

# Masked Longing

**BY HOWARD ROCKEY** A ROMANCE OF RADIO

**SYNOPSIS:** Beautiful and talented Alleen Gray, a young actress, is in love with Jimmy Crane, a young actor. Alleen is in love with Jimmy, but she is too shy to tell him. Jimmy is in love with Alleen, but he is too proud to tell her. They are both in love with each other, but they are too shy to tell each other. This is a story of love, of longing, of the things that we do not say.

Chapter 8  
**A STAB IN THE BACK**

BROADWAY had been enjoying a two-day thrill.

Jaded by sensations, its footlight population was amused by the news that old Max Klein was about to blazon a brand new name in the lights before his theater, Jimmy Crane's most sanguine hopes had been far surpassed by the news reports of Alleen Gray's discovery.

Miss Santa Claus' court entrance had been in simple costume. That is, she had worn a simple frock instead of the tulle and sequins that caught the previous afternoon. Her arrival had been the signal for a photographers' stampede.

Discharged by a friendly justice, the prisoners were driven up town in Channing's car. With Max Klein and Vivienne they had lunched at the Ritz. Klein was beamingly gracious to his newest star and Channing appeared to find her peculiarly intriguing. Vivienne, somewhat impatiently, bethought in reflected glory. Playing second-fiddle tended to cramp her style.

Max Klein made a mental note of the younger sister's resemblance to her lovely mother. Yes, she had the same first-violin tendencies. A high-strung, delicate instrument, this luxury-loving girl. It would require a master touch to bring out the best in her.

Klein might be bluntly crude at times, but his insight into character was almost infallible. He had frequently sensed harmonies where others found only discords. Of course he had had his failures, heart-breaking ones at times. But in his philosophy, trying made life worthwhile. He had seen quite a lot of silk purses produced from apparent sows' ears. Vivienne's case was different. She was a silk purse—a little too fine—a silk purse with too little in it. And that was dangerous.

Jimmy Crane found meanwhile that he rather liked Dwight Channing. Yet he resented the ease with which the man made himself agreeable. Knowing his crowd had made Vivienne restless and discontented, Alleen was too happy to realize that her ambition was almost with in her grasp. Klein had set October sixth as the opening date. He had decided not to risk production any sooner. There must be no rough edges. The weather would be better then; people would be in town. With the heralding of the show had received, its reception was assured. So he meant to make its premiere one that would be remembered.

Alleen in her cosy apartment that was now brighter for flowers Alleen cut by the window, watching the reflection of the sunset in the sky. She had just come in from rehearsal. For a whole half hour she could relax, then bath and dress for dinner. That was one trouble, she thought, and smiled. She was always on the go. Even her private life was public now, and it was good policy for her to be seen dining in the smartest places.

Meanwhile Viv was busy, posing for Dwight Channing. She went to his studio every day. Alleen did not know and had not asked just what sort of pictures Channing was working on. Except at night, the sisters saw little of each other, but Alleen had insisted on Vivienne's spending the evenings with her.

The house phone rang and Alleen got up to learn who was calling. Klein and Jimmy were due at seven, but they couldn't be here yet. Nevertheless it was Jimmy's voice that came to her over the wire.

"Are you dressed?" he asked excitedly. "If you aren't in the tab, snap into something, kid. Klein's here and we're coming up."

"What's wrong?" Alleen asked in alarm.

"Nothing that can't be straightened out," Jimmy reassured her, "but there's something we've got to talk about and take some action pronto."

Klein came puffing into the room with a face like a thundercloud. Alleen had never seen him so beside himself. He looked about. "Give me a drink that'll sock me, or I'll bite myself."

Jimmy went to the kitchenette and pulled out a tray of teacups. Klein looked as though he might explode. "Give me the bottle!" he roared. "Can't you see I need it straight!" He poured a generous portion and proceeded to drain the glass.

"Show her the damned thing, Jimmy," he directed angrily. Crane passed Alleen a clipping, torn from the week's *Tattle Tale*. "Somebody's going to be skinned alive when I find out who planted that!" Klein went on as Alleen read the offending paragraph.

**TWO BIRDS OF PLUMAGE**

It is being discreetly whispered that a charming pair of sisters now quite in the focus of the smart Broadway scene, are apparently seeking the protection of matrimony that stops so dear to some feminine hearts.

The first of these lovely damozels has recently changed under the wing of one of the wisest and richest old birds in the shadow of Times Square. It is said that New York will witness a match of her in the glare of the footlights this season.

