

# THE WIFE

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

**CHAPTER LXXXVIII**  
Claude Beckly Yarns Brian About Mandel

Brian felt rather conscience-stricken as he rode home a-top of the bus. He really had not meant to say so much to Mollie. But, as he had said, it was in his system. He had felt better for a few moments because of "getting it out," but now he felt a bit ashamed. He had not been quite loyal to Ruth, and Ruth was his wife. His wife because she loved him, and because he had begged her to marry him.

"She should stay at home," he muttered to ease his troublesome conscience. "If she did I wouldn't do and say such fool things," but he was still far from comfortable. What would Mollie think of his confession? He never had said as much to Ruth. Something had held him back. But he had longed for just a little home and children. At least he had persuaded himself that he did—which amounted to the same thing—the while he was immensely comfortable because of Ruth's salary which enabled him to use what he earned almost as he would had he been single. He now always had money in his pocket; was never embarrassed, as he had been when they were first married and had struggled so to make ends meet on his small income, neither of them knowing how.

"I'll stay away from Mollie this time," he said aloud as he looked at Ruth's picture on the bureau as he prepared for bed. Then, "No I won't either! What's the use lying to myself? A fellow's got to do something besides sitting home and sucking his thumbs," but he could not go to sleep as quickly as usual. And he flushed in the dark as he once more recalled the confession he had made to Mollie.

Mollie really had been totally deceived by Brian. Not intentionally, had he conveyed the impression that

he was tired of Ruth; that he was unhappy with her. But Mollie had gained the impression that he was desperately miserable; that he did not love Ruth, and that he did care for her as he did? Why seek her society so frequently? And he told her all the little, intimate things a man scarcely confesses unless he cares.

Could Brian have known the impression he had conveyed he would have felt even more guilty than he did. But to him Mollie was sort of a safety valve. She was such a good fellow, so sympathetic and nice to fellow when he was down. In the dumps, and a fellow really needed someone to unload his troubles on once in a while. Then Mollie always had such a good time, and she was pretty too. One never felt ashamed of her, even if she didn't have the style and wear the hand-made clothes that Ruth did. It was rather fun too to make the Village fellows jealous, especially Claude Beckly who would like to monopolize Mollie. He had it in for Claude any-whenver he thought of the night he had been out because of her first name without asking permission.

"Darn fresh," he said to himself whenever he thought of the night Beckly called her "Ruth," without even an apology for doing so.

Beckly had more than once butted in when Brian and Mollie were dining. It had annoyed Brian, annoyed him terribly. He didn't take Mollie or any other girl out to dinner to talk to some other man, but because he himself wanted to be entertained. He might as well stay at home and talk to Rachel. He only went out because he was lonely, but not lonely for Beckly's foolishness.

"You're all right at times Claude," he said once in desperation, "but when I am with Mollie I wish you'd stay away."

"Why should I?" imperturbably

queried Beckly. "Your wife would not object to having three in your party instead of two. I must look after her interests. She's made a hit with me."

Brian was too disgusted to say more. Mollie had looked on amused, saying nothing. "But after Beckly left them, she remarked to Brian, 'Claude may be right, Brian. As long as you are married and living with your wife, it may be better for us to have someone else with us. It would be too bad to have our little innocent dinners make trouble for you.'"

"Nonsense! I am studying type-writing. If we choose to eat together occasionally it is no one's business. I won't have Beckly butting in all the time."

"You really are doing wonders with your typing, Brian. You won't need me any longer. Practice is now what you need, not anything I can do for you." He really had been most enthusiastic and had quickly learned all that was necessary. Now he had only to develop speed.

Mollie had scarcely finished speaking when Beckly came back. He helped himself to a cigarette, then said, "I've been going to tell you for some time, Brian, that you had better let Mollie alone and take care of that handsome wife of yours. That swell boss of hers will cut you out if you don't," then with a wink at Mollie, he again left them alone.

This had happened at a dinner in the Village the very night after Brian had made one of his always-brilliant resolves to stay away from Mollie while Ruth was away.

Continued on Monday

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### THEY FEARED VENGEANCE.

German Conquerors Brutal and Cowardly.

An inspection of numerous German posters in Belgium disclosed that wherever the death penalty for offenses by civilians was exacted no signature was attached. It is, therefore, believed that no German commander was willing to take individual responsibility for such orders, possibly fearing consequences in the future.

This was especially the case in Bruges. M. Echevin, one of the aldermen, said that food conditions during the German occupation were not bad because the district is an agricultural one. There was no looting in the city before the Germans left. But there was no use for any looting, for everything desired by the Germans previously had been requisitioned, even pianos, pictures and furs and furs. The last evening leaving the town destroyed everything the men could reach. They even went down the streets breaking windows with their fists but they were not allowed to enter the houses.

