

STUDENT TAKEN FOR KIDNAPING

Confesses to Plot to Get \$50,000

Woman Lured From 'Frisco By Story of Misfortune to Her Cousin

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—Russell Crawford, said to be a vacuum cleaner salesman of Stockton, today was named by Bliss Baker, University of California student, as the "master mind" behind a \$50,000 extortion plot against Daniel C. Jackling, copper king.

Breaking down under the determined questioning of his mother, Mrs. Olva Baker, the youth admitted, police said, that Crawford planned the whole scheme and that Crawford is the only other person involved.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—With Bliss Baker, University of California student, under arrest and said to have confessed, a thorough search was under way today for his companion in a foiled scheme to extort \$50,000 from Daniel C. Jackling, multi-millionaire copper magnate, under the threat that his wife had been kidnaped.

Baker, police said, confessed early today that he and a friend, George Beeman, attempted a "more perfectly laid crime than the Lohr-Leopold case."

The college youth was arrested a few hours after Jackling received the ransom demand, while Beeman's apprehension is expected momentarily.

The plotters lured Mrs. Jackling from the city with a false report that her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, had been injured at San Mateo and was in a hospital.

A short time after Mrs. Jackling left on a hurried trip to the hospital, her husband received a telephone call stating his wife had been kidnaped and unless he gave \$50,000 to a taxicab driver in front of his office at once she would be subjected to "exquisite tortures and filled with disease germs."

Fake Money Used
Conferring with detectives, Jackling went through with the scheme, substituting a fake bundle for the package of currency demanded.

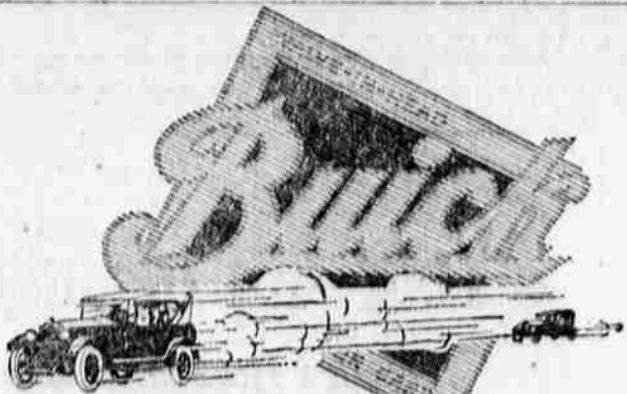
The taxicab was followed by a machine load of officers. South of the city, a youth stood by the road, his arms folded. The cab halted and the driver delivered the package to him. It was Baker, who was immediately arrested.

He was grilled through the afternoon and night, confessing when his mother pleaded with him to tell the truth.

The taxicab driver and messenger boy who delivered the note to Jackling were cleared of suspicion.

Baker was a senior student at the university. His home was in San Jose. Besides taking a course in foreign trade and commerce, which he had almost completed, the student was a member of the editorial staff of the university daily newspaper.

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A RETURN

Chapter 75

The Paris days grew more and more hectic.

Gloria had more friends here than in London, and more demands upon her time as a result.

"I feel as though we were home again, with these afternoon tea parties happening," Pan remarked happily when Gloria came in one day and announced that several visitors would shortly appear.

"Tea isn't the ceremony here it is in England, or the sort of thing I make of it at home," Gloria explained, slipping out of her suit and bustling for a cool and appropriate gown. "The French idea is that it spoils dinner, and they build up their day to a proper appreciation of the meal."

"Did I ever talk food so seriously, Pan, if you tell Madame Hollande I asked it, she'll send you a huge white cloth to cover some of the gift of that table. The darling gives me her best, but her best means too many cutlenses."

Pan did as she was asked, put out of sight most of the ornaments and a green plush cover that gave Gloria a headache, and even managed to go into the kitchen and make the tea—for the hotel was small and Madame adored her American guest.

And Gloria was almost hysterically gay at her party, as she poured tea and dispensed little cakes, showed off Frankie and introduced Pan as her protegee.

"Though whether I look after her or she looks after me I can't say," Gloria said. "Donald, look at the fine shape of her head. Wouldn't you like to model that?" A caressing hand touched Pan's hair lightly. Pan smiled, used to being discussed in the third person. Donald was a sculptor studying in Paris; there was an elderly lady who was addressed as duchess, and who spoke only French, a middle aged journalist, an English friend who happened to be staying in Paris, an Italian who spoke any language, George standing to one side, at home with everyone, and Gloria a gay center of an odd group.

"How strange that I should be here!" Pan said after they had gone. "I don't belong here, but they don't know that. They were nice to me because you put me here. They didn't know I came from Norris City and am nobody at all."

"Don't go back to your feeling of inferiority," Gloria warned. She looked 10 years older suddenly, the gaiety had gone with the last guest.