The other fair niece will also be seen, so the story goes, in person by the artist whose check for a \$1,000 seems was recently sent to one of the town's most active theaters.

Alleen flushed crimson. "Oh, who dared!" She cried out in anguish. "That's exactly what I want to know!"

"In the first place, Alleen, I'm sorry. There's no need saying that Jimmy and I wouldn't get on getting publicly in such a rotten way. The story ain't true, and who ever knows you know it ain't. That goes for my friends too. But of course a lot of people think every theatrical manager has a harem. I'll admit that the theater ain't exactly a Sunday School, but in all the years I've been puttin' on plays, there ain't a man or woman who can dig up dirt on me.

"Max, don't!" Alleen begged him. "You've been perfectly wonderful—first to Dad, and then to me. It's a vile thing to publish—but I suppose every girl on the stage has to expect such things. I won't say I don't mind it—but I can stand it. Max, it's that nasty lie about Vivienne that—makes me want to choke whoever wrote such a vicious thing!"

"Yeah," Klein nodded. "But that ain't gettin' us anywhere. Of course the guy don't mention names—and it takes a pretty slick lawyer to put anything on that sheet. But I'm not going to lie down under any such stab in the back. Maybe I know who does it and maybe I'm all wet—but it wouldn't take much thinkin' for you to suspect who I mean."

"Not—Vivienne?" Alleen spoke before she could restrain herself.

"That's my guess," Klein confessed. "What I'm wondering is how she got this dope about Vivienne. Vivienne doesn't know Channing."

"She might know someone at that fatin'." It occurred to Jimmy Alleen, you remember that dressy wife—the night she got dropped in his car. She said Channing was going to phone Galt and fix it up with him."

"But all that is perfectly innocent!" Alleen protested wildly. "You can't think Viv—"

"No I don't. But people might," Jimmy reminded her.

"Jimmy, don't let her see it!" Alleen burst out crying.

"Just a moment, daughter," Klein said quietly. "We gotta face the facts. If I start an action, against Vivienne or *Tattle Tale*, they'll both fight back, of course. That means every rag in the country will be full of it. So, if you can stand it—I don't think it'll do a lot of harm to Vivienne."

"He's right, Alleen," Jimmy agreed.

"Sure," Klein had calmed down. "We've got to handle it quietly by ourselves. You stay here with Alleen, Jimmy. I'll run up and see Dwight Channing. I'll meet you all at eight o'clock, and maybe I'll bring him with me."

Soon after he left Vivienne came in.

"Hello, you two! Am I late?" Why, I thought you'd be dressed, Alleen."

She pulled off her hat and tossed it carelessly on the table. Under her arm was a magazine. With a twinkle in her eyes, she dropped it in Alleen's lap.

"Have you seen that?" she asked daily. "The Gray twins are getting in *Immense Honesty*. It's a scream!"

Alleen stared down at the open page, too stunned to look up at Jimmy.

"Well, I'll be darned!" he muttered.

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Has Vivienne failed to grasp the true significance of the gossip item or does she actually believe it is a joke? See tomorrow's chapter.

## MEDFORD QUINT MEETS SHASTA NEXT SATURDAY

The Medford high school basketball team has no Southern Oregon conference game this week, but Saturday evening at the armory plays the Mt. Shasta union school quint. Friday evening Mt. Shasta plays Ashland. Klamath Falls is scheduled to play Grants Pass at Grants Pass is the only conference tilt.

The local five is now in good physical condition and the game against Klamath Falls showed flashes of real power. They have a strong repertoire of plays and plenty of reserve strength.

Mid-season will see the departure of Ivan Harrington by graduation, and Coach Burgher is scouting for material to take his place. White is being developed into a running guard after being a center prospect. White is a racy youth with speed and is good dribbler and better than the average shot.

It is probable that the Medford high school will arrange games this week with some of the rural teams as Coach Burgher is anxious to keep his players busy from now until the Ashland games.

## Fox Craterian Show Western Epic



Charles Sellon in "The Painted Desert," a Pathe feature.

One of the most vivid and dramatic stories of the great outdoors ever presented on the audible screen, is "The Painted Desert" now showing at the Fox Craterian theater. No more interesting-compelling drama has ever been given a more spectacular setting, than this picture starring Bill Boyd, William Farnum, and Helen Twelvetrees.

Located on the Indian reservation in Arizona, the production reeks with exciting sequences. A race of mule teams along a hazardous precipice, culminating when a mine wagon filled with ore catapults into the ravine and a cattle stampede of five hundred steers, with the frenzied animals dashing headlong into the camera!

