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Ice Cream for Two

By IRENE DAVIDSON

MISS SYLVIA'S blue eyes looked like a child's as she caught sight of the gay new stand at the edge of the sidewalk.

She laid her nickel on the painted counter board and murmured "Chocolate," and the blond boy jerked up a tiny scoop and went to it, just as the shadow of another customer loomed alongside.

That much was simple. But the next minute the blond boy thrust two chocolate ice cream cones into Miss Sylvia's hand.

Two chocolate cones! There was a confused minute during which shy Miss Sylvia, with an armful of books and two suddenly dripping chocolate confections, stood dismayed.

Afterward she had a vivid memory of a big man turned toward her, eyes roving from her flushed face to the dripping ice cream. And then of herself pushing one of the cones into his hand and feeling.

Brainstorm, of course! What Miss Sylvia really did remember, as she slipped into the old hickory swing in the shady little yard down the street and bit into the leaky cone, was that she had been logical, after all. It had occurred to her one should have gone to the other customer. And then, as she had turned from the stand, there was that big sign, "Two for 5 cents." She remembered the funny twinkle in the big man's eyes as she had thrust that cone upon him.

Miss Sylvia, the cone finished, leaned back in the old hickory swing and felt the warm flush swiftly creep up her throat again at the remembrance.

Tsk! Tsk! The very idea of anyone taking ten minutes out of life and having all that complicated reaction over such a nothingness! Miss Sylvia was smart enough to jibe at herself. But there are lives and lives. Even while she raged at herself pictures were slipping before the shut eyes that squeezed back tears.

A slender girl of fifteen in the shadow of an old tree, lifting her lips shyly to the dark-eyed boy who bent above her in the dusk. . . . Wardy running away to South America with Ran Cooper, that very night. . . . fear of Wardy's terrible father. . . . would she wait until he made the fortune—if there were no letters?

—And then the terrible moment when a wriggling boy struggled out of the hedge and ran shouting down the street—"Sylvia Schoen kissing Wardy Harding! Sylvia Schoen wants to get married! Sylvia Schoen wants—Sylvia wants—"

Silly things were said in the silly little village. Of course everybody loved Sylvia, with soft blond hair that was finer than spider silk, and the wide, sweet mouth, and the sudden, sensitive little flush that was always, rising under her delicate skin. . . . But girls are girls, and boys have to be roped in so early.

Anyway, Wardy hadn't lost any time getting away from Sylvia and that kiss!

From that hour Sylvia gave up the fight against her shyness. The blond head would shake. "No, mother, I don't want to go—" "I'd rather read, mother" . . . and then, "I'm not ever going to marry, mother—" Boys had looked Sylvia's way, but Sylvia looked the other way. An then, it isn't hard to be an old maid in a village, where the worth-while boys get out of it as soon as possible. An old maid at twenty-eight!

Sylvia taught the primary children of Borden. When Mother Schoen died a brother came from upstate to manage the farm and lived with Sylvia in the big house. Often he hinted there was money; why didn't Sylvia take a trip somewhere? But Sylvia, who thought of the coming back from all trips and the clawing curiosity of the village, shook her head and took her trips in her books.

She shook her head now, leaning back against the old hickory swing, and knew as the familiar motion moved her slight body that the shaking had been her talisman; it had spelled negation for 13 years to all of life for Sylvia Schoen, who could have lived it so vividly—

Could have, if only there had been some one to help her; some one whose love would have freed her from this stupid shyness and self-consciousness!

"Sylvia," called a quiet voice, as she opened her eyes under the sudden consciousness of another presence, "you're so generous, I thought I'd hurry right down and pay you back!" The big man stood there with two dripping chocolate cream cones in his hand. The little twinkle had died out of his eyes, but something else was there. The same something that had been in a boy's eyes under the same tree one April night.

"Besides," he added shyly, "since I'd spent six months getting here, I didn't see any use going back without finding out if you really meant what you promised—thirteen long years ago?"

And when Love had whisked its freedom into the heart of Sylvia Schoen, and Life had called its vividness back there, and she had walked straight from the old hickory swing into his arms in plain sight of two passers-by and all the big-eyed windows on Cedar street, it looked as if she had.

