

THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

Ruth Discovers That Travelling is a Part of Her Work.

When Brian had left, Ruth opened her letter. As she expected, Mrs. Clayburn was both shocked and surprised. Not only that, she was undoubtedly angry.

"If your husband can't support you, come home. Don't disgrace us all by joining that class of vulgar women who want to usurp men's places in the world. There are men enough to do the kind of work you are doing. Had I dreamed you would put your knowledge to such a use, I never should have allowed you to acquire it. It was all well enough for you to decorate my rooms, here in the home that had always been yours; but to go to work in a shop, side by side with men, as beyond all decency, that a niece of mine should so degrade herself and me, is beyond my comprehension."

There was much more, all in the same strain, and the letter wound up with a repetition of her invitation.

"Remember what I said! If Brian Hackett can't support you, pack your trunk and come home where you belong, and don't let me hear any more nonsense."

Ruth laughed, then she cried over her aunt's letter. It was just what she had expected, but now that it came she was hurt and disappointed.

No one believed in her, in her ability to do things. Or if they did, they didn't want her to do them. She realized that her aunt, like Brian, would rather she washed dishes and do the menial work of her own kitchen than to work among surroundings that were a constant delight, just because they had foolish old-fashioned ideas about women working for others.

She would have them both to fight she thought, as she tore the letter in tiny bits. Well she would.

If she had to. Certainly she would never give up work in which she was happy, just because they thought it beneath her. Yet between them they had taken all the zest from her happiness, all the enthusiasm she would have shared with them. And it was a very sober Ruth who left for the office, a few moments later; it scarcely seemed the same person who, the night before, had hurried home, her eyes dancing with joy, her lips wreathed in smiles because of the good news she was anxious to share with Brian.

But once in the shop, all was forgotten in her absorption in her work. The "Cary house" at Newport had been turned over to her almost entirely—she to consult with Jules La Monte if she found herself in need of advice. It was a big and an important piece of work. The entire house was to be redecorated and refurnished. Also the entire scheme of the rooms was to be changed.

"Oh, what a chance!" she had exclaimed when she was told it was to be "her job."

"Yes, Mrs. Hackett, it is a chance. And a task that Mr. Mandel would not intrust to you did he not think you entirely capable. But if I can help you, do not hesitate to call on me. There may be details you do not yet understand."

"Thank you, Mr. La Monte, I surely shall need your help. It is a prodigious piece of work, and I appreciate Mr. Mandel's faith in my ability, more than I can express."

"It's like some sort of a soothing plaster, after the way Brian and Aunt Luisa acted," she murmured when La Monte had left her alone with the plans of the house. But a few minutes later she felt anything but soothed when he came and told her that Mr. Mandel was going to Newport to look over the house and grounds and wished her to go with him.

"I am going to Newport to look at a house that is to be redecorated," he told her.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

LOWDOWN EDITOR TOLD OF VISIT TO THE FRONT

L. T. Miller Spoke at Rotary Club Luncheon at Noon

FORCEFUL ADDRESS

The need of a permanent Anglo-Saxon alliance, Canada's debt to her soldiers, and Britain's war effort were three subjects briefly but graphically touched upon by L. T. Miller, managing editor of The London Free Press, at the Rotary Club luncheon at noon today.

The speaker was introduced to the gathering by Mr. T. H. Preston, who told of the visit of the Canadian journalists to England and France, at a time when they were privileged to see the Allies passing out of the tunnel of doubt into the open sunshine of certain victory.

L. T. Miller, Mr. Miller opened his remarks by relating an incident which occurred during the visit of the journalists to Fort Douvren. He expressed pleasure at being able to address the club as "Rotarians are Rotarians the world over."

Referring to Brantford as the home of the telephone, Mr. Miller declared that instrument of incalculable value in the present war. Though it was seldom mentioned in despatches, and won no Victoria Crosses, it played a notable part in the army's battle front.

He also spoke of having seen a handsome painting of Chief Joseph Brant in the home of Chancellor Bonar Law in England, and stated that this had been shortly to be sent to Canada.

At almost every point visited by the journalists on the West front, Canadian troops were in evidence. Yet the Canadians were holding but small parts of the line. Their presence, however, had added greatly to the Allied morale.

