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THE MISFIT

By JANE PHELPS

CHAPTER XIV

Horace bought Natalie a smart little coupe, and she immediately learned how to drive it. She could take Etta, and occasionally one of the other girls she used to be friendly with, to ride. It would be a treat for them, a pleasure for her.

Etta and Clyde were married. They had a little apartment, only four rooms, up in the Bronx, but they were sunny and attractive. Etta was the busiest little housewife imaginable. She was learning to cook, and when Natalie dropped in, would treat her to cake and tea, while they chatted.

"I don't know where the days go," Etta said, "they just fly."

"They drag horribly with me," Natalie said. "I don't know what I did before I had my car. On bad days, or when the roads are bad, I wonder around like a lost soul."

Natalie soon learned to drive expertly. She had a mechanical mind to a certain degree, and it was an unalloyed pleasure to send the car spinning along the country roads.

Sunday she had taken Horace for a spin, just to show him how expert she was. When they returned Mrs. Crandell said:

"I am surprised and hurt, Horace. She ignored Natalie entirely. 'Isn't it something new for you to be so thoughtless of me?'"

"Why, mother—"

"You know I look forward to having you Sundays, that I think of it all the week, the pleasure it holds for me. It hurts me cruelly that you forget me."

"I didn't forget you, Mother, dear, but as you were sleeping I took a drive with Natalie. We were gone longer than I intended, I can't happen again, so don't look so sad." She kissed her, wife Natalie went on to her room. She knew she would not see Horace again until he came in to dress for dinner.

The very next day Natalie started out in her car to try to forget her resentment at what had occurred the day before. That Mrs. Crandell should not hurt because Horace had spent an hour or two with his own wife seemed ridiculous. She only

said those things to hurt her. She had gone but a little distance when Craig Harper, a member of the set in which Horace moved, and a man who had been attentive to her at social functions, hailed her:

"Where away, Fair Lady?"

"Nowhere in particular," Natalie answered, drawing up at the curb.

"There's no place I'd rather go than nowhere," he replied.

"Jump in and we'll be on our way," Natalie returned, laughing.

Harper needed no second invitation. Horace Crandell's wife intrigued him immensely. He could not make up his mind whether she was deep or deeply stupid. Anyway she was beautiful.

"Where had you hidden yourself until Crandell found you?" he asked as they got beyond the traffic and could talk.

"I wasn't hidden. I have been in New York several years."

"But where? Why didn't I see you, meet you before he did?"

Natalie laughed merrily, the flattery lost.

"Because you weren't a client of the law firm where I worked once."

"Oh, that was it?"

"Yes, I was Mr. Marshall's private secretary. Horace was his client. We met first in his office."

"A case of love at first sight, I suppose?"

"With me, yes. You'll have to ask Horace about his share in it."

For an hour Harper piled Natalie with questions, cleverly put, about her work, where and how she lived, and so on. Natalie, thinking him interested in business matters, was more herself than for a long time. When she dropped him at his club he was more enamored than before. He believed she was clever, not stupid, and that she was wasted on Horace, who was more dignified, less approachable than most men of his age.

"She's unhappy, that's why she's so quiet and reserved," he said to himself as he watched her drive away.

Tomorrow—Natalie is impatient.

JAPS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE

Recognition De Jure of Reds Would Be Nippon's First Diplomatic Initiative

MAY AID DEBT PROBLEM

Russians Now Believed to Be in Receptive Mood for Overtures From Tokio

By DUKE N. PARLEY
International News Service Staff Correspondent

TOKIO, Aug. 16.—As the opening of the third Russo-Japanese parity seems nearer, advocates of negotiations with the Soviet, in Tokio, claim that Japan, by taking this step, will lead for the first time in a vital piece of diplomatic endeavor. Hitherto, following the lead of the United States and Great Britain, and never stepping forward with a constructive piece of diplomacy, Japan—so the claim goes—will be the first nation of the world's great powers to give Moscow even de jure recognition—and Japan may lead the powers that failed at two European conferences to a solution of the difficult question of Tsarist debts and old Russian obligations to the powers.

The program in Tokio at present is to be as follows: In dealing with the most vital questions pending between Russia and Japan:

1. The settlement of blame for the Nikolaievsk massacre, in which Japanese were massacred in wholesale by Russians.

2. The purchase of Saghalien, the northern half, or the evacuation of that particular section of this island. This second question hinges on the settlement of the long-pending Nikolaievsk problem, which the Japanese say caused the army to go into Saghalien.

3. The agreement that the settlement of the Tsarist debts and obligations question will be postponed to a later date when an international conference will take it up.