The climax of a sensational spectacle is the blowing up of a mine in which one of the mountains of Dinosaur Canyon is blasted to the skies. The most stupendous explosion ever filmed.

## COURT OF HONOR SET FOR TONIGHT

Following the court of honor session to be held this evening in the county courthouse, the first meeting of newly elected district commissioners will be held, with Don Newbury as district chairman.

Merit badges will be awarded at this time, with Raymond Erickson completing work in carpentry, firemanship and woodworking; Donald Gray, firemanship; and Cloe Hicks, scholarship. Robert Gall and Herbert Sellon plan to become second class motorists, and Donald Nelson and Leonard Klein, first class scouts.

## EAGLE POINT PTA SERVING LUNCHES

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special)—Eagle Point P. T. A. members are doing a fine work with their hot lunches. They serve on an average of forty-five pupils each day. This means a great deal to children that come from a distance, and are able to have a cup of hot soup. So far there are only thirteen ladies on the serving list to do this work.

The County Teachers Institute will be held at Eagle Point Jan. 24. The P. T. A. will serve a hot lunch at twelve o'clock for the visiting teachers.

## QUIET YOUTH IN DARING ROBBERY

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A slender youth of quiet voice and dress robbed the ticket office of the Union station of \$10,000 in cash early today, looked the clerk into the vault and left apparently unscathed.

The robber timed his appearance for 2:30 a. m. when only one clerk, Robert E. Smith, was on duty. The vast station, largest in Chicago, was deserted except for a magazine counter clerk who dozed in one corner and a janitor in another.

## NEW CITY COUNCIL OF EAGLE POINT CONVENES

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special)—The newly elected council held their first meeting Jan. 12, when general business of the month was transacted. The new members of the council are Roy Ashpole, R. T. Seaman, L. C. Wilson, E. C. Stines, Ben Kingery and Sam Coy.

C. F. Davies was re-elected mayor, Mrs. Frances Campbell, treasurer and W. H. Young, recorder.

## BAR APPOINTMENT TO PORTLAND ATTORNEY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—John C. Kendall, Portland attorney and former circuit judge of Coos and Curry counties, Sunday announced his appointment as one of five members of the American Bar association committee on communications. Kendall left last night for Washington, D. C., where he will attend the first meeting of the committee.

## EX-PROFESSOR AT YALE KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Professor Allen Johnson, 67, author, editor and former professor of American history at Yale, died last night after being struck by an automobile as he attempted to cross a street against a traffic light.

## In Holly Thriller



JEAN ARTHUR plays the leading feminine role in Radio Pictures' spectacular railroad melodrama, "Dancer Lights," opening at the Holly Theater tomorrow.

Immortalizing the unswerving faith and courage of all American railroad men, Radio Pictures' "Dancer Lights," first great railroad melodrama of the talkies, comes to the Holly theater tomorrow, as a stirring tribute to the stout hearts who keep the wheels moving.

With Louie Wolheim as the two-fisted, hard-swearin', roaring division boss whose indomitable strength holds the rails fast; Robert Armstrong as the engineer whose love for the railroad transcends his selfishness; and Jean Arthur as the railroad-bred beauty whose charm fires these iron men to death grips, "Dancer Lights" is truly the song of the rails dramatized.

Railroad men will appreciate the countless authentic touches of "Dancer Lights"—the roundhouse operations, the emergency clearances of handbills and woodchests, plunging long freight over mountain passes; the headlong stride of the limited freyhoands with their de luxe coaches; all the stirring glory of railroaded in novel sound and talk.

"Dancer Lights" was filmed over the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific road, the east covering more than 3,000 miles before the film was completed.

## Jack Oakie's Gang Picture Rialto Hit

Jack Oakie's back-and-funny, funnier than ever, "He smashes the underworld" with wisecracks in "The Gang Buster," which opened at the Fox Rialto theatre yesterday looked for three days, and destined to stay for days if audiences keep roaring their approval with the same gusto as they displayed at the opening.

Oakie and his gang take the highly precarious job of selling accident insurance in a city infested with easy-money desperadoes. Everybody wants Oakie's policies, except the insurance company for which he works. Then "America's Joy-ride" dives into the dives of the underworld and digs up a lot of happiness, including a swell romance. Jean Arthur is the girl, and William Boyd, the same who appeared with Gary Cooper in "The Spoilers" and George Bancroft in "Desire," furnishes a large share of the thrills. Everybody begins and ends in a great big guffaw. Oakie takes gangdom for a "ride."

