

### The Marriage of Manetony.

By Barbara Boyd.

"I often think of a cousin of mine who married a banker," observed the bachelor girl, as she meditatively poked the fire in the open grate.

"I suppose you think how nice it must be to practically own a bank," cynically responded the bachelor.

"I wasn't thinking of that at all," replied the bachelor girl with spirit. "I was really wondering if she didn't get awfully tired of him, and long once in a while for a little real human existence."

"What is the matter with him?" asked the bachelor. "Does he give her all the money she wants without asking her how she spends it?"

"That and other equally tame things I guess," laughed the bachelor girl. "Her family and friends think, of course, she made a great match. She lives in fine style on Fifth avenue and has beautiful clothes and plenty to eat and all that. But it seems to me I should want to live with a less excelsior sort of person."

"Is he one of the 'bound for the top' people?"

"Oh, no. I mean that living with him would be like feeding an excelsior—exceedingly dry and without flavor. He's one of your polished men, so polished that he fairly shines. It's painful—as a steady thing. And he always does 'everything in the same way, at the same time, on the same day, the year through. I imagine he kisses her goodbye in the morning—not because he wants to, or finds any pleasure in it—but because it is the proper thing to do, and he started doing it at a certain time in the day probably 9:15 a. m., and so he can't stop without his world falling into chaos. And after she has had a year or so of limousines and diamond necklaces and silk gowns, with excelsior as a prevailing background, I often wonder if she would not like a few real human thrills—such as having to scrape and pinch to buy something she wants and enjoying it all the more thereby, and shedding a few tears because the cake she made for company was as flat as a flounder, and having to snuggle up to her husband and comfort him when he lost his job."

"The life she has may have no taste, but these things have a very bitter taste, if they, too, become a steady diet," observed the bachelor.

"I suppose that is true," responded the bachelor girl with a sigh. "It seems rather hard to find a satisfactory life, doesn't it? Though I guess," she concluded brightly, "the proper amount of love mixed in the world, in either case, sweeten the taste, exactly to their liking."

Brings Sister Home from Cuban Insane Asylum.

Wilmington, Feb. 5.—W. H. Lassell, linotype mechanist-operator, on The Morning Star, of this city, returned yesterday from New York, where he arrived on January 23 from Cuba, with his sister, Mrs. Evaline Pinkind Lassell, whom he found in a hospital at Santiago and who he had thought committed suicide 15 years ago. It was through the efforts of R. E. Holaday, American Consul at Santiago, that Mr. Lassell learned a few weeks ago that his sister was confined in an asylum on account of insanity.

Mr. Lassell sailed from Santiago on the 25th, of January, reaching New York on the 28th. His brother-in-law, Dr. Vincent Barber, lives in Brooklyn, and he left his sister with him. Mrs. Barber, his sister, was formerly a trained nurse and under the skilled care of herself and husband, Mr. Lassell states that his sister has already shown much improvement in mind and he hopes eventually that she may recover her normal intelligence.

Boat Burns in River.

Elizabeth City, Feb. 5.—Capt. Jesse Ward, keeper of Kill Devil Hill Life Saving Station, had a narrow escape last night when his launch burned in the Pasquotank river, about three miles from the harbor. Captain Ward was returning to his station, after having spent several days here visiting his family.

When about three miles down the river, the engine stopped working. Captain Ward took a lighted lantern to make an examination to discover the trouble. An explosion caused by escaping gas occurred when he brought the lantern near the engine and the flames spread all over the boat in an instant. He jumped to a small skiff which he was towing, cut it loose from the burning launch and quickly rowed away from the launch. In a few minutes the launch was burned to the water-line and sank to the bottom of the river.

Captain Ward came back to town in the skiff. He stated this morning that if he had not had the small boat in tow he would have been burned to death or drowned.

Car of Cabbage, Apples, Bananas, and Potatoes, at Merchants' Supply Co.

### VILLA TALKED IN PLAIN MANNER.

Says He Will Execute Spaniards in Torreon Who Aided the Huerta Government.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—General Villa issued the following notice to all foreign governments:

"In conformity with my conception of justice I wish to notify all foreign governments that I have positive information that the Spanish residents of Torreon have aided federal forces there and that it is my purpose to execute these Spaniards if we capture them. I am making this statement now so that no surprise will be expressed later and to give Spaniards an opportunity to leave the country before they fall into my hands."

"I hope this notice to the United States and Spain will be accepted as a friendly warning."

The impression prevailing in official circles in Washington that the Huerta Government has secured arms from the Japanese Government is erroneous says Shotoku Bada, special representative of the Japanese consul in Chicago, who says:

"Huerta has secured arms in Japan under these conditions: When Madero was president he made a contract with a private Japanese firm to purchase a quantity of arms. The firm had no connection whatsoever with the Japanese Government. After Madero's death Huerta proceeded with the contract and what arms he has secured from Japan have been from this private firm in accordance with the contract made by Madero."

