

Buying Barbara

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SYNOPSIS: Barbara Armitage has promised the rich Farrell Armitage that he may have a year to make her cry. She has told her maid, Lody, to take her to the city and to tell her father that she is in love with him. She has also told her father that she is in love with him. She has also told her father that she is in love with him.

When he brought her out her lunch, he was sure she sensed an unusual constraint in him. It was with a touch of nervousness that she informed him—

"The vicar says that Barbara and Mark are going to be married at nine o'clock on Thursday morning instead of twelve. What shall you do about it?"

Chapter 17 "CURS, ALL EMERALDS"

AS FARRELL drove up to the vicarage he saw first the gleaming smoothness of Lella Cane, then, behind her, the vicar's bent, black figure.

"Hallo, Vicar!" he said sheepishly. Just like this, with this same tranquility, had the old man waited for him in childhood's days; and never had the returning truant been able to guess whether the quiet would deepen or—disappear while a switch was cut from a nearby birch tree.

"This young woman—" the vicar indicated Lella—"wants to dodge paying her fare to London."

"Sure she doesn't want the pleasure of my company, sir?"

"I want both, Farrell."

As Lella turned to lift a dressing-case from the low stone wall, the old

"I shan't do anything about it. Barbara isn't marrying anyone on Thursday, at any time. I thought I'd told you so."

"You're fed up with me about something, Farrell Armitage. Rather lend me the money to go by train?"

He was silent. He took her empty glass and went back with it, paid the bill, returned to the wheel and drove away, still without answering her. She made no further comment upon him or herself and as the miles swung steadily under them, he believed that she slept.

They turned into Brandish Place at half past ten exactly. With whatever dreams Lella had beguiled the hours of the long drive, she kept them out of her bright, sure glance as she looked up at the big house in which both Armitage and his father had been born.

The Armitage butler, also a family piece and nearly as massive as the

REMOVE BUSINESS BRAKES AND GOOD TIMES WILL COME

Reduced Taxes and Broadened Foreign Markets Needed to Return Prosperity Says Swift, Packer

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Give business a chance, "by lowering taxes and broadening foreign markets, and it will forge ahead," said G. P. Swift, president of Swift & Co., in a year-end statement.

"As we enter upon the new year we cannot help being conscious of the great difficulties through which this country and the entire world have been passing, and of the urgent need of sound government policies. The depressed state of the nation's business is beyond repair."

Opportunity Needed.

"In my opinion, what business chiefly needs is the removal by government action of the obstacles which stand in the way of prompt recovery. Business is always ready to go ahead if given the opportunity."

"Reduced taxes would help everybody and particularly the farmer who is suffering from low purchasing power. Another thing that the farmer needs is a broader foreign outlet for his surplus products. The restoration of his foreign market would enable him to get better prices for his products, hereby increasing his power to buy the manufactured products of American industry."

Statesmanship Needed.

"A reduction in taxes and a broadening of the foreign market for agricultural products are things that can be brought about only through wise statesmanship. Substantial recovery in business depends upon sound government policy in dealing with these questions. Unsound government policy would only aggravate a bad situation."

Swift & Co. is operating at its normal rate. Our costs are low and our products are in constant demand. Our rate of operation is determined entirely by the quantity of livestock which comes to market, and livestock receipts seem to be as high in years of depression as in years of prosperity.

"We hope to have a substantial improvement in our results in 1933."

Oregon Weather.

Cloudy with occasional light rain west portion tonight and Wednesday, and local snows or rains east portion late tonight or Wednesday; little change in temperature. Fresh west and northwest winds offshore, becoming southwest tonight.

MIDLAND—About 80 men employed on building fill for bridge to be constructed on Weed-Klamath Falls highway at straits, south of here.

YEAR OF ACTIVITY IN ROGUE FOREST RECORDS DISCLOSE

Numerous interesting events occurred during the past year at Rogue River national forest, including the changing of the name from Crater Lake national forest, to avoid confusion between the forest and the park.

