

A PATH TO PARADISE

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DAWSON

OPERA: Santa is conspiring with her first husband, Dicky Dak, to put Clive, husband No. Two, into a highly paid position with Dak's firm. Santa and Clive quarrel; next morning Clive goes back to his former employer for more salary than Dicky offered. His success makes him magnanimous; he consents to a celebration at Dicky's expense.

Chapter 34

PET-SHOP HUSBAND

BETWEEN her two husbands, past and present, Santa sat in a state of nervous tension. It was like waiting for a bomb to burst. They were behaving beautifully. The so-called club at which they were dining had been one which she and Dicky had frequented during their engagement. Had Dicky chosen it to remind her? The head-waiter had immediately recognized them and led the way to what had once been their favorite table.

"Monsieur and Madame had not patronized us lately," Clive looked blank.

"I was never in this joint before," Dicky rose to the occasion. "Unfortunately for me Madame has married."

"But you've seen me so often," Santa strove to make a jest of his scrutiny.

He surveyed her from head to heel.

"What's the verdict?" She forced a laugh.

"I feel sorry for Dak."

"Dicky's a good enough egg when he's on his best behavior," she feigned flippancy.

Clive frowned.

"I'm sorry for any man who's loved you."

His words caught her by the throat.

"Loved and lost you," he added. "Well, you've not lost me; so let's shuffle to bed." Gathering her cloak, she flung him an arch glance. "You make me laugh. You think I'm perfect."

In her room she waited, forlorn and frightened. He'd become a stranger. She couldn't bring herself to disrobe. It was horrible to be compelled to vamp her own husband. Moments dragged. Molehills swelled into mountains. Sussing he was through with her! How carelessly she'd wounded his sensitiveness! If this were truly the end, she was responsible. Clive had idealized her into something unearthly; his road to heaven he had called her.



"Help me with my frock," Santa asked.

Undisturbed by his mistake the head-waiter bowed to Santa.

"Madame has my congratulations," Clive said.

Like an actress who had forgotten her part, Santa disguised her silence with radiant smiling. Dicky, quick to sense her danger, played the gracious host, toasting Clive's success and keeping the ball of conversation rolling.

At the theater Santa's own drama eclipsed the drama behind the footlights. The saying about sleeping dogs applies to divorced husbands. Clive was probably quite convinced that she'd stirred up Dicky because she still harbored a weakness for him. But were that the case, why had he accepted Dicky's offer to celebrate? Was it in order that he might watch them or to prove to her that he was broad-minded?

She longed and dreaded to be alone with him. Twenty-four hours had gone by since she was alone with him. What a fool she'd been to lock her door against him!

During the intervals when they strolled out to puff a cigarette, she refused their invitation to accompany them. It was a relief to be free to repair her complexion. Her thoughts followed them. She was the only topic they had in common. Were they discussing her?

On the drive home she slipped her hand into Clive's; he received it as though it were a package. When the taxi halted, both her escorts hopped out to assist her to the pavement.

"Come up," Clive invited.

"Too late," Dicky removed his opera-hat. "I'm most grateful to have had this opportunity to know you better."

"The delight's on our side," Clive shook his hand cordially.

"So long, Santa," Dicky included her.

Such magnificent amiability! To the girl who had hounded him with each in turn, it seemed that she belonged to neither.

Meanwhile Clive possessed himself of her arm, hurrying her to the elevator. Not till they were in their apartment did he utter a word.

"Let's look at you."

The door opened. He peered in hesitantly.

"Nice asleep?"

"Waiting up for you?"

He entered, standing just inside the threshold.

"Close the door, old man. A kind of silly evening, wasn't it? Without raising her head, she set to work removing her complexion.

"I found it educational."

"Seemed silly to me. I was bored."

"Do you object if I smoke?"

She glanced up.

"You always do—so why the politeness?"

He sank into a chair from which he could gain a full view of her.

"What kind of an evening would you have preferred?"

"We two, together." She drifted to her feet. "Help me with my frock."

While he eased and jerked, her voice pursued him from beneath the frounces.

"Last night I had an awful job with my frock. Nearly called you. Pride prevented."

She emerged slimmer than ever, dimpled, childish-hopeful. Already he'd turned away, leaving her ineffectual as a sawdust doll.

Addressing his back, she reproached him, "You weren't very attentive. I mean before Dicky. He might have thought—well, almost anything."

"My dear girl, what's your idea of being attentive? Surely you didn't expect me to parade my fondness? Here was a man who'd gone through all the motions with you, pledging himself for better and worse."

"To have been attentive in the way you imply would have seemed like kicking him when he was down."

"That wasn't why you weren't attentive." Her bag of tricks was exhausted; there remained nothing but honesty. "You're mad with me." Her voice broke. "How can I win forgiveness?"

He stood transfixed—still as a statue. His words came slowly.

Tomorrow Clive and Santa have a heart-to-heart talk about a subject of great importance to them both.

PLANS AFOOT FOR STATEHOOD FETE HERE JUNE, 1934

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particularly in view of the fact that Jacksonville is one of the oldest towns in the state and also on account of its historical background.

The details of the publicity which should accrue to the celebration have been carefully worked out by the committee covering a period of eight-months, and the mailing of the invitations will mark the first step. The invitations will be sent to all chambers of commerce, magazines, newspapers, and radio stations in British Columbia, Washington, California and Oregon, and also to the mayors of all Pacific coast cities, congressional delegates, of coast states, governors of all western states, and a list of prominent persons, etc. Residents of Medford will also be asked to cooperate by mailing invitations to their relations and friends throughout the United States.

An added publicity stunt for the immediate future will be to have invitations sent to all other cities named Medford throughout the United States, of which there are approximately twelve or thirteen. It is proposed to secure the approval of Gov-

ernor Julius L. Meier in the hope that he will designate the Medford celebration as the official state observance of the Diamond Jubilee of Oregon.

