

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE
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CHAPTER 283.

THE KEEN QUESTION CLAIRE FOSTER WISHED MADGE TO ANSWER.

A wave of crimson flooded Claire Foster's face to her temples and ears at my quiet assertion that I was sure there was no reason why I should not see her through the unpleasant situation she was facing. Then it receded, leaving her pallid save for the rouge she had hurriedly put on when I had knocked at her door a few minutes before.

"Thank you," she said in a low voice. "I know there are many women in your position who would not have said that. And I will do anything you say."

"Get dressed, then, quickly, and look your very smartest and prettiest, mind. There are reporters in the hall."

"Oh!" The exclamation held fright and aversion. "I—I can't see them. There's one reason why I kept myself locked in here."

"That was all right when you were by yourself," I returned. "But now it is different. I happen to know that if they see you and Mr. Graham and me together on friendly terms—especially if we were not in the least serious, but treat the whole thing as a joke—there will be no further publicity, for they will have noth-

ing on which to hang the story. They know my attitude already, for I saw them this morning. They are only waiting to ascertain your reaction toward me.

She looked at me fixedly.

"Please tell me just what you mean by that."

I flushed, embarrassed for her as well as myself.

"It won't be particularly pleasant for you to hear," I warned her.

"I know that. But I must hear it, nevertheless."

"You Needn't Tell Me—"

"I will tell you in the exact words of one of them," I said, slowly. "We might as well go home as far as Mrs. Graham is concerned. But there's always the chance that Foster is really in love with the gallant aviator, and if she is, there may be unexpected fireworks."

I had turned away my eyes from her face as I spoke. But every nerve in me leaped to the angry, incredulous "What!" which sprang from her lips, followed by a short laugh of utter amazement.

For there was something so genuine in both exclamation and laughter, and both were so palpably directed toward the idea instead of the words I had uttered that one dread which had been in my heart was effectually quieted.

I knew Dicky too well to fear that his fancy was engaged beyond the passing moment, but I had been afraid that Claire Foster, young, impressionable, reckless, might have conceived a real affection for him.

She came across to me swiftly, put her hand on my arm, and thrust her face close to mine.

"Did you think that, too?" she asked tensely. "Could you believe that I might really be in love with your husband, instead of having a gloriously reckless time, with no thought of anything save the fun of flying? You're too honest to lie. Ah! You needn't say a word! I can see you did, and yet you came up here to take care of me. Say—you belong out West! You're too big-souled to live alongside these pin-headed Prisms Downeast. Lord, I wish I was back there!"

A Spontaneous Laugh.

I was glad to hear the ridiculous outburst, for I knew that the tension under which she had been holding herself was loosening, and that the danger of an emotional collapse was past. I laughed lightly and struck a casual note as I turned toward the door.

"I'll see to it that only one reporter, and that a very charming woman, comes near you. And you will only have a word or two. I'll give you your cue. But be sure to appear gay and at ease, and glad that your dearest, most intimate friend has come to you. Now I'll go and keep Dicky and

Mrs. Barker from murdering each other."

"Don't hold your husband back on my account," she said grimly, as I opened the door, and I did not have to force the laugh with which I closed it behind me.

There was a hasty rustle as of skirts around the corner of the corridor, and I guessed that some of the "pin-headed Prisms" to whom Claire had so graphically referred had not been so well-bred as two of the veranda rockers trying not to look hurried or flustered as they walked toward the big sitting-room of the house.

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CLEAVER IS HELD UNFIT FOR PLACE

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ained should be expended under the direction and control of the district attorneys and sheriffs of the various counties.

Disregard Is Menace

"This work should be supplemented by a 'flying squadron' of carefully selected and competent law enforcing officers to be selected by the attorney general and required to cooperate with the various law enforcing officers of the state. These officers will be able to perform valuable service in working and cooperating with the sheriffs.

"Disregard for law is a more serious menace than the evils resulting from the liquor traffic, and the duty of enforcing the laws should be placed squarely upon the shoulders of sheriffs and district attorneys and they should be assisted by the state officers to be selected as hereinbefore stated."

Full Report Given

Findings of the committee are given in full as follows:

"We, your committee appointed under senate concurrent resolution No. 1, to make an investigation of the office of state prohibition commissioner and the enforcement of the prohibition laws, and matters properly connected therewith, beg leave to report the following findings:

"The operation of the law creating the office of prohibition commissioner has not been fully efficient or satisfactory.

