

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER XIII Ruth Sees Brian and Mollie King Together at the Noon Hour

Ruth had just returned from her luncheon and was removing her hat when Mr Mandel's office boy told her he wanted to see her in his private office.

"I want you to go with me to look at an old house in Washington Square," he told her.

She stepped into a taxi with him and soon they stopped at a fine old house on the North Side of the park. They finished looking the house over, then started up the Avenue.

"We will walk until I see a taxi, or until a stage comes along," Mr. Mandel said, then continued the discussion of the decoration suitable for the house they had just left.

As they drew near a very popular restaurant, Ruth saw Brian and Mollie King come out and stroll slowly toward the Square they had just left. Ruth and Mr. Mandel were on the opposite side of the street, so Ruth had no fear of being seen by them, engrossed as they evidently were.

A feeling of dread, of fear, settled over Ruth. Up to that minute, she thought that Brian might ever be disloyal had entered her mind. Now all suddenly, Ruth blamed herself. If she had not been so anxious about doing something that was congenial, Brian might never have dined alone with Mollie King, and so renewed the acquaintance—in an intimate form.

Then came the thought. If he was so easily led away, if he cared for her so much less than she had imagined he did, it was well she should know it at once.

So while Ruth answered Mandel

at random, thinking hard things of Brian, she could not know that it was Brian's unconscious appeal for help and sympathy that had caused Mollie King to be kind and give up her coveted working hours to him.

That when he had telephoned her to meet him for lunch, she had laid aside her work with a sigh and gone to meet him because she liked him and thought he needed comfort.

It was in this spirit that Mollie King, artist and Bohemian, had gone to meet Ruth's husband, just because she thought Ruth wasn't being fair to him. And it was just the spirit that under the circumstances, appealed most strongly to Brian Hackett.

People who saw them together, that noon, shrugged their shoulders and said one to another:

"What can you expect. His wife is with some Fifth Avenue firm, doing as she pleases. Why shouldn't he be with Mollie. You remember they were always rather fond of each other. Half the village thought they would be married."

Really, to be fair to Ruth and also to Brian, she had not connected unfaithfulness to her as a result of his intimacy with Mollie. The coarser expressions and forms of love never occurred to Ruth. Her mind was as distinctly clean as was her body. But she hated to think that Mollie had been entertaining Brian, that someone beside herself could interest him so that he would come so far from his office for luncheon. Mrs. Curtis had told her that Brian had used to be a great favorite in the village. She did not care at all for what she knew of it, but she hated to think that Brian was being drawn back in to his arms.

As they halted a stage Ruth turned once more to see if Brian were still visible. Yes, they were talking on the sidewalk, then the stage started and she saw no more.

One moment she grew cold at the thought of the possibility of Mollie stealing Brian's love, the next a wave of defiance would sweep over her. She hated this "village," she hated the people who claimed it as their bailiwick. But Brian had once loved it. What if he were tiring of her proxy conventionalty? What if he were more interested in the colony artists and writers than the world she represented? Was it not her duty to follow him, to make his friends her friends—if they would let her?

Not only that afternoon but for days afterward, Ruth thought constantly of her own perplexities. It became a task to hold her mind upon her work. It constantly trailed after Brian, and always in a bad way, but when she could see her, was Mollie King.

It was fortunate that Ruth had the new apartment to put in order; it gave her something to do. Every evening she worked until late, and after they moved in Brian worked with her. She would see that he was delighted with the changes; but he never admitted to save to say that it was a better location for him, for a professional man, than was the other. Aside from that he made no connection to Ruth's entire planning, and financing, of the move.

Then, all suddenly, Ruth was obliged to go west. She would be away at least a week. She had not yet told Brian she had seen him with Mollie King.

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DUTCH PACIFIST IN BERLIN.

By Courier Leased Wire
Berne, Oct. 7.—H. C. Dresselhuys, president of the Holland League Against War, has arrived at Berlin. It is reported that he was summoned there by the German Government.

PRINCE PROMOTED.

By Courier Leased Wire
Corfu, Oct. 7.—Prince Alexander of Serbia has been promoted to the rank of general by King Peter in recognition of his victories during the Macedonian offensive. The Serbian Government wished to make this promotion last June, but Prince Alexander asked that it be deferred until after a victory had been won.

PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEES

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NO NEED FOR ALARM

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are. Only two deaths have thus far been traced directly to influenza.

In numerous factories and stores throughout the city, a serious shortage of help is resulting from the shortage of help is resulting from increasing cases of sickness. In the office of J. S. Dowling and company, Mr. Dowling, Mr. G. G. Goss and Mr. John Moffatt are all absent from their desks.

The new motor ambulance has been moving almost continually during the past few days, conveying patients to the hospital.

The medical men report a very large number of cases but all agree that in the greater percentage of instances the type is more that of influenza than anything else. There is quite a percentage though of severe attacks with high temperature, delirium and a tendency to pneumonia. Dr. Pearson, Medical Health Officer, when questioned, stated that a serum could be used as a preventative and that a supply was expected in the city.

At the Hospital.
There are a large number of patients at the hospital and every available bed was occupied this morning with these and other cases. Two of the nursing staff are down with the complaint in mild form. Under the circumstances it has been decided to place additional beds in the board room.

The hospital has been closed to visitors until further notice, as a means of preventing any person becoming exposed to the disease.

GRATEFULLY EXAGGERATED.
"There are a lot of rumors regarding the amount of influenza in this city at the present time," said Mr. Minnes to The Courier this afternoon, "and our board is flooded with advice and suggestions of all kinds. I advise strongly that citizens remain calm. There is no call at present for drastic measures of any kind. The reports of cases in the city are not one twentieth so numerous as are generally reported on the streets. In the matter of influenza the board will issue a statement in connection with the present reported epidemic."