During the latter part of the year, 30,000 linear feet of Christmas trees were sold, some of which were shipped to Honolulu, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The majority of sales were made to San Francisco Christmas tree dealers.

Shasta fir, which is commonly known as silver fir, made up the majority of shipments, according to the forest service, as it is especially adapted to this use on account of its beauty and low commercial value for lumber manufacture. Trees were taken from high altitudes through thinning stands, and were carried by pack animals for several miles to the roads.

To give the Crater Lake national park full control of the area adapted to national park purposes, two and a half miles of highway at the south entrance of the park was turned over

to the national park by an act of congress. The area included 902.5 acres. In this section was Anna creek, one of the more beautiful streams in that district, bordering timber and other scenic values.

Another accomplishment during the past year was the clearing of the Diamond Lake highway from Union creek to Diamond Lake. A greater portion of the road was graded, and six and a half miles was surfaced. The work is expected to be completed next fall and will cut the traveling time from Union creek to Diamond Lake by 30 minutes, according to the forest officials.

The Diamond Lake-Union Creek road is a forest highway, for which the forest service pays, and is built by the bureau of public roads.

The Diamond Lake highway is expected to open up a highly valuable recreation area which will be developed for public use by the forest service. The highway follows Rogue river and makes much of the river accessible to sportsmen and other recreationists. It also makes much commercial timber accessible for harvesting, the statement issued shows.

At Lake of the Woods, 80 more summer home lots were surveyed and made available to the public, as were about 30 at Union Creek.

Rogue River national forest, originally set aside September 28, 1893, now has a present net acreage of 819,156 acres.

EUGENE—C. P. MacNab and F. R. Grubbs opened store here known as Music Box.

Dam for million-gallon reservoir in Moore Park completed recently.—Klamath Falls Evening Herald.

WILLIAMS CREEK CLUB AIDS WITH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

WILLIAMS CREEK, Jan. 3.—(Sp.)—Williams Ladies' Club gave a play "Deacon Dubbe," a comedy with a cast of ten, at the community hall Tuesday evening. Music and readings also helped to make the affair enjoyable.

The money was used to buy candy, oranges and nuts for the community Christmas tree Friday evening at the community hall. The two grade rooms with Mrs. Walter Varner, primary teacher, and Mrs. Lee of the intermediate grades, each gave a Christmas play.

After the play there was a present for each child in the community. Mrs. Varner's room gave "Christmas Tree Fairyland," and Mrs. Lee's room "The Christmas Carol." Those of Mrs. Lee's room were Earl Wheeler, Arthur Gray, Delmar Borels, Donald Harris, Milton Boat, Edda Moomaw, Gerald Sorrels, Juanita Miller, Cora Gibson, Lewis Varner, Robert Vincel, Adaline Morrison, Helen Boat and Jean Goldsmith. There was also a song by the high school boys.

Former German Chancellor Dies

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, 57, former chancellor of Germany and general manager of the Hamburg American Steamship line, died today.

PORTLAND—Twelve carloads of turkeys shipped to California market during recent week.



By GLENN CHAFFIN and HAL FORREST



"You're touching eighty," said Lella coolly.

man and the young looked intently at each other.

"Everything's all right, sir, honestly."

"I'm very glad to know it, my dear boy."

Lella holstered herself and her luggage aboard and waved a hand eastward.

"Speed thither," she entreated.

"By now father may have managed to open out the note I left pinned to the dining room clock."

Lella's remark was lost in the growing hum of the engine. The vicar touched Armitage's shoulder and then, as Armitage bared his head, leaned forward and lightly kissed his forehead.

It jarred Farrell when Lella laughed.

"He's still looking after us. I really rather adore him."

"I didn't know you ever went to see him."

"I used not to but he was decent, once; and ever since I've sort of hung about."

