FLOUR! FLOUR!

Western wheat has made big advance in price in the past 30 days.

Wholesale flour prices have not kept up with the wheat market. We had large bookings before all this rise. Now we are going to give the trade a part of this rise in price, so that we will be selling you flour for less than we can now buy it from the mills.

Our Flours are just the very best; **Melrose Flour** is a Household Word in Concord and Cabarrus County. All other flours take Melrose Flour as the standard. The highest compliment it could have.

Liberty Self Rising Flour is Melrose in quality. It has all the ingredients for good bread mixed just right. You cannot fail to have good bread with it.

Bell Rose Flour is just the finest first straight grain flour to be had.

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ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administratrix of the estate of John Cook, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment, or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 24th day of December, 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

(MRS.) LULA FISHER.
Administratrix of John Cook, Deceased.

December 23, 1923.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having qualified as administrator of Zella Crouse McCarn, deceased, late of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 12th day of December, 1925.

W. F. BRINKLEY,
Administrator of Zela Crouse McCarn, Deceased.
Lexington, N. C.

SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENCE PROPERTY.

By virtue of an order of J. B. McAllister, C. S. C., of Cabarrus County, N. C., made in the special proceeding in the Superior Court of Cabarrus County wherein Walter R. Litaker, Administrator of Frederick H. Watkins, deceased, is plaintiff, and Sylvester Watkins, and others, heirs at law and widow of said deceased are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, January 30, 1926, at the Courthouse door in Concord, N. C., expose to sale at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the late residence property of Dr. F. H. Watkins, deceased, lying and being in Ward 4 Concord, N. C., and consisting of two lots, with a 9 room house thereon, bounded as follows:

1st lot, adjoining the lands of John Spencer, Jake Wallace and others, being lot No. 5 on the map of Coleburg as platted and surveyed by Quint E. Smith, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cabarrus County, N. C., and being on the East side of Tournament street, beginning at a stake on Jake Wallace's corner and runs thence with his line N. 86 E. 28.4 feet to a stake his corner on the Chapman line; thence with the Chapman line No. 1 E. 54 ft. to a stake on John Spencer's corner; thence with said Spencer's line S. 83 3-4 W. 289 ft. to a stake, his corner on the E. side of Tournament St.; thence with said side of Tournament St., S. 3 1-2 W. 50 ft. to the beginning, and being the same property conveyed by Jno. D. Morris and wife to F. H. Watkins by deed registered in said office in Record of Deeds 80, pp. 556 and following to which said registered copy reference is hereby expressly made for accurate description by metes and bounds.

2nd lot, on the east side of and fronting Tournament St., aforesaid, adjoined on the north by the above described lot, one the West by Tournament St., on the South by the lands of Horace Green, and on the east by the lands of Horace Green, this being lot No. 19 in the division of lots between D. R. & W. M. Coleman, as will fully appear by reference for metes and bounds to the description given in Book 31 of Deeds in the office aforesaid at pp 29, 30 and 31, and being the same lot deeded by Jacob Wallace to F. H. Watkins by deed registered in the office aforesaid in Record of Deeds No. 80, pp. 558 and following to which said registered copy reference is hereby expressly made for greater accuracy of desctription by metes and bounds.

The said property is sold subject to street assessments not due, and for the purpose of making assets wherewith to pay the indebtedness of said estate.

This December 31, 1925.

WALTER R. LITAKER,
Administrator of Frederick H. Watkins, Deceased.
Frank Armfield, Atty.

NOTICE.

North Carolina—Cabarrus County.
C. A. Cook, Plaintiff,
vs.
Nettie Harris, George Harris, Marshall Harris, Margie Harris, and Ashland Harris, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution or Venditioni Exponas directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cabarrus County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the first day of February, 1926, at 12 o'clock M., at the Courthouse door, in Cabarrus County, sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy the said execution or Venditioni Exponas all the right title and interest which the said Nettie Harris, George Harris, Marshall Harris, Margie Harris and Ashland Harris, the defendants, have in the following described real estate, to-wit:

One Town lot lying on the Southwestern corner of the intersection of Young and Pounds streets; beginning at a stake at said Intersection and runs S. 58 3-4 W. 85 feet to an iron stake, Lon Johnston's corner on Young street; thence with Lon Johnston's line S. 38 E. 70 ft. to a stake in Esther Baxter's line; thence with said Baxter's line N. 58 3-4 E. 88 ft. to a stake on Pound's street; thence with said street N. 4 1-2 W. 70 ft. to the beginning. Less, however, 48 feet sold off the above described lot on Young street and 48 feet sold off on Baxter's line.

