stores Seen as Community Boon But Independents Gaining

Fear of big business must still persist in this country, for nearly every state legislature is considering or has passed some kind of law to destroy or to curb growth of chain stores. Fortunately, none of these laws has yet stood the test of the courts.

The chain store has many faults, says Samuel Crowther in a clear-sighted article published in World's Work, but it is only a step toward a completely new system of distribution and at present represents the most economical method we know of getting goods from the manufacturer to the consumer. The present distribution methods in this country have been so incompetent and wasteful as to nearly undo the benefit of skilled manufacturing.

The actual objections to chain stores are based on the fact that goods can be sold by them at a lower price than the independent merchant. Furthermore, it is claimed that they are run by a bunch of human automatons who know only how to wrap packages and make change. Mr. Crowther points out that due to competition among the chains themselves, a new standard of help may be found—clerks and managers who know the meaning of service. Likewise, this same competition in developing more attractive chain stores which will be an asset to communities.

The original private brands of chain stores have largely disappeared. Today nationally known products are found in all of them. The question is always asked: What of the small merchant? This article in World's Work admits that the small man cannot compete with the chain in mass distribution of staple commodities. However, chains cannot deal in specialties, for which there is only a limited demand. They cannot give more than a certain amount of personal service. Today the independent retail stores come and go as they always have. But oddly enough, more come in than go out. The number of independent retailers—notably grocers—is increasing. This author feels that if chain store competition can sift out the weaker stores, the whole of retail merchandising will be benefited.

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Chicago Police Head Quits in War on Gangsters

Ambassador Dawes Expected to Marshal Forces in Battle Against Organized Crime.



ALFRED JAKE LINGIE



JOHN STEGE



WILLIAM RUSSELL

CHICAGO, June 30.—Chicago has declared war on the underworld.

Incensed at the long series of gang murders that have turned the streets of the windy city into shooting galleries, Chicago's business and civic leaders are banding together for a finish fight with thugdom.

The merciless slaying of Jake Lingie, Chicago newspaper man, the latest in the series of thugdom's killings has already resulted in Police Commissioner William E. Russell's resignation and the demolition of Detective Chief John Stege to captain.

The more militant of Chicago's modern vigilantes are also demanding the scalp of Mayor William Hale Thompson as a necessary preliminary to cleaning out the beer-mobs and other gangs.

Representatives have been reported sent to "fighting Charlie" Dawes—soldier, banker, ex-vice-president and present ambassador to England—to ask him to marshal Chicago's forces in the coming battle against organized crime.

Dawes, known all over the country as a two-fisted he-man, would have to quit his diplomatic post to end the night-march reign of Chicago's gunmen and bootlegging kings.

Those who know the creator of the Dawes plan say that he would not hesitate a minute if he thought his home city needed his help.

Just now he is visiting Dwight Morrow's home in Englewood, N. J., and is due back in London in a month.

The shooting down of Alfred (Jake) Lingie has aroused Chicago to a pitch of fury that never was reached in all the future that followed the machine-gun killing of Assistant State's Attorney McSwiggin in Cicero four years ago.

After the atrocious "bumping off" of that young official, the avowals of vengeance made by Chicago authorities dwindled to a whisper after a few weeks of pointless investigations.

This time the press and the rank and file of citizenry have united and are determined to make the underworld pay and lay heavily for snuffing out the life of Jake Lingie.

"Gang rule must go!" is their battle-cry and the \$55,000 in rewards offered for the conviction of the reporter's murderer is only a tiny fraction of what will be spent to wipe out the menace of crookdom.

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OFFICIAL MILEAGE AND HOTEL BILLS IN OREGON EYED

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

SALEM, Ore., June 30.—The monthly total for automobile mileage included in the expense accounts of state officials and employees has reached a point where abuse of privilege is suspected by officials who have to do with the auditing and disbursing of state funds and there is talk of asking the legislature to fix a maximum mileage that may be charged for cars privately owned by persons on the state payroll, but used on official business.

The records show that officials and employees of some departments are charging as high as 10 cents a mile and others as low as 5 cents.

Members of the war veterans' state aid commission charge 10 cents, but employees of the department only 5 cents. Circuit judges are charging 10 cents. Officials and employees of the state normal school at Monmouth charge from 7 to 10 cents. The banking department, fish commission, forestry board and Oregon State college are making an 8-cent charge. The game commission puts its mileage at 7 and 8 cents, the tax commission 7, the insurance commission 5 and the state university 6 cents.

The barber board, child welfare commission, market agent, horticultural board, state board for vocational education and the governor's office collect 7 cents a mile.

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Yoncalla, Tuesday, July first. Carload of well broken work horses, ranging from 12 to 1600 lbs.; one good cow horse; few lighter stock. Usual terms given.

COBROS, Owners. LASSWELL, Clerk. CAL EATON, Auctioneer.

100% protection against theft of car and accessories. The electrical theft signal demonstrated at the Roseburg Garage.—Adv.

Fishing tackle at Idleyid Park.—Adv.

South Myrtle will have a daily mail service (except Sundays) after July 1, says the Myrtle Creek Mail.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ady, the post-office department at Washington has finally ordered the service to begin July 1. Carrier Sherman Raines who bid the job in for the next four years on the present tri-weekly basis now finds that his work will be double what he applied for when he takes over the

route from the present carrier, J. M. Boyles, the first of next month.

This forward-step in community development follows hard on the recent announcement of this county court that the South Myrtle road had been designated as a main road. These two announcements are certainly a happy combination toward community betterment in that section.

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ROSEBURGERS BEAT MELROSE, 17 TO 10

A reorganized Roseburg baseball team journeyed to Melrose yesterday and won a ball game. Amid a barrage of hits, a flock of errors, and quite a few runs the locals came panting out with a 17-10 score. The game was exceedingly close for the first three innings, but a five-run rally in the last half of the fourth inning gave the locals a little advantage. The game was safely put on ice in the seventh when Roseburg cracked out six hits to score seven runs. Melrose became a bit dangerous in the eighth when they scored six runs as the town team was experimenting with a substitute pitcher.

Hull, Roseburg pitcher, hit the only home run of the day. The lo-