

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER XIII Brian Receives a Mysterious Telephone Message

That night Ruth found herself comparing Brian with Mr. Mandel in a far different spirit than ever before. She had carried a hurt in her heart so long (because of Brian's intimacy with Mollie King, and his seeming determination to belittle her work, to find fault with her because of it, while he reaped as many of the benefits as did she) that Mandel's actions stood out in relief. And she now knew he cared for her.

As her employer's thoughtfulness his kindness, appeared before her so did Brian's seeming selfishness, his thoughtlessness, also stand out. Was she losing her love for Brian, and in its place learning to love Mandel. For the first time she wavered. She was not certain. "What an awful thing," she thought, "for me, for any woman, not to know whether she loves her husband or another man." Why it was almost as if already she had been unfaithful, when in reality she never before had allowed a thought of loving anyone save her husband to enter her mind.

Brian was late in coming home. When he did come he was absorbed not talkative; evidently there was something on his mind to brood over. "Shall we ask Kenyon and Clara to play cards?" she asked, not entirely to please him, but because it would make her stop thinking.

"No, I don't want to play to-night. I'm not in the mood."

"Anything goes wrong?"

"No—why?"

"You are usually keen enough to play."

"That's no sign I am to-night."

"What shall we do, go to the movies?"

"No."

"To a play?"

"No."

"What is the matter, Brian? I know something has gone wrong." "Can't a man want to stay quietly at home without something being wrong?" "Not you. I never knew you to get like this. Do tell me what it is."

"I told you—nothing. Now please let me read." Ruth said nothing more, but she was watching Brian's face and saw that he was not reading, or if he was, that he had no interest in what she read. Suddenly the telephone shrilled. She answered it before Brian could do so.

"Is Mr. Hackett there?" it was a woman's voice. "What an awful thing," she thought, "for me, for any woman, not to know whether she loves her husband or another man."

"Hello, this is Hackett. Oh, hello—no, not to-night. No, I said next Friday—oh, yes—I won't forget—good night."

"Who was it Brian?"

"A business call," he had resumed reading.

"But it was a woman."

"Women have business which has to be attended to occasionally."

There was nothing convincing about Brian's answer. Ruth was sure he was hiding something. What had he meant about next Friday—just a week hence. She was going on a short trip just until Saturday on that day; could it be possible that Brian had made an engagement for next Friday, and whoever he had made it with had made the mistake and had called him up to find fault because he had not kept his engagement.

The voice to her imagination sounded like Mollie King's. Yet she would be foolish to say so if it turned out not to be Mollie who had called him. No, she would say nothing. It was

the same decision at which she invariably arrived at. To say nothing because she might hurt Brian—or hurt herself in his eyes.

He had promised he wouldn't forget. That meant he would see her. He had called him, next Friday. Was there any way she could be sure that it was Mollie King?

All the more plainly because of this episode. Would he neglect her for another woman? Would he be as careless of her happiness as was Brian?

"Brian, aren't you going to tell me who telephoned? I am getting horribly jealous thinking about her."

She tried to speak carelessly, even laughed a little. Not yet would she let him know to what an extent her jealousy of Mollie King had driven her thoughts.

"What's that?" She knew he was sparring for time, that he had heard her.

"I asked if you weren't going to tell me who telephoned?"

"No—I am going to bed," and stifling a prodigious yawn, he left the room.

Continued To-morrow

TWO DIE FROM EXPOSURE

By Courier Leased Wire
Victoria, Dec. 17.—After being lost without food in the Malahat woods for nearly eight days and after seeing his companion, Percy Peters, die from exposure, Thomas Douglas was brought into town in a completely exhausted condition.

The two men left this city Saturday morning, December 8, on a hunting expedition. They struck into the bush and in the heavy snow which began to fall they became lost.

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I am going to sell for Mr. Isaac L. Marshall, the farm situated half mile east of McLeod School, known as the Lowell Kitchen farm, about 1-2 miles northwest of St. George, Lot 11, 4th Concession, on Monday, December 23rd, commencing at one o'clock sharp, the following:
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Effective December 22nd, 1918.
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Train now leaving Toronto 11.00 p.m., will leave Toronto 10.00 p.m., arriving Ottawa 7.30 a.m. daily.

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Their Large Congregations.

During the suspension of church services while the "flu" held sway in Saskatchewan, the city clergy published the digests of their sermons in the daily press, thus addressing record congregations.

His Name Led Him to Suicide.

At Galt recently a dog owned by a prominent resident of Little Canada was run in from of a motor car and paid the penalty. The dog bore the name of "Kaiser."

BRANTFORD MARKET

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Eggs	0.50 0.61
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Wheat	0.70 2.10
Barley, bushel	1.00 1.05

Military Spirit Still Remains

Among German Troops Returning From the Front

Orgies are the Order of the Day in Berlin

London, Dec. 17.—The correspondent in Berlin of the Daily Express, dealing with the return of the German army, says the scenes of enthusiasm marking the homecoming of the troops are ending. "Men have been coming home at the rate of 10,000 a day," says the correspondent. "Every day Herr Ebert (the Chancellor) takes his place on a rostrum opposite the French Embassy. He addresses the homecoming men and the bands play martial music, while the crowds cheer and wave their handkerchiefs."

Old Martial Airs

"Deutschland über Alles" brought me to the street this morning. To my amazement—and to the apparent amazement of the French officers grouped in the window of the Embassy—a regiment was passing the Brandenburg gate to the old time Later I heard it played continuously as cavalry, infantry and artillery swept by. Regimental flags were crowned with laurel wreaths. The men wore evergreens around their steel helmets, and their tunics and guns were covered with flowers.