This the 29th day of December, 1925.

R. V. CALDWELL, JR.,
Sheriff of Cabarrus Coun

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

As Executor of the last will and testament of Matilda H. King, I will sell at the court house door in Concord, N. C., on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1926, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, the following described property:

101 Shares Cabarrus Cotton Mills Stock, Common.
10 Shares Cabarrus Cotton Mills Stock, Preferred.
21 Shares Gibson Mfg. Company Stock, Common,
54 Shares Wiscassett Mills Co. Stock, Common.
10 Shares Concord National Bank Stock,
and other personal property.

This the 19th day of January, 1926.

R. MORRISON KING,
Executor.
By Hartsell & Hartsell, Attys.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Laura Johnston, deceased, late of County of Cabarrus, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit theme to the undersigned at Concord, N. C., on or before the 21st day of January, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 21st day of January, 1926.

M. M. LINKER,
Administrator of Laura Johnston.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF DAN LINKER.

Application will be made to the Commissioner of Pardons and the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Dan Linker, convicted at the August Term of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County for the crime of receiving liquor and having it in his possession and sentenced for a term of two years.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Commissioner of Pardons without delay.

This the 20th day of January, 1926.
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NEW OFFICERS FOR TERM INSTALLED BY PYTHIANS

Installation Services Held in Lodge Room Thursday Night.—W. R. Fisher Is C. C.

Officers chosen recently by local Pythians to serve for the present term were installed Thursday night at a meeting of Concord Lodge No. 51. The officers are:

W. R. Fisher, C. C.
G. M. Beaver, V. C.
O. A. Swaringen, Prelate.
George S. Graeber, M. of W.
R. A. Brower, K. R. S.
J. A. Peck, M. of W.
D. W. Moose, M. of E.
J. L. Bullabaugh, M. of A.
W. F. Safrit, I. G.
E. E. Peele, O. G.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. J. C. Fink, who has been ill for several weeks at the Concord Hospital, is improving, according to relatives.

J. H. Smith has resigned his position with the J. C. Penney Company and has accepted a place with the Reid Motor Company.

The condition of Mrs. J. C. Rowan, who underwent an operation in a Charlotte hospital Thursday, is reported as very satisfactory today.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bolinger have moved from their home on Cemetery street to North Spring street, where they will make their future home.

Continued improvement is reported in the condition of Mrs. J. P. Allison, who has been confined to her home on North Union street for some time by illness.

K. L. Craven entered the Concord Hospital Thursday afternoon for treatment. Mr. Craven's condition has not been favorable for some time so he decided to enter the hospital to undergo treatment.

Work has been started again on the extension of Spring street which is to link the two ends of this street between Chestnut and Tribune streets. Recent bad weather had stopped work on it.

Miss Beulah Courtney, county nurse, and J. H. Brown, county welfare officer, carried a man and woman from this county to the state hospital at Morganton Friday. The trip was made in Mr. Brown's car.

S. N. Nash has sold to D. A. McLaurin for $700, property in No. 4 township, according to a deed filed Friday. Another deed records the sale of property in No. 4 by Thomas Widenhouse to Mrs. Lacy A. Scarboro for $150.

The red sunrise of Thursday morning brought rain, the precipitation beginning late in the evening and continuing until after midnight. While the rain fell intermittently early in the evening it developed into a downpour about midnight.

City and county taxes are coming in rather slowly now, it is reported at the city hall and at the court house. The big rush in city taxes came several weeks ago while county taxes have been coming in rather at a steady gait.

Many people were disappointed Friday when Dr. Scholl's foot expert failed to arrive at Ivey's Shoe Store, due to the fact that he was taken sick en route. One man came 18 miles to consult the expert. Another demonstration will be arranged at an early date.

The Guernsey Bull Association will meet in Salisbury Saturday at which time Karl B. Musser, secretary of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, and W. W. Fitzpatrick, well known to southern cattlemen, will speak. A number of Cabarrus county farmers are expected to attend.

Good progress has been made with the work of digging the ditch for the water line from Concord to the Jackson Training School. Pipe has been laid all along the route and the work of digging the ditch has progressed in such satisfactory fashion that a completed job is expected soon.

