

THE WIFE

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

Brian Eames' Out Just as Late as Before.

CHAPTER LXXX.

Brian slipped into the room, and a very audible sigh of relief escaped him as he saw Ruth asleep—as he supposed. He had not meant to be so late; he had intended to come directly home when his lesson was finished, about half past eight. But some of the old crowd had dropped in to Mollie's little studio, and they had sat smoking and talking until late.

Really, he felt terribly conscience-stricken. If only he could get to bed without waking Ruth, perhaps he could say he didn't know the time he got in, if she asked him in the morning. He was ashamed to think he had been so thoughtless.

"She's a dear girl!" he whispered to himself as he quietly placed one shoe on the floor, then the other. Instead of kicking them off with the racket he usually made, "I ought to be ashamed. I am!" he added with rather a sheepish grin, as he crawled into bed, staying on the very edge so fearful was he of waking her.

There they both lay wide awake, each trying to convince the other they were asleep, and each guiltily awake.

Fortunately neither were aware of the ludicrous situation; and when finally they slept it was in blissful ignorance that either had lain awake.

"What time did you get in, Brian?" Ruth asked in the morning. "I didn't look at the clock," he said, "you were fast asleep, so I crawled in without disturbing you. You must have been later than you expected to be. You recall you promised to be home by nine, or a little after, if you didn't come home to dinner. I didn't go to bed until after nine, and I—"

"Oh, don't nag a fellow just because he couldn't get home on the minute! I had to wait for a car," he interrupted.

Ruth had been about to say that she had been very tired, and had had a big dinner with her employer and it had made her sleepy. She had no faintest idea of nagging him, or of letting him know she was aware of the time he came in. But if he were going to take this tone with her, she would tell him nothing. Her lip quivered as she recalled how she had striven not to find fault even when she felt she had cause.

It had been twelve o'clock when he came in, yet he had resented her simple question in such a manner as to freeze the confidence on her lips. What had he been doing, where had he been, that he was so quick to blame her, so impatient?

"She said nothing more, but dressed, and while at breakfast tried to appear as usual, although her thoughts never left the question of his whereabouts until twelve o'clock the next morning. She knew he never remained in his office after six, also that no school kept open until midnight. After his lesson he had gone somewhere, and it was a place about which he did not want her to question him.

"Brian seemed to forget he had replied impatiently to Ruth, and in his usual egotistical way was telling of a new client he had secured, whom he thought was going to be a "good one," as he expressed it, because he was supposedly wealthy.

"That's fine!" Ruth replied, encouraging him as was her habit. But had Brian not been so wrapped up in himself as not to notice the shade in her tone, he would have seen that the encouragement was not so hearty, nor so spontaneous as usual.

"Yes, I hope through him to meet others like him," the reply was rather pompously given, and Ruth smiled in a sad sort of a way at what she had always considered his boyishness; but which she had occasionally feared he would not overcome—only occasionally, however.

"You don't mind about the money, dear, just at first. Try to do what they give you to do better than anyone else would do it. We can live easily with what we both earn" (as always, she put him on an equal plane as regarded earning capacity), "and it will give you all the time you need to do good work. Take pains with what he gives you to do. Don't hurry it," she knew that he was apt to rush the work if he either needed, or thought he needed, the money.

"I guess I know how to manage my own business," Brian retorted, yet not unkindly. "I can work as fast as anyone, and do it well too. You see, Ruth, you think because you earn a few dollars you know it all. After you have been working longer you won't think yourself so wise."

Brian had meant no slur, he had even smiled as he spoke. But Ruth was hurt. "Earn a few dollars," he had said in his careless, patronizing way. She earned twice what he did, yet he took such a tone with her. Her business amour propre was offended. She never allowed herself to brag; even scarcely mentioned the fact, save casually, when she had accomplished a piece of work for which the firm gave her unqualified praise. She never had even hinted that she was "wise," that she "knew it all."

(To be continued to-morrow.)

CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IS CONTINUED

The Western Provinces Request Control of the Natural Resources

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—The conference of Dominion and Provincial ministers was resumed this morning in the Senate chamber with a large attendance of representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments. When the conference adjourned yesterday the request of the Western Provinces that the natural resources, including lands, should be placed under their control was the subject of discussion, and it was understood, some natural differences of opinion had developed, which it was thought better for the delegates of the provinces to discuss among themselves. As a consequence of this yesterday afternoon's gathering was attended by representatives of the provinces only.

Apparently there is little doubt of the intention of the Dominion Government to give the Western Provinces their natural resources, but the proposal has resulted in a suggestion from the representatives of the Eastern Provinces that in the event of this being done the other provinces should receive something additional in the way of subsidies. The Western Provinces maintain that the existing subsidies should not be disturbed by the turning over of the natural resources because a great portion of the lands, etc., have already been disposed of by the Dominion. It is understood that the Dominion Government is not disposed to listen to any demand for a general increase of subsidies, but Sir Thomas White, in his address of welcome yesterday, intimated that federal assistance might be forthcoming by way of assistance to the provinces in carrying out their reconstruction programs.