Some day a pampered convict may complain to the sob sisterhood that his cell is too small to permit him and his friends to play handball in it.

The city boy who has to shovel snow off the sidewalk doesn't know that his country cousin looks upon it as a dandy tracking snow for rub-bits.

The big fundamental objection to the proposed 13-month year is simply that a month with five paydays wouldn't come along four times a year, as at present.

After exhaustive research, a bacteriologist has discovered that onions give off a faint light. It seems unnecessary since they can easily be found in the dark.

SULTAN OF ZANZIBAR



A recent portrait, one of the few ever made of him, of his highness the sultan of Zanzibar, who will soon be in London as the guest of the imperial government.

RAILWAYS WIN POINT IN IMPORTANT SUIT

Olympia, Wash.—Twenty-nine counties of Washington, and the state tax commission, were given a hard blow recently when Judge Kauffman, of Ellensburg, sitting as master in chancery, made a tentative report on the railroad tax suits, which already involve \$8,000,000, and are expected to reach \$18,000,000 before settled by the United States supreme court, in which he upheld the claims of the railroads.

Judge Kauffman ruled that the stock and bond method was the proper way in which to determine values, and he dismissed the argument of the tax commission and county attorneys that costs of reproduction should be a factor in the determination of valuations. Moreover, Judge Kauffman held that 11 counties taxed railroads at a higher proportion than they taxed other property.

Members of the tax commission, state attorneys and county prosecutors, were stunned by the sweeping adversity of the master's report. Nevertheless, they immediately planned to hold a conference to prepare exceptions for filing with Judge Webster.

WILL DEDICATE MEMORIAL

Names of Klickitat Soldiers Engraved on Bronze Tablets.

Goldendale, Wash.—What is said to be the first war memorial started in the United States is to be dedicated Memorial day at Maryhill, Washington, about 12 miles south of Goldendale. This memorial, erected by Samuel Hill, is located on the cliff overlooking the Columbia river and is near the location of the Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts, dedicated by Queen Marie on her trip to this country.

With the purpose of honoring those from Klickitat county who gave their lives during the world war, Mr. Hill erected this memorial at Maryhill, the "altar stone" being located by Professor W. W. Campbell, now president of the University of California, in June 1918, by observation so that its position may be determined in all time to come.

Racing Auto Kills Four in Germany. Berlin.—Four persons were killed and 17 injured when a Czechoslovakian racing automobile participating in the Zittau hill tests ran into a crowd watching the race.

Nothing hurts the soul more than ingrowing thorn.

Speaking of Bolivia et al. in Etopia there are no boundaries.

Lots of liars would tell the truth if they only knew how much easier it is.

The historian and the prophet need about the same powers of discernment.

Speaking of Paraguay, what ever became of the old-fashioned bottle of paregoric?

Few literary stocks have jumped in value as have the Pickwick Papers, according to John Eckel, an American authority on Dickens. Eckel estimates that the value on the original copies of the "Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club" has increased \$500 a year for the last 82 years. The last copy of the original was disposed of for \$18,300 in New York, says the London News. Richard Gimbel, Philadelphia, owns Parts II and III, regarded the most valuable of the set. He paid \$2,500 for a corrected Part II and \$1,000 for a Part III, reasonably priced in comparison to later sales.

DEADLOCK IN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

Farm Relief Continues Main Controversy; Two Other Measures Important.

Washington, D. C.—Congress is at the crossroads this week on the extra session program of President Hoover, with final action in prospect on the tariff bill in the house, on the census reapportionment measure in the senate and on the farm relief bill in the conference between the senate and house.

With those three propositions out of the way, the administration is ready to sanction a recess until the middle of September if the senate first will fix a definite time for a vote on the tariff measure.

But the farm relief deadlock is the stumbling block. For a week now, the conferees of the house have declined flatly to consider the differences in the senate and house measures unless the senate representatives abandon the "controversial export debenture provision, which is so strongly opposed by the president.

Senate conferees, headed by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, are standing firmly by the debenture provision and urging that the conferees first settle other differences in the bill.

The house will vote Tuesday on the tariff bill, which will then go to the senate and there be referred to the finance committee for several weeks of study.

