

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Story of a Honeymoon

A Wonderful Romance of Married Life Wonderfully Told by ADELE GARRISON

CHAPTER 674

WHAT MADGE'S THOUGHTS CONVINCED HER WAS A FACT.

Curiosity is not one of my besetting sins, but I must confess that as I walked home from Mrs. Durkee's there was but one thought in my mind, and that was an overwhelming desire to catch a glimpse of the men who had thrown so much mystery about their renting of her house.

For her description of the man she had seen talked exactly with the appearance of the foreigner, real or pretended, whom I had seen in a taxi next to mine during a blockade of Fifth avenue, and whose eyes, hauntingly familiar, I was sure had caught a glance of startled recognition.

Mrs. Durkee had said that the man had told her he had with him his uncle, an "elderly invalid." I remembered the swathed, huddled figure I had seen in the taxi, the figure which had raised itself evidently to look at me, and had been pushed back with every evidence of quick dismay on the part of the first man.

It was a preposterous thing, of course, that any one who knew me should be coming disguised to the house next to mine. But I was getting used to the bizarre, the unusual. I thought, a bit wearily, that after my adventure of the week preceding my return home from Lillian's I wouldn't be

surprised at anything in the world that might happen to me.

There might be a very real menace also in the presence of these mysterious men in the house next door to me. Hidden securely in the old Chinese vase in my room was the important paper which my father had sent to Allen Drake, after deciphering the code it contained, had given back to me, charging me to keep it safely until it should be required of me.

A Stern Determination.

I didn't understand in the least what possible reason there could be for some of the arrangements which had been made for the transfer and keeping of this mysterious code. Why my father should have allowed so long a time to elapse between the day he sent it to me and his cable message instructing it delivered to Allen Drake, or why, when Allen Drake had once deciphered it, he hadn't destroyed it instead of giving it back to me. These were questions over which I had puzzled my brain considerably, and the answers to which I had given up solving. Of two things, I was sure. I was guarding the paper, and the clique of enemy spies, in which Grace Draper was a leading spirit, would stop at nothing to secure it if they knew it were in my possession.

Suppose they had found out that I had the paper, and suppose

the mysterious men who were to be my neighbors were the emissaries sent to secure it! The thought made me shiver, although the day was balmy. The curiosity which had been aroused by Mrs. Durkee's narrative changed to a stern determination to meet my new neighbors face to face as soon as I could manage to do so.

"I'll Just Do That."

"I think it's a shame!" she had pointed. "I'm not to get another glimpse of them. But one of the stipulations he made was that I and my personal belongings should be out of my home before they arrive. The Japanese servant will reach here a day ahead of the others, and I'm to give the keys to him and then depart, bag and baggage. My handsome foreigner explained this by saying that his uncle was exceedingly nervous, and couldn't bear a chance encounter with strangers. But I'm beginning to think it's mighty fishy myself. I do hope they're not criminals in hiding. Why, Madge, they might murder somebody, and be bringing the body home in a trunk to bury in my garden!"

Her eyes—round as a startled child's—had held the beginning of real apprehension.

"What blood and thunder move did you attend last?" I mocked. "Why not imagine something worth while? They're probably the czar of Russia and a prince or two who escaped from Siberia."

"Get along with you," she had answered pettishly, then with a quick resumption of good nature. "But, I say, Madge, come over to

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DAVEY FILES FINDINGS

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The above are some of the facts brought out in a report by Frank Davey of Salem, who lately, as a special agent of Governor Olcott, has investigated the Japanese situation in the state. The report will be placed into the hands of an investigating committee from congress which has been on the Pacific coast. The data also will be used by the executive office and will be available for the next legislature.

State's Population Shown

One document attached to the report gives the total Japanese population of Oregon, the land owned by them, and other statistics, and is vouched for by the Japanese association of Oregon and endorsed by the Japanese consul.

This document gives the total Japanese population of the state as 4504, of whom 2631 are men, 862 women, 487 boys under 16 years old, and 524 girls under 16. The mercantile business, farming, railroad employ and mill work are their main occupations.

The same document shows that 230 farms are owned by these foreigners. They are said to own 2185 acres of land and to have under lease 7911 acres. The acreage shown and owned by the orientals does not include lands recently purchased in Central Oregon jointly by Americans and Japanese, since the acreage is said not to be obtainable. The document shows a decrease of 875 acres in the land owned now as compared with 1913. The total value of the crop raised by Japanese in Oregon in 1919 is given at 700,000 and their investment in farming equipment, \$638,000.

Business Men Want Them.

Those who believe in tolerating the Japanese are mainly bankers and other business men, according to Mr. Davey's report. "Among merchants, bankers and conservative business men," says Mr. Davey, "there is a strong spirit of toleration toward the Japanese and a belief that there is no particular menace to our interests or our civilization in the entrance of a limited number of them, and of their participation in the pursuits of their choice. Some

morning, so that you'll be here when the Japanese servant arrives. We might as well give him the once over as Alfred says."

"I'll just do that," I had returned gaily, but I had really meant the words.

For despite the absurdity of the idea there had come a conviction to me that these mysterious strangers had chosen Mrs. Durkee's house because that house was next to mine.

(To be continued)

prominent men are very pronounced in their defense. In opposition to that, there is a strong antipathy against the Japanese among small farmers, mechanics, laborers and salaried classes in general."

Of the 450 Japanese found in Clatsop county the investigation showed that they have not yet bought or settled on any lands. Most of them are laborers. Some strong commercial interests in that county were found who desire that Japanese or some other industrious class should take hold of some of the productive tracts. One large corporation employing many of them is opposed to their introduction as gardeners. In Astoria the Japanese are said to be unobtrusive and little noticed. In the last 18 months several picture brides have been brought to Astoria through Seattle.

