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school in which his wife had been interested, and on Christmas Eve he had formed the habit of gathering up a dozen small urchins right off the street and taking them round and fitting them out with good warm winter clothing, after which he had gone home to help Judith trim the Christmas tree and fill their children's stockings. And later, when she had gone to bed, invariably he had taken "The Christmas Carol" from its shelf and had settled down with a glow of almost luxurious brotherhood. There was sentiment in Roger Gale, and as he read of "Tiny Tim" his deepest eyes would glisten with tears.

And now here was Deborah fulfilling a part of him in herself. "You will live on in our children's lives." But this was going much too far! She was letting herself be swallowed up completely by this work of hers! It was all very well for the past ten years, but she was getting on

in age! High time to marry and settle down!

Again angrily he shook off the thought of that boy Joe alone in a cell, eyes fixed in animal terror upon the steel door which would open so soon.

The day was slowly breaking. It was the early part of June. How fresh and lovely it must be up there in the big mountains with Edith's happy little lads. Here it was raw and garish, weird. Some sparrows began quarreling just outside his window. Roger rose and walked the room. Restlessly he went into the hall. The old house appeared so strange in this light—as though stripped bare—there was something gone. Softly he came to Deborah's door. It was open wide, for the night had been warm, and she lay awake upon her bed with her gaze fixed on the ceiling. She turned her head and saw him there. He came in and sat down by her window. For a long time neither made a sound. Then the great clock on the distant tower, which had been silent through the night, resumed its deep and measured boom. It struck six times. There was silence again. More and more taut grew his muscles, and suddenly it felt to him as though Deborah's fierce agony were pounding into his very soul. The slow, slow minutes throbbed away. At last he rose and left her. There was a cold sweat on his brow.

"I'll go down and make her some coffee" he thought.

Down in the kitchen it was a relief to bang about hunting for the utensils. On picnics up in the mountains his coffee had been famous. He made some now and boiled some eggs, and they breakfasted in Deborah's room. She seemed almost herself again. Later, while he was dressing, he saw her in the doorway. She was looking at her father with bright and grateful, affectionate eyes.

"Will you come to school with me to-day? I'd like you to see it," Deborah said.

"Very well," he answered gruffly.
To be continued.

Current Events

Ontario totalled \$354,000,000 in the Victory Loan Campaign.

The United Farmers of New Brunswick, are preparing for a spirited campaign in the next provincial election.

On Nov. 21 the U. S. Fuel Administration announced an embargo on the export of anthracite coal except to Canada.

Before leaving New York for Halifax on his battleship "Renown", the Prince of Wales decorated a great number of American soldiers and sailors who had served in the War.

Premier Drury has made a markedly favorable impression wherever he has spoken since assuming office.

Sir Adam Beck was appointed to the chairmanship of the Hydro-electric Power Commission for the next ten years.

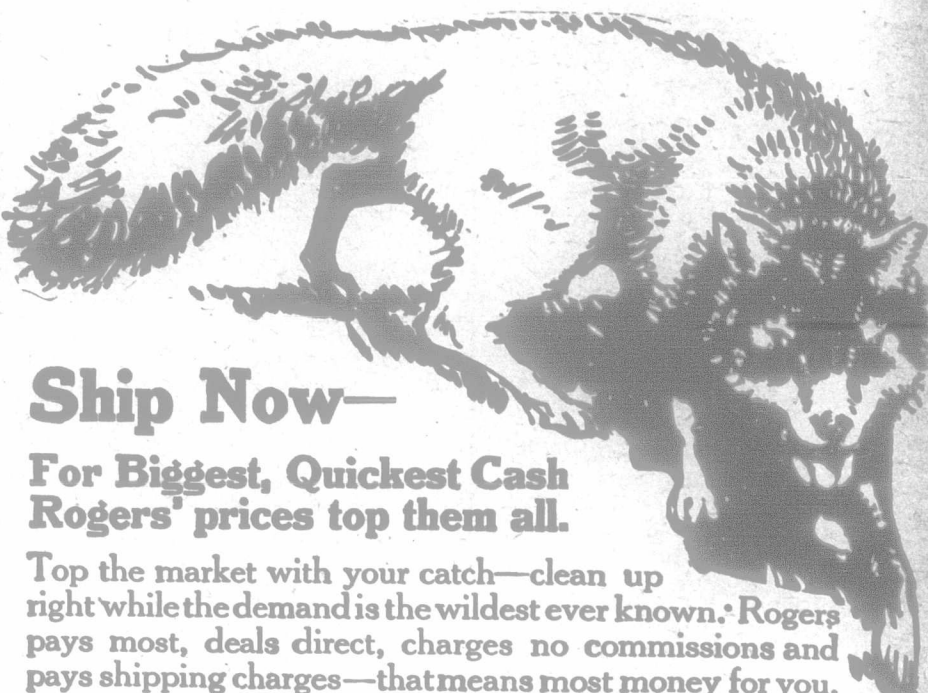
The first official party of British women settlers under the Dominion Government scheme left England on Nov. 19th.

The U. S. Senate is still wrangling over the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

Paderewski's Government in Poland has suffered defeat at the hands of the Socialists and peasants.

Numbers of miners in the United States still refuse to return to work.

France, England and Italy have decided to put the Versailles Treaty into effect.



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