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SHE WOULD LOOK FOR HEALTH.

"If I were a man I would look for health first of all if I were going to get married."

A woman said that to me the other day.

Two years ago a cousin of hers married a very nice girl but one who has been ailing from her childhood. She has just gone to hospital for an operation. In the two years she has had one thing another the matter with her—her nerves that lasted for weeks, her weakness of an old weakness in her back that kept her with an aching for a couple of months, sick headaches that laid her low for a day whenever they had some special occasion planned. Night after night she would lie in bed and think of her husband who had to go home for his own supper and wait on his own. He makes a good income, but she has had a fearful time. And then she died.

Is it brutal?

"If I were a man I would look for health first of all if I were going to get married."

It sounds rather brutal, doesn't it?

I remember a man whom we ourselves know who did not marry until he was thirty and who calmly announced that he was going to look for a healthy woman. I remember how shocked we were at the lack of romance. Incidentally, the girl whom he picked out for his health—a working girl who had to be healthy to hold her job—became anemic and died when she was relieved from the economic pressure by his comfortable income. We thought it rather a "come-uppance" to him for being so unromantic.

Why Not Health?

So I shouldn't worry, should I?

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Anglo-Russian Trade Negotiations Broken Off.

France and Poland Establish Entente--Dublin Has Night of Horror--Essex Shipwrights Will Build Schooner For Race--Japan Denies Agreement With Mexico.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.
LONDON, Feb. 6. The Moscow newspaper *Investia*, the official organ of the Soviets, is quoted in an exchange telegraph despatch from Berlin as stating that Anglo-Russian trade negotiations have broken off. The break, it is declared, was over Great Britain's demands that the Soviet Government carry on no propaganda in Persia or Afghanistan.

FRANCO-POLISH ENTENTE.
PARIS, Feb. 6. Highest importance is attached by the newspapers this morning to the Franco-Polish declaration yesterday that a "community of interests united these two friendly countries." The understanding is explained as "not an alliance, nor a screen for an alliance, but for the maintenance of existing relations of friendship." These ties, the *Petit Parisien* calls "stronger than a written alliance."

SATURDAY NIGHT HORROR.
BELFAST, Feb. 6. Dublin despatches to-day revealed that last Saturday night that city experienced a sensation when loud explosions and continuous volleys, resembling the sounds of battle on a small scale, became audible from three suburbs. It turned out that three ambushes had occurred, one of which resulted in the killing of a four-year-old child. The first ambush was in the neighborhood of Merrion Square, shortly before eight o'clock. Explosions which shook some of the older houses to their foundations were followed by fusillades of rifles and revolver fire. The inhabitants took refuge in their cellars, while persons in the street were stampeded by the firing. What had happened was that three bombs were fired from a lorry filled with soldiers. This precipitated an exchange of shots which lasted several minutes without effect, except for the wounding of two civilians by bomb splinters. The second ambush occurred on the south side of the city, where two military lorries were bombed, and there was a similar brisk exchange of firing. A child of four years was shot through the head and a woman was wounded and taken to hospital. The third ambush occurred at nine p.m., when two military lorries were attacked at Rathmines, in the South suburbs in the vicinity of the Catholic chapel. An officer of the military was slightly wounded and some civilians, including a boy received serious injuries. Their report from Dublin Castle claims that several civilians were hit in the affair at Merrion Square, five civilians in the South Side incident and two young men in the Rathmines encounter.

WANTON DESTRUCTION.
LONDON, Feb. 6. Summerhill House, 25 miles from Dublin and one of the most beautiful homes in Ireland, was burned yesterday with a loss of \$100,000, according to weekly despatch. Several men entered the rear of the castle and set fire to thirty gallons of petrol with which they fired two wings of the building, which the police found a roaring furnace upon their arrival.

JAPAN DENIES RUMORED AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO.
TOKIO, Feb. 5. Denial is made by Foreign Office reports that the Japanese and Mexican Governments have reached an agreement under which Japanese, desiring to purchase land in Mexico, would be given every facility by Mexico.

TO LAY MAYFLOWER'S KEEL.
ESSEX, Mass., Feb. 6. The keel of the fishing schooner *Mayflower*, which is to be a contender for the International Cup next fall, will be laid next Monday, according to an announcement to-night by Everett James, the builder. Under present plans, Governor Cox, next Thursday, will drive the first spike. Work on the schooner will be rushed, Mr. James said, in the effort to have the vessel ready by April 30th so that she may have a season on the fishing banks, as required by the rules governing the race.

RAILWAY SMASH IN AUSTRIA.
VIENNA, Feb. 6. Twenty-five persons were killed and forty seriously injured yesterday when a freight train drawn by three engines collided with the Tarvis-Vienna express train near Felzendorf.

