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THE FIGHTING HOPE

By Virginia L. Wentz, from Wm. J. Huribart's Play

"stancy in man—his devotion to a good dinner, eh?" Anna laughed at the recollection.

"Yes, I still have it. And speaking of dinners, have you grown to be a good little housewife? I suppose your husband—but, by the way, you haven't yet told me your husband's name?"

A vivid crimson surged to Anna's face, her slim neck, her little ears and open brow. Then she threw back her pretty, patrician head proudly.

"My husband's name is Robert Granger."

"They stared for an instant at each other, woman to woman. Then Mrs. Mason gasped:

"Robert Granger, the man?"

"The young wife looked at her old friend almost sternly.

"The man who is in prison serving a term that Burton Temple should be serving. Oh, Mrs. Mason, what have I done? You must guard my confidence secretly—you must! You will, won't you—you will?" She was white now and wide eyed with the import of it all.

"Why, yes, dear; of course—of course. But tell me, I don't understand. Why are you here?"

"I am here, Mrs. Mason, to find some evidence that will clear my husband's name and that will send the guilty man to Sing Sing in his place." The soft insistence with which she pronounced her purpose was more startling than any violence could have been.

"How did you get Mary Graham's position?" pursued Mrs. Mason.

"You see, Mary and I have been friends, real friends, for years. We studied stenography in the same school ten years ago. We've kept up with each other ever since. When—when all this trouble came I asked her to help me, to see if she couldn't find some clue, something that would help somehow. It seems like a merciful providence that she had been sent here. She tried, but she couldn't. Finally she suggested that I come myself. She made a plea of ill health, and so it was quite simply managed, you see."

"But the children, Anna?"

"Oh, it nearly broke my heart to leave them! But I had to, you see. There's no one else to do the fighting for their father's honor. If I can only find some evidence."

"You think there is hope of finding some?"

"Oh, there is hope. But I've got to fight for it; and, dear God, I'm going to! I'm going to meet this Burton Temple, and I'm going to fight him. I'll be his faithful secretary, but I'll spy upon him; I'll be his shadow. There must come some unguarded moment when his mask will fall. I'll do his bidding, oh, yes, my hands rattle his desk. He'll know what it is to have an outraged mother spying at his side!"

"S-sh-h, dearie! Some one will hear. You're overwrought."

"There is something almost tigerish in mother love, isn't there, Mrs. Mason? That's how I feel sometimes, quite like a tigress. I wonder if you can understand the agony of it when my boys ask me about their father. 'Where's father?' 'Why does he stay so long?' 'When's he coming home?' And I have to look into their baby faces and lie to them. When they give me their morning kiss I lie to them. When they say their prayers I lie. I even let the little tots lie to God. And, oh, the questions they can ask! Of course I know that God, being God, will understand—that he alone can make allowances for a mother's love and lies, but the most miserable part of it is that soon these lies will be no good. Now I can delude them by some trumped up story of travel and foreign lands, but soon at school they will be told, they will be taunted. Oh, the torture!"

Mrs. Mason, wishing to distract her attention from this tragic note, said:

"But their father, tell me a little about him. I know, however unjustly he may be suffering at present, that he is in reality a strong, forceful man, a man who can do big things. I always knew my little Anna would marry a man like that."

There was a slight pathetic uplifting of the lovely eyebrows, then an indescribably delicate smile, with just the faintest hint of sadness, as Anna Granger slowly shook her head.

"No, Bobs isn't that kind at all," she said. "He's of the gentle, sweet, appealing sort, not forceful, and he'll never do big things, but there are other qualities which can make up for forcefulness, don't you think? And he's clever. He was advanced rapidly in the Gotham Trust company. Only—sometimes when I'm very tired and spent—I long for the lion strength. It's dreadful for a woman as young as I am to feel so utterly weary!"

She walked unthinkingly over to the big bay window. There beyond the blue fowing Hudson the grim prison walls smote her vision.

"Oh, what was I saying?" she cried, with a little penitent sob. "I feel like a traitor to Robert. Poor, dear boy, suffering up there for another's crime. He may have his—his weaknesses and failings—which of us has not? But at least he's not the sort ever to be guilty of theft, and he's just the best father and husband in the world. Forget what I said, Mrs. Mason. You will, won't you?"

