

## "Juliet" Whisked Away From Lover

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The case of the vanishing heiress, a Manhattan thriller of forlorn lovers and parental pique, seemed headed today for a third courtroom scene—with "Romeo" vowing vengeance.

Still missing was the weeping "Juliet" of Park avenue's romantic comedy of errors—lovely Eileen Herick, 29-year-old debutante.

Only a few hours before a court-approved rendezvous Saturday with the sailor on whom her parents trown—George Lowther 3rd, 30, a broker—Eileen was driven in a closed car from the family estate on Long Island. Her mother and a bodyguard accompanied her, the same bodyguard who chased Lowther away from Eileen's balcony last week.

When Lowther arrived with his attorney, Eli Johnson, the house was shuttered.

Angry at this shattering of his plan to elope with the brunette heiress, the young broker said he would ask Suffolk County Judge Hill to hold the parents, former Park Commissioner Walter P. Herick and his wife, in contempt of court.

Attorney Johnson said that Nellie O'Connor, Eileen's 70-year-old nurse, had told them the girl left in tears with her mother after an "all-night quarrel."

"I know that Eileen did not want to go and that she went quite unwillingly," Johnson quoted the nurse as saying. "I don't know where they were taking her."

"We have a witness now who has seen Miss Herick being restrained against her will. This is clearly in contempt of Judge Hill's ruling on our habes corpus application."

## Benefit Seen In Extra ONG Drills

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Problems which would arise if Oregon's 1,600 national guardsmen were mobilized for war were solved during the seven days' extra training which was concluded yesterday. Maj. Gen. George A. Whitte, commanding general, said today.

The training on three successive weekends gave more actual training benefit than if it had been held on seven successive days, he said.

"The assembly at home stations

and decentralization of training and rationing gave valuable training to all ranks, stimulated initiative in the lower ranks, and solved the many problems incident to initial mobilization at home stations in event of an emergency," the general said.

The training, held at 25 points throughout the state, was ordered by the federal government as a national defense measure. Before December 20, all the men will have received their extra pay, totaling \$50,000. About \$25,000 was spent for food and other supplies. The bills.

## Expert Says Auto Thief Killed Self

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—A self-inflicted bullet and not one fired by State Patrolman Wallace Hug killed the hitch-hiker who stole the car of a Klamath Falls salesman last Wednesday, in the opinion of Dr. Joseph Brennan, the Bureau director of the state crime laboratory, informed District Attorney Weinick today that the type of wound and its location made it his opinion it was a "suicidal wound."

He pointed out that Hug was on the left side at the time and that the bullet entered the right temple and emerged behind the left ear.

Weinick said a bullet hole in the hiker's cap indicated the shot penetrated it after the dead man slumped forward in the car.

The hitch-hiker, between 18 and 20 years of age, was approached by Hug on the Pacific highway near here last Wednesday. The officer said he fired at the youth after a shot had been fired at him.

The hiker took the car from O. W. Spiker near Medford, locking the salesman in the trunk. Spiker escaped near Eugene after four hours and notified police.

## Federal Debt Boosted To New Record Total

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—An over-night jump of \$523,523,882 in the federal debt brought it today to the unprecedented total of \$41,992,742,768.

The sharp increase was caused by the formal issuance of a half billion dollars worth of new treasury bonds sold recently.

The new debt figure, little more than \$2,000,000,000 away from the statutory limit, averages about \$3,200,000,000 more than a year ago.

## SERIAL STORY

### 5 WOULD KILL

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

ARNOLD BENTHORNE—Five persons wished him dead.

HELEN BENTHORNE—His charming young wife.

WILLIAM ALSTON—Benthorne's father-in-law and business associate.

JOEY DI TORIO—Night club owner and gangster.

ARA JOHNSON—The mystery girl.

JOHN DOUGLAS—A young mining engineer, in love with Ara.

CAPTAIN DAWSON—A detective who likes to listen.

Yesterday, questioning Douglas, Dawson discovered that the young man knows much more about the Benthorne murder than he is telling. When Flynn reports on Benthorne's bank deposits, Douglas hears "Big Red" mentioned. "Big Red" was my uncle," he tells Dawson.

CHAPTER X

As Dawson stared at him incredulously, John Douglas continued: "I was named for him. He's been missing for years now. We have reason to believe he is dead. What has to do with this Benthorne murder?"

"Just a minute, son," Dawson countered. "I'll ask the questions, and perhaps answer a few, too. How old would your uncle be if he were still alive?"

"Between 70 and 80."

"Umm. And what makes you think he is dead?"

"I can't tell you all of that right now, Captain. I can't tell you all I know about Benthorne. I can't even tell you why I came here last night. But if you'll let me talk to Ara, alone, for a few minutes—"

"What possible reason could your uncle have—supposing he were alive—to kill Benthorne?" Douglas asked him.

"Why name a dead man as a suspect?" he countered.

Dawson settled back in his chair, fished in his wallet for a folded, wrinkled piece of paper, studied it intently. At last he handed it over to Douglas, saying:

"You may as well know that your admission that 'Big Red' is your uncle puts you in even a better spot as the No. 1 suspect of Benthorne's murder. Here, read this."

Douglas read "I will be killed tonight"—a woman named Ara... prospect... "Big Red"?

"Ara?" he whispered. Dawson reached out, took the paper from Douglas' hand. "I've a hunch about you, Douglas, and I'll let you talk to Ara, alone. She should still be in the dining room."

