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AAA Declared Invalid

THIS is indeed a solemn moment in the history of America For a third time the supreme court has spoken with impressive finality on some aspect of the legislative program of the administration. For the third time it has branded as invalid acts passed by the congress under the leadership of President Roosevelt, although in the first of the cases. the gold case, the court barred recovery to private litigants, which virtually had the effect of sustaining the administration. AAA has gone the way of the NRA. Both are declared beyond the power of the congress to enact under the terms of the constitution.

The Statesman says it is a solemn moment, because involved are very deep and fundamental issues, and specifically the perpetuity of the federal system of government, with its powers divided between nation and states. This is no time for jocular reference to the alphabetical spawn which fails EXPERIENCE has shown in Senin judicial crisis; and while the administration critic may find his previous view sustained by the court, it will give scant occasion for elation.

For the decision may not be final but intermediate. It may result in a great referendum to the people or whether they will have the constitution changed to vest in the congress full authority over domestic matters, thus stripping the

states of sovereignty. Such a referendum would involve the gravest question since the civil war, because it would present to the country the issue of whether it preferred rule by a single central government, or the continuance of a govern- didacy." ment with powers divided between state and nation which the constitution established. So we say it is a solemn moment, THE reasons are as follows: First, because the future of our political form is at stake. So far as the effect on the country is concerned the re-

action may be beneficial, as was the rejection of the NRA. The AAA opened the way to a regimentation distinctly alien in Idaho, assuage his ache for apto the American tradition. Had it succeeded further extension of government authority would have followed. As Jus- ond, the fact that only the lighter tice terms were signed he abdicatice Roberts said in the majority opinion, if the farm aid leg- weights among the politicians who islation were valid, congress could "regulate industry in its are proclaiming themselves for most meticulous forms.

The decision of the court will occasion little surprise; in States see in the Borah candidacy fact it has been forecast even by those friendly to the new an opportunity to avoid conflict deal. It departed so far from traditional American principles with the Townsend following and that it seemed if it were validated then there was no limit to the convention. They have no to the power of congress under the constitution. The ques- idea that the convention will nomtion has been how much could be salvaged from the court; inate him and plan to use him as but the majority opinion is so sweeping and covers so completely the pertinent questions, that the fate of AAA seems didacy a chance to make a fight settled as surely as that of NRA.

Now what will be the effect on the farmers? AAA gave them a substantial lift; and it may be that surpluses have been reduced to a degree that further government subsidies will not be required. It should be recalled too that there were many thousands of farmers whose produce did not fall within THIRD, the fact that the Roosethe scope of AAA, and these received no direct benefits. In velt leaders would dearly love to importance. Probably 3000 people his hands, and he let his megalany event most of the farmers recognized that the aid was believe his handicaps as a candiany event most of the farmers recognized that the aid was believe his handicaps as a candi-undoubtedly of a temporary character, that eventually they date are such as 10 insure the State street around the state to end war a dismal and awful would have to stand or fall on their own resources. If now the Roosevelt reelection. There is not nullification of AAA can be followed with repeal of other space to enumerate them here, subsidies, and with tariff revision with a further eye toward which they would prefer as a candeveloping export markets for farm surpluses then the farm- didate-Borah or Hoover. The ers will no doubt be better satisfied than under AAA. To some forms of control like plowing under growing cotton or butchering baby pigs in order to promote scarcity, the farmers themselves rebelled.

The test of President Roosevelt is whether he will accept in good spirit this decisive word from the court, and will seek to frame legislation which will clearly fall within the scope of congress' authority; or whether he will seek to evade the decision or perhaps to revamp the constitution to sendites, who regard him as their make possible his schemes of reform. The country awaits own. In addition he has most of with interest the president's declaration of purpose.

Bonneville Power Report

committee studying the probable power rates for Bonneville newer has made its report to the state planning board. The committee's membership includes some of the certain he will not control them most competent engineers in the state. They had the benefit of the studies made by federal engineers regarding the dam: so it is a fair inference that the committee's findings but no one thinks Mr. Borah ear are dependable.

