

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Story of a Honeymoon

A Wonderful Romance of Married Life Wonderfully Told by ADELE GARRISON.

CHAPTER 650

HOW KATHERINE PREPARED MADGE FOR HER ORDEAL

"Now, I'm going to put you in Katherine's care for a while," Lillian said. "You must lie down, sleep if you can, for you may have a strenuous time in front of you."

I was frankly puzzled. The cablegram from my father with its cipher message commanding us to deliver at once the important secret paper I carried to Allen Drake had naturally led me to expect that Lillian would have me go in search of him. And here she was talking of lying down and resting.

I didn't venture to question her, but my eyes must have spelled an

interrogation, for when she had summoned Katherine she bent over me. "Allen Drake is a marked man," she said in a low voice. "He is constantly followed by disguised agents of the enemy—by 'constantly,' I mean except when he for brief intervals manages to elude them. It is imperative that no one suspects your meeting with him of being anything but a casual one. So before you start I must have him located, must get a message to him where to be at a certain time, and must plan out every step of your way, for you. There must be no possible slip-up in this transaction. I believe that paper in your wrist watch."

She stopped as Katherine's light knock sounded on the door.

"I'll talk to you later, and explain to Katherine afterward," she said, leaving me racked with curiosity; which, however, I would have rather died than express.

"There's No Use."

"Madge is on for a hard assignment tonight, Katherine," was her greeting, as Katherine opened the door and came into the room. "I want you to make her go to sleep if you can. She has had tea, but give her hot milk or anything you think useful. I'll have a good hot lunch kept ready for her whenever we have to awaken her."

She seated herself before the telephone, which I noted she had brought

into the library, evidently to better aid her plan never to leave the room unguarded by some one. Her manner distinctly showed me that for the time she was done with both of us, that other matters needed her urgent attention.

Katherine and I waited for no further hint, but quietly left the room, closing the door softly behind us. As we went down the hall we heard the slipping of the bolts, and guessed that Lillian meant to use the secret passage to the next house within the next few moments.

"There's no use, Katherine," I said, as she took me into the big room which had once been Harry Underwood's, but which Lillian had transformed into a guest chamber. She had told me once that she had boxed and stored in a small, vacant room his wonderful collection of theatrical manuscripts and books, awaiting his orders. And there was no trace of the room's former master in it when Katherine and I entered it.

"You think you can't go to sleep?" she asked, in the low, soft tones which are enough in themselves to quiet anyone's jangled nerves. "It isn't necessary that you should sleep. I'll just get you into a dressing gown, bring you up anything you wish to eat, and then we'll have a long, cozy chat."

Yet Madge Sleeps.

With her unerring professional intuition Katherine struck just the right note with me. My nerves, strung to the highest pitch of excitement, facing I knew not what of stress and peril, rebelled without meaning it at Lillian's order of sleep. But Katherine's cheery, matter-of-fact acquiescence in my mood soothed me, made me malleable as wax in her hands.

She deftly helped me undress, without making me feel like an invalid or a baby, put me into one of Lillian's dressing gowns, and tucked me up on a roomy, comfortable couch.

"I'll be back in a minute," she promised, and she was almost as good as her word, bringing with her a steaming concoction of which the basis appeared to be hot milk, but that had a wonderfully elusive, spicy flavor.

"What is it, Katherine?" I asked, draining the glass she gave me, after a preliminary testing sip. "It's delicious."

"One of my professional secrets," she smiled, drawing up a rocker near the couch and taking out her knitting. "Now for our talk. What's on your mind?"

But my desire to talk had unaccountably lessened. A most delicious feeling of gratified indolence was enwrapping me. I was not yet drowsy, but my brain was far from being the restless, active organ it had seemed to me but a few minutes before.

"Oh, tell me about everything," I returned lazily.

With a faint, inscrutable smile playing around her mouth, Katherine began a low-toned account of the doings and sayings of little Marion Morton, and some of the humorous peculiarities of her grandmother. She gave me no opportunity to reply, simply continued in a sort of monotonous monologue, until, after a delicious slipping away into drowsiness, where her voice sounded miles away, I fell fast asleep.

(To be continued)

Bird Reserve Bill Is Opposed by Engineers

That their ardor for the protection of birds has blinded advocates of the Roosevelt bird refuge in Malheur lake to the welfare of the public is the assertion of a committee of the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Engineers in reporting to the chapter on the bird refuge measure which will be voted on by the people in November. The proposal is to cede the bed of the lake to the federal government.

The members of the committee are Percy A. Cupper, state engineer; O. Laurgaard, Portland city engineer, and J. W. Cunningham, of the engineering firm of Barr & Cunningham of Portland. Their report has been adopted by the chapter.

Among the reasons given by the engineers for opposing that measure are that it would take control of the lake both from the state and the government, from the government because the act would cede the lake for specific purpose; that it will give the government 47,000 acres and will add that acreage to the non-taxable land in Oregon, and that it will discourage development.

Catholics to Have Service in New Silvertown Building

St. Paul's Catholic church of Silvertown will tomorrow hold services in the new building formerly known as the Infirmary university, located just north of the city.

The entire building is undergoing some extensive changes and when completed will be one of the finest institutions in this vicinity. Archbishop Christie visited the property last week and was highly pleased with the improvements that have been made so far.