The invitations which are now being prepared for mailing, will be letter-head size with the wording in the center, surrounded by an etching especially prepared and designed by Mr. Harry Gates, of the Peoria (Ill.) Daily Star. Mr. Gates is a brother of C. H. Gates, and William Gates of this city.

Of state-wide scope

A committee will shortly be appointed to handle the celebration itself, and also definite plans have not yet been completed regarding this, it has been proposed however to rent the Armory during the week and have as many Oregon counties as possible put in displays showing the advancement which has been made in their particular localities over a 75-year period. It is also proposed that the center of the Armory shall be given over to a huge Home products exhibit. In this regard, every manufacturer in the state will be asked to cooperate.

A program is also being arranged for the Retail Merchants of the city, whereby store windows will exhibit relics of 75 years ago, and Home products displays will be set up in the empty stores of the city.

The convention committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce has already started an active campaign to secure conventions for Medford for the time of the celebration.

William S. Bolger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, when interviewed yesterday, stated he believed that from a standpoint of publicity,

the plan of the committee is one of the most comprehensive which has come to his notice for many years. He further remarked, "I believe the celebration is one which should receive the whole-hearted cooperation of everyone in Jackson county, especially, and we will certainly need this cooperation in order to make the affair a 100 per cent success. It seems to me that this will be a golden opportunity for hotels, retail stores, and business houses, generally, to get behind a plan which has as its primary objective the bringing of a large number of visitors to our city. I believe we can capitalize on the fact that we are the Gateway to Crater Lake, and if the publicity committee carries out the scheme in its entirety, I feel satisfied that Medford will benefit tremendously as a result."

Committees at Work

Mr. Bolger will very soon appoint a number of committees to handle the vast amount of work necessary for such an enterprise.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorsed the idea, which was pointed out in a recent meeting, should bring about the desirable publicity results. Members of the chambers' publicity committee, under whose direction the publicity plans have been prepared are: C. L. MacDonald, chairman, W. A. Gates, director, H. L. Bromley, C. Y. Tengwald, J. Verne Shange, Clyde Eakin, Lee Bishop, and A. H. Banwell.

Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

Fender and body repairing. Prices right. Brill Sheet Metal Works.

COUNTY LEVY TO BE SAME DESPITE BUDGET SLASHES

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levy will raise \$32,000 which will also be devoted for the alleviation of unemployment.

The indigent fund will be practically the same as last year. The widows' pension fund was cut \$2,000, and the salaries and supplies of the poor farm cut about \$500. This amount was applied to the fund for indigents not in the poor farm, and to hospitalization for indigents.

The elementary school was placed at \$60,000, the same as last year. The county fair fund was also reduced by eliminating all items save maintenance and cutting the salary of the caretaker.

Heavy slashes were also made in supplies for all offices. No fund was allowed for elections, which this year amounted to \$9000. If there are any elections the coming year, to save the taxpayers' money, it will be a task to find money for the expenses.

The emergency fund was slashed from \$14,000 to \$8,000. The budget committee pruned

Initiate Candidates Central Pt. Grange

CENTRAL POINT, Nov. 26.—(Sp.)—Grange met November 16 for initiation of candidates in the first and second degrees. A short program, directed by Dr. Elliott preceded the ceremonies by the degree team, of which Ethel Lathrop is the efficient captain. The artistic tableaux, arranged by Mrs. Bonney, added to the solemnity. The drill team also gave a fine exhibition of their work. Candidates initiated were Mrs. Ruth Sparrow, Mrs. Purry, Miss Harriett Sparrow, Miss Peggy Lawrence, Ivan

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Chamberlain are the parents of a boy, weighing 8 1/2 pounds, born November 23 at the Chamberlain residence, 1211 N. 1st.

To The Nurse

SEATTLE, Nov. 26.—(Sp.)—Superior Judge Kazis Kay today sentenced Ted Bradley, convicted murderer, to hang on January 27 at the state prison. Bradley's attorney immediately served notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

WINNEPEG, Minn., Nov. 26.—(Sp.)—A rescue plane late today located W. K. Harding, St. Paul engineer-prospector, who had been unreported for about a week.



TAILSPIN TOMMY—An Interrupted Seach—Who's Coming?



BOUND TO WIN—Swindled!



'SMATTER POP—One Way Cake and Pie Figure In A Water Leak



THE NEBBS—A Friend In Need



BRINGING UP FATHER



CUTS FOR VETERAN FUNDS PROTESTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Opposition to drastic reductions in veterans' allowances was voiced today by Representative Rankin of Mississippi, a prominent advocate of the bonus in the last session.

In a statement issued after a meeting of the joint congressional committee which has been studying veterans legislation, was fixed for December 1, Rankin, chairman of the house veterans committee, said he reserved "the right to review" any measures proposed by the joint committee, and added:

"This wholesale abuse of world war veterans by interests or individuals who are themselves receiving enormous bonuses, pensions or subsidies from the government is

Jealous Crime

RENO, Nev., Nov. 16.—(P)—Angered because 18-year-old Barbara Inman was going to a party with another boy, Otha O. Touchstone, 22, University of Nevada student from Turnersville, Texas, shot and killed her here last night and then fatally wounded himself. The shooting occurred at the home of Barbara's grandmother.

Old Devil Sea

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Nov. 26.—(P)—Fear that Herbert Smith, 26, and Gus Hale, Ketchikan halibut fishermen, drowned near here Wednesday was expressed here after their overturned skiff, with the motor missing, was found today.

The Weather

Oregon: Cloudy and unsettled east and occasional rain west portion tonight and Sunday; mild, fresh southeasterly and west winds off shore.

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