"To be sure, dearie—to be sure. I think you're a noble woman, Anna—a model wife. And what's better, a brave mother." She studied quietly with herself for a few seconds, while Anna gathered her poise. Possibly providence had decreed that she remain under this uncongenial roof for the sole purpose of watching over this poor, motherless girl. Then:

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Purely Personal

The Egg Circle will receive Eggs on Saturday only during February.

Mr. C. G. Wing has purchased the former Baptist parsonage on Wilton St.

A meeting in connection with Farmers' Organization will be held in Ashwood Hall at Addison on Wednesday, February 4th at 7.30 p.m. Mr. A. A. Powers, Pres. of Leeds Farmers' Co-Operative is speaker. Everybody welcome.

Baltimore Seal-Shipped, Fresh Oysters, at Maud Addison's Henry street.

Call at E. J. Purcell's and pick out that new "Aladdin" Lamp.—There is no need to sit in the semi-darkness now, burns less coal oil and gives many times the light of the old style lamps.

Miss Fern Spence, while undergoing treatment for bloodpoisoning in her hand is staying with her sister, Mrs. John Hockey.

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HOCKEY

On Saturday last the Newboro Hockey team did our boys to the tune of 7-1, and for quite a spell it

looked as though that man Lake could not be beaten, when it comes to tending goal, why he's there at the time. The score does not give a true impression of the game. During the first five minutes of the game the visitors rushed in six goals, then our boys tightened up and for the remainder of the entire game we held the better of the play, each team scoring only one goal, but the Newboro goal tender had a busy session, but was equal to the bombardment he received. The game was very clean, only two penalties being handed out, both to Newboro players. While the score stands against our boys they have no reason to be ashamed of the game they played.

Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wiltse

Last Friday evening about 69 friends and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wiltse, Addison Rd.

Despite the storm a most enjoyable evening was spent in games and music.

During the evening an appreciative and complimentary address was read by Mrs. Vickery, when Mrs. Wiltse was presented with a beautiful casserole, by Mrs. Raymond Breese, and a handsome leather chair to Mr. Wiltse, Mr. R. Breese making the presentation on behalf of the company present. Mr. Wiltse replied on behalf of wife and family, thanking those who had so kindly remembered them, and assured their friends there would always be a warm place in their hearts for the old friends.

Mr. Wiltse and family will shortly remove to Tully, N.Y., where Mr. Wiltse has purchased a fine farm. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse will be very much missed in the Methodist church and in the community at large.

Athens Village Council

First Statutory meeting of the Athens Village Council for 1920 was held in the Council Room, Town Hall, on Monday, January 12th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Reeve-elect, M. B. Holmes and councillors-elect J. H. Mulvena, M. C. Arnold, G. T. Gifford, and W. H. Jacob, were present and made and subscribed to their declaration of office.

Moved by G. T. Gifford, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that this council adjourn until evening at 8 o'clock. Carried.

Council met at 8.00 o'clock as per motion, all members present when matters pertaining to the business of 1920 were discussed and planned.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by G. T. Gifford, that six copies of the Municipal World be ordered for reeve, councillors and the clerk. Carried.

Moved by J. H. Mulvena, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that the following accounts be paid and order drawn on the treasurer for same: Geo. Gainford and S. C. A. Lamb, election account, \$110.00 each; E. Taylor \$3.50 for wood supplied to Indian family; W. G. Parish, rent for polling booth \$4.00. Carried.

By-law to appoint certain village officers for 1920 was introduced and read a first and second time, third reading was laid over until the next meeting.

Moved by G. T. Gifford, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that the clerk be authorized to advertise for a chief of police, also a caretaker for the town hall. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Jacob, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that account of John Shea, \$3.00, for watching at the Robeson fire Dec. 23rd, be paid and order drawn on-treasurer for same. Carried.

Moved by J. H. Mulvena, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that the sum of \$2.50 be paid each of the following for extra work done at the George Flood fire, Edward Hawkins, George Whitford, Wm. Whitford, Glen Flood, Geo. Gifford, George Gainford. Carried.

Moved by M. C. Arnold, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that this meeting adjourn until Friday, Jan'y 23rd, at 8 p.m. Carried.

Adjourned meeting of the Athens Village Council held Jan'y 23, Reeve and all members present.

