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JEFF'S WIFE'S JUDGMENT

(By D. J. Walsh.)

CAROLINE HALL had nearly cried her eyes out over Mrs. Madison's party. She had good reason for crying, too. For the affair was given in honor of Mrs. Grover Mead. Mrs. Mead had been engaged to Caroline's husband whom she had thrown over for the snappy out-of-town young man whose widow she now was. Grover Mead had left a lot of money. After a year of travel she had come to her old home town for a visit. She was making a sensation. The women who had been cooking, scrubbing, raising children and humoring their husbands while Alice was touring the continent felt that a disturbing element had entered into their midst.

Caroline hated to go to the party, but Jeff insisted. Usually Jeff was reluctant to go any place. When his day's work was done he loved to loaf about home, digging in the garden. If it was warm weather, sitting with his feet on the register, reading. If it was cold, to make matters worse for Caroline, he said: "I want to see Ally, talk over old times with her. She ought to be a swell looking woman. She was certainly the prettiest girl this burg ever turned out."

"I'll have to have a new dress for the party," Caroline said. "All right. We'll get you one." Jeff always went with Caroline when she bought her clothes. On that account she usually shopped Saturday night. They always went to the same department store. And they always bought the same style of dress for Caroline, dark blue this or that, with enough fullness in it to permit of its being made over. There was an unwritten law that Jeff had good judgment about such matters and Caroline next to none. Therefore, it was Jeff who selected the new rug, the new wallpaper, coal, kerosene for the kitchen, groceries, shoes and paint as well as his wife's clothes. He had a conservative taste in color. He always looked through a bit of wool goods, discarding it as shoddy if it did not fulfill certain requirements which he considered indispensable. Not that he was stingy. He wanted his family to have as much as other men's families. But he had an idea that what was good enough for his mother was good enough for his wife. In that way he was just twenty-years behind the times.

Caroline was a tall, slim woman of thirty-nine with a full head of yellowish hair, a faded skin and blue eyes. When she put on a dark-blue dress, a black hat, orange black silk stockings and low-heeled oxfords she looked dull and uninteresting. And she felt just the way she looked. That is what one's integument does to the soul, it imprisons.

A dull, decorous woman was what Caroline's neighbors thought her: no snap, no get-up-and-go to her. How on earth had big husky Jeff been attracted by her? Of course she was a fine housekeeper, always ready to do her share in the community, but stupid—terribly stupid.

Saturday night Jeff and Caroline went downtown to get her new dress. The elderly saleswoman who always waited upon them knew exactly what Jeff wanted, for his wife. She brought out a dark blue crepe. Caroline put it on. It was a bit large and it came to her ankles. But Jeff thought it looked well enough just as it was. He paid for it with the comfortable spirit of a man who has just paid \$35 for what he considers an excellent bargain.

As they came out of the store a lighted sedan paused at the curb. It was Jim Madison's car and his wife and her guest, Mrs. Mead, were in the back seat. Caroline glimpsed a sparkling, colorful, dashing combination of style, beauty and make-up that was Alice Mead. She heard Jeff gasp. Her heart seemed to vanish, leaving a sickening vacuum in her chest.

The party was scheduled for Monday night. Everybody was talking about the flourish May Madison was making, ordering ice cream and lobster from the city. Peel, the florist, had cut every flower he could find in his greenhouses. The electric light company had put up special wiring.

Between Saturday night and two o'clock Monday afternoon Caroline had done a tremendous amount of thinking. And she suffered a tremendous amount of misery. First of all, she was jealous. She knew that Jeff had married her at a time when he needed a wife badly; his mother had just died leaving him with two small brothers. She knew that he had always regretted losing Alice. He was a kind husband, a good provider, but she was not affectionate. As far as she knew, Caroline had never aroused in him one spark of romantic interest. He had always been sure of her.

Their marriage was stabilized, an eventful. If she had not loved him so well she could not have endured her life.

She agonized up to two o'clock Monday afternoon. Then desperation gave her the power to act. She seized hat and coat, got into the car which she drove fairly well and raced down town. This time she did not go to the store of Jeff's choice. She parked outside the small shop where all the pretty girls went. She went into that shop, trembling, her purse, which held every cent she could call her own, clutched in one cold, damp hand.