This is the second picture to be made with the new Western Theatre noiseless recording.

Flying scholarships will be awarded by the French government to applicants between the ages of 17 1/2 and 29 1/2 years.

## Alexander Gray Is Star of Holly Film

The City by the Danube, is the locale for many of the beautiful scenes of "Viennese Nights," the Warner Bros. production, now at the Holly theater. The cast includes Walter Pidgeon, Vivienne Segal, Alexander Gray, Jean Hersholt and Louise Fazenda. The story is that of a girl who is forced by her ambitious father to marry a rich man instead of the poor musician she loves, and who is inspired by her to compose a symphony. Though the two are pacted for years the symphony is completed—as though by miracle—and the disappointed girl—after fifty years hears it—while her granddaughter and her lover's grandson—complete the cycle of unending love.

This beautiful, unusual musical romance closes at the Holly with the last performance tonight. The singing in this picture is the best ever heard at the Holly.

## FIRESTONE TIRE PRICES REDUCED

Following a series of conferences, the result of which is said to indicate an immediate upward trend of business, Harvey S. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber company, announced today a sharp price reduction on Firestone passenger car tires and at the same time announced that the 12,000 Firestone employees would immediately be returned to a six-day-a-week employment status. For the past several months Firestone employees have been working only four days a week.

This information was received by A. J. Redmond, Firestone Tire and Rubber company branch manager in Portland, in a wire from Mr. Firestone.

"Every dealer in behind Mr. Firestone's gesture toward prosperity," said Mr. Redmond last night, "and those of us in executive capacities are sincerely looking forward to at least a 25 percent increase in business in 1931.

"This price reduction, coming as it does at a time when most motorists are in need of winter and spring tires when roads are slippery, will be of vast benefit to motorists and will result in thousands of dollars in savings throughout the country."

The employees at the Firestone factories have already returned to regular employment. The price reductions are effective immediately at all Firestone dealer stores.

The Firestone dealer here is Smith and Watkins, Inc.

## Are You "Hitting On All Six?"

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Your money back if you are not speedily helped by a fair trial of this world-famous medicine.

## COOS AND CURRY PRESBYTERIANS IN ALL-DAY MEETING

Presbyterian churches of Coos and Curry counties met in all-day session Tuesday in the Community Presbyterian church at North Bend. A large delegation was present, representing churches in both counties. Rev. E. Iverson of Medford attended.

Dr. Murlock McLeon of San Francisco, coast secretary for men's work and Dr. D. A. Thompson of Portland, synodical executive for Oregon, both gave addresses following the banquet in the evening.

About 80 were present at the evening meeting and short talks were given by Rev. J. E. Snyder of North Bend, Dr. D. T. Robinson of Marshfield, Rev. E. Iverson of Medford, E. E. McVicker of Port Orford, Joseph W. Angell of Gold Beach and W. A. Cowden of Reedsport. Rev. E. V. Ostrander of Myrtle Point was unable to attend because of illness.

Evangelism, church extension, stewardship, the youth program, men's work and other subjects of interests were discussed. It was voted to hold a similar conference later.

## OREGON READERS PATRONIZE STATE LIBRARY SHELVES

SALEM, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The reading public in Oregon using the state library has increased 23 percent during the past biennium, the report just released by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian, revealed. This percentage represents an increase of 64,549 volumes, bringing the total for the two years to 341,395 volumes sent over the state.

The state operates 687 active traveling library stations, with units of 50 books each, in addition to one-room rural school libraries, and a direct mail order division as well as supplying public libraries. All types of books are included in these circulation methods.

Marion county led the list in mail order borrowings, with 2529, followed by Lane county with 1355, Douglas with 1352, Linn with 1319, Washington with 1284 and Polk with 1063. Multnomah county listed the least in this circulation method with 31. Josephine county was next to the smallest with 168, followed by Hood River with 115, Multnomah with 118, Harney with 129 and Wasco 1149.

The report shows there are 108 free libraries in the state, of which 74 are tax supported.

## MEDFORD STUDENTS AT OREGON STATE PLEDGED

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis.—(Special)—Willard

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NOW PLAYING "The Gang Buster"

Woodworth and Lyle Kinney, both of Medford, were pledged recently to national social fraternities here. Woodworth was pledged to Sigma Chi and is a freshman in commerce. Lyle Kinney, freshman in pharmacy, was pledged to Phi Kappa.



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