

THE WIFE

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

Ruth Spends Unhappy Hours.

Chapter CX.

Mollie King going to France as a nurse! Slowly the fact that Brian must be going so that he might be near her, impressed itself upon Ruth's mind. If he cared for Mollie like that, what use was it for her to try and fight it, or argue with him because of her own need.

He had said "Mollie is going too." That last ominous word chilled her; made her catch her breath, and killed her speech. What use? Their dinner was eaten almost in silence. There was but one thing to talk about, and that neither spoke of again. After dinner Brian took a magazine, and Ruth some mending into the living room. He stretched himself at full length, sprawling comfortably in a huge reading chair. Ruth had given him. Her lip curled as she looked. He would leave her, because she worked, earned money, yet to the last he would use the comforts she provided. How like him.

Yet there was little bitterness in this thought, despite the curling lip. Brian was so like an overgrown boy, instead of a man. A big, spoiled boy. It was always so she thought of him, after he had hurt her. But that Mollie was going too; could it be that while she had been so busy, he and Mollie had been planning to do this thing?

Suddenly she doubted Brian's reasons for going—rather planning to go. It was not patriotism, not a desire to fight for a cause he thought right and just, but a desire to be with Mollie King—to be cut off from all convention with this girl whom he had known so long and whose friends had expected he would marry.

What should she do?

What could she do?

As she sat darning a sock of Brian's—a silk one she had given him—she wondered vaguely if she offered to give up her work and remain at home, if it would stop him. Then she glanced around the dainty, almost luxurious rooms, and finally her eyes rested upon the sprawling figure in the easy chair. There would be no luxury if they depended upon what he earned, she knew. Brian didn't try it when they were first married? Brian was smoking a cigar; she knew by the aroma that it was an expensive one. He had given up all these things and eat smoken cheap cigarettes then. She heard Brian moving about the kitchen, cleaning away the dinner things, and attending to the breakfast for the next morning. Brian loved delicious coffee, her waffles and Johnny cakes, hot, and cut in squares.

He doted upon her fried chicken and corn fritters. He never failed to say she made the best soups he ever had tasted. He would have to give up all these things and eat what she cooked, drink coffee which he used to liken to ditch-water. No—it was not to be considered. If he didn't love her enough to be true when he thru her efforts, was made so comfortable, he would not love her when deprived of all these things.

That men do not love because of extraneous things, Ruth had yet to learn. That it is the appeal of the woman herself that first draws them and then holds them.

Brian finished his story. He yawned, then:

"I believe I'll turn in early," he said. "I have a lot to do to-morrow, and shall have to be down early."

Ordinarily Ruth would have asked him what it was that he had to do. But she said nothing. He rose,

went to the door and called to Rachel;

"Have breakfast promptly in the morning, Rachel. I shall be hurried. I guess you better have it fifteen minutes earlier."

"Ver well, massa Hackett."

"She's a brick!" Brian said when he turned to Ruth; "she never grumbles."

"Of course she doesn't." Again Brian's irresponsibility flashed across Ruth's mind, his insouciance under all circumstances. Also his appropriation and praise of the very things he blamed her for providing.

Was anyone ever so complex? She wanted to talk to him about his plans, but more than even that did she want to think. She felt all at sea. Her thoughts refused to coalesce.

But when he had left her to retire the sock dropped from her fingers and lay unnoticed in her lap. Over and over, she tabulated the reasons Brian had given her for leaving, only to come back to Mollie King as the only one in which she could honestly believe.

To-morrow—Distrust, Unbelief and Jealousy.

STEAMER ASHORE.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Wrecking steamer returning to Yarmouth today report the Corinthian ashore on Brier Island to be settling fast, and they predict that with a westerly gale she will go to pieces and disappear.

Most of the cargo between decks has been salvaged, but that in the lower holds cannot be recovered.