Japan Not Forgotten

Relative to a conversation with Tsunezo Sugimura, Japanese consul in Portland, Mr. Davey says: "It soon becomes apparent to one in conversation with Consul Sugimura that Japan knows all the time where its subjects are, what they are doing and how they are prospering, and there follows the thought which is probably the real basis of opposition to those people among American citizens, that they are doing their best to improve their conditions, their interests, their efforts are and will continue to be for Japan, and that America to them is but an agency, an opportunity for the promotion of Japanese aspirations. This may be a mistaken thought in the American mind, but I find it everywhere."

Sugimura gives the Japanese population of Portland as about 1809. He says no more picture brides can be brought in. He says there are no new working Japanese coming into Oregon and that the only increase now is by birth of children which is largely offset by those leaving the country. The Japanese are said to have no commercial corporations in Portland. The consul says, according to the Davey report, that Japan does not encourage the migration of its citizens to this country and is anxious to have them obey strictly the regulations agreed upon with the United States.

Opposition Found.

Opposition to the Japanese was found in the Gresham district where reliable authority says that 50 per cent of the acreage of raspberries, 90 per cent of the strawberries, 30 to 40 per cent of the loganberries and 80 per cent of the vegetable gardening are handled by Japanese and that they are now branching into dairying. An example of Japanese arrogance cited from that section is that of a white merchant who extended credit to a Japanese. The oriental was slow pay and the merchant began to crowd him. The secretary of the Japanese organization visited the merchant and told him if he crowded the Japanese he would lose the patronage of the entire Japanese population. In that district Italians are said to be preferable to Japanese because they leave the soil in good condition, while the Japanese use it so intensively that the soil is exhausted by the time their leases expire.

Acute at Hood River.

In the Hood River valley the Japanese question is reported more acute than anywhere else in Oregon. The movement against the Asiatics there is led by the anti-Asiatic association whose members are pledged not to sell or lease lands to Asiatic individuals or to corporations the majority of whose stock is held by Asiatics. Most of the Japanese are members of the Hood River Apple Growers' association and sell their fruit through it. In that section in recent years the birth record has been from 10 to 20 per cent Japanese. In the upper end of the valley where the Oregon Lumber company operates one of the finest orchard bodies of orchard land known is said to be largely in Japanese hands.

In Waco county the Japanese question has not assumed serious proportions. Redmond, Deschutes county, was the seat of a feverish anti-Japanese demonstration early this year. The Portland - Deschutes Land company, George L. Burr, president, bought 800 acres of irrigated land several miles north of Redmond in the Lower Bridge section, and 13,000 acres under the High Line ditch. Interested with Burr is George Shim, the Japanese potato king of California, and Fleischaker, millionaire financier of California. Subsequent introduction of Japanese laborers created a furor in Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties.

Baker Quiet.

Baker county is experiencing no trouble with the Japanese problem. In Multnomah county the total taxable property assessed to Japanese this year was \$92,070, about 0 to 50 per cent of its actual value. Assessments have perceptibly increased in five years.

In Marion and Polk counties the Japanese population is small. In Marion county they are mainly located in the fertile Lake Labish region. In Clackamas county the rich bottom lands northeast of Oregon City have attracted Japanese gardeners.

"In small bands," says the report, "they are seeking out the richest spots in the state and it is usually only a short time until the small band becomes a numerous settlement of them."

THRILL SURGES IN HEARTS OF SENATOR FANS

All Banks and Most Stores Agree to Close for Ball Game Next Monday

BEAVERS TO BE GUESTS

Commercial Club Invites Portland Leaguers to Share Noon Luncheon

Its a grand and glorious feeling that surges in the hearts of Salem baseball fans and Senator admirers when informed that the business men of Salem are on their toes supporting the Senators for their crucial game next Monday with the Portland Beavers.

Yesterday C. E. Knowland and Dan Langenberg, representing the Cherrians, procured the consent of 30 Salem firms and all four banks to close during the hours of the ball game at Oxford park. They said that only three firms of Salem declined to give their consent for the half holiday, so that employes may have the opportunity to witness the only big league game of the season.

Liquor, the Cherrian canvassers believe that the dissenting firms will fall in line by Monday noon. Now that practically all of the business houses in Salem are to observe the store-closing program, all that remains is the shouting, and judging from the enthusiasm of some of the business men yesterday, there is going to be considerable shouting out at Oxford park. Kracke believes that with proper management the crowd that will gather for the supreme game of the season will be adequately taken care of.

T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Commercial club, says that the players of the visiting team are to be guests of the club at the Monday noonday luncheon. A Portland corner will be reserved for the guests and their wives. If possible a special program will be arranged for the occasion.

Even the staunchest admirers of the Senators will admit that the local ball team is not of class A standard, and some say they are biting off more than they can masticate when they tackle the Beavers, but none will gainsay the fact that the Senators are the stars of the semi-professional teams of the state. Thus far this season, teams claiming independent ball supremacy have yielded when confronting the Salem team.

Following the Beaver game, the Senators plan to challenge teams of the state who have demonstrated by their season's record that they are entitled to competition for state-wide honors.

All the Senators are confident that a good showing will be made against the league team. Some even feel that they will be returned winners next Monday.

GET AUTOMATIC STOKER

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20. — Manufacturing rights on the Pacific coast for a new stoker which automatically feed the cheapest grades of coal screenings in the fire box of furnaces have been secured by the Portland Wire and Iron Works, which is now turning out this new product. The secret of the stoker is a worm that feeds from the hopper into the fire-box. It is particularly advantageous in apartment houses, hotels and industrial plants.

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