That night Jeff found supper a bit late. Caroline was bending over the kitchen range seasoning the stew when he entered. She wore a blue cap and he mentally commented that she had her hair done upon kink-pins for the party.

"Will I have time to shave before supper?" asked Jeff.

"Just about time," Caroline replied quietly.

There was nothing unusual about their bedroom or the bathroom. But the guest chamber could have told another story. There was where Caroline dressed while Jeff shaved, dressed and well fed, lost himself in a book downstairs while he waited for her to descend.

When he heard her step on the stairs he jumped up, grabbed hat and ulster and ran to get the car out. Caroline sat alone on the back seat. They stopped for Tom and Eleanor Hanson. Arrived at the Madison house the two couples went in together. Jeff didn't look at his wife. He was thinking of the bright vision that had suddenly appeared in his office that afternoon for the purpose, as she said, of just saying howdy to him. Maybe in a strong light Alice did show that she had lost some of her looks, but she was still a hummer for style.

Jeff and Tom Hanson were waiting for their wives to come downstairs when Jeff saw in the long mirror opposite him a sight that startled him. Not Alice. Alice was dark. This woman was deliciously fair. Her shingled hair enhanced probably by golden-glow, was a gleaming wavy mass of beauty. Her brows were arched, her face youthful, her eyes dreamy. Her shoulders and arms were white as snow. And her dress—green, scintillant like a dragon-fly's wing, clipped off at the knee to show slim legs, buckled slippers with preposterously high yet graceful heels. Round her neck was a string of pearls, on her left wrist glittered a circle of precious stones—culled at the 5 and 10, but Jeff had to learn this.

"Lova Mike!" he heard Tom gasp. "Look at Caroline!"

Yes, it was Caroline, but a Caroline Jeff had never thought existed. This Caroline was cool, confident, a bit flirt. The men surged toward her, away from Alice Mead, who bit her lip, tossed her head and laughed at the desertion.

At one o'clock Jeff and Caroline returned home. He put his hands on her shoulders, drew her under the chandelier to look at her.

"Just to see if the same thing happened to you that happened to Cinderella," he said.

Caroline, still undimmed from her triumph, laughed.

"Confess, you showed good judgment in picking me out, Jeffy, dear," she said.

The light she had so long looked for in vain was in Jeff's eyes.

"You showed better judgment when you picked out these clothes," he said gallantly.

Birds That Know No Fear

Tropical birds abound in central Australia, and because the country is so sparsely settled the birds know no fear and allow themselves to be approached so that they may often be taken in hand. The birds are notable for their number and the brilliance of their plumage. On the lagoons and lakes there are thousands of birds all the time.

Italian Auto Roads

Automobile roads in Italy are known as "autostrada." Autostrada are not a part of the state highway system, but are owned, controlled and operated by private concerns. The state pays an annuity to the operating companies and they are permitted to impose and collect tolls. Eventually the state will own the roads.

Cobalt Glass Coloring

The use of cobalt in coloring glass in ancient times has been proved by recent experiments of a German scientist. Upon analysis of some fragments of Babylonian artificial lapis lazuli, taken from the excavations at Nippur and dating from approximately 1400 B. C., the use of both cobalt and copper was demonstrated.

Disgraced Gambler

We've heard of men who are so contrary they get peevish when their wives do everything they tell them to do. It leaves no excuse for grumbling. —Silverton (Or.) Tribune.

HAPPENNINGS OF THE WEEK

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mexican Revolution Complete Failure, According to President Portes Gil.

THE Mexican revolution is a complete failure, according to a statement issued by President Portes Gil suspending further enlistments. Mutiny, desertions and capture have greatly weakened the rebel forces and, although sporadic fighting will probably continue for some time, the present outlook is that the government will be completely successful in suppressing the opposition.

The optimistic outlook of the government is based largely on the improved morale of the federal army. It is claimed that the military power has been solidified by general education within the army. The soldiers no longer are ignorant and refuse to be misled by the rebel generals.

General Calles, former president and now secretary of war, is in the field with the greatest army ever assembled in Mexico. In a series of rapid forward movements they have invaded the strongholds of the rebel forces and have been victorious wherever they came in contact with the enemy.

Provisional President Emilio Portes Gil in an interview said the relations of the United States and Mexico were excellent. He said the position taken by the United States on the arms embargo, allowing the Mexican government to import arms and preventing the rebels from importing them, was a most eloquent testimony of the good will of the United States government toward the Mexican government.

