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MAY-DAY DISAPPOINTMENTS

Receiving a blow in the solar plexus Sunday General Von Arnim has put in his time since sparring for wind. He is getting his force together again and will strike soon. The game has arrived at such a stage that any continued lull in the fighting would be fatal to the morale of the German troops and still worse for that of the civilian population. That the force of the last drive has been expended seems assured, though there will be much fighting yet. It is claimed that the kaiser was against this last drive on the western front, but his advice was not heeded and the demands of Hindenburg and Ludendorff backed by the crown prince prevailed. If the campaign fails, as it is apparently certain to do, Hindenburg and Ludendorff will both be discredited. Up to this time these two have been looked up to as invincible, and the German people felt that so long as they led, victory was certain. Failure on the west front at this time will wither all the laurels in these warriors' crowns. The dispatches mention a Spanish statesman returning from Germany, who was interviewed by a correspondent of a telegraph association and gave the above concerning the west front campaign, and added, "that if the campaign was not a success by the middle of May that it meant the return of Von Beulow to power, and the launching of another peace proposition." When the campaign started the kaiser invited the press correspondents of the neutral countries to go along and see the allies whipped. He was that certain of success. Hindenburg had given out that he would take breakfast in Paris April 2, and this was part of the propaganda used in forcing a treaty with the Russians. In the present drive toward the channel he had promised to separate the French and British armies, to capture Amiens and destroy Paris. Incidentally the capture of Calais was to be staged. All this was to have happened before the first of May. So far none of the three proposed things has occurred. Paris laughs at his baby killer, "Big Bertha," Amiens is not taken, the French and British armies are not separated and Calais is like Tipperary, a long ways off. Besides May day has passed and about the only thing it brought the Teutons was a series of strikes which are not yet over. Hindenburg's two dates have been unkept, and it is quite certain he will not be any old kind of a "queen of the May", not this year.

The government yesterday fixed the price of all rubber in the United States and assumed complete control of the sale and handling of all stocks. This was done because some ten days ago speculation in rubber became active and the price was being rapidly forced up. The first result of the government's action was a reduction of ten per cent from the prices of the day before. This will prevent further speculation in the commodity, and while assuming control it is stated the government will also place rubber on the list of restricted imports. This will be done to conserve ship space. It will also prevent further increase in prices of tires and other rubber goods.

Mayor Baker, of Portland, suggests that upon the arrival of Charles M. Schwab in Portland, which is expected sometime this month, to impress upon him the importance of the wooden ship industry and also of Portland as a shipbuilding center, that each of the yards arrange to launch a ship on that day. The hours would be so arranged that Mr. Schwab would see all of them. The scheme sounds all right but with so many launchings as suggested, the big steel magnate would get some weary before the day ended, and it would have to be a double shift the old man worked in order to get around.

The government yesterday commandeered all the wool in the country and fixed prices as they were July 31, 1917. This includes the entire clip of this year. With rubber and wool under control and prices fixed, perhaps the food administration will wake up in the course of time and fix the price on corn and other wheat substitutes and also on fish.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers
 The Third Liberty Bond Sale is now on. We have a Liberty Bond Department in one of our Lobby Stalls. A teller is constantly in charge ready to answer questions and take subscriptions.

Attorney General Brown holds that it doesn't make any difference with the primary election whether the name of S. B. Huston is on the ballots or not. Huston has withdrawn and a vote for him is a vote thrown away. However, if it is cast for him each of the other candidates have just the same chance of being the loser.

Minnesota authorities have decided Jess Willard and Fulton cannot pull off their match at the Twin Cities. This is no doubt cheerful news for Willard and most folks are getting to be of the opinion that Fulton will not shed any tears if the match does not come off at all.

Governor Withycombe has given the flax industry a hard blow and seems to have let it go as it fell. If he is doing anything with the flax crop this year he is not saying anything about it.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

SPRING MOTORING

The choo-choo season has arrived, the roads are good, the fields are green; I'm thankful that I have survived to burn a lot more gasoline. The winter, cold and long and drear, killed off a lot of jays and rubes; how glad am I that I'm still here, to blow myself for inner tubes! Sometimes I thought, when tempests shrieked, I wouldn't live to see the spring, for rheumatism through me streaked, and wrenched my joints like everything. When blizzards, whooping down from Nome, were brawling angrily and loud, I called morticians to my home, to gfigure on a bier and shroud. But I hung on through sleet and snow, the lamp of life maintained its flame; and now that springtime breezes blow, you'll see me in the motor game. I'll buy some bonds to save the boons inherited from martial sires; I'll spend some bones for bread and prunes, and blow some more for rubber tires. I've cut out rich cigars and wines, and made a simple bill of fare; I'll need my change to pay my fines for busting speed laws here and there. I'll blow a portion of long green to help the Red Cross work, that's best; the bulk will go for gasoline--mechanics then will get the rest.