Senator Johnson, republican, California, in charge of the census-reapportionment bill, is driving for a vote on this bill Tuesday night. One big controversy remains to be settled in the measure—the attempt of Senator Sackett, republican, Kentucky, to exclude aliens from the population on which the membership of the house after 1930 will be based.

COLONEL LINDBERGH MARRIES SUDDENLY

Englewood, N. J.—The long-heralded wedding of Miss Anne Spencer Morrow and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh materialized unexpectedly Monday in a simple ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Ambassador and Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow.

The ceremony was performed in the drawing room of the Morrow home in the presence of only seven members of the two families.

The bride, dressed in simple white chiffon, carried a bouquet of blue larkspur, picked by the bridegroom in the Morrow garden. There were no bridesmaids, no best man, no music—none of the embellishments which would have gone even with a moderately simple public wedding.

After the ceremony the colonel and his bride drove away in an automobile, and the small army of newspaper men who had been standing guard at the gates for so long thought it was just another afternoon drive. They were unaware of the wedding until the ambassador announced it through his secretary, more than two hours later.

APPLE MEN USE TRAPS

Washington Growers Make Big Use of Moth Bait.

Pullman, Wash.—Washington apple growers are using great numbers of bait traps this season to capture the notorious codling moth, according to Dr. R. D. Webster, entomologist at the Washington experiment station, who has just returned from a trip to the Wenatchee valley in connection with experimental work in progress there.

"Twenty-five thousand containers for the 'home-made hootch' have been sold growers in the Wenatchee district this season, indicating that the use of the traps will be more extensive than ever before," he said. "The bait so tempting to the moths is composed of a gallon of malt syrup, a cake or two of yeast and 19 gallons of water."

Seattle Has Big Fire.

Seattle, Wash.—Damage estimated at \$400,000 was caused by a fire which swept through the Rialto building in the heart of the business section. All available fire apparatus in the downtown district was called out to battle the flames, which were brought under control three hours after the fire started.

Roosevelt Governor of Porto Rico.

Washington, D. C.—President Hoover announced that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr. would be appointed governor of Porto Rico. Colonel Roosevelt will succeed Horace M. Towner of Iowa, who has signified a willingness to continue in office until September or October.

EMMETT T. ORMSBY



Umpire Emmett T. Ormsby, better known as "Red," who was struck on the head by a pop bottle in a demonstration by baseball fans during a recent game at Cleveland, is in a hospital there suffering from concussion of the brain.

REPARATIONS MEET AWAITS NEW PLAN

Paris.—Technicians worked through Monday night on computations, that the experts on the reparations conference Tuesday may use them to give new life to the negotiations.

Owen D. Young and his staff gave new vigor to the committee, which was considered moribund at the end of last week, by examining with other experts a new possibility of a way out of the deadlock between the Germans and the allies.

The operation most favored takes the form of new calculations as to what the annuities originally proposed by Mr. Young would yield if they began at other dates than April 1, 1929, which was the basis for the original calculations.

The creditor experts still insist that payments under the Dawes plan ought to continue at least until the end of this year. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht holds to his demand that they cease with April, 1929.

The difference in actual payments between the two points of view would be about \$30,000,000 marks (approximately \$151,200,000). The creditors relied on this additional sum to enable them to agree on a reparation of payments among themselves which would permit acceptance of the Young annuities.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The Chinese nationalist government has ordered the arrest of Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, central war lord formerly known as the "Christian general," as a rebel.

Church of Scotland and United Free Church of Scotland, at their respective assemblies in Edinburgh, voted by overwhelming majorities to unite. Formal act of the union of the two bodies will take place in October.

The Bulgarian chamber of deputies ratified the government's adherence to the Kellogg-Briand renunciation of war pact and also approved the treaty of arbitration and conciliation recently concluded between Bulgaria and the United States.

Ex-King Amanullah's spectacular campaign to regain the throne of Afghanistan, which he was obliged to relinquish some months ago, apparently has ended in failure. Dispatches from India say Amanullah will soon leave for Europe.

Army Arrives in Canton.

Canton, China.—Five transports, bearing 80,000 fully equipped troops that deserted the Kwangai cause, arrived from Hankow and anchored off Shameen, the foreign colony. They came presumably to assist the defending Kwangtung armies and 8000 more are expected shortly.