The water line on the street sweeper froze Saturday while the machine was in operation. The sweeper began its work before sun-up and the chilling temperatures soon stopped circulation in the pipe line. A blowtorch soon thawed the ice and put the machine in operation again.

Several cases are to be tried in recorder's court this afternoon, police officers report. Most of the cases developed earlier in the week and were continued until today at the request of the defendants. It is reported by police officers that none of the cases are of an aggravated nature.

Heath Pemberton, who has been in a government cotton school in Washington since the first of January, passed through the city Friday en route to Clemson College, where he has been transferred. He will not only continue his studies there but will also be assistant instructor in the college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Blanks, who have been visiting in High Point and Greensboro, were the guests in High Point of the Rotary Club. While in Greensboro they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins was formerly pastor of the Central Methodist Church of this city.

Local officers are bemoaning the fact that a stolen car from Danville, Va., escaped them. Patrolman Robinson saw the car here Wednesday but no stolen notice had been received then. This morning he was notified that a reward of $50 had been offered for the car and the arrest of the 4 boys in it.

While temperatures here during the night were not at the zero point or near that point, they were much lower than had prevailed during the first part of the week. Ice in abundance was reported in all parts of the city, with a few frozen water pipes in exposed places. Low temperatures are promised again tomorrow.

Practically all of the primary teachers of the county schools were in Concord Saturday for a meeting at court house. Miss Grace Gladstone, from the Farm Life School at China Grove, delivered an address to the teachers this morning and some time also was devoted to a discussion of their work by the teachers.

Officers Allen and Medlin captured a crude, home-made still near Harrisburg Thursday. The still was made from tin cans for the most part, and held a quantity of beer that resembled soap suds, the officers reported. When stirred with the stick, it is said, the beer resembled shaving soap suds and carried an odor that was terrific.

He set his pleasure ship a-sail in the streets of gay Paris. In reckless fashion he trampled all underfoot in his quest of thrills. The one fine thing in his life was his affection for his young brother, and then, through his own fault, tragedy came to the boy. Read "Satan in Sables," the serial novel by Gregory Rogers, which started in The Tribune yesterday.

Carolina alumni here will be interested in the report from Chapel Hill that James Baldwin, former coach at Trinity College, is being considered as a successor to Coach Bill Fetzer at The Hill. Baldwin has been very successful both in the east and south and his appointment to the job at Carolina would be met with approval, it is believed.

Brail Pharr, negro, charged with threatening to shoot two other negroes, will be given a hearing this week. Pharr is nursing a wound on his right foot, the result of the accidental discharge of the gun with which he is alleged to have threatened the two men. His wound is being treated by Dr. S. E. Buchanan, county health officer.

A defendant charged with driving his car while intoxicated and having a little liquor in his pocket paid $219.45 in police court here Friday. Another defendant paid $25 including the costs for being intoxicated and a man charged with prostitution was assested the costs. The woman in this case was orderen sent to the State home for feeble-minded persons at Kinston.

The tuberculosis clinic which was held at Kannapolis last week by Dr. S. E. Lee, of Sanatorium, and Miss Margaret Ford, County tuberculosis nurse, was taken advantage of by the people of that section of the county. The number of applicants each day very largely exceeds the number that can be examined, as many as ten having been refused examination in a single day.

More Woman's Organizations Are Opposed to Name "Hotel Concord"

Several women's organizations of the city, either in regular session or through their executive committees, Thursday entered protest against calling the new hostelry here the "Hotel Concord." The first action in the matter by the women came Wednesday when members of the local chapter Daughters of the American Revolution suggested that the hotel be called "The Stephen Cabarrus," and named a committee to file the protest with officials of the hotel company.

The following resolution has been adopted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy through its executive committee: "We favor the name, "The Stephen Cabarrus," as a distinctive name for the new Concord hotel, thus perpetuating our county history in a manner most effective and striking, and respectfully request the directors in charge of naming the hotel to give our recommendation their consideration."

The executive committee of the local chapter of American War Mothers was called together Thursday to take action on the matter. The committee endorsed the action of the Daughters of the American Revolution in naming the hostelry "The Stephen Cabarrus."

In regular session Thursday afternoon members of the Study Club went on record as endorsing the name "The Stephen Cabarrus."

