

RUSTLE OF SILKS

Mary Barrett, ambitious to become a dress designer, has established herself in Paris through a partnership with Countess Anetka that was made possible by Mark Sutherland, an American playboy she met on shipboard. Mary likes Mark but misses Tony Castle, owner of a smart New York shop who gave her her start. She left the Castle shop suddenly nearly three years previously after an altercation with Tony's head buyer. More and more she realizes she is in love with Tony. Her success in Paris has been phenomenal and, thanks to Mari Barat, the name she has assumed, Anetka's shop is growing famous. Mark Sutherland, in Paris again, tells Mary he has big plans for her. Mark introduces Mary to a prominent American fashion editor, Claire Todd.

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CHAPTER 20

IN THE town car—Mark always rented a town car when he didn't have one of his own cars in Paris—Mary folded her dramatic black and red cape around her.

"How did I do?" she asked anxiously.

"You were slightly terrific. Terrific, by the way, is the newest popular adjective in the dear old U. S. A. which you seem to have forsaken."

"Tell me about it—home," she said dreamily.

"Well, we're in the midst of a little depression which you may have heard about."

"I know, but it has helped us rather than hurt. Our prices aren't too high. What else?"

"And repeal. We don't have to slip through cellar doors any more. And sad that is. We're all too polite now, dining in the open so to speak."

Mary sighed because Mark's world was so different from her own. The world of Park avenue was far removed from what had been her world.

"I used to live at the foot of Sutton place on East Fifty-fifth street," she said from a long way off.

"Then you wouldn't know the old place. Very smart apartments have replaced the old houses in the last year."

"Oh, no!" Mary protested. That would mean the last tie was broken.

"Oh, yes, and very nice they are."

Then the studio apartment was gone into the past like everything else that she had left behind her. She shook herself free of the sudden melancholy that threatened her.

"Did you think that Mrs. Todd was interested, or was she being polite when she said she'd like to see my things?"

Already Mary was beginning unconsciously to say "my things".

"You don't know Claire. She doesn't have time to do things to be polite. She's a very busy woman."

"I'm glad," Mary answered. "If you've got what she likes, she can do things."

"What things?"

"Oh, lots of things." Mark made a gesture to include vague accomplishments. "Let's talk about you for a change. I haven't seen you for a year and I'm bored with dressmaking."

"All right, you begin."

"Very well, have you thought about me at all?"

"Of course I have, Mark. I remember the time that we..."

"I don't want you to remember. I want to know if you haven't thought of the future?" For a moment Mary felt startled. The thought occurred to her for the first time that perhaps she hadn't really understood Mark. "I mean haven't you sometimes wished to see me?"

"But how that you're here," she said passing it off with a smile, "let's not talk about it."

"I've thought a lot about you, Mary—Mark would never call her Mari, with the inflection at



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the end. "Would you be interested in hearing what I've been thinking?"

"Perhaps," she said slowly.

"Well, then, I've been thinking that perhaps you've grown up in the last year or so. Got over some of those old-fashioned ideas of yours."

"Poor Mark! I'm really sorry for you. You've worked so hard on the poor little girl from the sticks! But why? There are so many other girls. Why waste time on me?"

"Either you are very modest or you're trying to be clever. At your age, Mary, I'm surprised and a little disappointed."

"The comforting thought is, Mark, that I'm not the only girl who feels the way I do. It's no reflection on your charm. I think you are one of the most amusing, attractive men I've ever known but I don't happen to agree with your idea that we are missing, to put it in your own words, a lot of fun. I have higher stakes to work for than 'a lot of fun' with a man because he happens to be gay, amusing and attractive."

"I might be more than that. You might at least give me a chance."

"A chance for what?" she asked seriously.

"You might get to like me more if you got used to me."

"I don't want to, Mark. If you mean that I might fall in love with you, you might be right, but I can't see that it would do me much good. I have too many things to do to tarry along the way to nurse a broken heart."

"There you go, talking like the heroine of a novel. Must love enter into it?"

"And what else?"

"Didn't you ever hear of people liking each other a lot? Enough?"

"I've read about it and it seems ideal. Seizing well the moment, parting with a smile, and going on. But how can it? Life isn't that way, Mark. Some people don't 'seize well' and two people who do, seldom seem to get together. Others pretend to and wake up with a bruise that goes too deep. I've heard lots of girls talk about it and I haven't envied them."

"Poor little Mary, she's in love with love. You ought to fall in love someday, my child, and get over it. Get these romantic ideas out of your head. You'll find life is easier and much more pleasant."

"All right, Mark, I'll fall in love with the first man I meet tomorrow." Mary was beginning to be bored and annoyed with the conversation.

"Why not the last man you see tonight?"

Mary grinned. "The concierge?"

"But you don't want me to fall in love with you?"