To get the base of the invested cost the committee charged off half the cost of the dam to navigation; and figured capital costs at 4 per cent for interest and amortization of that will enable him to claim that first cost over a 50 year term. Two tables of estimated costs are set up: one the Ontario plan which distributes the base costs in proportion to substation demand, the other the Ontario plan which distributes the capital charges uniformly throughout the system. The effect of the Tennessee plan is to HE is not clear as to whom or benefit the outlying, low-demand districts as compared to the in-lying, high-demand territory.

Under the Ontario plan the estimated generating cost for Salem would be 2.57 mills and transmission 1.56 mills making a total cost to the substation of 4.20 mills per kwh. For the Salem ring, which includes neighboring cities from Silverton to Sheridan and McMinnville the generating cost would be 2.64 mills, transmission 4.53 and total 7.17 mills. Under the Tennessee plan the generating cost for Salem would be 2.64 mills, transmission 2.57, and total 5.21 mills. For the Salem ring the costs are the same. To these costs of course would need to be added local distribution.

The committee says that the transmission lines should first be tied into existing facilities at Portland, Vancouver and Condit, and expresses the view that they should be built by the federal government. These ties, says the report, are needed "whether present systems continue under private operation or are taken over by public interests." It adds:

"If the federal government fellows a policy of constructing the main transmission lines where economically justified, the problem before the local interests is the distribution of power from the main receiving substations to the point of use.

This, in practically all localities, most economically can be accomplished by making full use of existing secondary transmission and distribution facilities and gradually extending them as required. Duplication of existing facilities, as long as they

are adequate to serve the load, obviously is an economic waste.' This should be kept in mind in connection with all the discussion about Bonneville power. It would not be economical to construct parallel and competing lines. Either present facilities should be used, with provision to safeguard the cost to the consumer; or if the area is determined on public ownership then it should proceed to acquire the existing plant.

In the pending race it begins to look as though the war vets would get their bonus before the Townsenders get their \$200-a-month pensions. But if the latter keep on the political firing lines as aggressively as the veterans, victory may be theirs too. No rabbit will jump as fast or jump as far as a congressman just before elec-

A press dispatch reports there are a dozen doctors for a mil-Son fighting Ethiopians, "That is the condition of the Ethiopian Yes, but what about the condition of the Elthiopian

The Engene News thinks Architect Gould should have a vision at The Dalles have become active | Dr. Copeland in glad to answer "as broad as the great Columbia and Willamette watersheds". Yes, and as narrow as 331 feet.

A special election next month will determine whether a road to talk about or they wouldn't have objected to its wide broadast. Besides, it didn't start, "My friends."

The Great Game of Politics

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The Berah Boom

Washington, Jan. 6 TO the observers of politics the Borah candidacy for the Republican nomination should be unusually interesting

he becomes a joke,

Frank B. Kent carry a shrewd and able man, night." skilled in the art of publicity, without reaching the point where

ator Borah's case that the combination can be counted upon for a pretty considerable distance. He has used it for years with extraordinary success. This time, however, he is risking what he has ficially announced. The Canadian discerning to laugh at his "can-

ah has no expectation of being designed to insure his reelection plause and make suckers out of him are really for him. The practical Republicans in the Western a trading post after a ballot or two. Others see in the Borah canagainst a rival faction. He fits into their local political picture, but they have no belief that he will "go through" or any intention of "going thrugh" with him.

nomination of either would be a great break for Mr. Roosevelt, which fact, coupled with the intense antagonism between the-two is fixed in the mind of every Republican leader with a clear head

