

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER CII
 Ruth learns that Mandel loves her. Ruth held her breath. Oh, why had such a thing happened? Mr. Mandel had been so good to her, and through her he would lose this wealthy customer. Perhaps too he would think it partly her fault that this man had acted as he had—that she had in some way encouraged his advances.

With an unpleasant sneer on his face, the customer had replied to Mandel's threat to throw him out if he did not go at once.

"You wish to keep everything for yourself, I suppose. I must congratulate you upon your taste," then before Mandel, who had turned purple with anger could reply, he turned and walked swiftly away.

"Come in here," Mandel said to Ruth as he opened the door of his private office.

He pushed an easy chair toward her and she sank weakly into it, her eyes filling.

"I'm so sorry—I—"

"Please do not explain," Mandel interrupted. "I saw and heard enough to know that no blame could possibly attach to you."

"But—I have lost you a good customer."

"Never mind that. I would not have had this happen for all the customers in New York. You are more to me, Ruth—than any customer—more than anyone in the world. You know that—I have not been able to hide it from you. And when I saw that man offer you insult, it was almost more than I could stand. You are not offended with me, too, are you dear?" Ruth had covered her face with her hands. "A good man's love never hurt any woman, even though it cannot be returned."

His voice had trembled a little at the last. He feared he had been precipitate, even though he had waited

so long to tell her of his love. But he was sure Brian cared nothing for Ruth; that he was unfaithful, and which so often of late had shown traces of tears, signs of which she was unconscious, had added to his feeling that in time he would win her for his own.

"Oh—please," she begged, lifting her face to him and letting him see the pleading in her eyes.

"Forgive me," he was contrite in a moment. "But you will understand how upset I was when I saw your distress and you will forgive me like a leaf, and opening a small cabinet in the corner, he gave her a glass of wine.

Ruth drained it eagerly. Desperately did she long to recover her voice, to show this man that he too had offended her by speaking as he had, and yet, in a way, she was so grateful to him that she was not really angry.

"I think I will go—if you think I can be spared," she said haltingly because—

"She nodded.

"Ruth, Mrs. Hackett, won't you accept my apology and let things be as if I had never spoken? I promise I shall not offend again."

Ruth was of course unconscious of the mental resolution he had made that he would say nothing more while she remained with Brian. He really believed this a matter of a short time; and he was a very patient man.

"I should love to stay if—"

"You may trust me. Now I am going out to talk to Lamonte. Stay here until you have fully recovered." And without a backward look Mandel departed leaving Ruth sitting alone.

"Oh, what shall I do?" she mused.

Ruth had sensed the desire, the love in Mandel's voice, and it had distressed her. Not entirely because she had no right to listen, but because she had hurt this man, who had been so good to her. Hurt him because he loved her. Her mind flew to Brian. What would he think he knew of the morning's happenings? He would surely say she had been to blame, if for no other reason than because she had gone to work against his wishes. She must not tell him it would be the first thing she ever had kept from him, the first secret between them.

For an hour Ruth remained quietly in Mandel's private office. The door opened and the office boy came in with a large letter which he placed upon the desk before her; and then again she was alone. She lifted the napkin and a delicious luncheon dainty and appetizing was revealed. Her eyes filled again at this mark of thoughtfulness, and half an hour later when she thanked Mandel for it, she told him with a tremulous laugh that she had watered it with her tears before she could eat, and all because of his kindness.

Then she went back to her desk. But all that afternoon she carried thoughts of Mandel in her heart, kind thoughts almost obliterating what the other man had said and done, and in a measure winning her to look upon what her employer had said to her in a different spirit from the one she had been in while he talked.

No, she would not tell Brian, she decided on her way home.

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GERMANY BLUNDERED IN ENTERING WAR

Should be Ready to Admit Mistake, Says Duchess Anastasia

By Courier Leased Wire
 Geneva, Sunday, Dec. 15. (By the Associated Press)—Germany made a great blunder in entering the war, and should admit that she was in the wrong, declared the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, mother of the former German crown princess, in an interview today. The Grand Duchess, who is a Russian and a cousin of the late Russian emperor, came to Geneva at the outbreak of the war and is now about to go to the Riviera for her health. She had many relative fighting against each other on all fronts.

"I think that Germany made a great blunder in entering this terrible struggle, not only from a humane point of view, but also for political and commercial reasons, as her commerce was prosperous," said the Grand Duchess. "Now she has lost all. Germany should recreate a political, financial and artistic nation by openly admitting—"

"She acted wrongly," she was sorry.

The Grand Duchess said she had no news from her daughter, the former crown princess, since September, except through a letter from her eldest daughter, the Queen of Denmark, saying that the both of them were well. She made an appeal for help for the country of her birth.

"If the Allies abandon Russia, Russia, the Allies do not seem to understand the situation clearly. About 70 per cent of the Russians have respect only for two things, God and the czar. The peasants do not say:

"We have no czar; whom shall we obey? It will take the population 50 years to understand the meaning of the word 'republic' and 'president'." The Russian people want one man to worship because it is their old custom, their religion and their lives. Let the allies take note and help poor Russia before it is too late."