The church is located on the second floor. As soon as teachers can be secured a school will be opened for all children.

It is expected that the building will be completed within a few months so that the dedication can be held on next labor day.

HULL PERSONALS

A. J. Hull was in Portland Wednesday and purchased a car.

Mrs. Lewis Bleakney of Aumsville spent several days this week with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Josie Bleakney.

John Van Gorder is ill with a very sore hand.

T. Opris is spending a couple of weeks in Portland.

Mrs. T. F. Heidenstein and baby of Silvertown visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Souther, last week.

Mrs. C. P. Mulkey and children Harold and Janet and her mother, Mrs. J. A. Smith, all of Philomath, spent a week visiting the Roy Blodgett and W. D. Smith families.

A well attended dance was given at P. S. Clow's last Saturday night.

Condolence Resolution Passed by Organization

Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Salem United Evangelical church, the following resolution was passed and ordered published in the city papers:

"Whereas, God in His all-wise providence has seen fit to take to Himself, Kenneth, the beloved son of our dear sister Aspinwall—

"Resolved that we express our deep, heartfelt sympathy to our sister and her family, and pray that God may send His comforting spirit into each one of their hearts."

Lumbermen Are Invited to Meeting at Tacoma

A meeting of the lumber industry, loggers, timber owners and manufacturers, has been called for next Wednesday afternoon, July 28, at the Tacoma hotel, Tacoma, by the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

One of the features of this meeting will be an address by Colonel William B. Greeley of Washington, D. C., on forest policy. Colonel Greeley is the new chief forester of the United States having in May succeeded Colonel Henry S. Graves, who in turn was the successor of Gifford

Pinchot removed from the office by President Taft.

Colonel Greeley is said to have developed a very practical forest policy which he desires to discuss with practical lumbermen.

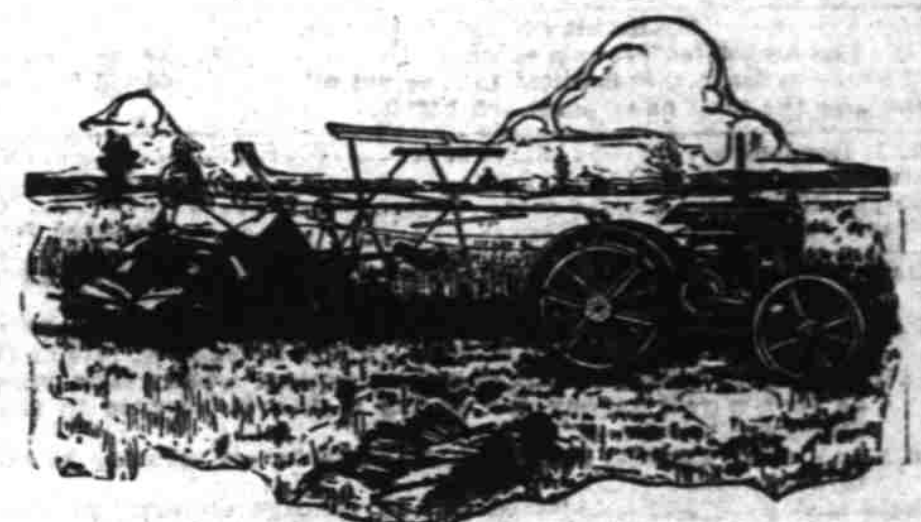
In addition to forest policy, the Tacoma meeting will consider the transportation situation, market extension work; and there will be a series of addresses by eastern and southern lumbermen who will be the guests of the association on that occasion.

Eugene Plans to Meet Housing Conditions

EUGENE, July 21.—At a banquet tonight citizens of Eugene pledged themselves to relieve the housing situation here before the beginning of the fall term of the University of Oregon. Plans were laid to provide homes for numerous new members of the faculty of the university and for students who cannot be accommodated in the dormitories and fraternity houses. A holding company will be organized to build a men's dormitory on the campus as there are no funds in the university treasury for this purpose.

Nobody has yet suggested that the high cost of lumber is due to the demand for political platforms.

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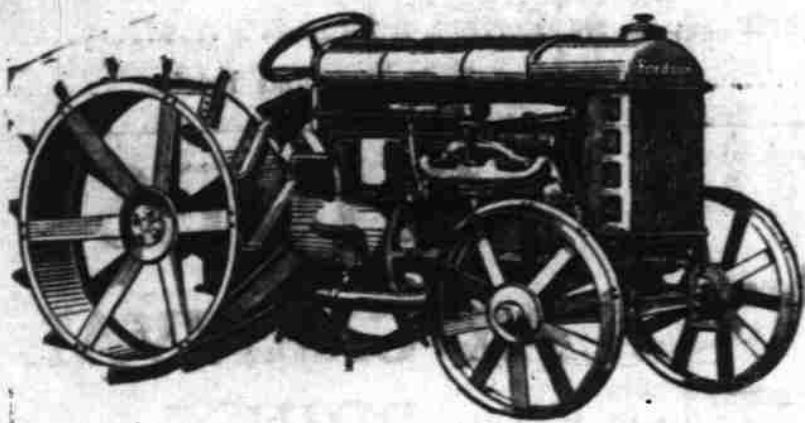
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