THE popular strength behind the Borah boom is largely that afforded by the drys and the Townthe crack-pots of politics with him. His great asset, however, is his able the appendix of today is only a publicity, for which he has an acknowledged talent. It seems certain that through lack of competition and their "local situations" he will have most of the Western States, but it is equally after one ballot. The real Borah candidate is supposed to be Senator Vanderburg, of Michigan, deliver his 298 delegates to Mr. Vanderburg or anyone else, Actually Senator Berah's "objective" is to play a part in the convention he "saved" the party from the "reactionaries of Wall Street." forced it to nominate a "Liberai"

what he means by this and he has no outstanding issue or concrete program. The fact to remember about Senator Borah is that in this campaign he has to be a real Republican, active in support of the ticket. Unlike four years ago. this time he is candidate for reelection. He has to run as a Republican on the same ticket with the Presidential candidate, Failure to be a good Republican might easily result in his defeat by the Democrataic candidate in Idaho. Political saps of the Hamilton type may regard his candidacy as genuine, but the practical hoys de not. They believe he is playing a game. With so many people ' o" him, the real point is whether he can get away with it without being ridiculous. Probably he can, because he so many fine and likable qualities that the "phoney" ones are often wholly obscured.

Twenty Years Ago

January 7, 1916 James Goodrich Spence was the first Salem baby to be born in

Births for the year 1915 exceeded deaths by 38 in Salem.

President Wilson urged a Pan-American Union in an address before the second Pan-American scientific congress in Washington.

Ten Years Ago

January 7, 1926 Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt in the San Francisco bay

egion yesterday. More than 50 colonies of bees during the past lew warm days.

Medford side will be built.

Bits for Breakfast By R. J. HENDRICKS

Salem woman has copy of editorial that made William Allen White famous; finsh of World war's end, too:

Lucile F. Saunders, reporter, man that told of the Salem celebration of the armistice. Wonder where she is now, if living? She was a talented young

to watch, Noth- Hving ing quite fike it lady. The "flash" announcing the It is a test as armistice, published in the extra day, read:

lated solemnity, the ponderous "Liberal," can armistice was signed at mid- United States.

That was official, beyond quesdemonium

Followed soen other flashes. Just a few quotations from them: "London, Nov. 11.-Fighting has stopped on all fronts, it is ofsucceeded in escaping most of his troops captured Mons, Belgium, life-to wit, ridicule. Despite the before the fighting ended this fact that there is no doubt he will morning. Von Hindenberg has have a large number of delegates placed himself and the German (the claim now is 200), there army at the command of the new already is a disposition among the people's government of Ger-

cancelled all draft calls. . . . A general recognition that Mr. Bor- dispatch from The Hague states William Hohenzollern arrived in in the precession. nominated and is playing a game Holland en route to his castle near Utrecht. . . . Six months ago | . . . the most feared monarch of the world, today he is without a those who take him seriously. Sec- throne. The day before the armisted. What his future will be is unknown, but, outside of a chosen few, he can turn to no man or nation that will call him friend."

> The local news article in The Statesman of Tuesday, Nov. 12, by Lucile F. Saunders, said, among many other things: "Practically all the population of Salem and a large part of the

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citizenry of other Marion county towns lined the down town streets between 3 and 4 o'clock to witness the hilarious peace day demonstration.

"Serious considerations were cast to the four winds, and the matter of making the most noise with the least effort was of prime

Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

OFTEN THE doctor is asked about the appendix and how it serves the body. No definite answer can be given this question. It is believed by many that ages ago the appendix was an essential part of the intestinal system. With change in diet and mode of living it became useless. If that theory is correct, it is probremnant of its original form and

The appendix is located in the right lower portion of the abdomen. It is an offshoot or attachment of the large intestine. It varies in length and thickness but is usually from three to four tuckes long and oneeighth of an inch thick. When inflamed as in an attack of appendicitis it may become several times its ordinary size.

Large in Infant

The appendix is unusually large in the new-born infant. In fact, it may be as long as that of a full-grown person. Ordinarily it grows smaller as we grow older. Half the original size of the appendix disappears by the time one reaches the age of sixty years. This fact explains why appendicitis is so rare in the middleaged and seldom is encountered in elderly persons.

