

THE WIFE

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

Brian Refuses to Make Up, Though Ruth Begs Him To.

CHAPTER XXVI.

In the midst of Ruth's misery there was projected the thought of her employer's kindness and thoughtfulness. For the first time there crossed her mind something like a wish that Brian was more like him. Mandel was so dependable, and Brian so erratic. How she hated that crowd which were, in her thoughts, represented by Mollie King and Claude Beckly. She blamed them for Brian's defection, for all his unstable ways, instead of blaming Brian himself.

It was getting late. Where had Brian gone? Would he return that night, or was he so angry he would do as he had the night before, and remain out? Finally Ruth's eyes were quieted. She, too, began to get angry. If Brian were going to treat her like Mike, she would not be so careful in the future not to hurt him. She rose, took a hot bath, then went to bed. Hardly had she crept between the sheets when she heard his key in the door. She would pretend to be asleep. He could think then that she was as indifferent as he. So when he spoke she pretended not to hear, even when he sighed so deeply that she wanted to ask him what it meant. She hoped he was sighing because he was sorry they weren't good friends, but she wasn't going to risk another snub, so she kept her eyes closed.

The next morning she made up her mind to try to act as if nothing had happened. Brian had explained where he was the night she came home, and she knew that down in his heart he knew she loved him, also that he knew her coming home in Mandel's car meant nothing. She

never thought of doubting him. Neither that he might not accept her explanation in the same spirit.

"Hurry, Brian, breakfast is nearly ready," she called as she hurried into the kitchen to see what Rachel had for breakfast.

When he sat down with her a few moments later, she saw that he had not recovered his good nature; that he was still grouchy. She sighed a little as she poured his coffee, and tried to get him to tell her what news was in the paper.

"You can read. Look for yourself," he gave her a part of the paper.

"Oh, isn't the war news dreadful. Why, this article reads as if something might happen to drag us into it." Then after a minute: "Here's another one. All on our preparedness, rather unpreparedness. Why, Brian, think what it would mean to us if anything should happen. This country, I mean. We are 3,000 miles away. We couldn't get a large army across. It would be impossible."

"Nothing is impossible to Uncle Sam," his tone gruff.

"But we haven't ships, means of transportation, and we have no drilled soldiers ready to fight, like the other countries."

"It's a disgrace that we haven't," he went on eating. Ruth was almost discouraged, trying to make up with him. Even talking of the war in which he had always been so interested, would not make him pleasant to her. He was more hurt than she knew.

"How long are those Canadian soldiers going to be here?" she tried again.

"I haven't asked them."

It was awfully discouraging. Her lip quivered as she took the cup he

held out to her and refilled it. Even the fact, trivial as it was, that he always said something about the coffee being good and this morning said nothing, hurt her.

"Do be nice, Brian," she said as she passed back the cup. I shall be unhappy all day if you are not."

"I see no reason why I should be nice to you, Mandel will probably see that you are taken care of."

"Oh, Brian, you silly boy!" she realized that he was still thinking of Mandel's courtesy of the day before. "I'm sorry I let him send me home, dear. But I really was ill. He has offered to many times before, but I always refused. You made me ill by staying out all night!" she said more heatedly. "It was your fault that I felt so badly. I was willing to accept the favor, not mine!"

"That's right! Try and save your own face by throwing the blame on someone else. Ride in Mandel's cars all you want to! I know it would come to that when you went to work for him. I'm not a fool, neither am I blind."

"Oh, Brian!" Ruth said again as he flung from the table, and started for the hall. "Aren't you going to kiss me, dear? You haven't, you know, since I came home."

"Mandel has most likely made up my deficiencies."

The door closed after him upon the last word. Ruth laid her head on the table and cried as if her heart would break. Mamma Rachel could give her no comfort. She was sure she had lost Brian, and could not feel herself at fault. She telephoned the shop she was too ill to work.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

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Green tomatoes, basket	0 35 0 65		
Cabbages, head	6 05 0 20		
Carrots, dozen	0 20 0 25		
Celery, large	2 for 15		
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Beets, bunch	0 05 0 10		
Pumpkins	0 05 0 25		
Corr., dozen	0 20 0 25		
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Squash	0 20 0 35		
Apples, bb.	3 00 0 00		
Apples, bushel	1 00 0 02		

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Trade at the Union Stock Yards this morning was fairly active. The market was steady and firm for good to choice butchers cattle and good cows and bulls. Lambs were slightly weaker and hog prices ruled easier.

Receipts: 1,248 cattle, 50 calves, 1,883 hogs and 532 sheep.

Export cattle, choice, \$14 to \$15; medium, \$12.75 to \$14; export bulls, \$10 to \$11; butcher cattle, choice, \$10.50 to \$12; medium, \$9.75 to \$10.50; common, \$6.50 to \$7.25; butcher cows, choice, \$9.55 to \$11; medium, \$7.25 to \$8.50; canners, \$5.50 to \$5.75; bulls, \$3.25 to \$3.50; feeding steers, \$3.25 to \$10.25; stockers, choice, \$8 to \$9; stockers, light, \$6.25 to \$6.75; milkers, choice, \$90 to \$140; springers, choice, \$80 to \$150; sheep, ewes, \$3 to \$10; bucks and culls, \$4 to \$8; lambs, \$14.50 to \$14.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$18.25; hogs, l.o.b., \$17.50; calves, \$17 to \$17.25.

\$1,250—For a 5-room brick cottage on Mary street.

DIRECTORS OF Y.M.MET

The Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. held a special meeting last evening with President Young in the chair.

Arrangements were made for the canvas for the \$2,000 to meet the foreign work budget, which an effort will be made to have completed by Thursday.

Plans relating to the Y.M.C.A. conference on military work to be held in Toronto on Friday, December 13th, were discussed, and the importance of having a strong delegation from Brantford emphasized.

This conference is called by the National Council to consider the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the demobilization period.

Major E. Sweet is chairman of a "Returned Soldiers" Committee recently instituted by the board.

MAYORS IN WEST.

By Courier Leased Wire

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Following have been elected mayors of cities and towns in the West:

Moose Jaw—Samuel Hamilton.

Saskatoon—F. E. MacMillan.

Regina—Henry Black.

North Battleford—Mayor Thomas re-elected.

Wetaskiwin—Alta.—Dr. N. E. Johnson.

Edmonton—Joseph Clark.

Red Deer, Alta.—W. E. Lord.

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Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 9.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says it learns from competent sources that Marshal Foch has agreed to postpone the date for the surrender of all German locomotives until February 1.

PRIVATE QUARTERS.

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 9.—

To Subscribers in Arrears

Paper Controller Orders Cutting Off of Unpaid Subscriptions!

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 "dun" 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 until 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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1916	45,830,000	34,960,000	80,790,000
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1918	60,614,000	46,114,000	106,728,000

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