"The commissioner, acting under the advice and direction of the governor, assumed the attitude that it was the duty of the district attorneys and sheriffs and other law enforcement officers within the state to cooperate with him, and that it was not the duty of the commissioner to cooperate with them. Under this erroneous policy, bad feeling has resulted. In some counties there has been cooperation, but this condition has been the exception and not the rule. In many of the counties there has been actual and continual friction.

Methods Unbusinesslike

"The records of the commissioner's office disclose a haphazard and unbusinesslike way of conducting a department of the state. Receipts and disbursements of special funds coming in the hands of the commissioner are not disclosed by his report. This special fund was kept by the commissioner under the advice and direction of the governor. The committee makes no charge of dishonesty upon the part of the commissioner.

"There is conclusive evidence, both written and verbal, that the commissioner used his official position in some instances to further the political fortunes of candidates for office and to defeat other candidates. The political activity of

the commissioner has not been passive, but on the contrary, has been active.

Turned Over \$1500

"Pursuant to orders of the governor, which were later reduced to writing, \$1500 of the state prohibition fund was turned over by the commissioner to the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league. This money was turned over as aforesaid in June and the early part of July, 1924. No itemized statement covering the expenditure of this money was ever made by the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league to the commissioner. A portion of this fund was spent in high living, debauchery and immorality upon the part of so-called investigating agents. No prosecutions have resulted from the activities of these agents. It is claimed by the governor, the prohibition commissioner and the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league that said \$1500 was expended in order to secure evidence for the purpose of convicting 'large rum runners.' The governor has asserted that the money was well spent, and it is claimed that prosecutions will result. However, up to the present time no 'large rum runner' has been arrested or convicted as a result of said investigation. Considerable time has elapsed since the investigations were made, and Weinberg, the chief investigator, has departed from the state of Oregon to answer an indictment in the state of New York.

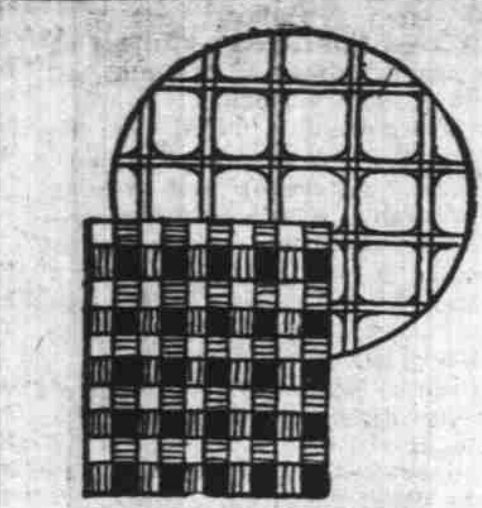
Money Squandered

"A general statement has been submitted to the committee by the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league covering the expenditure of the said sum of \$1500. This statement shows that large sums were expended for hotels and meals for Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg and guests, consisting of 'large rum runners' and that a portion of said sum was expended for 'taxi, auto hire, cigars, drinks, etc.' Money was spent freely by these agents in houses of prostitution for the purpose of purchasing drinks and for other purposes which were improper. The committee believes Weinberg and his assistant, Hugo, should never have been employed at the expense of the state prohibition fund. The methods employed by these so-called investigating agents were 'not law enforcement, but lawlessness.' Their activities are a stain upon the prohibition cause.

"The commissioner had no previous experience which qualified him for the office, and is not temperamentally suited to the work which devolved upon him. He has been unfortunate in the selection and approval of a number of agents employed by him. Some of these agents have been convicted of crimes before their employment and others were guilty of malfeasance during the term of their employment by the commissioner. In two instances a chief deputy of the commissioner has assaulted persons placed under arrest by him for the purpose of forcing confession from them. The commissioner, however, has immediately discharged such employees as soon as their conduct became known to him. It has been difficult for him to secure the services of competent and trustworthy men, and the governor has appointed too many special agents without any knowledge of their character or qualifications as law enforcement officers.

Conducted on Theory

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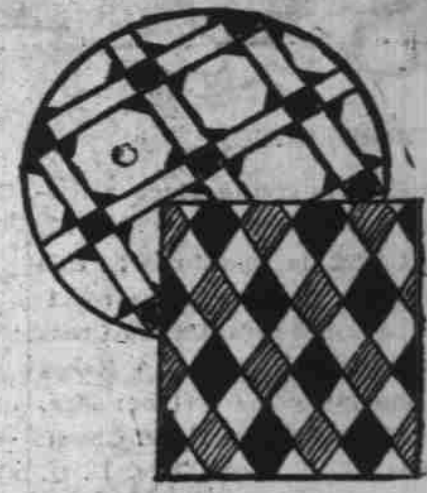
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ture a corrupt official than a boot-
legger, and has been unduly concerned about the conduct of public officials.