Since the appendix adjoins the intestine it is readily seen how easily it may become inflamed or infected. A disturbance in the digestive tract may cause trouble in this structure. Appendicitis is serious only when is neglected. It is claimed that twenty per cent of inflamed appendixes have already ruptured when they reach the surgeon. This shows the importance of early attention. Unfortunately, appendicitis is frequently overlooked, or it is mistaken for some miner disturbance. The victim complains of severe pain in the abdomen and in an effort to get relief resorts to a cathartic. This is exactly what he should not do. The cathartic leads to further irritation

Severe Pain First Bear in mind that severe pain is the first sign of appendicitis. It may be located anywhere in the abdomen. As a rule it is first felt in the region of the umbilious. It then becomes

which may even cause rupture of

the appendix.

localized to the right lower half of the abdomen. Nauses, vomiting and faver are other symptoms. Early signs of the disease should be given immediate attention. The physicians should be consulted at once. Never resort to self-medica-

tion, and above all, avoid the use of enthartics. The abuse of laxatives, and delay in receiving proper care If the doctor advises operation, do

not delay. It is in that dreadful delay that the danger lies. Answers to Health Queries

D. H. Q.-Is there a cure for high blood pressure? A .- Proper diet will usually overcome high bleed pressure. For further particulars restate your question and send a stamped, self-ad-

dremed envelope, their questions. All inquiries about he addressed to him in ours of this necespaper. (Congright, 1936, E. F. S., Inc.)

house and back on Court and to the starting point. . . An impromp-tu parade about 1:30 a. m. started the day's lestivities, and was the first of a SERIES of such processions. . . . Dr. H. C. Epley act-ed as marshal of the parade."

The Saunders article said Governor Withycombe had declared a heliday, and that he led the procession in Salem; that over 500 were in the military part of the parade, including the Stayton company commanded by Major Lambert and numbering 100. The to how far a of The Statesman at noon on Mon- new bell of the Stayton Catholic cleverly calcu- day read: church, loaned for the purpose, "Washington, Nov. 11, - The was on one of the many trucks in state department announced at the procession. The bell was arpretense of po-lucal nobility 2:45 o'clock this morning that the ranged to represent the famous and constant armistice terms have been signed Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, with repetition of by Germany. The war will end at the crack made in ringing in the that cloudy but 6 o'clock Washington time, 11 independence of the 13 colonies seductive word, o'clock Paris time, Nov. 11. The that were the nucleus of the

> Several hundred women marchtion. There could be no hesitancy ed ahead of the long procession in giving the word for the mill of automobiles bringing up the whistle to blow, starting the pan- rear. A concluding paragraph

> > "The last group was led by Private Horace Jewett, clerk of the draft board office, who carried a liberty bell made from an inverted wastebasket covered with khaki colored national army arm bands, which will no longer be needed."

"The Elks turned out in full force with a funeral for autocracy. four palibearers transporting the coffin while two others in mourning robes marched before it." wrote Miss Saunders. "Washington.-Crowder has

The kaiser was hanged or otherwise executed at several points

One bunch decorated his dead dummy with an tron cross with a placard that read: "Where can we go from here?" 3 5 5

That was the nosiest 24 hours Salem has ever experienced. That day, President Woodrow

Wilson proclaimed to the world the downfall of militarism. Now see what we have! But President Wilson, if he

had by nature been less of an autocrat and an egotist-and had taken his political enemies into his confidence as Lincoln did, including the recalcitrant prima donna U. S. senators; and had formed a coalition cabinet and government, would have accomplished just that—the downfall of militarism.

He held the world's destiny in failure.

That was the saddest set of circumstances that resulted from the gigantic struggle. The vision of world peace, instead of being set definitely forward, was set indefinitely back.

Licensed to Wed COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Jan.