"We are all British together," Field Marshal Haig had said to the editor's party. "And all you can say is that Britishers all do their damndest."

Anglo-Saxon Alliance Needed The need of an Anglo-Saxon alliance was stressed upon by Mr. Miller. Such an alliance, a permanent one, was necessary against the threat of Central Europe and the possible menace in the eastern Baltic front.

Such an alliance was well under way today, and was a goal toward which Canadians should devote their utmost efforts. The speaker said he had been conveyed across the ocean by American cruisers. American officers joined the Canadian editors in celebrating Dominion Day at sea, and three days later the journalists held observe the 4th of July.

"The Americans," he declared, "are learning and teaching in return, the lesson of a great Anglo-Saxon brotherhood."

Canada's Debt to Soldiers "Are we doing all we can to see that the sacrifices of our men are being properly rewarded?" demanded the speaker, dealing with the subject of Canada's debt to her soldiers. He spoke with deep feelings of Canadian soldiers who had not seen their home or families in four years.

"These men are living closer to their God now than ever before," Gen. Currie, commander of the Canadian grip on men, but the war is going to thought the church was losing its grip on men, but the war is going to restore it."

It was difficult to compass Britain's war effort. All the nation's resources had been placed on the altar of sacrifice. Nine hundred thousand of the bravest of the nation had given their lives, the casualties mounted into millions, yet no one was heard to complain.

"Surely," declared the speaker, "it is a grand old motherland. He told graphically of the food situation in England. Bread was not rationed, but only the poorest quality was obtainable. Meat was rationed, twelve ounces a week being allowed for the ordinary man. Butter was never seen except among the soldiers. Incomes of 10,000 pounds were taxed four thousand, and incomes of a million taxed over half a million.

The British people were giving their lives before they were giving their money. "They are going through to the end," declared Mr. Miller, "they are learning that they must see the task through, no matter how difficult it may be."

Fleet is Ready. England since the war has built a new fleet, said to be the finest in the world, and the old fleet is still the second finest. It was prepared to steam anywhere at a moment's notice. Some naval experts expected to see the German fleet come out, others did not; if it did, it will have to be some fleet, to get away from the old and new fleets, the French and American fleets."

Talk of Tanks. "The tank is a wonderful invention," declared Mr. Miller, going on to describe the evolution of the tank. Without them, the allied losses in storming machine gun emplacements must have been appalling.

Victory at Hand. The speaker, when England had been led by a high military official, that eight months would see the end of the war and peace, not by negotiation, but by force of victorious arms. Whether or not this were correct, the English people were heart and soul in the struggle, and would work day and night until victory was achieved.

Terms of Cash. The speaker, accompanied by cheering cheers, was tendered to Mr. Miller on the motion of Messrs. C. Cook and J. S. Dowling.

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Chickens, dressed	1 60 1 95
Chickens, per lb.	0 00 0 35

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Sept. 19.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards this morning totalled 49 cars; 699 cattle, 75 calves, 500 hogs and 938 sheep and lambs. Most of the offerings this morning were for common grades and the trade was drab. Sheep were steady and lambs were slightly firmer at \$17.25 to \$17.50 for the best. Hogs remained steady at \$19.50, fed and watered. Calves were in demand at \$17 to \$18 for choice.

Export cattle, choice, \$14.25 to \$14.75; medium, \$12.50 to \$14.25; export bulls, \$9.50 to \$10.25; butcher cattle, choice, \$10.25 to \$11.25; medium, \$9.25 to \$10.25; common, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher cows, choice, \$9.25 to \$10.50; medium, \$8.25 to \$9.75; canners, \$5.25 to \$6.25; bulls, \$7.75 to \$8.50; feeding steers, \$8.50 to \$9; stockers, choice, \$8 to \$8.25; stockers, light, \$7.25 to \$7.75; milkers, choice, \$8 to \$12.50; springers, choice, \$8 to \$13.00; sheep, ewes, \$14.25 to \$15.50; hucks and culls, \$6 to \$10; lambs, \$17.25 to \$17.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$19.50; hogs, l.o.b., \$18.50 to \$18.75; calves, \$17 to \$18.

