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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Sheridan's attempt to make a business man of his son Bibbs by taking him to the machine shop ends in Bibbs going to a sanitarium, a nervous wreck. CHAPTER II—On his return Bibbs is met at the station by his sister Edith.

CHAPTER III—He finds himself an insignificant figure in the "New House" of the Sheridans. He sees Mary Vertrees looking at him from a summer house next door. CHAPTER IV—The Vertrees, old town family and impoverished, call on the Sheridans, newly risen and successful, to discuss them.

CHAPTER V—At the Sheridan home-warming banquet Sheridan greets his wife, Mary, who goes to her room to see her mother. CHAPTER VI—Mary tells her mother about the banquet and her mother's death by talking of Jim as a matrimonial possibility.

CHAPTER VII—Jim tells Mary Bibbs is not a lioness—"just queer." He proposes to Mary, who half accepts him. CHAPTER VIII—Sheridan tells Bibbs he must go back to the machine shop as soon as he is strong enough. CHAPTER IX—Edith and Bibbs are quarrel over Bobby Lamborn; Mary goes to her room to see her mother.

back of his head—and he thought that up over the clouds, unseen from below, the giant labored with his hands in the clean sunshine; and Bibbs had a glimpse of what he made there—perhaps for a fellowship of the children of the children that were children now—a noble and joyous city, unbelievably white.

It was the telephone that called him from his vision. It rang fiercely. He lifted the thing from his desk and answered—and as the small voice inside it spoke he dropped the receiver with a crash. He trembled violently as he picked it up, but he told himself he was wrong—he had been mistaken—yet it was a startlingly beautiful voice; startlingly kind, too, and inefably like the one he hungered most to hear.

"Who?" he said, his own voice shaking like his hand. "Mary." He responded with two hushed and incredulous words: "Is it?"

"Yes, Mary?" "I was looking when you were so nearly run over. I saw it; Bibbs. They said you hadn't been hurt, they thought, but I wanted to know for myself. "No, no, I wasn't hurt at all—Mary. It was father who came nearer it. He saved me."

"Yes, I saw; but you had fallen. I couldn't get through the crowd until you had gone. And I wanted to know." "Mary—would you have—mevinded?" he said. There was a long interval before she answered.

"Yes." "Then why—" "Yes, Bibbs?" "I don't know what to say," he cried. "It's so wonderful to hear your voice again—I'm shaking, Mary—I don't know—I don't know anything except that I am talking to you! It is you—Mary?"

"Yes, Bibbs." "Mary—I've seen you from my window at home—only five times since I left you. You looked—oh, how can I tell you? It was like a man chained in a cave catching a glimpse of the blue sky. Mary, won't you—let me see you again—near? I think I could make you really forgive me—you'd have to be because you—me?"

"No—not really—or you wouldn't have said you couldn't see me any more." "That wasn't the reason." The voice was very low. "Mary," he said, even more tremulously than before, "I can't—you couldn't mean it was because—you can't mean it was because you—care?"

"There was no answer." "Mary?" he called, huskily. "If you mean that—you'd let me see you—wouldn't you?" And now the voice was so low he could not be sure it spoke at all, but if it did, the words were, "Yes, Bibbs—dear."

Why He Liked the Camel. Harris Dickson, on a hunting trip in Sunflower county, Mississippi, met an old darky who had never seen a camel in his life.

When the big show came in the following season to Dickson's town of Vicksburg he sent for the old man and treated him to the whole thing—arrival of the train, putting up the tents, grand tree street parade, menagerie, main performance, concert, side show, peanuts, red lemonade, and all. The old darky followed his white patron through with popping eyes, but saying never a word. Late in the afternoon they got back to the Dickson home.

"Boss," said John fervently, "Ah shore did!" "What did you like the most?" "Mistah Dickson," answered John, "Ah shore liked it all." "Well, what impressed you most?" "Well, sah, boss," he said, "Ah reckon hit was dat dere animal you calls de camel."

"The camel, eh? Well, what was so remarkable about the camel?" "He suttinly is got sich a noble smell!" "Under the law, all fires must be investigated. Read it: Section 4815. Fire investigated; report; record of all fires kept. The Insurance Commissioner and the chief of the fire department, or chief of police, where there is no chief of fire department, in cities and towns, and the sheriff of the county where such fire occurs outside of an incorporated city or town, are hereby authorized to investigate the cause and circumstances of every fire occurring in such cities or towns or counties in which property has been destroyed or damaged, and shall specially make investigation whether such fire was the result of carelessness or design.