- (AP) - A marriage license was issued Saturday to Orville H. Ruthven, 23, of Eugene, Ore., and Thelma Ellefson, 22, of In-

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

OPPOSES LIQUOR ADS To the Editor:

I have a protest coming against certain line of booze ads that appears in one of our papers that read extensively by our citizens. One ad reads, "The right holiday spirits for a really Merry Christmas," etc. Another reading in part, "Let's drink a toast to Christmas with my own private blend." Now what arouses my indignation is why these booze people dare to pull on the goodwill Christmas greeting to stimulate their weapons of debauchery. Christmas has meant from the first time it was launched in Judea as a harbinger of goodwill, peace on earth and goodwill among men. That message is as far removed from the fields of rum as the east is from the west Of course such ads were never intended for those who stand for the higher avenues of morality. That being the case perhaps should not censure such a course but going still further into the problem why should a popular paper accept such ads in a community like Salem. It seems to me the managers of such a paper must have got up with the wrong foot foremost. When I lived in Illinois was called on to go do some work for a saloon keeper and when I inquired for him I was told he was not in but had gone to church. That idea was surely sticker to me. Why should a man who was conducting a business that was meant to destroy men's souls and bodies go to church, and again what kind of a church is it that would receive such a man to its communion. Soon after this I saw two women crying in front of that saloon as if their hearts would break. The husband and brother was inside on a drunken brawi. Soon the saloon keeper appear

ed at the front and watched those women cry but never offered a word of consolation nor did he

even shed a tear. But let us forget such shortcomings and hope that even a saloon keeper might reach out for repentence. Now just one word further; are our people who stand for law and order and morality inquiries from readers scho send doing justice to themselves and the country in supporting a padoing justice to themselves and per whose sheets are so well dedicated to the rum evil?

D. R. RUBLE Rt. No. 1, Salem, Ore, "Calling All Elephant Riders"



by BEATRICE LUBITZ

CHAPTER XLVII

Ought she write a letter of conthat her grandmother was dead and Gracie, nursing an enormous doll in a shiny black pram, gifts of Lester, stopped long enough to say cheerfully, "I thought she died long nervous about leaving Gracie."

ferences. Lester Molyneux in love was a boy of eighteen.

lar and rings for a new kind of dog would try hard to respond. run for Cecily's pet spaniel; toys for the children, books for old Mrs. Little Woolie got a wooden Mon-

tessori toy that built things by joining colored sticks. Woolie's little brow was rutted with concentration as he picked up the colored sticks

There was a short painful silence. it's true. I never noticed it till now."

thing for you." They perched together on the to amuse her. trast. The loose thick hair over her ears lifted in the breeze.

"Lester! Flatterer! What's the surprise? I'm all excited." He drew from his pocket a velvet box. He opened it alowly. Gleaming brilliantly against orchid satin

and set very simply.
"Do you like it?" he inquired tenderly. "It's very lovely."

Helen. She couldn't stand it. But on the telephone. All their friends she steeled herself because she were affected, many seriously. Two couldn't bear to burt him. cause it brought her marriage closer work—and their marriage one to reality. She was engaged. Of course, it was lovely being engaged. Everyone Back in New York, in the fall, Lesvast party in his apartment on up-per Fifth Avenue overlooking the

park. The next day Helen's picture was in the paper over the story.

"Mrs. Helen Schiller Riley, . . . formerly the wife of Walter Riley, owner of the Anastasia Beauty Salons . . . the marriage ended in divorce in December, 1927." Helen in bed next morning studied

the announcement. The Rileys couldn't help seeing it. It was on the send her a letter of congratulation ? a former wife on a later marriage? Her ring! Helen experienced a momentary fright. Then she breathed a sigh of relief. It was

sibility even though it was insured It didn't seem quite right to carry so much money on one's finger. It seemed to Helen that it weighed a

be postponed. For her convalescence Helen took the child south.