Committees from these organizations have been named to meet with officials of the hotel company so their protest and recommendations can be formally filed.

MISS THERESA DANSDILL TO SPEAK THIS WEEK

Prominent Director of Health Education Will Deliver Address on Subject of Nutrition.

The public schools in Concord in co-operation with the health department have been able to secure Miss Theressa Dansdill for several days this week. Miss Dasdill is the director of health education of the State tuberculosis association.

Durham, Asheville and other cities of the state have done wonderful things, it is said, under her inspiration. At the present time Asheville has her services for one week a month.

Miss Dansdill will talk to all the parent-teacher associations of the city at Corbin Street School on Tuesday, January 26th at 3:30 p. m. Her subject will be nutrition.

Surprise Birthday Party in Honor of Mrs. J. R. Blackwelder.

Mrs. J. R. Blackwelder made a visit to the home of a nearby friend and upon her return, at 8 o'clock, she found to her surprise her beautiful country home filled with guests clad in evening attire. Each room was beautifully decorated with the colors pink and white. The refreshments were delicious, and the entertainment was of the highest type.

The guests are indebted to Mrs. Herman Laughlin and Miss Zeliah Blackwelder for the occasion which was given by them in honor of their mother.

Mrs. Blackwelder wore a dress of navy blue broceded crepe. Miss Zeliah was dressed in a navy blue beaded georgette evening gown. Mrs. Laughlin wore a dark green satinback crepe trimmed in squirrel fur.

Those present were as follows: Mr. Charles Krowder, Fred R. Bost, Misses Mae, Ruth and Beatrice Blackwelder, Theodore Blackwelder, Misses Gertrude and Rebecca Furr, John Furr, Jean Laughlin, Robert Safrit, Herman Laughlin, Geraldine and Frank Laughlin, Mrs. Ada Clay, and E. J. Linker, all of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Herrin and son, of Mount Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hopkins and daughter, Mae; Russell Mallard, Fred M. Furr and Miss Johnsie Howell, all of Charlotte; John T. Howell, of Boone, N. C.

Those present reported a grand time and are looking forward to the 19th of January, 1927. X.

Entertains at Birthday Party.

Miss Miriam Winslow Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon, was hostess at a movie party Friday afternoon.

Twelve guests were invited to the party by Miss Cannon and after viewing the program at a local theatre, Miss Cannon and her guests returned to her home on North Union Street, where refreshments were served.

Large Number at Bridge Tournament.

The first session of the bridge tournament was held Friday night at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club and proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Covers were laid at twenty-two tables. At the conclusion of the game, a salad course was served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Blanks have returned from High Point and Greensboro, where they spent Thursday and Friday.

CHARGE NEGRO TRIED TO SHOOT TWO MEN

During the Excitement, However, His Gun Went Off Accidentally and He Shot His Own Foot.

Brail Pharr, negro, was arrested Friday by Sheriff R. V. Caldwell upon complaint from several negroes living in the Harrisburg section that he had threatened to shoot them.

Pharr was found at the home of Shep Harris and is nursing a badly injured foot, the result of an accidental discharge of the gun with which he is alleged to have chased several negroes during the morning.

Pink Howie and Andy McEachern, who were working at the home of W. C. (Bill) Pharr, colored, told Sheriff Caldwell Brial Pharr came to the house Friday and accused Howie of "turning up" a still which the officers found Thursday. Howie denied the charge, he told the Sheriff, but Pharr continued to threaten his life with his gun. McEachern told the sheriff that Pharr also threatened to shoot him.

The two negroes were chased across a field, it is said, and during the chase the gun carried by Pharr went off, sending a load of shot through his right foot.

Pharr told Sheriff Caldwell that he had started hunting and had not threatened to shoot anybody. He was standing at the mail box at the Bill Pharr home, talking with his aunt, when he accidentally pulled the trigger of the gun, he said. His statements were denied by all of the other negroes.

CHIEF TALBIRT MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Shows That More Than $11,000 Was Collected in Fines, Costs and Forfeitures in Court.

Chief L. A. Talbirt, of the Concord Police department, has just completed his 1925 report, showing the number of arrests his patrolmen made during the year and the amount of money collected in police court from fines, forfeitures and costs.

In addition to his annual report, Chief Talbirt made public his semi-annual report covering the last six months of 1925. This report shows that fines and forfeitures in the six months period totalled $2,972.14.

