

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Story of a Honeymoon

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

CHAPTER 781

WHAT KATHERINE TOLD MADE ABOUT HER HEART AND PLANS.

Katherine drew her hand away from my clasp with a little jerk, and as she sprang up from the couch, dashed the tears from her eyes.

"What an idiot you must think me, Madge!" she said. "I'm a fine specimen of nurse, going to pieces this way."

There was bitter self-condemnation in her tone. She evidently meant me to believe that sheer nervousness had caused her emotion, but I refused to accept the tentative explanation. I was as sure that she would feel all the better for opening her heart to me.

I slipped to her side, put my arms around her.

"Is Jack still worrying the life out of you?" I asked softly.

She started violently, then turned her face to my shoulder, and for a moment or two I could feel her slight shoulders shake with the sobs she had repressed so long.

I smoothed her soft hair, waited for the ebullition to pass. I had deliberately encouraged the outburst, for Katherine, because of her pride in her calling, seldom allows herself an instant's deviation from her poised calmness of demeanor.

"How did you know I just had to cry?" she demanded whimsically a few moments later.

"From experience," I returned.

"Now just suppose you tell me all about it, unless you think I ought to go down for Lillian first."

"Time enough for Lillian when the physician calls me," she replied. "And there isn't much to tell. It's the same old story. Jack insists upon my marrying him and giving up any kind of work when old Mrs. Morton shall have passed away. He has money enough, you know, from that last investment of his, so that he can take care of me comfortably, and I don't believe they are going to let him go back to the front."

"Part! Impossible!"

"Well, why don't you?" I asked, trying to keep a note of sympathy. The surest way to get at her inner thoughts is to sound a note of skepticism.

"Why, Madge Graham!" she exclaimed, wide-eyed. "You know I cannot give up my work."

"Which work?" I asked quietly.

"Red Cross or secret service."

She was silent a moment.

"You've put your finger on my trouble, child," she said at last, and there was a hint of tragedy in her voice. "Of course, I'm glad to be of service to Lillian here, but this service isn't, never will be, my vocation. Why, Madge!"—her voice grew tense—"I'm just as much consecrated to my Red Cross nursing as Jack was to his fighting. Nothing can take its place, nothing must hinder it."

"But suppose Jack should consent to your going back to the Red Cross nursing after you had married him?"

"You ought to know Jack better than that," she said reproachfully. "Besides, you can see what an impossible arrangement that would be for him—he here, unable to do any more for his country, and his wife nursing in France. If he could go back himself it would be different. No, dear, there's only one way out. It seems to me, and that is for Jack and me to part."

"Part! Jack and you! Impossible!" I exclaimed. "Why, he's mad about you!"

"And what do you think I feel for him?" she blazed out, and for

a moment I had an insight into the smoldering fires beneath his little friend's demure exterior.

"I've thought it all out, dear girl," she went on a moment later, her voice colorless and even, "and there is no use talking about it. It's hard enough as it is."

"Have you told Jack?" I asked breathlessly.

What Madge Resolved.

"Not yet. No use saying anything until old Mrs. Morton is gone. Then I'm going to ask Lillian for my release and go back to France."

"But Katherine," I protested, remembering the story she had told me of Dr. Braithwaite's one-time romantic interest in her, "don't you realize what Jack will think if you throw him over this way and go to France. He will imagine—"

"I know perfectly well what he will imagine," she retorted. "He has been imagining it for a long, long time. And if he chooses so to misjudge the purpose to which I have devoted myself, I cannot help it."

There was that in her tone which told me that Jack's foolish jealousy of Dr. Braithwaite had at last aroused resentment in Katherine's patient heart. And I knew her well enough to realize that she would be as slow to forgive as she was to be angered.

My heart was heavy for my brother-in-law, but I couldn't help realizing the justice of Katherine's position. But I resolved grimly to meddle, and meddle hard, with their love affair if I saw the slightest opportunity to do so.

(To be continued)

College Men Discuss Railroad Situation

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 27.—Professor C. O. Ruggles, University of Iowa, suggested that it might be a good thing for the country to apply the principles of eminent domain to the railroads themselves, to convince them that they are to be in the future the servants of the people, in addressing the convention of the American Economic Association today. Professor Frank H. Dixon, head of the economic department of Princeton University, took a different view, and expressed the fear that the nation has been carried dangerously near the verge of paternalism through congressional action to regulate the railroads.

General Pershing To Serve as Grand Marshal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—General Pershing in a telegram from Roslyn, N. Y., tonight accepted an invitation to serve as grand marshal of the parade for the inauguration of President-elect Harding, it was announced tonight.

SPANISH BANK FAILS

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 27.—The bank of Barcelona, one of the leading financial institutions, has suspended payments. Although the bank's difficulties are said to be only temporary the suspensions caused serious financial disorders.