"It's just as well," Helen consoled Lester before they left. "I'd rather be married in June anyway and then we can go around the marks that the commented amiably. "What shall be commented amiably." He tried to keep his we can go around the world without voice impersonal.

Worry By that time I won't be "I want it to be a strictly formal a worry. By that time I won't be

But Helen forgot all about Anastasia and Walter in the next few days. Flowers, books, candy, gifts came by every post from Lester. He sent her little notes scribbled at conferences. Lester Molynow is lowadmit, dear, it was something entirely outside of our control."

"I do admit it, darling, only . . . such a nice, mouthy word."

The following week-end Helen waited for his car at the gate.

He was jubilant. The back of his roadster was a mass of boxes. He that once she let herself go it would "He's broke, Les."

Lester tapped a pendinger. "Just what is of his passion for her but she hoped that once she let herself go it would "He's broke, Les." remembered everyone. Port for not be so bad to be drawn into the those sisters to support. We have Daddy Terhune; a combination col- well of his desire for her and she so much. He sends a hundred a

> The stock market was on everyone's lips. Lester was in a fever of piling up was staggering. cie's fever. It's dangerous. Get out, Lester, I can't stand it."

gain doesn't compensate for the fear Fifty-seventh Street. Cecily's face turned a brick-red of losing. Get out. I don't like it. I Miss Fredericks' laugh died on her don't want so much money. I have ing attentively.

on over to our fence. I have some- of February, 1929. He was amazed at her revulsion; he had only wanted

burned arms and neck darker by con- |don't." She was almost hysterical. He looked at her curiously. "Very Lester studied her appreciatively. Lester Molyneaux sold out that "You're so beautiful," he sighed. "I week. He was to regret it later

when stocks rose again to dizzying eights but he was also to rejoic that he came out practically unscathed with a huge fortune salted the great crash came. The wedding date was once more

freedom to travel and to take the ing his fortune.

holiday he had planned all his life.
In September came the first crash

The September came the first crash "It's very lovely."

In September came the first crash smiled. She straightened his tie that shook the country and in Octo- and blew an imaginary speck from then covered her finger and hand ber the second, that amounted al-with kisses. But when he took her most to panic. Lester's office was so the fond pats. "Did you go to the in his arms, something stopped in busy that Helen couldn't get him of Lester's clients committed sui-The ring filled her with dread be- cide. Lester was head over heels in

Everyone's losses were terrific Even those conservatives like the ter announced the engagement at a vast party in his apartment on upper Fifth Avenue overlooking the stock market, saw their holdings shrink like a deflated inner tube. "What is happening?" old Mrs. Terhune quavered, bewildered. "Don't worry," Lester assured

her. "Give me all your securities. I know I can exchange them for you

or something."
Through Miss Fredericks, Helen heard of the effect of the crash on Walter. Irene Terhune had to let Wells' nurse go. Walter Riley had second page. They were all avid lost the big Brooklyn Salon, also the newspaper readers. Would Walter smaller one, also the Fourteenth Street and Broadway branches. The Did a former husband congratulate only places left were Anastasia's Thirty-fourth and the Forty-fourth Street branches. The Fifty-seventh Street Salon was running at a ter-

rific loss. Sill he clung to it. Helen was shocked. In the two breathed a sigh of relief. It was on the perfume tray on the dresser. She got out of bed to get it and scurried back under the covers. She must have taken it off last night without thinking.

She shuddered. She slipped it on her finger now and twisted it around by the stone. It didn't feel comfortable. She was too conscious of it. Its value was a heavy responsibility even though it was insured.

Helen was shocked. In the two years since her divorce she had never er seen Walter. When Ireme called on the Terhunes with Wells as she did frequently, Helen managed to did frequently, Helen managed to while after her engagement was an nounced, she half expected to hear from him . . . some word, even a bitter word.