In his annual report Chief Talbirt reports 1,758 arrests in the city. From the arrests fines, forfeitures and costs collected in the recorder's court amounted to $11,656.88.

Of the total collected in the court $5,671.77 went to the county schools, representing the fines and forfeitures. The remainder, $5,985.11 went to the city, representing the costs assessed against the defendants.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR JACK PEACOCK

Boy's Mother Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lentz.—Burial Made in Concord.

Funeral services for little Jack Allen Peacock, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Peacock, of Thomasville, were held at the home Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and burial was made in Oakwood Cemetery in Concord. The boy died Wednesday.

Officiating at the service in Thomasville was the Rev. Mr. Bodie. A short service was held at the grave in Concord at which time Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of Thomasville, and Rev. M. L. Kester, of Concord, made short talks.

The boy was sick only one week, becoming ill with flu which later developen into double pneumonia and meningitis. Mrs. Peacock, his mother, before marriage, was Miss Lillian Lentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lentz, of North Union street.

Surviving Jack Peacock are his mother and father, one brother, Wilson Lentz Peacock, and one sister, Virginia Peacock.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT FOR FAIR BEING PLANNED

Prof. J. W. B. Long Agrees to Manage It Again and Is Now Formulating Plans.

It has been definitely decided to have a school exhibit at the Cabarrus County Fair this year and Prof. J. W. B. Long, who managed the very successful exhibit last year, has agreed to take charge of the department again this year.

The exhibit was a new feature of the fair last year and created such interest that officials decided to offer it again this year, on an even larger scale.

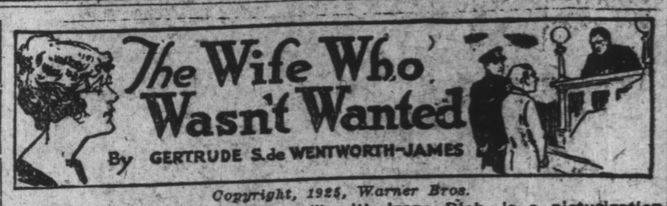
Prof. Long is formulating plans now and will conduct the department with the co-operation of teachers in the schools throughout the county. Attractive prizes will be offered for winners in the department.

Dr. T. N. Spencer, secretary of the fair, is getting telegrams and letters daily now from show companies which want to come here for the 1926 fair. This morning he had a telegram from the Johnny J. Jones Co. asking for midway rights. It is reported that a contract already has been signed with another company.

Several days ago Dr. Spencer had a communication from the World Amusement Co., wanting to send free acts here for the 1926 fair. No contract was made with the company, however, as Dr. Spencer first wants to confer with James Dutton, who furnished the excellent acts at the last fair.

Since the State Fair will not be held this year and the local fair will be held on the dates originally selected for the State Fair, many show people who planned to go to Raleigh are expected here. The fame of the local fair has spread far and wide, as evidenced by the anxiety of show people to get contracts with the local association.

Miss Mollie Brown has gone to Raleigh, where she will spend the week-end with Miss Georgia Elizabeth Calloway, who is a student at Peace Institute.



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SYNOPSIS

John Mannering, candidate for re-election as District Attorney, has declared his intention to prosecute his own son, Bob, for manslaughter, the boy having been in a car which crashed into another, killing a woman. The wife and mother, Eileen, is incensed at her husband. She loves and admires him, but her affection for the boy is even stronger. Jerome Wallace, a former suitor, is a candidate against Mannering and he tells Eileen if he is elected he can help Bob.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued

Wallace had promised to procure Bob's freedom if he were elected, and John would continue to be as adamant if he won, but crushed, his spirit broken, if he lost. It was only with an effort that Eileen restrained herself from fairly groaning aloud as the problem lay plain before her. Was ever wife and mother torn from a happy and sheltered life to face a more grievous dilemma?

Then suddenly her face filled with relief. There was still a way from her point of view. An easy way could John's stubbornness be overcome and he brought to a reasonable view of the duties and true responsibilities of parenthood. She had once been repulsed, but why repine? Had not persistence turned defeat into victory for many another woman when hope seemed dead.

She shifted her position in the car. It was the slightest sort of movement, but with the change the reverse she had exhibited towards her husband that morning, seemed to fade and a subtle

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warmth to creep into her manner towards him.