When the ministers resumed their sitting this morning, Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, submitted a land colonization scheme, which is distinct from any other settlement. Its chief object is the development of undeveloped land now held for speculative purposes. Mr. Calder proposes that the Dominion should lend money to the provinces for the purchase of privately owned land which would be sold to intending settlers. The purchasers will be expected to put in cash or in personal value, security amounting to twenty per cent. of the value of the land bought. The settler would then get easy terms of payment.

It is proposed that the land will be sold to the settler at a slight advance over the purchase price in order to insure against possible loss. In the case of loss, it is proposed that it be equally divided between the settler and the province.

According to a calculation submitted to the conference by Mr. Calder, there are from fifteen to twenty million acres of undeveloped land near the railways in the Western Provinces.

The greatest assistance men who desire to settle on farm lands in the Eastern Provinces was also before the conference this morning, the discussion ever being published in the Western Provinces of their natural resources.

The conference adjourned at one o'clock, the premiers of the various provinces remaining in session for the purpose of drafting a proposal concerning the natural resources of the Western Provinces of their natural resources.

PARLIAMENT TO BE CALLED IN JANUARY

The Necessary Preliminary Steps Are Now Being Taken at Ottawa

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Preliminary steps have been taken for the calling of parliament. To all public departments instructions have gone forth that estimates are to be prepared in readiness. It is not expected, however, that members will actually be summoned to Ottawa before January, although decision on this point has not yet been reached by the government. Probably too, the premier will be unable to be present, at any rate for the early part of the session. When he left for London it was understood that peace conferences would probably occupy some considerable time, and it was considered essential that Sir Robert and his colleagues, who accompanied him should be present to represent Canadian interests.

A mass of legislation will be necessary. The finding of a special committee of legal authorities in England that orders-in-council passed under the Defense of the Realm Act cannot stand behind the declaration of peace raised the same question under the authority of the War Measures Act. Validating legislation, will, it is expected be introduced to prohibition. There is further the question of the various authorities created under the War Measures Act, such for instance as the Canada Food Board. In view of world food shortage it will no doubt, be deemed necessary to continue some of the restrictions on food consumption.

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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, or 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 advertisers' 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.

PARIS FOR PETAIN.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Nov. 20.—The elevation of General Petain to a marshal of France is greeted most cordially by the newspapers. It is declared that if the battle of the Marne stopped the tide of German invasion at the Marne, Gen. Petain's heroic defense of Verdun permitted the Allies forces to await the day of final victory with increased hope.

The Petit Parisien says that another general will be appointed a marshal on the occasion of the French entrance into Strasbourg. It adds that two other generals will also receive the marshal's baton shortly.



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CATTLE—One Holstein, fresh; 1 Durham, fresh; 1 Durham, due Dec. 12th; 1 Durham, due Dec. 28th; 1 Durham, due Jan. 2nd; 1 Durham, due Jan. 14th; 1 Jersey, due Dec. 14th; 1 Durham, due Dec. 28th; 1 Durham, due Dec. 1st; 1 Durham heifer, due Dec. 7th; 1 Durham, due May 1st; 1 Holstein heifer, due Jan. 20th; 1 Durham, due Feb. 14th. Seven head of 2-year-olds, 3 spring calves, 3 veal calves.

PIGS—Two brood sows, 17 shoats

PODDER—Twenty ton mixed hay, 200 bushel Banner seed oats, 200 bushel seed corn.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount eleven months' credit will be given on furnishing approved security, or 5 per cent. off for cash on credit amounts.

J. Barton, W. Alden, Proprietor, Auctioneer.

Leaving the Farm Unreserved AUCTION SALE

Choice Pure-Bred Shortorns of the Milking Bred Strain.

The undersigned auctioneer has received instructions from Mr. Jasper Crooks to sell by public auction at his farm, 2 miles south of Scotland, and 3 miles from the L. E. and N. radial station at Wiltonville, on Wednesday, November 27th, commencing at one o'clock, the following:

COWS—3—Brown mare, 8 years old, sorrel horse, 7 years old by Dr. John; 1 bay horse, 4 years old by Red Elk.

CATTLE—14—Nine head pure bred Shortorns, viz., Red cow, 4 years old, due fresh Dec. 31st; red cow, 7 years old, due to freshen May 29th; red cow, 8 years old, fresh; roan heifer, 2 years old, due to freshen Feb. 26th; roan heifer, 10 months old; red heifer, 10 months. Are extra good milkers and hard to beat. Three bull calves; 5 head of grade Holsteins, 2 years old, if not previously sold. All pedigrees will be furnished at time of sale.

SHEEP—Ten Shropshire breeding ewes, 1 Oxford ram.

IMPLEMENTS—Massey-Harris binder, Deering mowder, land roller, Peter Hamilton 8-horse cultivator, Cockshutt walking plow, iron harrows, Cockshutt disc harrow, seed drill, Deering horse rake, 2 lumber wagons, 7 wagon box, stock rack, democrat, manure spreader, turning drill, 1-horse cultivator, bob sleigh, grass seeder, tanning mill, cutting box, 3 horsepower gasoline engine, turnip cutter, cream separator, Daisy churn, sausage grinder, iron kettle, stone boat, forks, chains, whittling trees, hands and numerous other articles.

FEED—A quantity of hay, about 300 bushels of corn in stalks.

HARNESS—Set double harness and odd parts.

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People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply cannot get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make someone a real credit on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

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