

THE WIFE

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

Ruth had a Delightful Trip to Newport With Mr. Mandel.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

The gasp Ruth heard was not reassuring.

"What's that you say?" Brian asked, and his voice was so raucous, it made Ruth shiver with dread of what he would say when he realized she was really going.

"I am going to Newport to look at a house to be done over. I'll be back to-morrow night! If I find I can't, I'll wire you," then, before he could answer she glanced at the clock. She must go at once. "Good-bye, I can't wait another minute!" and she hung up without waiting for an answer.

It was hard to go away without even hearing him say "good-bye," but perhaps it was best. He perhaps was angry, and by the time she returned would have cooled off. Nevertheless her eyes were swimming with tears when she gave her final instructions to Mrs. Crawford.

"Indeed I will and don't you worry, ma'am," Mrs. Crawford had soon understood how matters were; had sensed Brian's dislike to having his wife work, even though it made him more comfortable.

Mr. Mandel was waiting at the station.

"Just on time!" he said pleasantly, as he took her bag and helped her into the train. He had two seats in the parlor car, on the shady side and had laid late magazines on both of them. His own luggage also had been placed in the car before her arrival.

"This is comfortable," Ruth said as she sank back in the chair, and the porter, in response to a motion from Mr. Mandel, brought her a hassock for her feet.

"Traveling is hard enough at any time and under all circumstances. I believe in being as comfortable as possible," he returned, then picked up a magazine and was soon buried in its contents.

Ruth was thankful she did not have to talk. Her mind was full of her own affairs. She could not forget that gasp she had heard when she first told Brian she was going away, and she felt decidedly uneasy as to what he would say on her return. He would be terribly put out, that she knew—perhaps angry. But he would have nearly two days to think it over. Perhaps he would be sensible and not so angry as she feared. With an unconscious sigh at his lack of sympathy in her venture, she also picked up a magazine. She had failed to notice the sharp glance Mr. Mandel gave her when he heard that sigh.

Neither spoke until luncheon was announced. Then he laid aside his magazine and said:

"Suppose we go right in. I reserved a table, and the food will be better if we go at once."

Ruth rose obediently. She had traveled so little, was really unfamiliar with dining cars to such an extent that she, like a child, considered it a treat to eat in one.

She ordered a very simple luncheon, which he insisted upon supplementing with a dish or two.

"You will find your appetite when you commence to eat," he told her. "One always does when travelling."

Luncheon finished, Mr. Mandel went into the smoking car and did not reappear for an hour. He had chatted pleasantly through luncheon, not mentioning business, and so preventing Ruth from doing so, although there were several things in connection with their errand to Newport she would have liked to discuss.

"Perhaps he doesn't believe in talking business when he's away

from the shop," she thought. So she contented herself with reading the magazine he had provided, and in looking out of the window. She never had been east of New York and so was interested in all she saw.

After Mr. Mandel returned from the smoking car, she asked a question which proved her unfamiliarity with the country through which they were passing.

"Have you never been to Newport?" he asked.

"No, I never have been much of anywhere," she confessed naively. "Aunt Louisa didn't much believe in girls leaving home. I reckon she thought it wasn't good for them. She and I visited New York once before I was married, and we, my husband and I, stayed at Atlantic City for a while. You see I am not much of a traveler."

"So I see!" he replied, looking at her with an added interest. It was wonderful that this delicately nurtured southern girl, who still "reckoned" when she talked, should have become so proficient in an art to which he had given many years' hard study.

From that time until they reached the end of their journey, he pointed out all places of interest they passed, giving her a little sketch of that part of the country at the same time.

"You will revel in New England homes," he said, explaining that, as one went further west, the homes were still filled with gems of old-fashioned furniture, chippendale chairs, and Windsor tables and cabinets. In fact he made himself so entertaining that Ruth was almost sorry when they reached Newport, and she had to take him good night in the hotel to follow the boy to the room reserved for her.

To-morrow—Ruth sees Newport's famous Ocean Drive for the First Time.

DELEGATES SPEAK AT LABOR CONGRESS

Messages Delivered to Canadian Trades Unions From Fraternal Organizations

By Courier Leased Wire.

Quebec, Sept. 19.—The Trades and Labor Congress this morning listened to addresses from fraternal delegates beyond the present are:

J. G. Hancock, representing the British Trades and Labor Congress; Stuart A. Hayward, Buffalo, who spoke for the American Federation of Labor and Miss Schneiderman, New York, of the Women's League of America.

Mr. Hancock, discussing labor's first duty to-day, said it was to win the war. His next was to the men who had arrived the dangers of the trenches, seas and air. Suitable employment with good pay must be provided. Disabled men must be placed beyond the reach of want.