It was not lost upon John. Hardly had she moved before he smiled at her. It was a propitiatory smile, bringing an eagerness to his tired, haggard face which was almost pathetic.

"You must be dreadfully tired, dear," he said gently. "You never slept a wink last night."

"No, nor did you either, John," she agreed sympathetically.

He reached down and procured a cushion.

"Let me put this behind your back, Eileen. It will make you more comfortable."

She allowed him to adjust it and sank back upon it with a pleased sigh.

"That is better, thank you, John." Then, after a moment's hesitation, "I could almost say I am perfectly comfortable were it not for Bob."

His face brightened as they talked, but now it clouded.

"I know, dear—it is hard—awfully hard for you to bear."

"But think of Bob, John!" she cried, with a feeling which she was at pains to promptly suppress. "How can I be happy with him in such a place, amongst such surroundings?"

There was tenderness and anxiety in his face as he regarded her with never a word.

"He's so pale, John. You must have noticed that," she went on. "It's no wonder shut up in that horrible place."

"It is a hard experience for the boy," he agreed, with a sigh.

"Hard? It's positively fearful, John," she shivered. "What can he do with himself but sit there and think and think? To remain there day after day amidst such depressing surroundings is bound to have a bad effect upon him. It cannot help but leave its mark upon him in some way, and John might it not—is there not real danger that it will—affect his mind?"

"No," he said, with the assurance born of exact knowledge "Thousands of men pass years—for that matter, many are confined for life—without the slightest deterioration of their mental faculties."

"But Bob is different," she persisted, promptly shifting her ground. "He has been carefully reared; he is used to all the luxuries of life. Think of the hardship it must be to him to adjust himself to the conditions in such a place!"

Although she eyed him questioningly, his only answer was a grave nod.

"I am sure the food served is detestable."

"It is plain fare, but thoroughly wholesome, Eileen, you can rest assured of that."

"But are you sure that it agrees with him, John? Remember, dear, I've always had to be extremely watchful of his diet."

He stared ahead with anxious and unseeing eyes as if lost in thought.

"Perhaps he is thinner," he mused, as if talking to himself, and then to her. "Did you think he was thinner; did he seem thinner to you, Eileen?"

Impulsively she reached forth to touch his hand, her eyes alight with hope.

"John, you do care—you do care deeply, don't you?"

"How can you doubt it, Eileen?" he groaned, giving way to his feelings before her kindness. "God knows it sometimes feels to me as if it must break my heart."

"Not your heart, dear, not your heart, if you play fair with Bob—with me."

He gazed at her, anguish plain in his face, as if he wished to be certain of her meaning.

"Play fair with Bob, with you, Eileen?"

"I mean exactly that," she said, her soul in her eyes. "When are you going to use your ability, your professional skill—yes, your office—every bit of influence you can bring to bear, anything, to get your son out of that awful jail?"

He gazed down at her, a great tenderness plain amidst his feeling.

"Poor little sweetheart, that great big mother's heart of yours makes you forget. You would be the last to ask me to make use of my official influence to——"

"Don't mistake me, John. Why mince matters. I'd have you use anything and honor you for doing anything to help Bob. How much longer are you going to keep this sort of thing up?"

He took a deep breath and when he spoke it was quietly, but with intense resolution.

"Just so long as I am District Attorney, just so long as I am in office, Eileen, I must do my duty as I see it." Then, as if to temper his attitude, he stretched forth his hand to touch hers. "Can't you understand, darling? Surely you must realize my position?" he pleaded.

But without a word in response she drew back in her corner of the car and, withdrawing her hand, allowed his to fall unheeded upon the cushion. Again she had tried to bring her husband to her way of thinking without success. Never a thought for herself had she had, only for Bob, their son. Yet John, her husband, had refused her. With bitterness there came a remembrance of Wallace's words: "Who could help you more than your husband?" Apparently, anybody. At least he, a man to whom she had hardly given a thought in twenty years, was afflicted by no such scruples as those which bound her husband.

If Eileen had been reserved in her attitude towards her husband before, she was cold now. At the door of her home she allowed John to drive away with never a word. Straight for her own room she made, refusing lunch, nor did she appear to greet her husband at dinner. A prey to disappointment, yes; but more and more giving thought to Wallace's pledge of assistance. In the face of her husband's unbending purpose, in despair of being able to help Bob in any other way, Wallace's offer seemed her final hope.

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