What particularly struck me was the attitude of the homecoming officers. These I have seen in the Berlin garrison were quiet men, many of whom had removed their marks of rank. Their gait was unassuming, they were greeted by their men. On the other hand the troops just returned from the front are well disciplined and salute as of old. The officers themselves are unchanged but the uniforms are monocolored and tight-waisted, to the population, who cheer them loudly. Berlin Dancing-mad

Berlin is dancing mad. There are about 80 cabarets in the city, and dancing goes on all the afternoon and until 9 o'clock at night. In a week's time the edict closing dancing halls at 9 o'clock will be removed and dancing then will continue all night. Berliners are looking forward to this.

It is a remarkable sight to see cabarets packed to suffocation with women in expensive toilettes, and both soldiers and civilians dancing and drinking wine costing \$10 a bottle. Seats at the theatres can only be booked two days ahead. We are trying to forget," said a Berliner to me to-day.

Imports Fell Off.

Statistics compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that for the year ending Sept. 30, goods to the value of \$897,123,837 were imported into Canada, as compared with \$1,004,239,837 for the previous twelve months, and \$685,248,705 for the twelve months ending Sept. 30, 1916.

For the twelve months' period closing Sept. 30, the exports of the Dominion were to the value of \$1,383,749,580, as compared with \$1,381,517,976 for the previous twelve months and \$1,031,940,004 for the year ending Sept. 30, 1916.

The United States supplied by far the greater part of Canada's imports for the year, the value of goods brought in from that country being \$738,040,527, as compared with \$70,598,956 from the United Kingdom. In the previous twelve months United States imports were to the value of \$824,707,312, and those from the United Kingdom \$97,500,236.

On the other hand, the Dominion exports to the United Kingdom exceeded in value those to the United States. During the twelve months' period Canadian goods sent to British ports to the value of \$716,270,484, as compared with \$792,893,670 for the previous year, while United States imports from Canada amounted in value to \$420,895,838, as against \$375,703,462 in the preceding twelve months.

Not Ardent as a Bachelor.

Ben Woolf, recently admitted to the Sandusky County infirmary, protested vigorously against the bath that he had never indulged in one in the 101 years of his life. After the century's accumulation had been removed by the soap and water process Benjamin admitted that "he didn't know it was such fun or he'd have taken a bath long ago."

Need Recruits For Navy

By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 17.—Two hundred thousand men must be recruited for the navy next year to take the places of men enlisted for the war, who will be demobilized, Captain H. Tanning, chief of the bureau of navigation, made this estimate to a committee on the navy.

DOWNED BY FLAK

Having gone over the top twenty-one times without receiving as much as a scratch, Corp. Frank Lamson, of North Chicago, is now in a French hospital suffering from blood poisoning. He stepped on a rusty tack while on leave.

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Mr. R. A. Pringle, K. C., the Paper Controller of Canada, has issued an order, effective January 1, 1919, which says:

"2. Discontinue sending paper within three months after date of expiration of subscription, unless the subscription is renewed and paid for."

There are many other restrictions imposed, but this one is the most important. Therefore, between now and the end of the year The Courier's subscription list must be overhauled and put on a paid-in-advance basis, in order to comply with a governmental order.

Accounts have already been sent out to those in arrears, but subscribers do not need to wait for a "du" to spur them to action. The date on the label affixed to the paper sent to mail subscribers tells the story. City subscribers can learn how their subscription stands by referring to their last receipt.

The reason for this regulation of the Paper Controller is that it is the practice of some publishers to send their newspaper ordered stopped, and this practice frequently means a failure to collect anything for subscriptions in arrears, in which case there is a virtual waste of paper. It is to prevent paper waste that the new regulation has been decided on.

The manufacture of paper consumes labor, wood, coal, chemicals and transportation facilities, and every ton of paper saved means just so much labor, raw materials, chemicals, fuel and transportation available for urgent war needs. For these reasons the Government insists that paper shall be saved, and proposes that only those who pay for their publications shall receive them.

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TORONTO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire
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Export cattle, choice, \$13.25 to \$14; medium, \$12.50 to \$13.25; bulls, \$10 to \$10.75; butcher cattle, choice, \$10 to \$11.25; medium \$9.25 to \$10; common \$8.50 to \$7.25; butcher cows, choice \$9 to \$10.50; medium \$7.25 to \$8.25; canners, \$6.50 to \$7.75; bulls \$8.25 to \$9; feeding steers, \$9.25 to \$10; stock-ers, choice, \$8 to \$9; light, \$6.25 to \$7; milkers, choice, \$90 to \$140.00; springers, choice, \$95 to \$150; sheep, ewes, \$9 to \$10; bucks and culled, \$4 to \$8; lambs, \$14.25 to \$14.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$18; f. o. b., \$17.25; calves \$17 to \$17.25.

NO AMERICANS AT POLA.

London, Dec. 17.—The Italian embassy here states that the report from Dubuch to the effect that an American squadron had arrived at Pola was unfounded.

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ull offers a somewhat nge to any person to e he has been remiss, ould give me greater e the people of Terrace ic debate on this very any others of a mun- Let the people of 1 secure a hall. Come you've met a man who your challenge.

M. MacBRIDE,
Mayor.

NT TO MEET IN Feb.
Leased Wire
Dec. 17.—Parliament is meet the second week of though the date has not efinately settled by the Sir Robert Borden; is d back for the opening, ibly return a few weeks decision in this regard r, no doubt be determin s overseas.
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