Masked Longing

BY HOWARD ROCKEY — A ROMANCE OF RADIO

SYNOPSIS: A star part in Max Klein's new Broadway show, "Sara's Christmas Stocking," is won for Aileen Gray, actress, by her press agent friend, Jimmy Crane. Aileen stifles her love for Jimmy, feeling her first duty is to Vivienne, her dashing younger sister who is posing for Dwight Channing, a wealthy artist painting murals for a new theater. Channing has promised Vivienne he will be responsible for a borrowed dress that is ruined while she is wearing it. A story attacking by implication the reputations of both sisters, appears in a gossip sheet. Vivienne takes it lightly, belittling Aileen's worry over the matter. The show opens. Aileen is a success, and she leaves for the party Channing is giving at his studio in her honor.

Chapter 10

A PENT-HOUSE REVEL

A SHOUT went up from the guests as Aileen entered. The musicians struck up the song that she had put over two hours before. "To Miss Santa Claus!" Channing proposed, and they all drained their glasses.

Aileen's feet were winged as she and Channing danced the new "Christmas Stocking Waltz." "It's too good of you to do all this—just for me!" She thanked him.

"Who wouldn't be host to you tonight?" He smiled down at her. "Besides, I think I owe you something. You haven't liked me very much."

At that moment Max Klein appeared and drew Aileen aside. "More people," he told her jubilantly. "Some of the swanky set better come over and meet 'em."

Apparently their going was a relief to Vivienne. She had not welcomed Aileen's invasion of her impromptu court. There was something new to her in the homage of these men—critics whose verdicts could make or break an aspiring actress. But Vivienne was not trying to win them for Aileen. She wished to impress them herself.

Jimmy Crane was out of sorts. There was something insidious in this atmosphere. No wonder it got a girl. The party was swell, but from a personal standpoint, he wished that he had had nothing to do with it.

The affair would stand Dwight Channing a tidy bit of change! He must have a neat income to maintain this apartment. And his guests were either wealthy or the literary-theatrical bunch that a certain moneyed type like to have about them. Once Aileen became acclimatized, Jimmy foresaw that his chances would be gone forever. A taste of this life would promptly alter her whole viewpoint.

Jimmy decided that he was an ass. Had he any right to kick because Aileen had climbed the ladder after he had set it up? She would never be ungrateful, but he wasn't the stripe that would care to be known as the husband of Aileen Gray.

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Meanwhile Vivienne was enjoying herself thoroughly. Someone brushed her elbow and the contents of her glass spilled down the front of her gown.

"Darn it!" She looked ruefully at her spotted skirt. "This is the second time I've spoiled a dress—" Something warned her, and she bit her lip without finishing the sentence. She did not want to bring that up and be ragged by this crowd of experts.

"Don't look so gorgeous—you're blinding!" Burns murmured.

"I'm not," she denied. "It's just because you're illuminated."

"Like a Christmas tree!" he admitted.

For a moment or two he stared at her with a curious expression. Then he spoke in a low tone. "I've guessed you, Miss Inspiration. Been trying to for an hour!"

"Guessed me—how?" she asked him, but instantly she knew.

"You've no idea how clever I am! When you didn't say what you started to—about your dress—I got it. You're the other sister—in that yarn in *Tattle Tales!*"

Vivienne started, and tried to laugh. Luckily, no one had overheard. Even Channing would be furious if the story began to be whispered among his guests to-night—and it might not be *whispered* in their present mood. She would have to prevent that somehow. It wouldn't do to appear too serious, but she must exact Burns' promise not to say anything more.

"Please, kind sir," she pleaded, her lips close to his ear. "Keep my dreadful secret."

"I'm hard boiled!" He shook his head. "I'll have to be bought off."

"That's fair enough—if you'll be."

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Vivienne does buy him off, but her foolish prank brings dire tragedy in its wake. See tomorrow's chapter.