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS.
ATHENS, Feb. 5. The Greek Cabinet formed on November 18th, by Premier Rallis has resigned, as the result of a controversy between the Premier and Minister of War Gounares as to which one would head the delegation which will attend the next Peace Conference to be held in London next month.

EARTHQUAKE AT TEHUANTEPEC.
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5. Considerable property damage was done by earthquake on Thursday night in districts centering about the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, according to newspaper advices received here last night. It is believed many lives were lost in the region shaken.

GERMANY BANS CARNIVALS.
BERLIN, Feb. 5. Herr Severing, Prussian Minister of the Interior, who recently put the ban on Monocles, worn by security police, has notified President Ebert that in view of the "great gravity of Germany's situation" the comic carnival season in which Germans were accustomed to make merry for a month will not be observed. Those who celebrate will be severely punished. Baden and Bavaria have made similar decisions.

WOULD ISOLATE BELFAST.
BELFAST, Feb. 5. Attempts to isolate Belfast from communication with the rest of Ireland were made last night, telegraph and telephone wires being cut in every direction. It was suggested that the endeavor was to prevent the circulation of Sir Edward Carson's speech at the Session of the Ulster Unionist Council yesterday but the address had been telegraphed before the wires were severed.

POLES WILL EVACUATE VILNA.
PARIS, Feb. 5. Vilna will be evacuated by Polish irregulars as soon as the date for the Lithuanian plebiscite is fixed, and an international occupation contingent has arrived under formal promise made by President Pilsudski to Leon Bougeois President of the Council of the League of Nations.

The Position of the C.E.I.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In a note relating to Mr. Geo. W. B. Ayre's last letter published in your paper, you state that you were obliged to delete certain references contained in the original. I think you would have done well to have run your pencil also through his reference to the Church of England Institute. The Institute has a good reputation in the community, which it is anxious to maintain, and the fact of Mr. Geo. W. B. Ayre having included a reference to it in one of his lengthy epistles has not added in any way to that reputation.

It is a matter of astonishment to many of the members of the C.E.I. to learn that Mr. Ayre is still connected with the Institute, as he has not been in its districts for some time without any assistance from Geo. W. B. Ayre, Esq., have, during the above period brought the Institute to its present excellent social and financial condition.

As a member of the C. E. Institute I resent its name being dragged into a discussion of matters with which it has nothing to do, and would suggest to Mr. Ayre that in future he keep to his own particular controversy; otherwise he may find that he has "bitten off more than he can chew."

Yours truly,
Feb. 7, 1921. WARWICK SMITH.

Last Rites.

The funeral of the late John E. Steer took place on Saturday afternoon from "The Maples" Hamilton Street. A very large number of citizens attended. The chief mourners were his brothers, Hon. F. H. Steer and Mr. C. R. Steer, and his nephew, Mr. E. Gaze. The employees of the firm of Steer Bros. attended in a body. The Directors of the Nid. Clothing Factory, of whom the late Mr. Steer was one, also attended. The officiating clergymen were the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. Dr. Fenwick, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, Pastor of George St. Church, Rev. Dr. Curtis and Rev. T. B. Darby, M.A.

"Prince of Pilsen."

STILL PLAYS TO CAPACITY HOUSE.

On Saturday night another capacity house greeted the fourth performance of that magnificent opera "The Prince of Pilsen." By this time the players had got over the slight nervousness noticeable on former nights and the production was carried through without a hitch. Miss Madeline Kavanagh again excelled herself as Sidorine, her singing being very good and her accent delightful. Her duet with Francois (Mr. W. Wallace) was very well received and repeatedly encored. Mrs. Ring again acted her part in a very able manner, as did also Misses Elsie Herder, Mary Egan and Mary Ryan. The singing of all these ladies was very good indeed. Dr. Chas. Howlett was better than ever in his part of Hans Wagner, and with Mr. Percie Jardine as Artie and Mr. Wallace as Francois, called forth repeated outbursts of laughter from the appreciative audience. Mr. Cabot Fitzgerald as the "Prince" played his part very well, while the singing of Mr. Karl Trapnell as Tom Wagner was one of the features of the performance. All the minor parts were well taken, and under the able direction of Messrs. Hutton and King the opera is undoubtedly meeting the success it so well deserves.

The performance will be continued to-night and to-morrow night, and those who have not yet seen this delightful musical comedy should avail of the last opportunities offered.

Resignations Tendered.

It was reported on Saturday that Rev. Dr. Smees, Messrs. S. G. Collier and J. Barron, the members of the Control Board appointed under the Prohibition Act had tendered their resignations to the Government and asked that a new Board be appointed.

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