"No, I'm not. I was only thinking—none of these friends of yours would bother with me, except that I live with you and am your friend. There is nothing in me to attract—"

"My type attracts some people, yours others," Gloria answered practically. "I have dash and initiative, perhaps, you have an enduring sweetness." Silence, then. "I shouldn't lecture you about feeling inferior. I feel it myself at times—now, for instance. These people you admire so—that French duchess is as hard and unscrupulous as a woman can be, she comes because I amuse her. The rest come to meet her, she's a big social light. I don't care a snap about any of them—anything—"

This was childish for Gloria! Pan sat and felt miserable.

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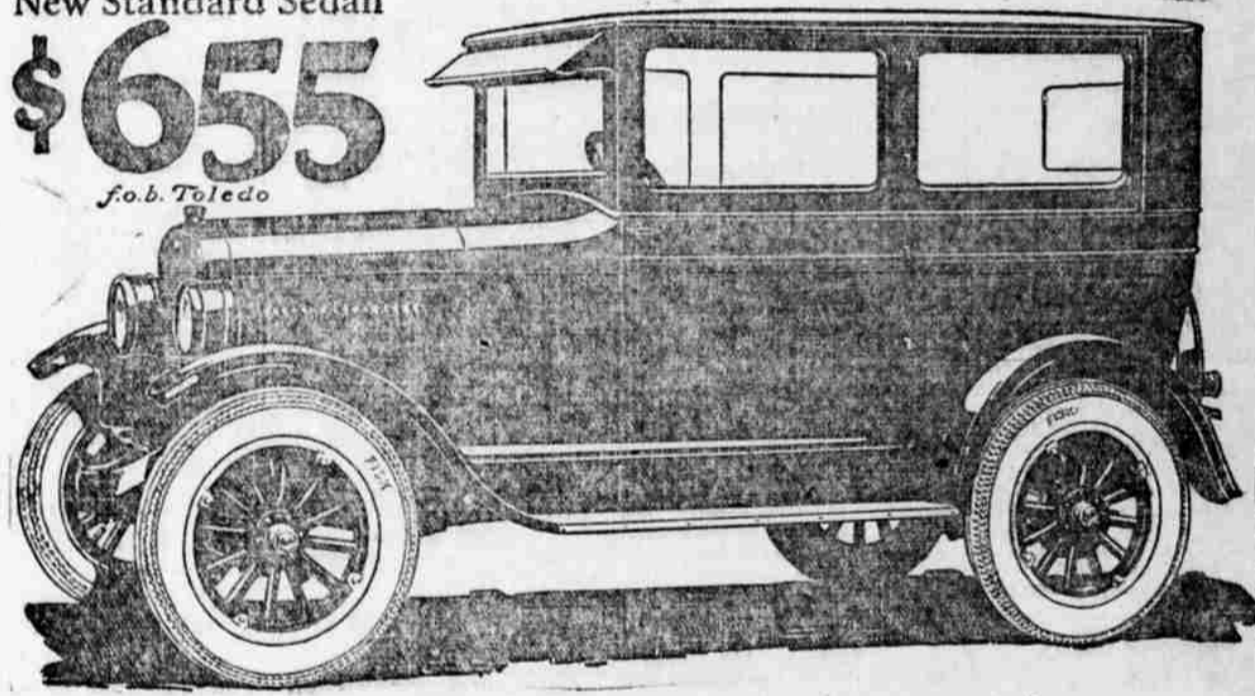
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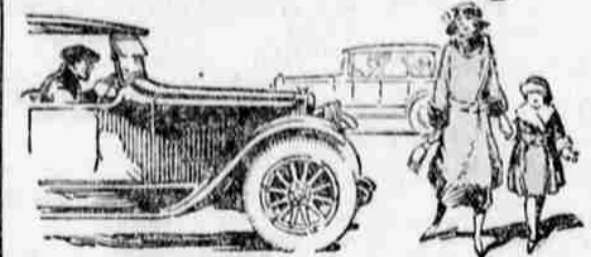
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"If only you'd called Santley before you called," she said finally. "It would have been all right then. He didn't hear and went out of town and then didn't get your wire when we landed."

"Do you think a cable would have made a difference?" Gloria asked. "No, it's plain enough. He may not be interested in this other girl, but he certainly got over his fancy for me. He may only have been in love because he couldn't marry me, and because he was sorry for me."

"There's nothing to be sorry for now. I'm free. I have a business that makes me independent. I'm settled where I've lots of friends. And think of the time—it's been years—"

"I wish you would marry," Pan said. "You may like your independence but you are killing yourself the way you live now, you work too much, and you play too much."

"If I didn't work I'd die of starvation and if I didn't play I'd die of boredom," Gloria answered shortly. "I don't want to marry, not even a Santley." Pan knew better than this. "We're going back to London Friday, and we'll be there several weeks before we go home. Santley will likely appear, and I'll be nice and friendly so he'll know that I haven't had any but impersonal ideas about him for years."

She began to dress for dinner. Pan looked at the thin, nervous face, white against the rose of her dress, and guessed the agony of mind that made her mouth set so tightly. She

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wished she could do something. She felt she would be glad if only Gloria would marry George, her own feelings would not matter. But perhaps Santley would come, and perhaps it would be different in London.

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