King to Express Thanks for Recovery.

London.—King George, almost completely recovered from his long illness, has decided to attend services at Westminster abbey on June 16 to "render thanks to almighty God for his recent recovery." It was announced officially.

Salvation Army Head Injured.

New York.—Evangeline Booth, commander of the Salvation army, who was in an automobile accident recently, was pronounced by physicians to be suffering from concussion of the brain and severe cuts over her eye.

Tenement Shaken by Planted Bomb.

San Francisco.—Lives of four families were imperiled a short time ago when a mysterious bomb explosion partly wrecked a three-story tenement house in the North Beach Italian colony here.

ALL FLIGHT RECORDS ECLIPSED IN TEXAS

Plane Fort Worth Shatters All Previous Attempts by Nearly One Day.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Having smashed all sustained flight records, Reginald L. Robbins and his co-pilot, James Kelly, brought the single-motored monoplane Fort Worth to the ground here Sunday afternoon a few moments after 4 o'clock after a storm-battered propeller had started to shake the engine and plane badly.

The plane had been in the air 178 hours, 22 minutes and 1 second, almost a day longer than the famous army plane Question Mark, whose record was surpassed by 21 hours, 51 minutes and 10 seconds. Robbins and Kelly by their feat eclipsed the best mark for single-motored, dual-motored and tri-motored planes, and lighter than air machines and all records for crews regardless of size.

Although the men were tired and deaf from almost 7 1/2 days of exposure to the roar of a whirlwind motor they were so happy they forgot their aching muscles and long sleepless vigils.

The crowd, variously estimated at 20,000 to 30,000, swept all police barriers and fences aside and almost crushed the plane before the flyers could alight. Around the plane 50 men, holding a heavy rope, were crushed in until their backs were against the plane itself.

NEW PAPER CURRENCY TO HAVE ADVANTAGES

Washington, D. C.—After two years of preparation, the treasury department is about ready to present the public with the new reduced size paper currency. The new currency is to make its initial appearance early in July. Within a comparatively few months thereafter it is proposed to substitute the smaller size money for a substantial part of the \$5,000,000,000 of various classes of paper currency now in circulation. The advantages claimed for the new currency are a greatly improved appearance from an artistic point of view, a vastly greater convenience in handling, a saving in cost of manufacture, and a currency which will be much more difficult to counterfeit.

The new currency will at the beginning include United States notes, silver certificates, gold certificates and federal reserve notes. A little later national bank notes will be issued.

Each denomination, whether United States notes, silver certificates, gold certificates, federal reserve notes or national bank notes, will have on the face the same portrait distinctive to that denomination. All currency in the denomination of \$1 will bear the portrait of Washington; \$2, Jefferson; \$5, Lincoln; \$10, Hamilton; \$20, Jackson; \$50, Grant; \$100, Franklin; \$500, McKinley; \$1000, Cleveland; \$5000, Madison, and \$10,000, Chase.

INDORSE VATICAN PACT

Way Cleared for Ratification by King and Pope Pius.

Rome.—The Italian senate approved the lateran treaties, \$15 to \$6, leaving the way now clear for ratification by King Victor Emmanuel and Pope Pius.

Italy is not "vaticanized by the lateran accords, nor the vatican Italianized," was the striking statement of Premier Mussolini before the senate in urging their ratification. The duce declared there was a precise definition between the two powers. "My chamber speech was found difficult," he added. "I will define it as necessary, even in its polemical points, which hit the target they were aimed at. It was necessary to clear the atmosphere, which, being too sentimental, would have ended by altering the contours, character and objectives of events."

House Votes Raise in Duty on Figs.

Washington, D. C.—The house adopted an amendment to the tariff bill changing the proposed duty on figs from 3 to 5 cents a pound. Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee announced the increased rate was necessary to protect the California and Texas fig industry. Figs under the present tariff law are on the free list.

Civil Service to Rule Census Bureau

Washington, D. C.—The senate voted to place under the civil service the 100,000 workers to be employed in taking the 1930 census. The vote was 45 to 37 on a motion of Senator Wagner, democrat, New York.

J. P. Cotton Appointed.

Washington, D. C.—President Hoover announced the appointment of Joseph P. Cotton, a New York attorney, as under secretary of state.

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