John Douglas' preoccupied entrance and his ill-considered babbling had left Ara inwardly reeling. What a fool, she thought, to have come here immediately, if he had only waited until the first editions were on the streets with the Benthorne murder story. But now, anything she might say, even the truth, would have to be proved. And Dawson was no ordinary detective.

A look of imperturbable calm masked her inward emotional turmoil as she turned back to the table. Joey di Torio stirred his coffee noisily. Krone eyed her as she sat down. Only Helen Benthorne seemed entirely undisturbed by the interruption. Ara nibbled on a piece of toast, kept her eyes focused on her plate.

After a few minutes, Joey announced: "Must have left my cigarettes in the other room. Coming, Krone?"

"Yeah, I'll go with you." The detective mumbled something in 30's. Benthorne's direction as the two men left the dining room. "I hope you are enjoying your

breakfast," Mrs. Benthorne said, after an interval of silence. There was no cordiality in her voice. Ara nodded.

"Just what do you plan to do now?" Mrs. Benthorne demanded. "I know you must hate me, Mrs. Benthorne," Ara answered as she rose from the table, faced the beautiful young widow. "You have reason to. But there is nothing of yours that I want. I intended leaving here as quickly as possible. I feel only pity for you. Now, I want to leave—everybody else."

"There is one thing I am sure you want to forget," Mrs. Benthorne's words were sharp edged. "But I doubt if Captain Dawson will let you. But let me warn you—your voice rose—if you try anything, if you tell anything, I'll—"

"You might kill me, is that what you're trying to tell me, Mrs. Benthorne?" Ara's eyes blazed. "I could make things rather unpleasant for you, but don't worry about it—I don't intend to. I want nothing that you can give me. And I don't hate you. My hate is dead. Nothing matters—now."

Mrs. Benthorne's face became crimson as she started to answer. "Why—you—"

"I thought so, Mrs. Benthorne," Dawson answered. "Will you come with me, now, Mrs. Benthorne. I'll have to search the house for a gun—the gun—and I should prefer that you were alone."

"If you insist, Captain."

"John, you'd better have some food, too," Dawson said. "The butler will bring you coffee and toast and whatever else you want."

John ate in silence. Only when Ara rose and started to leave did he turn to her.

"Ara, the time has come to tell the truth. You and I are going to be accused of a murder. If we don't tell Captain Dawson all the facts, I know I won't be easy."

"I don't see where I am involved, I—" she began.

"But you are, Ara, and I have to know why," Douglas interrupted. "Tell me the truth, Ara, and perhaps I can save you. What were you doing in Benthorne's study last night?"

She turned on him angrily. "I wasn't in Benthorne's study last night. What makes you ask that?"

He drew a button—a red, peculiarly-shaped button, from his vest pocket, held it beside two similar buttons on the sleeve of her dress. "Haven't you missed this?"

She snatched the button from his hand. "Where did you find that? Does Dawson know?" Then as she became calmer: "There are thousands of buttons just like this one, why bother me with it?"

"There are three on your other sleeve." It was true.

"All right, suppose I was in Benthorne's study. I was there this morning, talking to Captain Dawson. He knows that. When did you find it?"

"I found it in a chair—it fell out of a chair—last night," Douglas answered slowly. "Benthorne was dead—did you see him last night?"

He was pleading for the truth, although his own words were self-condemning.

"Yes," Ara answered slowly, as her eyes met his. "I saw Arnold Benthorne last night. But it was early in the evening—long before he was killed."

(To be continued)

## Ohio Relief Crisis Subject of Dispute

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Ohio's relief picture was painted today in contrasting reports of prosperity and poverty.

In Toledo, whose voters refused three months ago to finance more relief, landlords were threatening evictions of tenants without funds. Relief officials said marshals had 32 eviction orders ready to serve, and 61 other relief dependents had three-day eviction notices. Relief rent was cut off Sept. 15.

Glarence A. Benedict, Toledo relief administrator, estimated 3,000 persons were affected by the rent situation, since 792 families were eligible for rent relief when it was shut off.

In Columbus, meanwhile, Gov. John Wm. Bricker declared: "Everything is all right in Ohio."

The governor pointed to business and industrial prosperity, plus increased employment, in discussing the situation with several out-of-state newspapermen, advising one of them to go back to New York and tell them everything is all right.

The governor alluded to criticism by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York City for Bricker's refusal to call a special Ohio legislative session to deal with relief financing.

"Ohio is in excellent shape," said George H. Chandler, executive vice president of the Ohio chamber of commerce. "We are still able to run our affairs without advice from Washington or New York City."

Some delegates to the annual convention said they believed Americans were not well enough informed on the situation to take a stand. Irvin Goodman, attorney, declared "imperialistic powers for 20 years have been preparing Finland as a base for making war against Russia."

The convention condemned vigilante action in general and mob action in Aberdeen particularly (referring to damage wrought on a meeting place frequented by communist sympathizers), endorsed the national legislative program of the Farmers' Union, condemned Dies committee activities, favored \$10 per day for Oregon legislators and a 50-day session limit.

The federation voted Saturday to affiliate with labor's non-partisan league.

S. Stephenson Smith, Eugene,

and Monroe Sweetland, Portland, were re-elected president and executive secretary, respectively, of the federation.

Roy R. Hewitt of Salem declined a presidential nomination. Ralph Peoples, Portland, state CIO council secretary, was elected first vice-president; Wendell Barnett, Brooks, delegate from the Farmers' Union, second vice-president; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem AFL central labor council, attorney and former dean of the Willamette university law school, third vice-president; Gus J. Solomon, Portland, treasurer.

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