Secretary Frank B. Kellogg's position is that the United States will not recognize governments emanating from a revolution, he said. This is an assurance to the stable governments of Latin-American countries and recognition and respect for the sovereignty of Mexico and its institutions.

Referring to the stand taken by President Herbert Hoover and Secretary Kellogg, President Portes Gil, after a conference with Genaro Estrada, foreign minister, gave the following statement over his signature: "Both declarations constitute a new and solemn testimony of the respect for the Mexican institutions representing law and order and the national sovereignty."

EARLY in the week President Hoover made the important announcement that it would be the policy of the administration to do everything possible to conserve the petroleum resources of the nation. His formal statement reads as follows:

"There will be no leases or disposal of government oil lands, no matter what category they may lie in, of government holdings or government control, except those which may be mandatory by congress. In other words, there will be complete conservation of government oil in this administration."

The first step toward making this policy effective came in the form of an order by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur to all government land offices directing them "not to receive further applications for permits to prospect for oil and gas on the public domain, and to reject all applications now pending."

Far-reaching effects of this new policy are predicted.

Preceding the issuance of the order Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana held a conference with the President and protested against the new policy. Senator Walsh contended that it was the intent of congress that oil development should be permitted on the public domain and that any arbitrary restriction would be discrimination against his state, where there are 20,000,000 acres of public land.

This new policy accords with that recommended by the oil conservation board of which Mr. Hoover was a member while secretary of commerce.

COMPLETE agreement on a formula for the admission of the United States to the World Court of International Justice was reached at the fourth meeting of the interna-

May Use Canary Birds in Study of Malaria

Canaries can serve mankind in another way than with their singing. Birds, as well as men, are subject to malaria. So the scientists have been able to discover many important facts about the disease by studying it in birds. The results of the ten-year study carried on by himself and his associates at the Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore will be reported by Dr. Robert Egner in forthcoming

tional committee of jurists at Geneva. The formula, in its final form, is the work of Sir Cecil Hurst, British delegate, aided by M. Politis of Greece and Ellhu Root of America. Mr. Root is entirely in accord with the Hurst redraft.

The Root-Hurst formula, as the revised scheme is known, represents a tightened-up version of the original Root formula and contains but few basic changes.

One change of highest importance, however, deals with the question of summary procedure in negotiations with the United States in case an advisory opinion is asked for in an urgent dispute. In order to speed up the machinery and eliminate the maximum of red tape, the new formula provides for direct dealings between Geneva and Washington, if an advisory opinion is requested urgently.

The original desire of Washington was to handle all negotiations through The Hague, which would mean if the council decided to ask an advisory opinion Geneva would have to notify The Hague. The Hague would have to relay word to Washington, Washington would reply to The Hague, whereupon The Hague would turn over the response to Geneva. Sir Cecil objected to this roundabout method and he has been backed up by most of the members of the committee.

With the completion of the modernized draft of the protocol the committee will have cleared the ground for the admission of the United States to the World Court. The ultimate decision will depend on ratification by Washington and the 52 signatories of the protocol of December 16, 1920.

MATERIAL progress toward the settlement of the reparations situation has been made by the commission in Paris. The suggestion for the creation of an international bank for receiving and disbursing reparations and to act as an umpire in war debt payment questions, has met with almost unanimous approval.

It was said unanimity had been reached in the banker's committee regarding the question of the capitalization, which would be small compared with the colossal capital of some of the giant banks of America and England. The bank scheme provides against any political interference, the governments having no direction or control of the superbank. Secondly, the co-operation of the central banks of emission must be assured, if the bank is established.

Powerful private financial institutions and banking groups will be asked to collaborate with the superbank, as without their aid the projected organization is helpless. Despite pessimistic reports the assurance was also given that the difference between what Germany is ready to offer and what France, as the chief creditor, is willing to accept does not exceed \$115,000,000.

The Germans already have given indications that they are ready to pay \$301,000,000 per annum, while the French are holding out for \$500,000,000. It is understood that their colleagues are confident of reducing this to \$480,000,000.

THE tragic death of Lee Bible at Daytona Beach, Fla., has put an end to speed racing for the present. The A. A. U. A. contest board announced after the tragedy that the third annual international auto speed trials were over for the year. Maj. H. O. D. Segrave, English record holder, declared that he was through with racing, and a similar statement was made by J. M. White, owner of the car driven by Lee Bible.