WOMAN CONFESSES

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, Sept. 19.—The disastrous Grey Nunnery fire of February 14 last, in which 62 babies were burned to death, was purposely caused by a female orderly of the institution, Bertha Courtmanche, who is said to have periodically attacked of fire mania. The woman was still working at the institution at the time when she was arrested this afternoon. After keeping Courtmanche under observation at the Grey Nunnery for a week past, Detective Proulx, of the provincial police department, taxed the woman with the crime, and extracted a full and signed confession from her last night.

Premier Orlando of Italy arrived yesterday in Paris.

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S. P. PITCHER, Auctioneer, has received instructions from Mrs. A. Hawley to sell by public auction, at her residence, No. 23 Buffalo street, on Tuesday Sept. 24th, at 1.30 o'clock, the following: Parlor—Walnut set antique; walnut centre table, 4 parlor chairs, 2 small tables, carpet, pictures, curtains, blinds, poles, case and cushions. Dining room—Radiant home heater, extension table, walnut fall-table, 2 rockers, morris chair, 6 cane-seated chairs, arch curtains, mirror, carpet, table, couch, hammock, sideboard, curtains, blinds and poles and dishes. Kitchen—Happy thought range, fall-table, cupboard, linoleum, sideboard, chairs, 2 clocks. Summer Kitchen—Burdock case, linoleum, rug, new rag carpet, lamp, mirror, lawn mower, shovels, cooking utensils, kettles and seaters. Hall—2 hall racks, carpet, 1 pair of Buffalo horns. Bedroom No. 1—Walnut dresser and commode, antique; rocker, carpet, bed, springs and mattresses, curtains, blinds, pictures and toilet set. Bedroom No. 2—Dresser and commode, commode, antique; rocker, carpet, bed, springs and mattresses, curtains, also a quantity of bedding.
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VOTE INQUIRY IS STILL CONTINUED
Investigation Into Charges of Irregularity in Quebec Riding Made
By Courier Leased Wire.
"Hog" and "dog" and "not" signs were worked in polls in St. John's barracks during the last federal election testified this morning before the Royal Commission now investigating the charges brought by Joseph Archambault, M.P., against Lieut.-Col. W. W. Melville and his officers in connection with the voting of soldiers in that election. Stanislaus Poulin, a St. John's lawyer, who was a scrutineer, gave the court an amusing account of election day experiences.
In his poll, Mr. Poulin said, 63 out of 97 voters assigned their votes to Chamby-Vercheres. As they came into vote, the men said that they could not specify their previous places of residence in Canada. Their only hesitation was pronouncing the name Chamby-Vercheres.
In two cases the men forgot the name. The deputy presiding officer refreshed one man's memory, in the other the witness was the prompter.
Poulin said that during the polling Col. Melville visited the poll several times. He inquired how many votes were going to Chamby-Vercheres. Once being told the number, he remarked:
"That is not very many."
Captain Knight, editor of the depot newspaper, was another witness. He assumed full responsibility for the matter published in that sheet on election topics.
Lieut.-Col. Melville was recalled to the stand this morning. He told Mr. Geoffrey that an officer named Stairs left St. John's for Halifax with a detachment not just before the election, but some months previous. His family was wiped out in the explosion. Lieut. W. B. Young left for Halifax with 151 men on the evening of the explosion. He went overseas with his men.
Major Powell, who testified yesterday, was recalled and asked as to his war record. He was at the front 14 months, in hospital three times, won the Military Cross with bars, and is going to Siberia.
Alexander McLean, editor of The St. John's News, was called as the first civilian witness. His company prints the "Depot" newspaper. The witness said the paper was printed as a "job" and he had no responsibility for its contents. Of the extra 1,000 copies were printed. Ordinarily the run is from 1,000 to 1,200.
Captain Knight came next. He was a deputy presiding officer at the elections. He answered the same questions as the others at the barracks. He is a British subject, who came to America in 1911 and enlisted in December, 1916.
Explaining his vote, he said, his guiding principle was to apply his vote to Chamby-Vercheres. He had resided in Port William.

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