WALT MASON

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS
THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND.

CHAPTER LXVII.
 I spent the morning with Celeste, unpacking and putting my things away. I had not yet become accustomed to a personal maid, and I did many things myself which really were a part of her duties. All the time we were working the thought of my home-coming war with me. The longer I thought of it the more cruel it seemed that George would even think of making an engagement when he had made me promise to be a home on that certain day.

In the afternoon a cold drizzle set in, making me even more unhappy. Just as I renewed the idea of putting on a rain coat and starting out for a walk the bell rang, and James announced Master Gray.
 I hurried down to the drawing room and, as I entered, Merton advanced, his hand outstretched and a light of welcome on his face.
 "It is good to have you back, we have missed you," he said still retaining my hand.
 "It is nice to be missed--and welcomed," I said, suddenly cheered by the thought that SOME ONE was glad to see me.
 "I was not sure you would be at home," Merton said last night that you had not yet arrived."
 "No. He had gone to the dinner before I got here. Were you there?"
 "A Stupid Dinner Party."
 "Yes. I wished several times I had not gone. It was an awfully stupid affair. Madge Loring's dinners are usually very gay; but she had a British lion and he did nothing but roar. He was as stupid and uninteresting as it is possible for a person to be. But he is some great scientific explorer, and Madge Loring always tries to catch any notables before the other women get a chance."
 "I wondered why George didn't talk to me of the things that happened. He hasn't said a word about any famous person being at the dinner. It was nice to have Merton Gray tell me things George had had nothing to say to me, save, 'how do you do,' and I had seen him almost two weeks ago."
 "It seemed to me that Merton Gray was the most thoughtful, the most interesting, man I ever had met. He could do almost everything and do it well. Or so it seemed to me. Among other accomplishments he possessed, was a wonderful baritone voice. He sang so well that people said that, had he not been an artist, he would have been in grand opera."
 "I spoke of my good times at the opera of the boys, our pleasures--simple though they were. Then, seeing him interested, I rambled on. I told him of racing David to the top of Brunel's hill, and how badly I was beaten. Of the church social, where everyone seemed so glad to see me--although I imagined he never had known what a church social is in a small country place was like. He asked so many questions."
 "James brought us tea and lighted the candles, after a while. Then he left me, and spoken of some new songs, and asked if he might bring them, next time he came, adding that we might practice them together."
 "A Taste In Common."
 "Musicians always have a delightful means of whiling away the time, when together. I was only too delighted to give Merton permission to bring the songs. I read very quickly, and had always been called a good accompanist. I saw many pleasant times ahead for me, because of this."
 "My ennui, my unhappiness, was all gone. I ran upstairs to dress for dinner singing as I went. The hour Merton had spent with me had dispersed all my hurt, even that caused by George's neglect. So I dressed becomingly, then hurried down to meet him as I heard his key in the door.
 "How bright and well you look," he

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Our Daily Story

(An Animal Story for Children)

The newly hatched chicks, tired out with their romping, gathered about Grandma Hen.

"Tell us a story, Grandma Hen! Tell us a story!" they cheeped.
 "Once upon a time," Grandma Hen began obligingly, "there was a rooster named Scatcher, and he was so cross-eyed, and so bumpy-legged, and so unamused when he crowded, that all the pretty hens laughed at him and made fun of him and refused to go walking with him, and poor Scatcher grew sad and discontented."

"What was he in the world?" he sighed. "I'm so ugly that nobody loves me, and I'm sorry I ever was born, so I am! Bo hoo hoo!"
 "And he went about sighing and weeping and feeling absolutely unnecessary, until one day the farmer's wife, tired of hearing his complaints, killed him and stewed him for supper and gave the bones to the dog. And the dog ate all but two little ones, and those two he buried for some other time. But he was such a forgetful dog that he couldn't remember where he had buried them, and years later an old and wise professor dug them up and said: 'Behold! I have found two bones of the mighty dipysaurus, a gigantic and now extinct animal which used to roam the surface of the earth before the days of man. I will make the other 874 bones of plaster and reconstruct the dipysaurus.'"