By-law to appoint certain village officers for 1920 which was held over from the last meeting was given a third reading with names filled in as follows:—clerk, G. W. Lee; treasurer, J. P. Lamb; auditors, Glen Earl and Jas. Dillabough; Board of Health Reeve M. B. Holmes, Jos. Thompson and M. H. Moore, M. D.; High School Trustee, W. C. Smith; Village officer, F. Blancher; janitor, Jas. Hanna; assessor, Geo. Gainford; property committee, Reeve M. B. Holmes, M. C. Arnold, G. T. Gifford; street commissioners, J. H. Mulvena, W. H. Jacob.

Moved by J. H. Mulvena, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that statement of Merchants Bank of Dec. 31st, 1919 showing credit balance of \$2,479.17 be received and accepted, also credit

account of interest \$9.56 as stated for 1919.

Moved by M. C. Arnold seconded by G. T. Gifford, that the following accounts be paid and orders drawn on treasurer for same:—Municipal World, \$6.00; G. N. Purcell, coal, \$14.15; F. Blancher, repairs to fire engine and hose reel, \$3.00; G. W. Lee, election supplies, \$2.75. Carried.

Moved by J. H. Mulvena, seconded by M. C. Arnold, that the Property Committee advertise for twenty cords of body maple wood 24 inches long. Carried.

Council then adjourned to meet at the regular meeting second Friday of each month at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

G. W. LEE
Village Clerk.

Township Council

The council of Rear of Yonge and Escott met according to adjournment on Saturday 24th inst, at 10 o'clock forenoon. Members all present except Mr. Howard who was detained in Toronto by sickness.

Minutes of first meeting were read and adopted and signed by the Reeve and Clerk.

Moved by F. G. Howorth, seconded by G. O. Hayes, that the By-law to appoint certain township officers be read the second time. Carried.

Blanks in By-law were filled as follows:—R. E. Cornell, clerk, salary \$165.00; Irwin Wiltse, treasurer, salary \$55.00; Fred S. Hayes, assessor, salary \$45.00; Wallace C. Brown and Lucas Tackaberry, auditors, salary \$3.00 each; J. F. Harte, M. D., medical health and indigent officer, Erasmus Livingston member of the local board of health; W. G. Towris, sanitary inspector; W. J. Taber, High School Trustee for 1920; B. W. Hayes High School Trustee for 1920 and 1921; Samuel Hollingsworth, school attendance officer; Andrew Henderson, valuator of sheep killed or injured by dogs; R. S. Cornell, caretaker of town hall, salary \$10.00.

Moved by Ezra S. Earl, seconded by Geo. O. Hayes, that the by-law be read the third time and do finally pass be entitled by-law number 585 to appoint certain township officers for the year 1920, and that the same be signed by the Reeve and Clerk and the seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Moved by Ezra S. Earl, seconded by Geo. O. Hayes, that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following municipal election accounts, M. C. Bates for polling place and acting as D.R.O. \$9.00; W. C. Brown, Poll Clerk \$3.00; T. S. Spence, D.R.O. \$5.00; Wesley Morris, Poll Clerk \$3.00; Albert Morris for polling place \$4.00; Geo. P. Wright for polling place \$4.00; John Makie, D.R.O. \$5.00; Phillis Yates, Poll Clerk, \$3.00; W. R. Wood, Constable, \$2.00; R. E. Cornell, telegraphing, etc., 50c. The Municipal World for Poll Books complete and postage \$3.30. Carried.

Moved by Thos C. Howorth, seconded by Ezra S. Earl that the tender of W. H. Morris for printing be accepted, Council minutes to be published in the local news columns. Carried.

Moved by Thos G. Howorth, seconded by Geo. O. Hayes, that the council adjourn until Feb. 9th at one o'clock, or sooner if called by the Reeve. Carried.

R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

Harlem

Mr. Geo. Raison drove to Smith Falls for his daughter Florence who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago. She returned with her father and is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Albert Giles is very low and her friends fear that she may not recover.

Our old friend Mr. Netherfield Trotter who is carrying his eighty-fourth year as jauntily as many men do their thirtieth is now rejoicing over the advent of a namesake and grandson at the home of Mr. Richard Trotter.

We congratulate and hope that Netherfield junior, may enjoy a long and useful life and be blessed with the cheerful disposition that has characterized the life of his grandfather.

Mr. John Raison who has been bedridden for 15 years is now we are sorry to say worse than usual.

The change in the time of the B. & W. mail train is very pleasing. People along the line can now get their mail before bed-time.

Friends here of Mr. Clarke Nichols music teacher are sorry to hear that he is suffering from creeping paralysis.