Bible was traveling at a rate of 202 miles an hour when he lost control. The car plunged into the dunes and was completely wrecked. Bible's body was hurled from the car near the end of its crash. His neck, legs and arms were broken. Bible was making a test preliminary to an attempt to bring back to America the automobile speed record, lost two days before when Major Segrave, English racing driver, established a new record of 231 miles an hour.

THE federal prison spy system inaugurated by assistant attorney General Mabel Willebrandt is likely to be made the subject of senatorial investigation as a result of the controversy in which Warden John Snook of the Atlanta penitentiary submitted his resignation to Attorney General

hence is favorable for the canary. These scientists found the exact relation between the stage of development of the parasites and the stage of the illness. They found how various factors in the sick individual affect the development and growth of the parasite, or how the individual resists the disease. From many discoveries of this sort, made by studying malaria in the canary birds, the scientists hope to gain further control over the disease in both birds and human beings.

Mitchell rather than continue under the espionage of Justice department agents "planted" as prisoners.

Senator W. E. Borah entered a vigorous protest with the attorney general against the acceptance of Snook's resignation, and added that, whether the resignation is accepted or not, demands will be made in the senate early in the coming extra session for a sweeping investigation of the spy system.

WHEN Henry L. Stimson, newly appointed secretary of state, arrives from the Philippines and assumes his duties, it is expected that sweeping changes in the diplomatic service and a slight shakeup of State department officials will follow.

President Hoover now holds the resignations of all of the American diplomatic representatives and the high officers of the department, but he is withholding action upon them until after he can hold a series of conferences with his secretary of state.

Mr. Hoover carried to the White House some very definite ideas about a realignment of the diplomatic corps, based not alone upon his observations during his good-will tour of Latin America, but also upon a thorough-going study of the whole foreign service situation. As a result changes affecting the American diplomatic representatives around the globe are expected.

A new ambassador is to be sent to the most important of all the posts, that at the court of St. James. Alanson B. Houghton of New York soon is to retire as ambassador to Great Britain and, while his successor has not yet been selected, it is known that President Hoover is hopeful that he can obtain the services of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes of Chicago.

AN EXECUTIVE order issued Friday by President Hoover defers publicity of decisions in all tax refund cases, marking a departure from the policy of secrecy heretofore maintained.

While a step in this direction was required under a compromise provision in the first deficiency appropriation bill enacted by congress in the closing days of the recent session, the order went somewhat further than necessary under the congressional mandate. The provision adopted by congress required publicity only in cases of refunds of \$20,000 or more. The President's order provides for publicity in all cases of refunds.

The action of the President was based on a recommendation by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who heretofore has opposed all moves made in congress in the direction of tax refund publicity.

Secretary Mellon in a statement made it clear that there is no intention to embarrass taxpayers by disclosing in the decisions information relative to their business affairs as contained in their tax returns which, under the law, are not open to public inspection.

UNCLE SAM'S venture in the shipping business during and after the war will show a loss of \$3,000,000, according to figures just made available. Only a fraction of the billions expended for government construction and operation of ships will ever find its way back into the United States treasury. Up to date the government has salvaged less than half a billion of the three and a half billions expended since 1917.

THE creation of an eleventh department of the government, headed by a cabinet officer, is contemplated by President Hoover. This new branch of the government is to be formed by combining the public health service, the bureau of education and the various welfare agencies.

The National Education association has been advocating for two decades or more the creation of a department of education. A bill favored by that association was introduced in the last congress. Its declared purpose is "to aid and encourage the public schools and promote the public educational facilities of the nation, so that all the people of the several states and territories, without regard to race, creed or color, shall have larger educational opportunities, and thereby abolish illiteracy, make more general the diffusion of knowledge and provide for the general welfare."

Easter



When Easter Sermons Were Broadly Comic

In many smaller churches of ancient England the Easter sermon, instead of being a Resurrection sermon, was more or less a comic story to cheer people up after their long fast. I found one such sermon in an old paper. It ran like this:

The Lord and Peter once visited a good blacksmith and his wife, who were very kind to them. In return our Lord told them they could have whatever they wished. The wife asked to go to heaven.

"Open your mouth," said Peter. The woman obeyed.

"Indeed, there is no choice for you. You must go to heaven, for in hell there is gnashing of teeth and you have not a tooth in your head."