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| Chickens | 2 25 | 2 50 |
| Geese, alive | 3 00 | 3 00 |
| Grain. | | |
| Ducks | 1 25 | 2 50 |
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| Oats, bushel | 0 00 | 0 76 |
| Eye, bushel | 1 50 | 1 60 |
| Straw, baled, ton | 7 00 | 8 00 |
| Wheat | 0 00 | 2 10 |
| Barley, bushel | 1 00 | 1 05 |
| Vegetables. | | |
| Beans, quart | 0 25 | 0 30 |
| Onions, basket | 0 30 | 0 50 |
| Green tomatoes, basket | 0 00 | 0 25 |
| Cucumbers, basket | 0 35 | 0 45 |
| Cabbage, head | 0 5 | 0 15 |
| Celery, large | 0 00 | 2 for 15 |
| Potatoes, per bag | 1 25 | 1 40 |
| Beets, large, bag | 0 5 | 0 10 |
| Pumpkins | 0 05 | 0 15 |
| Corn, dozen | 0 20 | 0 25 |
| Green peppers, basket | 0 50 | 0 60 |
| Cauliflower, each | 0 10 | 0 50 |
| Squash | 0 0 | 0 50 |
| Apples, bbl. | 3 00 | 0 00 |
| Carrots, basket | 0 20 | 0 35 |
| Parsnips, basket | 0 25 | 0 40 |
| Turnips, basket | 0 25 | 0 50 |
| Vegetable Marrow, each | 0 20 | 0 20 |
| Cheese | 0 32 | 0 35 |

SOLDIERS RETURNING.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—The returned soldiers from the Northland, bound for the Ottawa district, should arrive in Ottawa about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. The special train with the men for the Ottawa-Kingston military districts, which is scheduled to leave Halifax but did not get away until 2 a. m.

WILSON DINES WITH KING.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 27.—Dinner at Buckingham Palace tonight was a private function, covers being laid only for King George and Queen Mary, and President and Mrs. Wilson. After

Heir to Serbian Throne

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AFTER three years of exile the Serbian troops have returned to their country in triumph accompanied by their commander-in-chief, Crown Prince Alexander. He loves his army. He has grown up with it, beginning as a corporal in the 6th Infantry Regiment, rising to the rank of colonel, and finally that of commander-in-chief.

As commander of the First Army in 1912, he won the brilliant victories of Kumanovo, Prilep and Bitolj (Monastir). He was the first at the head of his army to enter Skopje, the capital of Tsar Duhjan of glorious memory, and into Prilep, the birthplace and home of Kraljevo Marko, the Jugo-Slav national hero. In this world war, honor fell to the Serbian army in August, 1914, on the Ydrada and the Cer, in the eastern part of Serbia, scoring the first great Allied victory when, under the command of Marshal Putnik, Mishitch and Stepanovitch, they de-

dinner, the president had a long talk alone with the king. The president is desirous of becoming personally acquainted with the leading personages in England before beginning his more formal conversations. He had an earnest talk with Queen Mother Alexandra this afternoon when he called to leave cards at Marlborough house.

The president was greatly pleased with the warmth of his reception in London, which, in the opinion of some of his suite, exceed even that of Paris.

HOPE FOR UNION.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Havana, Thursday, Dec. 26.—Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal parties met here late to-day and agreed to appoint a joint committee to immediately begin work in an effort to harmonize as quickly as possible their conflicting interests.

As a result of the exchange of views, it is declared, messages are to be sent immediately to former President Jose Miguel Gomez, and Cretes, Ferrera, former speaker of the House of Representatives, both of whom are in the United States, asking them to return at once to this country to form that part of the committee to be named by the Liberal group.

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By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 19, 1918.

TORONTO GETS GOALIES

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—At the conclusion of last night's opening game, Manager Dick Carroll of the Toronto Arena Hockey Club, announced that two Ottawa goal-keepers had been secured. The pair are Lieut. Fred McGulloch, M. C., formerly of Regina, and the Pacific Coast, and Bert Lindsay, the local veteran. Both will be carried until a definite selection can be made.

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