Frankville

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryant and children have returned after visiting friends at Seely's Bay for the past week.

Mrs. Spalding and daughter, Josephine, of Edinburgh, Scotland, are

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guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Livingston.
Mrs. Hugh McDonald who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.
Helen, daughter of J. I. Smith, is ill with scarlet fever. Dr Throop is the attending physician.
Ladies Aid monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. Livingston.
Albert Wright has returned after spending a couple weeks with friends in Brockville.
Mrs. M. Livingston has gone to Brockville to visit friends.
Miss Sitter, teacher, spent the weekend visiting her cousin, Mrs. Delmar Kilborn, Plum Hollow.
Three more children of J. I. Smith are ill with scarlet fever, viz., Donald, Ray, Loraine.

Charleston
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beale entertained a few friends at a card party on Wednesday evening.
R. Foster and L. Slack spent the week end in Brockville and attended the hockey match between Brockville and Smith Falls.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crozier were called to Woodville last week by the serious illness of the former's mother, Mrs. William Crozier.
For the last couple of weeks large quantities of ice have been harvested and is of the best quality.
H. Slack sold a lot to George Gifford of Athens for building purposes.
The heavy storm of Saturday has left the roads almost impassable.
Mrs. W. Halliday is in Toronto visiting her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Ross and Miss Katie Halliday.

\$100—REWARD—\$100
One Hundred Dollars Reward will be given by the Charleston Lake Association for information that will lead to the conviction of the party or parties who this winter broke into cottages at Charleston Lake.
W. G. PARISH, S. C. A. LAMB, President. Secretary.

WANTED
Athens High School wish to erect a permanent memorial to ex-students who died while serving King and Country during the Great War. They wish to have this list as complete as possible. The following information regarding ex-students is desired, Name in full, age, rank, unit, where killed, date of death, honours won, Address replies to Jas. E. Burchell, Sec'y of Memorial Committee, Athens Ont.

AUCTION SALES
On Friday, February 6th, Chas. Hayes one mile west of Fortiton will sell all his Farm Stock and Implements. Sale at one o'clock sharp.

NOTICE
Throwing ashes or other refuse on the streets is strictly prohibited by a Civic By-Law. Don't do it.
F. BLANCHER, Village Officer.

Wood Wanted
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Applications will be received by the property committee:—M. C. Arnold and Geo. T. Gifford.



"THIS BURTON TEMPLE?" SHE STAMMERED INCREDULOUSLY.

oh, such a woman! You'd love her, Anna. Poor thing, she just worships her son. Sent to me the other day for an old photograph of his which she'd forgotten. While I think of it I'll take it out of the album now."
"Let me see what he looks like, this man," said Anna, as Mrs. Mason lifted out a print from the book.
"It was taken some ten years ago, I believe, but it's a good likeness," Mrs. Mason remarked as she handed it to her.
Anna glanced at it, then stepped back breathing hard.
"This Burton Temple?" she stammered incredulously.
Mrs. Mason was occupied in replacing the album and did not notice how her face had suddenly gone white, nor did she hear the pain of her under the breath whisper, "The old, unknown prince of my dreams."
Anna threw the photograph down in a little paroxysm of disdain.
"Don't like his face?" queried Mrs. Mason, looking up.
"It isn't that," she laughed bitterly, the sort of laugh which had first visited her lips a year ago among the honeysuckle vines. "It's another ideal smashed, that's all. Mrs. Mason, do you know," she tapped the likeness contemptuously, "I used to pass this man nearly every day when I was in Forbes' office—that was the first and only stenographer's position I ever held—coming in and out of the Exchange building. I never knew who he was, but there was a something about him, a set of the jaw, a swing of the shoulders, all integrity and force—something that stamped him to me as vital and eager, a prince among men. He carried his head up, his chin forward. He seemed to be cleaving his way manfully through life. He was the fair prince of my girlish dreams. Oh, I wish—I wish it hadn't been he!" There was a very childish tremble in the brave mouth, but she went on:
"Amid all the incriminating mud they cast at the big successful men of the day I've always clasped this man's picture to my heart, saying, 'Here's one at least who is fine and straight and big.'"
There was an unutterable, dumb loneliness in the young face, a forlorn lingering of the fingers, as unconsciously she touched the discarded picture once again. One has seen a woman look just in the same way as she has touched the clothes of her little dead child.
"And now, instead of being fine and straight and big, he's unprincipled and"

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