

# Buying Barbara

By Julia Cleff-Adams Author of "YOU CAN'T MARRY"

**SYNOPSIS:** Mark Lodely arranges to visit just as he arrives at Farrell Armistage's house. He and an actress, Patsy Raoul, quarrel vehemently, and then Mark, on a whim, appropriates Farrell's apartment, and Patsy, who has been promised to marry Mark, is left to fend for herself. Mark's friends, who are waiting for him, are told that he has been killed. Patsy, who is now alone, is told that she has a plan of her own to get a mystery.

## Chapter 23 UNPREDICTABLE PATSY

MISS RAOUL'S fury was short-lived. Before she had crossed Brandish Place she was laughing. "Whose fur first?" she demanded in perfectly easy English. "His, I think, but I can't be sure. The chattering little ape!"

"Mark—or you?"

"Mark, of course! I may have the face of a monkey but he has the soul of one and it was our souls we were discussing."

"I heard you."

"It is a great pity I lost my temper in front of the other man."

"But I'm not paying you to work up an affair with him," pointed out Lella sweetly. "In any case—he wants to marry someone who doesn't want to marry him and nothing makes a man more blind and deaf to every other specimen of exquisite young womanhood. . . . No, not meaning me. I intended to marry him; but I never thought I cared about him. Neither did he. So we're friends, instead."

"What is this girl of his like? Beautiful?"

"Yes," admitted Lella. "She's the most beautiful girl I've ever seen. And clever. And good. And a fool."

"Any clever woman is a fool to be good," declared Miss Raoul, turning briskly into the Park. "Why won't she take Armistage?"

"She loves Mark Lodely."

Miss Raoul emitted a screech of laughter.

"And whom does Mark love?"

"Mark!"

"Hurry up! commanded Miss Raoul. "I have to go to Malavia's before the theatre. I hope he has finished your Mark's studio because my place must be re-done at once. I've just decided it."

"That day we first met—in New York, you told me it was perfect."

"That was because I was in New York. I was homesick. I was in a condition to say anything. The moment I got back I saw that the whole atmosphere was wrong. It tries to tone me down. It almost apologizes for me. That's fatal. I want a setting that will make the most of my ugliness. They say Malavia's might be able to do it."

"I don't think so. His studio for Mark was not particularly inspired. Divan, screens, all the usual clutter." Patsy, I wish you'd try this girl instead."

"Which girl?"

Lella tried to recapture discretion.

"The girl who decorated and furnished my home in the country. It's been enormously admired. And she did our flat here in Town of some of it. She's the cleverest kid—the designer, my clothes, too."

"I wondered where you got them; I felt sure you couldn't afford them from the big shops and you used a lot of dressing." Miss Raoul tossed her pockets into the air and caught it again. "It's an espionage have, as I so quaintly say in my jargon. The money you're paying me to vamp Mark is just about what Malavia's will ask for doing the whole of my house. Pay me half and the girl's fee; instead, what's her name?"

"Barbara-Quantis."

"Is that her real name?"

To her own surprise Lella threw up her head.

"Quantis has been a west-country name for centuries. Spoken in the by. They don't need to assume them."

The next instant she corrected the slip of tongue.

"Well now, my name isn't it? It isn't even that. I long for London when I'm in Berlin—I'm at home nowhere except on the boards, and I've been pulled off them, twice, and shall be again."

Miss Raoul opened the door of a taxi which happened to be crumpling past, and hurried herself inside. Before Lella could move away, her scarlet-helmeted head was thrust out again.

"Don't forget to write to that girl!"

"Patsy, I didn't mean—"

But the taxi swung off and Lella had to walk on alone. Odd—odd—odd—dicked her heels on the pavement. She envied Patsy, and Patsy, or a part of Patsy—envied her. Envied her security. Security!

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# LOAN POLICY OF R. F. C. DEFENDED IN SENATE QUIZ

Pomerene Says Loan to Illinois Made Because State Solons Balked at New Tax Burden at Present Time

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Atlee Pomerene, chairman of the reconstruction corporation, defended its loan policy today before the senate committee holding hearings on the \$500,000,000 LaFollette-Costigan direct federal relief bill.

Pomerene told how a substantial loan was made to Illinois upon information that new state taxes for relief were not possible just before the election because some state legislators would not consent to a new tax burden at that time.

Pomerene said this information was put before the corporation by a delegation of Illinois and Chicago officials.

Elections a Factor. "We were told," Pomerene said, "that the elections were coming along and members of the legislature outside of Cook county would not hope

to place any burden on the people generally and that there would be a new session after the election and they hoped to get relief through them."