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German Crown Prince Expresses Some Views About the Present War

THE German idea of victory as defined by the German Crown Prince, in an interview published in a Budapest newspaper, is an "intention to hold our own and not let ourselves be vanquished." The Crown Prince is quoted as saying that this was clear to him the moment the British entered the war.

In discussing the present operations on the western front, the Crown Prince said:

"The enemy attacks and the withdrawal on our front at several places are often wrongly interpreted in some circles. Some of our people are too accustomed to a continuous advance and when a battle occurs wherein the enemy attacks and we have to defend ourselves, the situation is not always correctly understood. In judging the situation, both military and political, we must never forget one thing—that we are waging a war of defence. The war is one of annihilation only for the enemy, not for us. We want to annihilate none of our enemies. We mean, however, to hold our own."

Regarding the American forces in France the Crown Prince said:

"I've found that the majority don't know what they are fighting for. We feel, of course, the effect of the entry of the Americans. They have sent over very much material and never sending very much human material."

"We speak openly of victory," the Crown Prince said. "The word victory must not be understood to mean these days."

What makes George so cocky these days?

"He's going to try for a commission, and he's been reading his letters of recommendation."

Given Away:
Conjuror: Now, to help me with this next trick, I want the services of a boy—just any boy in the audience. Yes, you will do, my little man, come along. Now, you've never seen me before, have you?

Boy (innocently): No, father!

Postponing the Quarrel:
A lady who lives in our neighborhood hired a small boy to do a little piece of work for her. He got a friend to help him. When the work was finished she gave the first boy a quarter—the price agreed upon beforehand. Then a difficulty arose about the division of that quarter. We overheard the conversation.

"I'll match you for the odd cent," proposed the second boy, who was a sport; "I'll match you for the whole quarter!"

"Aw, rats!" said the first, who was a sport; "I'll match you for the whole quarter!"

"I ain't no gambler," protested the other. "Let's buy a Thrift Stamp with the quarter and start a partnership book."

And they did.

BRANTFORD MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Butter, Eggs, Hay, Oats, etc.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 7.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards to-day were 4,701 cattle, 448 calves, 1,333 hogs and 2,620 sheep.

Trade was slow and the trend of all cattle prices easier. Small meats are about steady. Hogs are half a dollar easier on offerings for Tuesday.

COURIER COMICS

Mamma: Now Freddy, mind what I say. I don't want you to go over in to the next garden to play with Binks boy; he's very rude.

Freddy (heard a few minutes afterwards calling over the wall: "I say, Binks, me says I'm not to go in to your garden because you're rude; but you come over here into my garden—I ain't rude...")

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GERMAN CROWN PRINCE

that we want to annihilate the enemy, but only that we mean to hold our own and not let ourselves be vanquished. The moment the British entered the war that was clear to me, and I always emphasized it."

When the interviewer remarked that the Crown Prince was considered abroad a "fire-eater," he answered: "I am aware of these accusations. Do I need to say that not a word of them is true?"

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"The enemy assault doubtless will continue for some time," the Crown Prince said with reference to the fighting on the western front, "but our enemies must themselves see that they will not be able to attain their aim. Our troops are fighting splendidly, and I attribute to their courage that such colossal superiority in strength does not crush us."

Discussing the fighting qualities of Germany's enemies, he said: "The French fight brilliantly, and are bleeding to death. They do not hesitate at any sacrifice. With the British, the individual man is very good and tenacious, but the leadership is deficient. Among the Americans I've found that the majority do not know what they are fighting for. I asked an American prisoner what they were fighting for, and he answered: 'For Alsace,' and to the question, 'Where is Alsace?' he replied 'It's a big lake.'"

Demands of Politeness.
In all continental countries men lift their hats when saluting one another. It is also customary for them to uncover their heads on entering any kind of private premises, including offices, and in some parts, even banks.

It was until recently considered extremely rude for a man in Poland to enter even a shop without removing his hat, and it was not unusual for a customer who omitted this formality to be told that he would be attended to when compliance with the demands of politeness should enable him to the shopkeeper's consideration. It was only a few years before the war that this practice came gradually to be abandoned.

In Poland and Russia visitors are expected to leave in the hall not only their gloves, but hat, coat, and stick as well, no matter how short their stay. Clients calling on professional men are expected to do the same.—The Bits.

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And Whereas the saving of human life, thrift, and the prevention of loss of property through destruction by fire, is an aid which every one should give willingly to the community at large;

And whereas the reckless and impoverishing fire waste that confronts the people of our Province is appalling;

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And because of this great need and in order to arouse a sense of watchfulness, carefulness and cleanliness, and to create a greater personal responsibility in reducing the number of preventable fires.

We have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council for Our Province of Ontario, to name, and do hereby name Wednesday, the 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1918 AS FIRE PREVENTION DAY

And We do hereby urge that on this day, throughout our Province of Ontario, attention be called in schools and public places to the conditions that exist; and to the need of immediate action and co-operation on the part of everyone; and special exercises, addresses and other means be employed to impress on the public mind lessons of Fire Prevention.

To insure the success of this great Clean-Up Campaign it will be necessary to have the hearty and harmonious co-operation of all who have for their objects civic, social and industrial betterment.

The Proclamation should be read in all schools and at Public Gatherings.
Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario, GEORGE F. LEWIS, Deputy Fire Marshal, Toronto, Sept. 21st, 1918.

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