A preliminary investigation shall be made by the chief of fire department, in incorporated cities and towns, and by the sheriff of the county where such fire occurs outside of an incorporated city or town, and shall be begun within three days, not including the Lord's day, of the occurrence of such fire, and the Insurance Commissioner shall have the right to supervise and direct such investigation whenever he deems it expedient or necessary. The officer making such investigation of fires shall forthwith notify the Insurance Commissioner, and shall within one week of the occurrence of the fire furnish to such commissioner a written statement of all the facts relating to the cause and origin of the fire, the extent, value and ownership of the property destroyed, and such other information as may be called for by the blanks provided by the commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner shall keep in his office a record of all fires occurring in the state, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances, including the origin of the fire which may be determined by the investigations provided for by this subchapter; such record shall at all times be open to public inspection.

MANY PERSONS ARE INJURED Reports from Indiana Show That 140 Persons Lost Their Lives in Fires Last Year In That State. In connection with the loss of life by fire in Indiana there is also given a record of injuries, showing that 140 persons were injured by fire in Indiana last year. Of these, 47 were due to gasoline explosions, 28 to kerosene explosions, 24 were injured while putting out fires, in 11 instances women's dresses came in contact with fire, six were due to fireworks, six children played with matches and four children played with fire and were injured. One child was killed and another dwelling house free, four to gas explosions, three to lightning, and one to a film explosion. With the possible exception of the three injured by lightning, all of these casualties were preventable.—Fire Protection.

GASOLINE. Underground storage of gasoline not only protects the hazards, but it is a measure of economy. The present high cost of gasoline is of vital interest to automobile owners; storage tanks placed underground not only safeguard the hazards, but prevent waste from evaporation. Gasoline should not be kept in the home in any receptacle except an approved safety can. From the careless use of gasoline in open cans, bottles, etc., there has resulted the death of fourteen adults and one child during the year. Kerosene likewise caused the death of eleven adults and six children. Approved safety cans in the home where the use of inflammable liquids is necessary, will eliminate the deplorable loss of life in this manner. One hundred and ninety-nine (199) orders requiring consumers to procure safety cans were issued.—Fire Marshal W. E. Langley.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain will be celebrated this year, October 7 (Saturday) with elaborate preparations now under way for the event. Governor Craig and the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary, Herr von Jagow, last week visited Great Headquarters. It is understood that there has been no change in the situation with respect to the United States.

The Trent River Marble and Lime Company of Pollockville, capital \$125,000 authorized and \$30,000 subscribed by L. A. Miller, L. F. Simmond and A. H. Judy of Virginia for developing marble, lime and other deposits and doing a general corporation business. Nearly 1,000 people, the majority from the country surrounding Staevilla, were in attendance upon a county singing held at the Iredell county court house.

ALLIES NOT READY TO DISCUSS PEACE

EARL GREY, BRITISH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN ADDRESS TO PRESS. ALL ALLIES REPRESENTED Gave No Indications of What Their Terms of Peace Might Be, But Welcomed Efforts of Neutral Countries to Prevent Future Wars.

London.—Another important contribution to the discussions on peace was made by Viscount Grey, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, at a lunch given by the Foreign Press Association at which the diplomatic representatives of all the Allied countries were present. The foreign secretary made it plain that the Allies were not prepared to discuss peace terms and gave no indication of what their terms might be, but welcomed any efforts by neutral countries for a combination to prevent future wars.

"I would like to talk, not indeed, about actual conditions of peace, which can only be stated and formulated by the Allies together, and not by any one of them separately, but about the general objects which the Allies must secure in this war," said the secretary. "And to do that, I would ask you to recall that we must never forget how the war came about. If we are to approach peace in a proper spirit it can only be by recollecting and recalling, and never for a moment forgetting what was the real cause of the war."