Mr. Hancock said that the British Government during the good trade movement after the end of the war, must set foot a big national scheme like re-housing, enlarging canals and building railways and schools, in order to absorb labor that could not be taken up when demobilization came. If this work did not absorb them, they might be necessary to increase the school age, abolish all overtime and even reduce the working days in the week.

Miss Schneiderman explained that the Women's League was formed for the purpose of abolishing the great difference in salaries paid to men and women for the same work.

Mr. Hancock gave a thrilling description of the attacks made by submarines upon the ship upon which he travelled to an Atlantic port. He mentioned that shells dropped all around them, ships were sunk behind them and passengers lost their lives, while urgent calls for help reached them which they dared not answer.

Stuart Hayward gave an outline of the part labor was playing in the United States to improve the condition of the working classes and to secure greater team work between labor and employers.

A motion sent to Congress by the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council, seeking to secure the appointment of a commission to fix the prices of all the necessities of life, in Canada, brought out an animated discussion.

Delegate John, Winnipeg, argued that the present high prices were to fix price of labor of the working classes on a basis of the necessities of life.

Walter Rollo, Hamilton, said they had had and high prices secured in certain lines were not secured by either the workers or manufacturers, but by the retailers taking advantage of the situation. This matter was being debated at the adjournment.

Resolutions adopted during the morning advocated the removal of an old wall before the new paper is applied; the making of voting hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the standardization of prices and weight of bread.

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Eggs	0 48 0 50
Grain	
Hay, per ton	16 00 17 00
Oats, bushel	0 00 0 75
Rye, bushel	1 50 1 60
Straw, baled, ton	.....	7 00 8 00
Wheat	.....	0 00 2 10
Barley, bushel	.....	1 00 1 05
Vegetables	.....
Beans, quart	.....	25 00 30 00
Cabbage, dozen	.....	0 50 0 60
Watermelons	.....	0 10 0 30
Carrots, basket	.....	0 30 0 50
Onions, basket	.....	0 25 0 50
Green tomatoes, basket	.....	0 00 0 25
Cucumbers, basket	.....	0 35 0 65
Cabbage, head	.....	0 05 0 10
Celery, large	.....	0 00 0 10
Potatoes, bushel	.....	0 00 1 50
Tomatoes, basket	.....	0 40 0 50
Beets, bunch	.....	0 05 0 10
Pumpkins	.....	0 10 0 20
Corn, dozen	.....	0 20 0 25
Green peppers, basket	.....	0 50 0 60
Castiflowr, each	.....	0 10 0 25
Squash	.....	0 20 0 35
Fruit	.....
Apples, basket	.....	0 25 0 35
Plums, basket	.....	0 60 1 00
Pears, basket	.....	0 60 0 75
Meats	.....
Dry salt, pork, lb.	.....	0 30 0 35
Fresh pork, carcass	.....	0 21 0 24
Bacon, back trim	0 35 0 50
Bacon, ham	0 45 0 45
Beef, holling, lb.	0 25 0 25
Beef, roast, lb.	0 25 0 30
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Testimony of Lieut. Col. Hunter at Inquiry into Toronto Riots
WAS TWICE ATTACKED

Toronto, Sept. 19.—At the police Commissioners inquiry resumed this morning into the recent riots, Lieut. Col. A. Hunter, K.C., a first contingent veteran of the French battalion told in the witness stand how on Saturday night he had been visiting a friend on Isabella street and at midnight had on his way home walked on Yonge street homeward bound smoking a cigar. Near Gerard street he saw a group of policemen with batons running up the other side

striking persons. One man he said went down as if pole-axed. "I just turned in time to avoid a policeman's baton, put up my hands and then another hit me on the head. I dropped and they kicked me in the ribs I covered my head and lay still until I thought the wave had passed. I got into a restaurant and found I had a heavy cut. There was a fresh disturbance outside and two policemen came to the screen door, I held up my hand and said, "Don't come in here, you have no right here?"

The two stopped but a third came at me, struck with his baton. I took the blow on the arm and tried to seize his baton when the other two came in and said I was assaulting a police officer. They grabbed my legs and carried me out where they threw me on the ground and hit me 4 or 5 times. I said: "I'm not resisting arrest, take me to a station."

They took me to a waiting car and twice on the way asked me to get out, but I preferred to arrive properly.

Lieut. Col. Hunter said when they got him to the station, they didn't know what to charge him with. They saw his registration card and G.W.V.A. membership, one of them striking it to the floor out of his hand. He was locked in the cells, and, one and a half hours later two friends called him out and he was taken to the hospital, where he remained for several days. He was bleeding badly, but had been given no attention by the police.

Other witnesses this morning testified to having been beaten for no reason whatever as they were simply walking on the street homeward. The inquiry continues this afternoon.

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E. C. ASHTON,
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