As soon as Helen now heard the news from Fredericks, she called "Les, may I come over for a min-ute? I want you to write a letter for me if you're not too busy, dear." "It's all right. Come along."

ache.

Gracie's appendicitis in December gave them a bad scare but it also came as a godsend. The child was deathly sick. The wedding had to

"Walter Riley, the ex—?"

"Yes. I hear he's wiped out "Well, that's that! I'm ready, dear."

"That's because he didn't have you to advise him, dearest."

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(To Be Continued)

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Lester, truly concerned at the I, the future Mrs. Molyneaux, you know, as your wife, I don't want

Lester tapped a pencil against his inger. "Just what is the purpose "He's broke, Les. He's got all week for the children. They don't need it now that you've set up the

could use it to advantage himself." long instant but Helen was busily "It can't go on, Lester. I'm scared engaged in finding her handker-to death. It's like a fever, like Gra-chief. "Very well, that's fair enough."

trust fund for them. I'm sure he

with his chubby fingers.

Miss Fredericks burst out laughing. "Look, when he wrinkles his brow he looks just like his father."

Lester, I can't stand it."

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He pressed a buzzer and his secretary entered. "Take a letter, Miss Klotz, please, to Mr. Walter Riley, the Anastasia Beauty Salon, on s eyes gleaming. "Soon!"

"Lester, the excitement of the Anastasia Beauty Salon, on

He dictated slowly, Helen listen-ing attentively. "Les, can't you ps.
Helen managed to smile. "Yes.
's true. I never noticed it till now."
He took her down one day to the darling, but this is a strictly busi-Lester suggested quickly: "Come Stock Exchange in the fevered days ness letter. I rather suspect the gentleman knows! Okay, Miss Klotz. De you want to go into the library with a good book, darling? stone wall, Helen swinging her legs.

She wore a white crepe dress without sleeves which made her sunit. I hate it. I'll hate you if you

Helen smiled at him from the doorway. "You're a dear, Lester." He balanced the pencil on his finger-tips. "Love me a little?"
"Yes."

"A lot?" "That's better." He blew a kiss her as she softly closed the door.

He brought Walter's answer down to her two nights later. She was dressed for the opera and she was the biggest diamond Helen had set definitely for Christmas Eve, by wore a chinchilla wrap which Lesever seen in her life. It was square which time Lester hoped to have ter had solemnly presented to her and set very simply.

> "No, darn it, I didn't have time but I did my exercise in my imagination. It was most wearying and hence ought to be beneficial."
> "Naughty. Tomorrow I'll call for you and put you through your

paces myself. "How's the old lady's cold?" "She's better, thanks. Daddy's reading to her. Ces is at the Lock-woods' tonight."

"Kids in bed?" "Of course. You ought to hear young Woolie admire my wrap. He was quite rapturous." "Kid's got taste. Oh, that reminds me. Here's the response to your magnanimity

quizzical expression. It was on the Anastasia letterhead and was typewritten. Before she read it she glanced at the signa-ture. It brought him back to her so vividly that she gasped. She read

the letter slowly.

DEAR SIR: I have your letter of even date. Will you kindly inform your client, Mrs. Helen Riley, that I prefer to support my children and shall continue sending the amount decided by the law to her for their maintenance each month. In the event the money is not

needed now, it is to accrue to my children's credit for future use. Very truly yours.

"Well, what do you think of it?"

Helen smiled crookedly. She slipped the letter into her beaded bag. "It's his terrific sense of

responsibility, Les. He'll send that money if he has to dig ditches for it." As her wedding drew near, Helen became panicky. True, she enjoyed getting a trousseau with Cecily's help. Cecily's pleasure in lacy negligees, silk nightgowns and handmade underwear made Helen's heart "Walter Riley,"

It's all right. Come along."

A few minutes later Helen was in this sense of responsibility—don't think I don't appreciate its value. I even admire it—but in his case, it has wrecked his life." She drew "Walter Riley, the ex—?"

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