"The report of the commissioner with respect to the results obtained by his office is exaggerated and inaccurate. The best results in the enforcement of the prohibition law have been obtained under the direction of duly elected sheriffs and district attorneys of the various counties. Although special agents were paid by the district attorneys of the various counties, they were required to report to the commissioner and the results of their work are credited to the commissioner as though they were working under his immediate direction. In addition thereto, large credit is taken for work in which neither Mr. Cleaver nor his assistants had the slightest part. In some counties the commissioner is entitled to credit.

"The commissioner has done practically nothing towards the enforcement of the narcotic law. The narcotic evil is one of the most serious matters confronting the people of this state and the work of the commissioner in the enforcement of narcotic laws has been almost nil.

Vested in Governor

"By reason of the inexperience of the commissioner, he was directed by the governor to keep in close touch with the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league and to follow his advice, which the commissioner has consistently done.

"Under the act creating the office of prohibition commissioner, the power of appointing the commissioner and such agents and inspectors as may be deemed necessary to enforce the prohibition laws of the state, is vested in the governor. The governor's orders and directions have been strictly and literally followed by the commissioner, and the governor has appeared before the committee and personally assumed full responsibility for the conduct of the office of the commissioner.

"The commissioner has oftentimes been unduly condemned and criticized for conduct resulting from the direction of the governor and the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league; but in our judgment he can be of no further service to the state as prohibition commissioner, and that in furtherance of the cause of law enforcement, his resignation should be demanded or he should be removed.

Members of the joint committee were Senators Garland, Hare, Eddy, Johnson and Butler, and Representatives Rushlight, Lonergan, Swan, Fitzmaurice and Hurlburt.

MORE TWINS FOUND BY CUB REPORTER

A report from the Auburn school, district No. 118, disclosed the names of three pairs of twins; they are Floyd and Marie Baumgartner, aged 6; Loretta and Willette Sneed, aged 6, and Alotta and Inca Miller, aged 4.

Another report from Silverton gives the names of one pair of twins left out in the recent report of the twins of that city. This pair is Jean and June Bowman, aged 6 years.

The school census for Donald, Ore., gives Rhoda and Ruth Fletcher, aged 14. The census for district 3, route 7, discloses the names of Lena and Lucille Crane, aged 6, and Hugh and Pauline McCaline.

This makes seven more, and the list continues to grow. Why don't you contribute the names of the twins near you?

Society

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J. J. Newmyer, Mrs. F. L. Roth, Mrs. R. A. Wortman, Mrs. J. E. Hall, Mrs. W. A. Dove, Mrs. Nettie Graham, Mrs. T. W. Davies, Mrs. S. Willis, Mrs. E. G. Roth, Mrs. Goodkins, Mrs. Ling, Mrs. M. Lotus, Mrs. Theodore Turner, Mrs. C. E. Gregg, Mrs. C. S. Hoover, Mrs. Harry Ralph, Mrs. C. N. Livesley and Mrs. N. M. Sanborn.

Salem friends who have heard Ruby Norgard, a Portland pupil of Miss Elizabeth Levy, in Salem recitals, were especially interested in her appearance yesterday noon over the radio. Miss Norgard, presented on the Civic Music club program, played the "Liebestied" of Kreisler.

Mrs. Paul Rice delightedly entertained the Just For Fun club on Thursday evening. A short business session was held during which officers for the coming year were elected. Dancing and music formed an enjoyable diversion for the guests. Later in the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. R. W. Southwick assisted by Mrs. Clara Southwick. The present were Mrs. Denzel Gilliam, Mrs. Van de Walker, Mrs. Ralph Olson, Mrs. Harvey King, Mrs. R. W. Southwick, Miss Lila Kleinke, Mrs. Clara Southwick, Miss Thelma Carey, Miss Marion Miller, Mrs. C. T. Clark and Mrs. Paul Rice.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Jason Lee Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. M. Clough, 850 N. Church street. After the devotional, a business session, and the lesson, Mrs. Clough surprised the ladies by serving Valentine refreshments.



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cheon at the First Congregational church with salad and pie served in addition. The high school class of the church are in charge with proceeds to go into their missionary fund.

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