

A DOUBLE UNION

By SADIE ALCOTT

Miss Cora Fairall was a twentieth century girl. Her father and mother belonged to the nineteenth. When their daughter was born they expected that she would grow up to sit round and look pretty, waiting for a husband as she, the mother, had done herself. But when Cora had received her education she disappointed her parents by insisting on following a career in journalism.

Much to their chagrin, she accepted a position on the editorial staff of an evening newspaper. From that time forward all hope of her living the life of a sedate married woman was abandoned.

But not long after her initiation into the newspaper business her father made a loss that crippled him, and within another year he was financially wrecked. He was too old to begin anew, and the fortunes of the family appeared to be desperate. Cora stepped to the front and took the lead. Selling off what remained of the family effects—furniture, clocks, watches and jewelry—she realized a thousand dollars. With this she proposed to go to a smaller place and start a newspaper. Her father and mother were both too broken down by their misfortunes to oppose her, and the result was the establishment of the Harvester at Woodland, a town of about 3,000 inhabitants.

There was another paper in Woodland, the Plowman, owned by James Newrath, a merchant. He sold goods during the day and got up his newspaper during the night. When he slept no one knew. He had a son about twenty-seven years old who would have liked to manage the paper, running it on less antiquated lines and making it something for a journalist to be proud of. But all old Newrath would do for his son John was to keep him setting type at minimum wages and give him a small percentage on what ads. he could pick up.

As soon as the Fairalls started the Harvester Newrath saw that unless he did something to run them out the patronage would all go to the new paper.

It was evident that the manager was a live wire and was disposed to make innovations. The only method of saving himself that appeared to Newrath was to put the price of advertisements so low that they would all go into the Plowman. He had \$5,000 that he proposed to sink in this way.

When Cora Fairall learned that her competitor was taking ads. at prices which to compete with would soon use up the few hundred dollars that remained to her after buying the necessary outfit for a start she felt considerable despondency. Though plucky, she knew that a newspaper cannot well be run without advertisements at paying prices, and so long as Newrath had some ten times her capital it was merely a question of time with her journal.

Her competitor labored under one weakness. His son, who was a much better fellow than his father, had not been wedded to the interests of the Plowman. Having met Cora at a church social, he had taken a fancy to her, and it was not long before he was ready to favor her at his father's expense. Indeed, he laid bare the situation. Cora was naturally grateful for what she received, but saw no way to save herself, and John Newrath was unable to help her. However, the information he gave her was something of an advantage, and he knew just how much money Newrath had to sink and how fast it was going out.

The nearer the plucky girl came to a financial collapse the more sympathetic became the man of all work in the office of the Plowman. He said he would be glad to help her, but he didn't see how he could. His father scorned to be influenced by him, and if he asked the old man to let up in his efforts to ruin the Harvester he would only double them.

However, John formed a plan and gave Cora a tip as to how she could help it. One day he told his father that he had heard reports about the Fairalls getting a partner with plenty of money to establish their paper. This struck the old man with terror. Nothing troubled him more than the losing game he had been playing, and the bare idea of falling in his plan and being run out of business besides was a blow to him.

A few days after his son communicated this disheartening report there was a notice on the editorial page of the Harvester that the paper would soon appear in a new dress. What its editor meant was undress or no dress at all, for she expected to suspend. For the first time in his life Newrath senior consulted with his son as to the report and the announcement. John declined to give an opinion as to what it meant.

After this his father asked him how he would like to take the Plowman, unite it with the Harvester, and give his notes on long time in payment. John said that if the Fairalls had really got in capital it would be too late. But his father told him to find out.

The two papers were thus united under the name of the Woodland Union. The first issue announced another progressive union at which Newrath senior was much surprised—viz, one between John Newrath and Cora Fairall.

Both unions prospered.

Brief News of the week

One hundred and twenty-two in the shade is the record made by the first heat wave experienced in Australia this summer.

The proposed law against dime novels and sensational literature has been received with favor by the majority of the federated states of Germany.

One million, one hundred thousand eggs were sold in one day under the auspices of the Chicago Clean Food League in the campaign to break the egg market.

Evidence taken before the tax appraiser at Utica, N. Y., indicates that the estate of Vice President Sherman will be at least \$400,000 and probably larger.

Sweated oranges, which had been subjected to a high temperature to bring out a yellow color, were placed under the ban at Chicago by Federal Judge Landis, who ordered the confiscation of eight cars of oranges shipped recently from California and seized by the government.

With the announcement that it had been decided to establish publicity headquarters at Washington, and with the appointment of various committees to forward the work of organization, the executive committee of the progressive party adjourned a two days' session in New York to meet again January 10.

That Austria still expects war to follow its dispute with Serbia over the announced intention of the Balkan state to acquire an Albanian port in the Adriatic sea is indicated by its continued preparations for hostilities. Numerous steamships are being converted into transports, large numbers of troops are arriving daily in Dalmatia and extensive fortification are under course of construction.