Night Classes

The night classes at the Collegiate Institute on Tuesday evening have been postponed on account of Dr. Cody's lecture to be given in the Assembly Hall, and will be held with the other classes on Thursday night. The class in automobile mechanics will not re-open until after the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN KER, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of John Ker, late of the Township of Brantford, County of Brant, Manufacturer, deceased, who died on or about the Eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1918, at the said Township of Brantford, and all others having claims against or entitled to share in his estate are hereby notified, pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf made and provided, to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned, the Executors, on or before the 26th day of December, 1918, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, accounts or interests and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. Immediately after the said 26th day of December, 1918, the assets of the said Testator will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims or interests of which the Executors shall then have notice, and all others will be excluded from the said distribution.

Rachel Ker and William C. Good, Executors.
 Brewster & Heyd,
 Brantford, Ont.,
 Solicitors for Executors.

Dated at Brantford, this 25th day of November, 1918.

DEFENDS POLICY OF INTERVENTION

Canadian Forces Needed to Restore Order in Russia, Says Meuburn

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BRANTFORD MARKET

Butter	\$0.50 to \$0.57
Eggs	0.50 0.68
Chickens	1.00 1.50
Geese, alive	1.00 1.50
Grain.		
Hay, per ton	.....	19.00 20.00
Oats, bushel	.....	0.90 0.76
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	.....	0.25 0.36
Onions, basket	.....	0.25 1.40
Green tomatoes, bas.	.....	0.00 0.25
Cucumbers, basket	.....	0.35 0.65
Cabbage, head	.....	0.05 0.10
Potatoes, per bag	.....	0.25 2 for 15
Beets, bunch	.....	0.05 0.10
Pumpkins	.....	0.05 0.12
Corn, dozen	.....	0.20 0.25
Green peppers, bush.	.....	0.50 0.60
Cauliflower, each	.....	0.10 0.25
Squash	.....	0.20 0.35
Apples, bbl.	.....	3.00 0.00

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire
 Toronto, Dec. 17.—Trade at the Union Stock Yards this morning continued slow with cattle easier. Good butcher cattle were in some cases one dollar lower than last week and medium butchers 25c to 50c lower. Common cattle and canners were unchanged. Sheep, lambs and calves were steady, while hogs were a little easier.

Receipts—746 cattle, 75 calves, 847 hogs and 765 sheep.

Export cattle, choice, \$12.25 to \$14; medium, \$12.50 to \$13.25; export bulls, \$10 to \$10.75; butcher cattle, choice, \$10 to \$11.25; medium, \$9.25 to \$10; common, \$6.50 to \$7.25; butcher cows, choice, \$9 to \$10.50; medium, \$7.25 to \$8.25; canners, \$5.50 to \$5.75; bulls, \$8.25 to \$9; feeding steers, \$9.25 to \$10; stockers, choice, \$8 to \$9; stockers, light, \$6.25 to \$6.75; milkers, choice, \$9 to \$10; springers, choice, \$95 to \$150; sheep, ewes, \$9 to \$10; bucks and culs, \$4 to \$8; lambs, \$14.50 to \$15; hogs, fed and watered, \$18; hogs, l.o.b., \$17.25; calves, \$17 to \$17.50.

Sporting Comment

BOWLING.

Ramblers.			
Dennell	.....	157	150 489
Hampshire	.....	139	148 451
Hartsell	.....	167	142 473
Humphries	.....	102	142 406
Sabin	.....	148	149 207 504
		732	759 810 2331

Dominion Steel Products.

Waldington	.....	136	155 138 429
Waldon	.....	176	145 189 510
Hilborn	.....	198	164 148 510
Sanderson	.....	162	112 154 228
Kellett	.....	162	181 205 548
		834	757 834 2426

The Dominion Steel Products team took the odd game from the Ramblers last night in the city bowling league. Sabin was high for the Ramblers, while Hilborn, Waldon and Kellett were over 500 for the Dominion Steel Products team. Watrous will have to win all three Friday night against the Brants to beat the D. S. P. team.

"The Motor Trucks and Beavers will roll their game to-night as Hamilton will be here Wednesday night to roll a team from the City League, consisting of Matthews, Kirkland, Moulie, McKelvey and Kellett.

JOFFE RETURNING TO GERMAN CAPITAL

Bolshevik Leader, Expelled From Berlin, is Back Again

By Courier Leased Wire
 Berlin, Dec. 16.—Adolph Joffe, Russian Ambassador to Germany, who was expelled from Berlin in November because of his activities in advancing the interests of the Bolsheviks, is reported in a Breslau despatch to have crossed the frontier after bribing members of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council that he keep away from this city. Berlin for the purpose of attending to-day's meeting of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Congress in spite of the request of the Ebert cabinet.

He is said to be returning to Berlin for the purpose of attending to-day's meeting of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Congress in spite of the request of the Ebert cabinet.