Pomerene pointed out that under the law a governor must certify to the necessity of federal aid and declare state resources have been exhausted before loans may be granted.

"How many states have applied for loans?" asked Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.).

"Thirty-six and two territories," Pomerene replied.

"How many have been granted?" asked Wheeler.

"They've all been granted."

He said nearly half of the board's \$500,000,000 relief fund has been loaned and vehemently denied he had ever said distribution of the \$300,000,000 sum would be spread over two years.

Pomerene would not say whether he regarded the \$300,000,000 a sufficient sum.

If the winter is not a severe one and if industrial conditions improve, he pointed out, "the need for federal relief will be lessened."

Used Rule of Reason. Pomerene asserted that when state and local authorities are not "doing their duty" and suffering results, the corporation had adopted "the rule of reason" in administering the law so as to relieve destitution.

"When a human being is in distress," Pomerene asserted, "I am not asking the why and wherefore."

At the same time, he said, care must be taken lest local charity cease its efforts when public funds become available.

# ELKS TO GREET DISTRICT DEPUTY THURSDAY NIGHT

A special program will feature the Elks' regular lodge session Thursday night, the occasion being a visit by District Deputy W. M. Briggs, according to J. P. Pilgrel, exalted ruler.

Cole Holmes is chairman of the entertainment and his committee has promised a novel program. Also two "old-timers" have been granted some time to "iron out" some long-standing argument.

Wilson Wait has promised to have the Elks' band out in force and provide music for the evening. Three candidates are up for initiation; in fact, Thursday night promises to be one of the best lodge sessions for some time past.

Members are reminded that a game will be played each night in the billiard room for the evening. Another game will be played tonight in the bridge tournament.

# 2-Year Moratorium On Mortgages, Aim

SALEM, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A bill which would declare a two-year moratorium on mortgage foreclosures in Oregon was introduced in

the senate this morning by Senator Ashby Dickson of Multnomah. It was the first bill to drop into the hopper after the senate went through the formality of organizing for the regular session.

# LEGION LEADERS TO EYE PROGRAM

SALEM, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A statewide meeting to consider the American Legion's legislative program to be recommended to the session will be held in Salem next Monday, Jan. 16, it was decided here today. Legion leaders from the entire state have been invited to attend this session.

The state-wide conference was called by John B. Eakin of Dallas, state commander of the legion following a meeting here with members of the state executive committee.

Edna Ferber Must Conserve Strength

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Edna Ferber, American writer, who is ill with influenza in a hotel here, today was reported as better, but it was said that she must remain in bed several days.

Miss Ferber came to London for the premiere of "Dinner at Eight," of which she is co-author, but her illness prevented her attendance.

# BALANCE BUDGET BY ECONOMY IS PLEA OF RAINEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Asserting he did not believe either the proposed raise in income taxes or the sales levy could be enacted at this session, Representative Rainey of Illinois, the Democratic floor leader, Monday advocated strenuous efforts be made to balance the federal budget through economies.

In that connection, he made public a letter he addressed to 14 governors in which he opposed their de-

mands for enactment at this session of a \$100,000,000 federal highway aid bill and asked them to "tell us how we are going to get the money for it."

"There is strenuous opposition in congress to increasing either the income taxes or levying the sales tax," Rainey told newspapermen.

"I personally believe we can balance the budget without resorting to taxation."

The highway bill to which Rainey referred was passed by the senate last spring and has been reported by the house roads committee.

Hundreds of telegrams have been received from governors and state highway officials urging the measure.

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# BAKER MUST BUILD SEWAGE DISPOSAL

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Judge W. W. Wood of Ontario, hearing the case of Wendt brothers against the city of Baker, today issued an injunction restraining the city from dumping the sewerage into Powder river. The Wendt brothers filed one of five cases instituted against the city for an injunction and an aggregate of \$55,000 damages. The other four cases were settled in consideration of the payment of \$1000 damages to be divided among the five plaintiffs.

An interlocutory decree will be entered requiring construction of a sewage disposal plant and containing a provision to the effect that if not constructed and placed in operation within a period of ten months the decree will become final.

# DRAMA CLASS TO START TONIGHT

ASHLAND, Jan. 10.—(Sp.)—Starting this evening, Prof. Arthur Taylor of the Southern Oregon Normal school will be in charge of an extension course in the modern English drama, offered by the University of Oregon. Classes are held each Tuesday evening at the Medford high school, starting at 7:30.

# Whistling Swan Taken At Mercer

EUENEL, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A female whistling swan was taken on Mercer lake on the coast last week by Overton Dowell, Jr., who holds both a state and federal bird collector's permit. It has been 13 years since swans have been known to visit the lake. At that time eight swans spent several weeks there.

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