New Orleans, Feb. 3.—Stores of arms and ammunition sufficient to equip a great nation for a campaign with a worthy foe are being made ready for shipment to Mexico from New Orleans and vicinity. Figures were made public tonight following the proclamation by President Wilson.

Stored in New Orleans and nearby towns are more than 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition, approximately 14,000 modern army rifles, four machine guns, a thousand or more army revolvers and cartridge belts, saddles, blankets and holsters in enormous quantities. The ammunition for the machine guns alone is more than the four weapons could use up before they became unfit for field service.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—Telegraphic communication connection Torreon with El Paso was cut this morning and it is believed that constitutional forces that have been approaching Torreon from Neuva Leon have cut these lines.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—General Villa sent Attorney Aguerre Benavides to call on General U. L. Scott to extend his thanks through General Scott to President Wilson for his action in raising the embargo on arms and ammunition and also to obtain permission for the release of 1,500,000 rounds of ammunition and about 5,000 rifles seized by the United States troops as they were being exported to Mexico.

Elcentro, Cal., Feb. 3.—That Lmesa der Salinas, the deposed judge of first instance of Mexicana and ranking civil officer in that district of Mexico, personally ordered the shooting on December 31 last, of E. Sanchez, Jose Valfit and Pablo Flores, American citizens, has been established by papers found in the effects of Salinas and A. M. Pencia, former Mexican chief immigration inspector at Mexicana, under arrest here now for removing public documents from Mexicana. Sanchez and Valfit were killed but Flores escaped in a spectacular manner to the United States.

In a letter to Huerta Salinas virtually admits that Sanchez and Valfit were murdered in cold blood and on official orders and it was only through a mistake of officers in the killing that the third American escaped and lived to tell the story.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—General Francisco Villa, chief of the constitutionalist forces in Chihuahua, was asked to make some expression to the people of the United States following the proclamation of President Wilson. General Villa said:

"The raising of the embargo on arms by President Wilson was an act of justice. As a result the revolution in Mexico will soon be over."

Widower, 78, Marries Nurse, 28, on Death Bed.

New York, Feb. 2.—Charles Wardwell Schofield, once a prominent railroad builder, 78 years old, was married in Brooklyn today, to Miss Jean W. Fitzsimmons, age 28, a trained nurse. Within three hours he was dead of pneumonia. He realized that death was upon him and asked that the ceremony be performed.

Mr. Schofield was born in Stamford, Conn. He built the Bingham Canyon Railroad in Utah, now a part of the Denver and Rio Grande, and other roads in the West and South. Several years ago he retired from active business. His first wife, Lillian E. Schofield, died in Los Angeles in De-

ember, 1912, and soon after her estate was settled a month ago by a decision of the California Court which divided it equally between the husband and the surviving widow.

Mr. Schofield had been living in the St. George Hotel in New York where the wedding took place.

Want Military Aeroplanes.

Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, Feb. 3.—Military aeroplanes will be among the war munitions to be ordered a once from the United States by General Carranza the rebel chief. This was announced today after Carranza had made hasty arrangements to take advantage immediately of the American Government's action in lifting the embargo on the exportation of arms. The aeroplanes will be used in campaigns in Northern Mexico.

Fourteen thousand rifles with sufficient ammunition for a long campaign already have been ordered.

Evidence Gathered Against Burke.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The evidence gathered by the Government in the case of John Burke, manager of the Panama Railroad Commissary department, charged with irregularities in dealing with contractors, has been sent by the Department of Justice to Snowden Marshall, United States District Attorney at New York. The Panama Railroad is a New York corporation and the evidence in the case was sent to Mr. Marshall for his information. Final determination of the Department's action, however, will be made by Attorney General McReynolds and William Wallace, Jr., who has charge of the case.

The case against Burke hinges upon whether he was an employe of the United States when he was manager of the commissary department of a private corporation, the stock of which is owned by the Government. If he were found not to be an employe of the government no criminal action could be taken because of the alleged acceptance of commissions on contracts. Although it was understood here tonight that Department attorneys thing Burke is a Federal employe, information has convinced them that it may be possible to proceed along other lines without proving this.

For the present no attempt will be made to have Burke come to the United States. So far as is known no charge ever has been made that the United States suffered any loss through any of Burke's deals.

Theodore Appoints Cabinet.

Cape Haitien, Feb. 5.—Senator Davilmar Theodore, who has set up a provisional government here has appointed his Cabinet. General Monplaisir, the returned exile, was permitted to land here by authorization of Theodore. There has been some pillaging and today an American gunboat landed bluejackets. The Consular Corps has requested that another warship be sent from Port au Prince to protect foreign interests.