"Some people say: 'Oh, we need not go back over that old ground now; everybody knows it.' You cannot go back to it too often; it affects the conditions of peace. Germany talks of peace; her statesmen talk of peace today. They say: 'Germany must have guarantees against being attacked again.' 'If this war had been forced upon Germany that would be a logical statement. It is precisely because it was not forced upon Germany, but was forced by Germany upon Europe that it is the Allies who must have guarantees for future peace.'

"In July, 1914, no one thought of attacking Germany. It is said that Russia was the first to mobilize. That I understand, in what is represented in Germany as justification for the statement that the war was not an aggressive war on Germany's part, but was forced upon her. 'Russia never made the mobilization of which Germany has complained, until after Germany refused a conference and never made it until after the report appeared in Germany that Germany had ordered mobilization and that report had been telegraphed to Petrograd.'

MORE THAN 100 MEXICAN LEADERS FORM NEW PARTY. Objects of Generals and Other Revolutionary Chiefs Are to Unify All Elements and Support Carranza. Mexico City.—More than a hundred of the most prominent generals and other leaders who have been actively associated in the revolution, many of whom came from long distances, met at the home of General Gonzalez, and formed a political party, the objects of which, it is stated, are to unify all elements of the constitutional party and support the candidacy of General Carranza for the presidency. Among those who attended were Generals Obregon, Gonzalez, Benjamin Hill, Aguilar, Casarío Castro and Francisco Gons.

GERMAN EMPEROR AND CHANCELLOR CONFER. Berlin, via London.—The Emperor who is paying a brief visit to Berlin conferred with the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, and will continue the discussions on the general situation, concerning which the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary, Herr von Jagow, last week visited Great Headquarters. It is understood that there has been no change in the situation with respect to the United States.

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HICKORY CHIPS. The high cost of living will get you if you don't watch out.

Now for a new collection of stars in the football firmament. Pumpkin pies at bat, mince pies on deck. The population of Russia, according to the latest statistics, is now 182,182,600. The Russian census taker has no cinch.

Now that the great German fleet, according to the Kaiser, has been ready for battle for several weeks, when is it coming out again? Mr. Hughes is the "Plating" on the Republican "gold brick," and he is wearing very thin.

Why shouldn't Perkins and Penrose shake hands? Who has done more to rebuild the Penrose Machine in Pennsylvania than Perkins? The custom of striking is becoming untirely too general, for we see where a hundred gravediggers, in Long Island City, quit work in an effort to get a shorter day and bigger pay.

That Chicago needs one thousand more cops sounds pretty bad. However, one probably owes it to that city to attach some significance to the claim that there are 200 square miles to be patrolled. The Japanese may be able to make baseballs at less cost than our American manufacturers, but it will be some time before they can play with them as skillfully as the average American youth.

They used to sing about the "Blue Danube," but war has come to the Danube, and the stream is red with conflict. Some people regard a murder trial as English country gentlemen regard a fox hunt. A fox hunt is a failure if the fox gets away. The author's League has decided not to affiliate with the A. F. of L. Prospect of an enforced eight-hour day appears to have terrorized our golf players and tennis champions.

Says Solomon's Proverbs, "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice." The United States finds that this is so, and they are going to keep on rejoicing, four years more. The Republicans are actually mad because of our great national prosperity, and try to show that Wilson had nothing to do with it. But for the Wilson Federal Reserve Act, we would have had a great financial panic. But now the currency is "elastic" and we will never see another financial panic.

The New York Herald, which is supposed to be independent, is supporting Hughes. It is taking a large poll of "straw votes" and those votes show Wilson leading in more than enough doubtful States to elect him. So the Herald is trying to explain that "straw votes" are not infallible. No, they are not infallible, but Wilson is invincible.

Atlantic Coast Inventors. The following patents were just issued to Atlantic Coast clients reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers. Virginia—H. G. Brackin, Newport News, ship's bottom patent; F. F. Hurley, Roanoke, gage-cock; R. E. Jackson, Victoria, coal economy means; P. S. Martin, Broadway, brooder. North Carolina—S. J. Lunsford, Marble, tricycles; C. L. Meister, Wilmington, roller side-bearing; W. A. Ray, Fayetteville, tooth-brush holder. South Carolina—J. Davis, Jr., Winnsboro, combined cotton chopper and cultivator; I. Hilliard, Georgetown; lumber measuring machine.

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