"And he did this, and people came for miles to see the mammoth skeleton and a Philanthropist gave the professor two million dollars to build a great museum to put the dipysaurus in, and the museum still stands in a great city, a beautiful structure into which hundreds of people run on rainy days to keep dry. And all this was caused by two bones of the homely and discontented rooster."
 "And the moral, dear chickens, is: Keep a stiff upper beak."

said as he kissed me. "Took my advice and rested a while, didn't you?"
 "I didn't lie down, but I rested. Mr. Gray came in about four o'clock. He said you had a British lion at Mrs. Loring's dinner party, and that he roared all the time."
 "He did."
 "Were you interested?"
 "Not much. Was Gray?"
 "No, not at all. He said it was stupid."
 "He wasn't far out of the way."
 "And, George, you know how wonderfully Mr. Gray sings! He said if we would like him to, he would bring some new songs and I could accompany him. I told him of course to bring them. I hope you will be at home when he does. You are such a judge of music, I am always a little frightened to play before you; but I know you would enjoy his singing. He's perfectly wonderful!"
 "You are very enthusiastic," George replied, then changed the subject. I hoped he wasn't displeased because of Merton.

SICK WIFE'S STORY

Surprises Salem

The following has surprised Salem: A business man's wife suffered from dyspepsia and constipation for years. Although she dieted she was so bloated her clothes would not fit. ONE SPOONFUL buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka relieved her INSTANTLY. Because Adler-ka empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ALL CASES constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. J. C. Perry, druggist.

MISTREAT BELGIAN

Amsterdam, May 1.—French refugees declare that 25,000 Belgian men and boys are forced to work under the whips of German sentries in the regions of Valenciennes and Maubeuge. The morality among them is heavy.

CONFER WITH KAISER

Zürich, May 1.—Emperor Karl, Foreign Minister Burián and their staffs

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SPRECKLES IS ENEMY ALIEN

New York, May 1.—Walter Spreckles, nephew of Claus Spreckles, billionaire sugar king, has been forbidden to enter the sugar factory at Yonkers of which he has been manager for 16 years. Federal authorities declared he was an enemy alien. Officials say Walter Spreckles had failed to take out naturalization papers although he has been in this country thirty years.

When Itching Stops

There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching torture and skin irritation almost instantly and that cleanses and soothes the skin.
 Ask any druggist for a 35c or \$1 bottle of zemo and apply it as directed. Soon you will find that irritations, pimples, blackheads, eczema, blotches, ringworm and similar skin troubles will disappear. A little zemo, the penetrating, satisfying liquid, is all that is needed, for it banishes most skin eruptions and makes the skin soft, smooth and healthy.
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TRY JOURNAL WANT ADS

To the Gas Customers of the Salem Gas Plant Gas Rate Talk No. 1

Some people like to be conventional, other people are forced to be so, by conditions beyond their control.

It seems that it is conventional to raise prices on everything in this day and age, and we are going to be forced to be conventional and raise our rates for gas. At least we must apply to the Public Service Commission for permission to do so.

Our cost of manufacturing gas has been steadily going up for the last year and a half, due to prices of coal and other material being steadily raised, and to the necessity of paying higher and higher wages. These higher wages are necessary to enable the men to meet the increased living expenses.

The employees of our Company, from the president down to the laborer in the ditch, have been giving the best service within their power to the citizens of Salem in furnishing the various services and commodities which we have for sale.

We feel we have been repaid for our efforts to do so by the feeling of appreciation and good will toward the company on the part of the public, that has been made apparent and expressed to us many times.

Having put forth considerable effort to gain this good will, it is our earnest desire to do everything possible to maintain it.

Therefore since we must ask for an increase in our gas rates, we wish to approach the matter in the most tactful manner, and to explain our position most clearly to the public.

By so doing we believe that we will forestall to a large degree such dissatisfaction and hard feelings as might otherwise exist on the part of some people.

It is also our idea that the citizens also feel that the best interests of the city are served by the maintenance of friendly and amicable relations between its citizens and its public utility companies.

We therefore propose to publish a series of statements or "talks" in the next week or two explaining the financial and physical condition of our gas plant in an effort to maintain the good will between our customers and ourselves that now exists.

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