PHOENIX SCOUTS RECEIVE HONORS

PHOENIX, Ore., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Several members of the Boy Scout troop here won honors at the Court of Honor in Medford Monday. Donald Lyon was advanced to second class while Tim White, Ed White and Dudley Carroll were advanced to rank of Star Scouts.

Theodore Andreanoff received a merit badge award for personal health.

The Boy Scouts will observe Anniversary week from the 8th to the 16th of February with special features and something doing each day and night of the week. In common with the occasion they will observe father and son banquet at which roll will be called for all scouts who live in this district and those who have in the past but are not now. They expect to have nearly a thousand present at the banquet which will be held in Medford.

HIGHWAY WIDENED IN TALENT AREA

TALENT, Ore., Jan. 21.—(Spl.) Work of widening the Pacific highway just south of the city limits of Talent is progressing fast with about fifteen men employed. The city council was interviewed by the engineer in charge as to the widening of the road through the city, which is to be done in the near future.

Fences in front of Jason Ottinger and Ira Williams homes adjoining the city limits were moved back during the week on a line with the highway.

In Holly Thriller

Louis Wolheim, featured player in "Danger Lights," a Radio Picture.

Tremendous, sweeping and majestic—describes "Danger Lights," Radio Pictures' spectacular all-talking railroad drama which opened yesterday at the Holly theater.

The railroad, a dominant factor for the country's industrial and economic life, is depicted as a living, breathing thing in its true light, for the first time. The faithfulness of the brave men who devote their lives to railroad service is shown by Louis Wolheim's dramatic characterization of a division superintendent.

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Wolheim's is the principal role, and he is superb throughout. But not to be overlooked and giving more than capable performances are Jean Arthur, whose affections are the object of the desires of Wolheim and Robert Armstrong, a "boomer" engineer. Frank Sheridan and Hugh Herbert.

Execute Reds

HANKOW, China, Jan. 20.—(AP) The military today executed 12 alleged communists and announced that greater efforts against red activities were being planned.

Marie Dressler in Craterian Comedy

Scene from the hilarious comedy "Reducing," starring Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.

"Fun in a Beauty Parlor" might easily be a substitute title for "Reducing," the new Marie Dressler-Polly Moran co-starring comedy, which opens at the Fox Craterian theater today.

In the same manner that the stock market served as the subject of fun in the successful "Caught Short," so are beauty parlors, their proprietors and their patrons used as the subject of the lampoons in the new attraction.

The story revolves about two sisters, Polly Roach, who has become the successful New York beauty specialist, "Madame Rochay," and Marie, wife of a small-town mail carrier, portrayed by Lucien Littlefield.

Fun begins when Marie piles her husband and three children, including Anita Page, onto a Pullman car en route to visit Madame Rochay.

The scenes which ensue will be familiar to those who have been in sleeping cars when a large family boarded the train in the middle of the night at some way-station. Further humor is evolved when Marie becomes an employe in Polly's beauty establishment. Inexperienced with the various devices, she has the place in an uproar when she pulls the wrong levers and almost kills customers by blundering manipulation of the various reducing machines.

The laugh episodes reach their climax when in Polly's absence Marie tries to show the place to two inspectors from the health department. Polly returns to find chaos in her beauty parlor, while her efforts to unscramble the tangle only make it worse and the uproarious sequence ends with Polly being hurled into a mud bath in all her finery.

Holly Hit Coming

Joe Frisco, far-famed comedian, has his first full-length picture role as Garrity, the dumb "dick" in "The Gorilla," the mystery thriller coming to the Holly Theater Friday and Saturday.

Ashland — Nazarene church quarters improved.

Stomach Trouble

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"Numbered Men" to Thrill Isis Crowd

Bernice Clair was called "the youngest prima donna" when she sang grand opera with the San Carlos and other opera companies, but now she's a picture star and the veteran of five important film productions.

"Numbered Men," in which she is featured with Conrad Nagel and Raymond Hackett, is her latest. This First National drama of prison life, with an unusual love triangle that penetrates the prison walls, is coming to the State theater Thursday and Friday.

"A Royal Romance" completes its run at the Isis tonight.

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