Albany Y. M. C. A. Starts

Albany.—Permanent organization of a Young Men's Christian association in Albany was effected at a meeting held in the rooms of the Albany commercial club. The association adopted a constitution and bylaws, arranged for incorporation of the organization and elected a board of directors. This board will choose the officers of the association at a meeting to be held later.

Cost of Trials \$250,000.

Los Angeles.—The trials of the Mc Namara brothers, the dynamiters now in San Quentin penitentiary, and of Clarence Darrow, who was acquitted of having bribed a juror in the case of James B. McNamara, cost Los Angeles county approximately \$250,000.

The United States steel corporation is to extend the sphere of its manufacturing operations into Canada. Judge Gary has just announced that construction will soon begin on a plant at Sandwich, just opposite Detroit, to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

A call has been issued for a progressive conference of representatives of Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota at St. Paul January 24. The call was signed by the state chairman and national committee men from each state named. The object is to decide on desired state and national legislation.

People in the News

United States Senator Jeff Davis died at his home in Little Rock, Ark.

James R. Keen, the noted financier and horseman, died in New York. He was 73 years old.

Luther McCarty, of Springfield, Mo., shattered the heavyweight championship ambitions of Al Paizer, the Iowa giant, at the Vernon arena in California.

Louis R. Glavis has resigned from the secretaryship of the California state conservation commission, following charges brought against him by Surveyor-General Kingsbury.

The Russian imperial crown prince, stabbed a few weeks ago by a nihilist, and who it was thought was maimed for life, has completely recovered his health and returned to his studies.

General Edward Merwin Lee, once acting governor of Wyoming, and a relative of Robert E. Lee, died at his home in New York. In Wyoming he signed the first bill giving women the right to vote.

Following funeral services in New York, the body of Whitelaw Reid, late ambassador to Great Britain, was laid at rest in the vault of Ogden Mills in Sleepy Hollow cemetery at Tarrytown, less than 100 feet from that of Washington Irving.

Captain Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, is to be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the National Geographic society, which is to be held in Washington Saturday night. Rear Admiral Peary of North Pole fame will act as toastmaster.

George Hardsook, a laborer, unearthed \$37,500 in gold while digging a trench near the village of Oglesby, Okla. Hardsook's possession of the wealth, however, probably will be of short duration, a state law requiring that such funds be surrendered to the owner of the land.

People in the News

Luitpol, Prince Regent of Bavaria, is dead. He was 91 years old.

Governor-elect Sulzer of New York has resigned as a member of the house of representatives.

General Louis Botha resigned the premiership of the union of South Africa, which he has held since May 31, 1910.

President-elect Woodrow Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson and their daughters, have returned home from their vacation in Bermuda.

The Swiss federal assembly elected as president of the Swiss confederation President Muller; at present chief of the military department.

Because he assaulted a newspaper photographer, Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, was fined \$50 and costs by Municipal Judge Goodnow at Chicago.

What is said to be the world's record for Masonic incumbency is established by the installation of E. P. Kingsbury as treasurer of Union lodge, at Scranton, Pa., for the fiftieth time.

A boom for District Attorney Chas. S. Whitman for mayor of New York is the outgrowth of a banquet to the prosecutor which was attended by 1000 guests, representing nearly all political creeds.

Miss Carol Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman, will be compelled to carry her right foot incased in a plaster cast for some time as the result of an injury received when rearsing a Scotch dance in which she was to have appeared at a charity function.

That Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, may be secretary of war in Wilson's cabinet is the belief of congressmen, who conferred with the president-elect recently at Bermuda. Wilson is known to esteem Colonel Goethals very highly.

OFFICERS GET CERTIFICATES

Secretary of State Mails Credentials To Successful Candidates.

Boise.—Secretary of State W. L. Gifford has issued certificates of election to state, district and legislative officers elected at the last general election, as shown by the official canvass by the state board. Presidential electors are also included in the list. The state officers were as follows:

Presidential electors for Wilson—D. Worth Clark, Ezra Dalby, Frank L. Moore, Frank Martin.

Congressmen—Burton L. French, Addison T. Smith.

Governor—John M. Haines.

Lieutenant governor—Herman H. Taylor.

Secretary of state—W. L. Gifford.

State auditor—Fred L. Huston.

State treasurer—O. V. Allen.

Attorney general—J. H. Peterson.

Superintendent of public instruction—Miss Grace Shepherd.

Justice of the supreme court—Geo. H. Stewart.

Rob Eight Places at Post Falls

Post Falls.—Eight business houses in Post Falls were broken into Saturday night and money and goods were taken. The sheriff's office at Coeur d'Alene was notified at an early hour and J. A. Carabin of Hillyard was hurried to the scene with his blood hounds.