"Bill" on Stand Today.

New York, Feb. 5.—Former Governor William Sulzer tomorrow will take the stand again in District Attorney Whitman's John Doe inquiry into State political graft. He will pick up his story where he dropped it as a witness a fortnight ago. It is expected he will be questioned concerning certain letters received by him during the proceedings at Albany which ended in his impeachment.

English Press Likes Repeal of the Free Tolls Provision.

London, Feb. 6.—Several morning newspapers print editorials today on President Wilson's announcement that he would use his influence to have repealed the provision of the Panama Canal Act exempting American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls.

The Daily News says experience has shown that President Wilson's use of his legitimate influence is, for practical purposes, irresistible.

The Daily Chronicle expressing the hope that President Wilson will carry the Senate with him, remarks that it makes little difference whether the objectionable clause be repealed or referred to arbitration since it is unable to conceive that any arbitration court would decide the issue otherwise than in favor of Great Britain.

The Chronicle thinks that repealing the clause would be the most friendly dignified and courteous course to pursue.

Debate on Alaska Railroad Bias Is Concluded in House.

Washington, Feb. 5.—General debate on the Chamberlain Bill, authorizing the President to construct a Government railroad in Alaska tonight was concluded in the House. The measure will be taken up for detailed consideration next Wednesday and Representative Houston in charge of the bill tonight said every effort would be made to hurry it to final passage. It already has passed the Senate.

More than two score members of the House made brief speeches for and against the project today, Rep-

resentatives Mann, of Illinois, and Lorah, of Missouri, making the principal arguments favoring it and Representative Dies, of Texas, opposing it.

Mr. Dies denounced the measure as opening the way for paternalism and "socialistic." Republican Leader Mann declared the same cry has been raised against every extension of Governmental activity.

The field day of oratory brought few members of the House to the chamber and the speakers addressed almost empty benches throughout the day.

Huerta Is Still Optimistic.

Mexico City, Feb. 4.—Students of the capital today made plans to hold a public demonstration tomorrow against the American Government under the governor of the federal district, acting under instructions from President Huerta, tonight announced that no demonstration would be permitted.

President Huerta today cabled to the newspapers in Buenos Ayres, London, Paris and Madrid and to a few in the United States that he had an army of 135,000 and soon expected to issue a decree increasing this number by 50,000.

Wine Importer Fails.

New York, Feb. 4.—Cosare Conti one of the largest importers of olive oil and wines and other Italian products in the country, and a private banker and steamship and railroad ticket agent, made an assignment today for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Conti's attorney said his liabilities would amount to about \$350,000 and his assets to about \$100,000. Conti is seriously ill at a local hospital.

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United States Civil Service Examination for Rural Carrier.

At Burlington, N. C., for Alamance County, Saturday, February 14, 1914. The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination on the date and at the place named above, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Mebane, N. C., and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at postoffices in the above-named county, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion. The compensation of rural carrier is based upon the length of the route. Salaries range from \$484 to \$1,100 per year.

Age, 18 to 55 on date of the examination. The maximum age is waived in cases of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service.

An applicant must have his actual domicile in the territory supplied by a postoffice in the county for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all male citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application Form 1841, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster at any of the examination points named above, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington. As examination papers are shipped direct from the Commission to the places of examination, it is necessary that applications be received in ample time to arrange for the examination desired at the place indicated by the applicant. The commission will therefore arrange to examine any applicant whose application is received in time to permit the shipment of the necessary papers.

An eligible register for the position of rural letter carrier for each county will be maintained. A person must be examined in the county in which the post office that supplies his home is situated. As a result of such examination he may become eligible to appointment as rural carrier at any post office in such county. A rural letter carrier after one year's satisfactory service may be transferred to the position of clerk or carrier in a first or second class postoffice, to the position of village mail clerk, or to the position in the classified service, subject to such examination as may be required by the civil service rules. J. A. McLELLIN, Pres.

## New Undertaking Business.

J. H. Rich and W. A. Wilson of Greensboro, N. C., have purchased the stock of undertaking goods from the estate of the late Wm. A. Rich of Graham, N. C., and will carry on the business at the same place.

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Reestablish the "Lineup."

New York, Feb. 4.—Among police department reforms, Douglas I. McKay, police commissioner, purposes to bring about the reestablishment of the "lineup." Under this system detectives, their faces masked, used to line up at police quarters and view one by one all criminals under arrest to become familiar with their appearance, voices and mannerisms. Commissioner McKay tonight recommended to Mayor Mitchell the restoration of the "lineup" and the mayor gave his approval.