On Oct. 1, according to the alderman, the Germans apparently feared outbreaks, for orders were posted all over the town inviting the people to remain quietly in their homes. During the entire period of occupation no newspapers but German organs and the *Neuwe Rotterdam Courant* were permitted to be sold. The people of the city were required to remove all signs in the French language and to change the names of streets to German or Flemish. It is alleged that Admiral Schroeder whipped children whose dogs barked at him. Two girls were imprisoned for eight months and received only mildewed bread and coarse tea. They were accused of writing a letter to their brother.

The Germans removed all the brass from the city, even the hardware from the famous cafe *Millecolmes*. Prince Adalbert, son of Emperor William, frequently dined there. Adalbert, finding the place crowded with German officers at one time, is reported to have said to his companions in English: "Let's go to some other place; this is crowded with boches."

The German officers had pay parties in Bruges and at other places in Belgium, having as their guests hundreds of German girl typists and clerks who had come to Belgium to take the places of men combed out for the army.

The famous Zeebrugge lighthouse had been completely demolished.

### Curious Swiss Tree.

What is claimed to be one of the most curious trees in the world was found in Switzerland by M. Louis Pire, president of the Royal Botanical Society of Belgium. It is a fir tree, still standing, at last account, in the forests of Atlas, canton of Vaud.

"This particular tree," reports Prof. Pire, "stands 4,500 feet above the sea and is surrounded by a forest of firs, which it exceeds in height by 30 or 40 feet."

"The trunk of this tree is 10 meters, or a little more than 30 feet, in circumference at the base. At about a yard from the ground it puts out, on the south side, seven offshoots, which have grown into trunks as strong and vigorous as those of the other trees in the forest. Bent and gnarled at the bottom, these side-trunks soon straighten themselves up and rise perpendicularly and parallel to the main stem."

"Another most curious fact is that the two largest side-trunks are connected with the principal stem by sub-quadrangular braces resembling girders. These braces have probably been formed by an anatomical of branches, which, common enough among the angio-sperms, is extremely rare among conifers."

### PEU IN MONTREAL

By Courier Leased Wire  
Montreal, Nov. 29.—There were 15 new cases of influenza and seven deaths reported yesterday by Dr. Boucher, medical health officer, a slight increase in the number of deaths as compared with the day preceding.

## Sunday

Least of These Sufferers

### DENOMINATIONAL

**Methodist**  
School and Bible Class, 3 Lecture, 7 p.m., subject, Future King and John in C.O.F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie street. All welcome. Seats No collection.

### First Baptist Church

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"Incline Thine Ear."  
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Mr. Sullivan.  
7.00 p.m.

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"Hallelujah Chorus"  
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## Getting Back Three Million Dollars

**THE PAPER CONTROLLER** for Canada a few weeks ago added \$12 a ton to the price of news print paper—the kind used in printing the *Courier*. This addition, following closely upon several previous increases authorized by the Paper Controller, has meant to Canadian newspaper publishers a total increased publishing cost, in the matter of paper alone, in the past eighteen months, of three million dollars. This very considerable sum Canadian publishers must recover from their customers, their readers and advertisers.

In connection with the earlier increases the readers of many daily newspapers have been required to pay \$1 or more per year for their newspapers, while the subscription price of very many weekly newspapers has been increased from 50 to 100 per cent. In many cases still further increases will be necessary.

But all the three million dollars increase in paper costs cannot be loaded on readers; some of this sum must come from the advertisers—this in the form of increased advertising rates. Advertising rates in Canada are, generally speaking, much lower per thousand in circulation than in the United States. Speaking on this point the editor of *Marketing*, a Canadian advertiser's newspaper published in Toronto, says in his last issue: "In meeting the Canadian publishers' calls for higher rates, advertising buyers should not fail to recognize that for years they have benefited by the publisher's undervaluation of his space, and should be the more willing on that account to recognize the present necessities." To all of which *The Courier* agrees.

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T. \$100—Murray Luck, Brantford.

\$360—Agnes O'Donohue, Brantford.

\$440—Kathleen Rehder, Paris. Cheques for the above amounts will be issued by the Provincial Treasurer to the principals of the schools of the students named.

### ELIMINATING HUN ELEMENT

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Wednesday, Nov. 27.—In the organization of the recovered provinces there will be difficulty in carrying out the necessary elimination of the Hun elements, which are said to prevail, says the new mayor of Metz to a correspondent of *The Journal*. "I do not mean the working population, which will quickly come to us, but I refer more particularly to men holding public offices or occupying important commercial positions. We hope the peace conference

will take this into consideration. We will take all necessary steps to be sure that it does. It is necessary that there be strictest inquiry before naturalization is granted."

### PLANES WRECKED BY REBELS

By Courier Leased Wire  
Basel, Nov. 29.—One hundred and fifty airplanes, which had been gathered at the Boeblingen airfield eleven miles southeast of Stuttgart, to be handed over to the Allies in accordance with the provisions of the armistice, have been rendered useless by order of the revolutionary committee, according to a Stuttgart dispatch received here.

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