Fourteen Perish in Sea Collision

Baltimore.—Fourteen members of the crew of the freighter Luckenbach, which was rammed and sunk by the British tramp Indrakuala, lost their lives in the sinking of the vessel, off Tangier Island, in Chesapeake bay.

Eight men of the crew were rescued after clinging to the rigging for six hours, until they were taken off by the crew of the steamship Pennsylvania. The Indrakuala was badly damaged and had to be beached.

National Capital Brevities

Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, will lead the inaugural parade in connection with the induction into office of President-elect Wilson.

An effort to extend the senate campaign fund investigation to cover the presidential fight of 1912 will be made by Senator Clapp, chairman of the investigating committee.

For the first time in history wireless Christmas greetings were flashed from the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco to Washington.

The final fight against the so-called "book trust" opened in the supreme court, where a printed argument was filed asking for an injunction against the carrying into effect of agreements between publishers and book sellers, alleged to control the supply and sale of books.

Among the democratic senators who have talked recently with President-elect Wilson, there is considerable talk to the effect that no western candidate for appointment as secretary of the interior will receive serious consideration for that office unless he has the undivided support of the democracy of his state.

A New Method of Torture

By ALBERT T. KENYON

Lieutenant Winward of the United States Infantry, stationed on the island of Luzon, Philippine Islands, was sent with a detachment of twelve men to regulate some unruly natives. He found a larger number than he had expected, and, instead of regulating them, they regulated him and his men. There were about fifty of them, and they had good arms and ammunition. They drove the soldiers into a sort of pocket, where they killed most of them and put the rest to the sword, except the lieutenant, whose leadership had resulted in the slaughter of nearly one-third their number. This and their hatred for Americans generally decided them to put him to death by as frightful a means as could be devised.

Being near the seashore, four of their number were deputed to take the officer to the beach and bury him to his chin in the sand, where an incoming tide would drown him. The four men were well armed, while Winward was defenseless. The Filipinos had possessed themselves of a demijohn of whisky and quinine which the soldiers had brought with them as a protection against malaria. This the executioners, after giving every man left behind a drink, took with them, but, being aware of its effect, prudently determined to abstain from it till they had accomplished their purpose.

When they reached the seashore there was a discussion among them which Winward, not understanding their language, could not interpret, but by their gestures he inferred that some were in favor of giving him a short time to live by placing him far from the incoming tide, while others proposed that he should be placed near it. He also believed that the latter wished to make quick work with him in order to get at the liquor. He hoped they would prevail, since the longer the contemplation of such a death pined in the sand the more agonizing it would be. A compromise was made by placing him at half tide, the waters receding. This would give him till the return of the flood tide to live.

A hole was dug in the sand deep enough to place him in the proposed position. When they attempted to put him in he made a desperate fight hoping to force them to shoot him. But, seeing his intention, they refrained, and, being powerful men while Winward was small and slight, notwithstanding that horror gave him strength, they had no great difficulty in burying him. His arms were placed against his sides and the sand packed close about him by the men tramping upon it. He was placed with his face to the ocean in order that he might suffer the greater mental torture by seeing it slowly crawl upon him.

No sooner had he been buried than some of the Filipinos began to show signs by their actions that they were in favor of taking a pull from the demijohn. Winward could not see how it could make any difference to him whether they were drunk or sober. Had the desires of those who wished to drink at once prevailed they would have had time to get drunk and sober again before the tide receded and returned to their victim, but there was one who seemed to be a leader among them who counseled delay. Why, the officer could not understand. At any rate he was enabled to keep them from the liquor till the tide had turned and passed half the distance between the ebb and the man it was to drown. Then one of the men seized the demijohn and took a drink. That started the rest, including the leader, and they all got drunk.

When the last one had succumbed the waters had advanced to within a few feet of the buried man. The silence permitted his mind to concentrate upon the approaching death. His despair led him to make an effort to free himself, which he knew would be futile. Slowly came the tide, now and again a wave advancing nearer his chin, till at last a ripple broke against his mouth.

Winward was enabled to put off the evil moment by holding his breath as the edge of the waves rolled past him. Presently he began to feel that the pressure of sand against the front of his neck had diminished. The water was washing it away from there and piling it up behind. Each wave increased this change. A wild hope sprang within him. Would enough sand in front of him be displaced to enable him to free himself? He could bend forward slightly. The water had softened the sand, and by doing so he found he could assist in the displacement. It was not long before his arms were free. Using his hands vigorously, he scooped away a part of the sand, while the waves continued to displace the rest. His body was loosened. By an effort he freed his legs and was saved.

His first act was to possess himself of the arms of the Filipinos, and, retreating those he could use, he threw the rest into deep water.

Winward has never told the rest of the story, for he was ashamed of it. The brutality under which he suffered temporarily made a brute of him. The ocean which was to have drowned him became the burial place of his would be executioners. But whether it engulfed them alive or dead the officer will not say. All he admits is that he was like a wild animal and that he made the death of his torturers as terrible as possible.

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