It is with the foregoing agenda in mind that the Japanese and Russian delegates will go into a formal conference, if such a formal conference comes about. That the two parties are nearer an agreement than was the case at the time of the Chang-chun conference last fall is proven by the fact that the Russians have indicated they will assume blame for Nikolaievsk and have even gone so far as to state that they will sell the northern half of Saghalien, the only stumbling block apparently being the matter of the price Japan must pay.

To offset Japan's claim that Russia must pay an indemnity for Nikolaievsk, the Moscow delegates have advanced the claim that the Japanese soldiers injured property in Siberia and that Japan—meaning the war office—must assume blame for the acts of her soldiers. As further proof that the Russians seek an agreement with Japan has come the semi-official statement from the Russians that they may yield on this point. The importance of this point will be appreciated by all those who realize the great power of the army in Japan.

Russians Receptive.

That there is a disposition on the part of the Russian delegates to do something toward a settlement of the old debt and obligations question is further proof that there is strong hope of the two parties in the present discussion getting together. If Japan causes Russia to agree to a further international conference on the matter of Tsarist debts, Japan will be doing a service to all the nations which seek so greatly to get a settlement of the big debts and obligations of the Tsarist regime.

Summed up, the Russians seek an agreement with Japan partly because the Russians have had poor success elsewhere, and Moscow knows the moral as well as the very actual value that is to be had from an agreement, even though that agreement be only de jure recognition from Japan. Every indication in Tokio of late has been that the Russian delegates are in a yielding mood. On the other hand, the business men of Japan, of whom Vincent Goto is a great leader, demand that the present preliminaries be brought to a more important form, and that Tokio reach the long-sought agreement. With a weak cabinet, but a premier who is able to diagnose public opinion and to realize the precarious state of his government at present, every indication in Tokio points to a successful conclusion of the third Russo-Japanese conference, if such a conference is held.

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

by MRS. ELLSBURY

(Address all communications to Mrs. Ellsbury, care of News-Review.)

Dear Mrs. Ellsbury:—Do you consider a girl of 14 too young to quit wearing her hair down her back if she can do it up nicely. Thank you.

P. F.—No, she is not too young to do her hair up if she does not get it up so that it makes her appear old.

Dear Mrs. Ellsbury:—I am a married woman but I am only 22 years old and I like to have a good time. My husband is away a great deal working, and if I don't go about with the young people I won't go any place at all. I am invited by the young people to go on swimming parties, picnics, and sometimes to dances, and they always invite an extra man when I go. Sometimes one and sometimes another. We are not paired off together or anything like that, but the understanding is that he is invited because there is an extra woman. Am I doing wrong, or go this way, even if I don't flirt with other men or do anything that a wife shouldn't do?

BETSY.—As long as you are sure of your own conduct, and your husband does not object to your going about with your friends, I am sure it is all right.

MOVIES

Liberty Theatre
Frank Borzage, who will be remembered for his splendid direction of "Zamoresque," is co-starring with Anna Little in "Hair Trigger Casey," at the Liberty Theatre tomorrow only. In addition to playing the featured male role, Mr. Borzage also directed the production.

The story is said to be an exciting western thriller, crammed full of punch and speed. Mr. Borzage is cast as a young leader of vigilantes against an organized band of cattle rustlers. Jack Richardson and Chick Morrison head the cattle rustlers. William Stowell, Harry McCabe, Charles Newton and George Clark are other prominent supporting members.

The action of the play is laid amid some beautiful western backdrops. A great deal of humor is to be found throughout and a charming romance leaves the spectator with a pleasing after-thought.

Antlers Theatre
There seems to be some question as to just what is the dangerous age, but that spring is its proper setting is conceded generally. Following that theory, John M. Stahl chose this romantic season as the background for his production, "The Dangerous Age," which is coming to the Antlers Theatre tonight as a First National attraction.

Spring, according to good authorities, is the time at which little Dan Cupid is at his best, and then, too, the disturbers of domestic bliss are said to get in their most effective work. In "The Dangerous Age," a highly dramatic tale, the main victims of Spring's period of unrest are John and Mary, two regular, normal persons, who have been happily married for so long that they fall easy prey to the plights of Pan.

The story is by Frances Irene Reels, and Lewis S. Stone heads the all-star cast.

Majestic Theatre
"The Inner Man," showing at the Majestic Theatre, stars Wyndham Standing in an interest-holding drama of a man's regeneration. It blends comedy that brings forth hearty laughs with action that thrills and grips with suspense. In other words, "The Inner Man" is a picture everyone can delight in.

Wyndham Standing displays new versatility in the role of a mollycoddle who develops his manhood among the Kentucky mountaineers. Dorothy Mackall gives a most delightful characterization of a mountain girl whose language is picturesque if not perfect.

Will Hold Reunion
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