The husband asked that wherever he sat upon his green cap he should

stay and no force could drive him away.

"And why, my good man," asked Peter, "do you not follow the good example of your spouse and ask for eternal life, too?"

The man would not be persuaded and his green cap wish was granted. Time passed and he died and was being conducted by the devil to hell. On the way they passed the gates of heaven and the blacksmith threw his cap over the top. They stopped, and the devil told him to go in and get it and come out again or something awful would befall him. The man, with a wink, went in, picked up his green cap, sat on it and remained in heaven where he met his beloved wife and they lived happily ever after.—Exchange.

Easter Sunday Great Day of Rededication

Easter, day of hope for man's spirit; springtime of the soul and blossoming for the perennial beauty of earth, dawns upon the world once more.

Easter, day of jubilate, day of triumphant songs for Christ's victory over the tomb!

Easter, day of solemn rededication to the beauty of the spirit and the service of man and God!

Easter, day when we gird anew our hearts and hands to the service of the utmost good in heaven and on earth, to the adoration of the Heavenly Father and the service of our fellow men!

Begun, centuries ago, as a pagan fete, Easter today has been so long identified with the most sacred demonstration of the Christian religion that it now typifies, in its very history, the triumph of purity over the unclean, of light over darkness, of hope over blackest despair.

As Christ conquered the tomb, nearly 2,000 years ago, so we may, inspired by this day of Hosannas, rise superior to our baser selves and lift our heads and hearts upward to a happier dawn.

Easter Prayer

Oh God, who didst give Thy dear son freely for our sins, help us to learn the grace of giving. May we "abound unto every good work." May we be good stewards of our possessions. And thus may we come to know Thee, our Father, more perfectly. Amen.

Easter Thought

"I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Joy of Easter

Springtime wakens all the earth
From the sleep of evening death
Life, new life, has joyful birth
At the gentle south wind's breath.

Where no sign of life was seen,
Where lay deep the drifts of snow,
Now appear the blades of green;
Star-like daisies soon will grow.

Nature wears a lovely face
For the Christian's eyes to see,
For whom bud and leaf bear trace
Of his immortality.

Sorrow may the life o'ertake,
Even Death's dirch chill and bright;
But with Jesus we shall wake
To a tearless morn of light.

—Maud Frazer Jackson.

Services in Open Air Mark Russian Easter

A long sonorous peal, as of muffled thunder, rings out at dawn and instantly it has been caught up by Moscow's forty times forty church bells, announcing the arrival of the Russian Easter, a week later than the festival under the Latin calendar.

Adorned in their sumptuous robes done in gold and silver, with miters no less imposing than before the revolution, save perhaps for glass replacing the precious emeralds, rubies and diamonds of days gone by, the priests everywhere, in accordance with ancient customs, officiate in open air, on squares facing churches.

At the ring of Moscow cathedral's big bell and its accompanying sym-



phony of lesser bells, the priests, followed by singing choirs and parishioners carrying sacred banners and huge candles, appear before crowds chanting, "Christ has risen" which instantly is caught up by choirs and praying crowds chanting: "In truth He has risen." Whereupon follow religious processions with priests marching in full regalia round and round the churches through lanes of praying crowds. And everywhere are blazing torches and candles and fire rockets shooting heavenward. The church crowds, as is usual since the revolution, are interspersed with the irreligious, who, though not praying, seem to enjoy the ceremony, none the less.

Hunting Easter Eggs Very Ancient Custom

The chief celebration of Easter in olden days was not a new Easter bonnet but an Easter egg. English children today hunt eggs in the garden before breakfast on Easter morning, and afterward they eat a colored boiled egg—in the shell, not broken into a cup as we eat them. Little most of them know that these two



Looking for Eggs.

customs are very ancient. That of hunting Easter eggs has come down from the earliest days when men believed that the earth was hatched at the spring of the year from a vast "mundane egg." The custom of eating colored eggs for breakfast originated in Oxford, among the scholars, who were not allowed to eat eggs during Lent, and who, to celebrate, colored their first treat on Easter morning!

Easter Prayer

Oh God, who didst give Thy dear son freely for our sins, help us to learn the grace of giving. May we "abound unto every good work." May we be good stewards of our possessions. And thus may we come to know Thee, our Father, more perfectly. Amen.