Armitage welcomed the necessity for keeping his conscious attention on the road. At the back of his brain shimmered a picture: a portrait of an emerald set in platinum, of frightened eyes, of half-bare, half-veiled allure. He remembered that he had the emerald in his pocket. If she knew!

"You're touching eighty," came in Lella's cool tones. "And Toxeter is round the next bend."

Yes, the portrait must be forgotten. After all, one often stumbled on something in another man's life and one shoved it out of the zone of contemplation and attended punctiliously to one's own business instead.

He was unable to guess what time had elapsed when Lella's voice penetrated his exaltation.

"Where and when are we feeding? Here's The County Hotel."

"We aren't feeding at all," explained Armitage with candor.

"When I'm in a hurry I don't stop for meals. I want to be in Town by ten; I wired a man to see me at Brandish Place at half past."

"Then you'd better get me a double gin and buy me a ham sandwich."

house, was displaying the receptive intelligence which Armitage got from all his servants.

"Miss Cane would like supper. Tell Mitchell to put the Devolet away and then stand by with the Lachase. I'll have sandwiches and coffee up in the billiard-room. A representative from Malavie's is due about now—send him up to the billiard-room as well."

"No wonder you got rich quick," admiral Lella, entering the hall beside him, "if I'd tried to be as competent as that after driving six hours, I'd have ended by sending sandwiches to the Devolet and playing billiards with the man from Malavie's. . . . Aren't you being a bit frivolous, by the way? Barbara won't like this house, however Malavie's redo it. It's too—self-satisfied."

"The billiard-room is for Mark," explained Armitage. He had taken up a pile of letters and was tearing open the envelopes. "It's to be his studio—there'll be a north light, you see. Malavie can do the whole thing, right down to the easel; but he'll have to be out of the place by noon on Thursday. That's why I was in a bit of a hurry."

"But"—began Lella.

He was still tolerant though perhaps not quite so amused.

"But, easel or no easel, it's exactly what Mark himself would do to this house if he could!"

"No," she contradicted. "No, that's the devil of it. He'd do it far better."

She jerked away from him and walked into the nearest reception-room, where the fire, just lit, was spouting into flame. He looked after her, hesitated, then went on his way upstairs.

He had had a bull-dog once that had proved very dangerous. At the end, he had wrapped a rug round his left arm and let the brute take his bite at it while the right hand felt for a revolver. . . . So with Mark Lodely. He could amuse himself with snappings at the left arm, if he wanted to.

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Mrs. Lodely gets a shock, tomorrow.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Betty Sees The Unknown Girl As A Rival



BOUND TO WIN—Plans For Action



S'MATTER POP—A Tough Spot For Pop



THE NEBBS—You Tell Him, Kid



BRINGING UP FATHER



C. E. CONVENTION PLAN COMPLETE

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Plans for the annual Oregon Christian Endeavor convention to be held April 27 to 30, at Eugene, and for the summer conference, August 20 to 27, at Turner, were completed at the semi-annual meeting of the state executive committee in session here over the week-end.

The committee to nominate new union officers to the state convention will include the presidents of the various county and district unions in the state, as well as the following: Helen McClay of Oregon City, Veldon Diment of Newberg, Harold Dunn of Eugene, the Rev. W. L. Myers of Eugene, the Rev. Frank B. Cigliotti of Baker and the Rev. C. F. Gies of Portland.

Cinnabar Deposit Near Prineville

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Discovery of a large deposit of cinnabar ore, from which mercury is derived, has been reported from the Stephenson mountain district, 30 miles northeast of here by B. N. McEwen and Glenn Stephenson of Mitchell.

RAINIER—Ninety-eight members of Rainier Pea Growers' association received net profit of \$17,943 for their 1932 crop, according to A. O. Wing.

VALE—General Construction Co. received \$98,521 contract for construction of Drinkwater Pass section of Central Oregon highway; work to start shortly.

PORTLAND—A. Bookwitz making extensive repairs to business location at Greeley and Lombard.

By George McManus