Adolph Joffe was one of the prominent Bolshevik leaders in Russia before his appointment as ambassador to Germany in April, 1918. After his arrival at the German capital, he made himself obnoxious to the government there by preaching revolutionary doctrines. He was arrested in Berlin in November and expelled from his activities was made public there at Berlin and Joffe admitted that he had planned with certain German leaders to bring about a Bolshevik reign in Germany.

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SWIFT ROMANCE OF CANADIAN OFFICER AND SCREEN STAR
 Cupid hurried the marriage of Lieut. Frank Badgley, M.C., of Ottawa, and Miss June Elvidge, the famous moving-picture actress, for their courtship lasted but 48 hours.

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, from 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, money, 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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Russian army trained and organized and the establishment of a state of affairs that will permit the country to enter on its new life free from German domination is emphasized. The result of Canada participating continues the minister, must raise the Dominion in the esteem of Russians, and the effect of this will be felt when commerce is extended to Siberia. Concluding, the minister says it may be possible to withdraw the force in the spring and in any case it has been decided that the engagement of individuals is not to last more than one year from the date of the armistice.

rolling and protection of national boundary line. Enforcement of all orders issued under the War Measures Act for the protection of public order.

erally to aid and assist the officers in the preservation of order whenever the Government may direct.

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM

ork, Dec. 16.—The end of the steer system of raising armaments by the United States is being hastened by the fact that the last night by Major Crowder in an address before members of 189 New York boards. He earnestly advised that the selective service would become the permanent of raising American armies.

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AUCTION SALE

Of Household Furniture

W. J. BRAGG, Auctioneer, will offer for sale by public auction on WEDNESDAY next, December 18th at 121 Oxford street, West Brant, at 1.30 P.M. sharp, the following goods: Mason and Ribel upright piano; 3 piece plush parlor suite; oak sideboard; extension table; 6 chairs, china cabinet; brussels rug 9 x 10; kitchen cabinet; table clock; glass-ware; silver ware; oil heater; glass-ware; wringer; willow rug 3x4; wheel barrow; chicken house and 90 yards wire run; three iron and brass beds; springs; mattress; wool rug 9x12; dressers, commodes; parlor table; toilet set; brushes, also many other articles. Terms, cash; no reserve. All must be sold on Wednesday next, Dec. 18th, at 121 Oxford street, West Brant, at 1.30 sharp.

HERBERT WAINWRIGHT, Prop.
 W. J. BRAGG, Auctioneer

AUCTION SALE

Of Blacksmith Tools Household Furniture, Cows, Etc.

I have instructed Mr. Welby Almas to sell by auction all my household effects at my late residence, BURTON CORNER, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, commencing at 1 o'clock sharp, the following:

Blacksmith Tools—Anvil, blower, true iron, tap and dies, tapping machine, tire setting platform, wagon maker's bench, a quantity of bolts and arvil tools, chains, crow-bars, forks, shovels, hand cultivator, vise Household Furniture—Bedroom set, kitchen set, kitchen table, Radiant Home heater, side board, center table, bureau, pictures, dishes, cooking utensils, clock, beds, springs and mattresses, writing desk, easel, 16 chairs and 2 rockers, many tools and small articles not mentioned here.

Cow Etc.—1 cow, 5 years old, fresh at time of sale; 6 pure bred Shropshire ewes.

Terms—Cash.
 D. BURTON, Prop.
WELBY ALMAS, Auctioneer

AUCTION SALE

OF FARM STOCK.

W. Almas, auctioneer has received instruction from Ed. Roberts to sell at his farm on the Burford road on Friday December 20th.

Horses—One Percheron Filley rising 4 years. One Percheron Pille rising 3 years. One Percheron Colt rising 2 year. 2 general purpose Colts 2 and 3 years.

Cattle—65 head, 22 cows, grade durance and grade Holsteins. All supposed to be coming in in Dec. Jan., Feb., and March. 15 heifers, 2 years old. 20 heifers and steers rising 1 and 2 years. 10 heifer calfs.

Pigs—35, four Brood sows supposed to be coming in 12 shoats about 150 lbs. 1 good chester white, male 175 lbs.

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 Col. W. Almas, Auctioneer,
 Ed. Roberts, Prop.

AUCTION SALE

Of Household Furniture

On Friday afternoon next, Dec. 20th, the auction rooms, 179 Colborne St., opposite the market, a quantity of used household furniture consisting of tables, writing desk, cupboards, beds, dressers, sideboard, chairs, rockers, sewing machine, organ, 3 gas heaters, mahogany writing desk, brass table, Happy

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Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of Cecil Howard Shellington, late of the Township of Burford, in the County of Brant, farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the statute in that behalf that all persons having any claim against the said deceased, who died on or about the Fourth day of November, 1918, at the Township of Burford, are hereby required to send or deliver to the undersigned, solicitors for the Administrator, their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 11th day of January, 1919, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which his solicitor shall then have had notice, and the Administrator will not be liable for such assets to any persons of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

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