Price of Milk To Be Reduced in Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Reductions in the wholesale and retail price of milk to become effective January 1 were today tentatively agreed upon by members of the city milk commission and will be finally determined at a resumed session Thursday. In its tentative proposal the commission would reduce the price of milk f. o. b. Portland, from producer to dealer to \$3.22 a hundred pounds, as contrasted with the existing price of \$3.55. Similarly it is proposed to reduce the retail price from 14 1-2 cents a quart to 13 1-2 cents, if the account is settled before the 15th of the month following delivery.

IRISH XMAS IS FAIRLY QUIET

A Few Fatal Shootings in Dublin and Londonderry; Troops Clear Streets

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The holiday passed fairly quietly in Dublin contrary to expectations. The curfew order was not relaxed but on Christmas eve, it was to some extent ignored by roisterers throughout the night and there was much alarm and shooting, several persons being slightly injured.

A young soldier in civilian clothes was shot dead by a sentry in the grounds of the Royal hospital at Kilmainham, on the west side of the city, for refusing to halt when challenged. In different parts of the country men were shot dead by armed gangs.

Elizabeth Scates, the young woman who was killed in Limerick, lost her life in a brave attempt to protect her companion, Constable Richardson. She rushed in between him and several assailants and received a bullet in her heart.

Accounts of the Bruff incident differ. The police say an ambush was being prepared in the Guilmore house, near Bruff, according to other reports merely a Christmas dance was proceeding there.

The Bruff consabulary signalled to Limerick for reinforcements and a large body of police with an armored car was sent. Some military arrived at midnight and it is alleged the soldiers were

fired upon by sentries posted around the house. One civilian, said to be a well known Sinn Fein organizer, was killed. All persons found with arms in their possession were made prisoners.

There were faction riots in Londonderry Christmas night and Sunday but troops cleared the streets.

Pet Dog Causes Arrest of Woman Bank Robber

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A pet dog was said to be responsible for the arrest today in Chicago of Franklin B. MacCarthy and Dorothy R. Bicknell, known also as Mrs. MacCarthy, the police said, both of whom are wanted here to answer charges of having robbed a bank of \$3000.

The woman was said to be so attached to the dog—a collie—that she took it with her wherever she went, so operatives of a through the animal.

Pittsburg Street Car Crash Fills Hospitals

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—One person is known to have been killed and more than 20 others were injured tonight when the trailer of a street car, making a grade in the Forbes street section, near Craft avenue, got beyond control of the motorman, rushed back down the hill and crashed into another car.

All ambulances in the city and many patrol wagons were summoned. Shortly after the accident one hospital had received 21 persons suffering from broken bones and bruises, while another reported that 10 injured had been taken in.

De Valera Ill and in Hiding Near New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," who went into seclusion several weeks ago "for a rest," is still indisposed in his hiding place near this city, Harry Boland, his secretary, said tonight. Boland, who has just returned from a New England trip with Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, said he intended visiting De Valera tomorrow.

Shortly after Mr. De Valera gave up his hotel suite here Boland said he would reappear the day after Christmas in order to keep speaking engagements in the west. He denied cable reports that De Valera was on his way to Great Britain.

Lumberjacks Proof Against Wood Alcohol

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A run on the denatured alcohol supply of a paint shop in the north end by lumberjacks who disregarded a skull and cross-bones warning that the stuff was deadly poison, caused a revocation today of the license of the Albert K. Sheldon company, wholesale paint and varnish dealers, to sell wood alcohol and denatured alcohol. Health Commissioner Woodward, who issued the order, said it was due to reckless and careless sale.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Is Suicide at Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Peter Wisner, a deputy United States marshal and an Oregon pioneer, shot himself to death at his home today according to reports by members of his family to the coroner.

He had been employed recently guarding boats on the waterfront, but about a week ago he sustained an injury to his leg and since that time had been unable to work.

Despondency is the only cause to which his act is attributed. He is survived by a widow and seven children by a former marriage.

Portland Officers Face Criminal Charge

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Three federal and two city officers today in federal court entered pleas of not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Robert W. Hedderly, who was shot during a raid when Hedderly was suspected of delivering liquor.

The men are William R. Wood, chief of the narcotic squad; James J. Higgins and Delazon Smith, also of the revenue department; William D. Morris and E. M. Jackson of the Portland police depart-

ment, assigned to work with the government men. Trial date for these men was set for March 7. By petition of the United States attorney's office, the charges against the officers was removed from the state to the federal courts.

Defense of the men will be in the hands of Assistant United States Attorney John Vreatch.

CHINESE BESTS DEMPSEY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—George Washington Lee of Can-

frisco, Chinese lanternweight, was given a referee's decision in an eight round bout with "Young" Jack Dempsey of Memphis, here tonight.

BOATMAN UNION WILL STRIKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The harbor boatmen's union voted tonight to reject the new working agreement for 1921, rendered by 600 independent owners and to go on strike January 1. Arthur Olson, secretary of the union, declared 2200 men will be affected.

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