"I do not! I think too much of you. But I do think that you might cultivate a different frame of mind about me. You might, for example, think about me as a moment to be seized if ever you think about such experimentation."

"I assure you I will, but I'd appreciate it if you'd maintain a gentlemanly silence about it from now on. I promise to let you know if I ever change my present frame of mind."

"I'd come from far distances," he said wistfully.

"I hope it would be China, and you wouldn't forget that it is a woman's privilege to change her mind."

"You wouldn't take advantage of that, would you, Mary? Somehow I've always thought of you as the gamest girl I know. There's nothing of the quitter about you. Remember, I told you that once before?"

When she had left Mark that night, Mary took counsel of herself. Tony Castle had once told her that he didn't think she was a quitter.

But she had been.

Long into the night she debated the wisdom of her move that time long past when she had quit. As abruptly as that, without so much as a note of farewell, she had stayed up the long and bitter night through to pack her belongings and move out of his life. But why should she have bade farewell to Tony? She had earned what he had given her and he had had neither need or want of her.

That night she wrote to Tony. In the morning, however, she tore the note into little pieces.

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Capital Gossip

BY HENRY AVERILL

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—The names "Justice Winborne" and "Justice Barnhill" have been lettered on the doors of the offices North Carolina's two new Supreme Court justices will occupy. Furniture will be moved in as soon as possible and it is likely that both will be able to occupy their quarters by the end of this week. They will certainly be well in advance of the opening of the Supreme Court's Fall term which is set for August 31.

Members of the North Carolina Historical Commission are scratching their heads in an effort to find out how it happened that the marker recently erected at Davidson College contains incorrect data on the undergraduate days of the late President Woodrow Wilson.

The marker says "Woodrow Wilson studied here 1872-73." Fact is that the War President's year at Davidson was 1873-74.

According to Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of Davidson, data for the marker were supplied by his brother, Dr. Thomas W. Lingle, whom the prexy describes in a letter to the Historical Commission Secretary, C. C. Crittenden as "very meticulous about matters of this sort."

Anyhow, down will come the marker, back it will go to be entirely recast, with the correct dates substituted.

Governor Hoke's trip to Manteo next week to introduce President Roosevelt has caused postponement of two State board meetings. Highway Commission will gather in Raleigh August 19, instead of 18; while State REA moguls will convene in Asheville August 20, in stead of 19.

From the Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, 1204 Independence Building, Charlotte, comes a 16-page pamphlet entitled "American Labor Rises to Power," with sub-title "The amazing growth of unionism under the inspiration of the CIO." It opens with a foreword by John L. Lewis, praises fullomely the CIO and all its works and closes with this paragraph:

"In this historically significant search for what is the best in our civilization, the CIO carries forth the guiding torchlight, and the response to its call for thought and action has been magnificent. All power to the CIO."

The North Carolina Historical Commission and certain citizens and papers in the Albemarle section are at odds concerning the historical value of the fact that North Carolina's first deed is reputed to have been put on record in the court house at Edenton. The commission hasn't yet recognized this fact as worthy of an historical marker—Secretary C. C. Crittenden says it probably will not at any future date. The citizens and papers disagree violently and are beginning to inquire "How long?"

The ballot battlefield is quite far away but nevertheless reports are drifting into Raleigh that Stokes county is showing signs of dampness, at least. Voters there will decide August 17 whether or not they want liquor stores.

From Alamance, which votes the same day, come reports that the dries will likely win.

What's become of the Henry Stevens for governor boom supposedly launched on the "Cotton Road" motorcade recently?

Anti-Lynching Bill Is Carried Over To Next Session

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administration leaders Congress might be forced to adjourn without acting on some of the administration program.

While talking entirely off the record, administration leaders acknowledged a filibuster on the bill would force Congress either to stay here to break it or let some of the program go.

It would be possible under such circumstances, they said, to pass the wage-hour and housing bills, which have already been approved by the

Senate, but the sugar and tax loophole bills, which have not been acted on by the Senate, might die.

Meanwhile, the farm legislation situation was little clarified by developments in the Senate Agriculture and Finance Committees, before which general farm and sugar bills are pending.

The agriculture committee voted approval of a resolution pledging Congress to act on general farm legislation within the first week of the next session—whether that was the regular one next January or a special one in the fall.

Dr. Otto Struve, astronomer, director of the Yerkes Observatory, born in Russia, 40 years ago.

Harrison, Wesley 1 lot Pinkton St.	5.81
Hart, Shepard 2 lots Rowland St. & Chavasse Ave.	33.75
Hawkins, Dr. D. A. 1 lot Vaughan Street	16.39
Hawkins, Geo. & Anna 1 lot Cherry St.	12.95
Hawkins, Sandy 1 lot Iktrell St.	3.21
Henderson, Turner 1 lot Hillside Avenue	6.45
Hicks, Thos. G. 1 lot Chestnut Street	10.75
Hodge, Thomas 1 lot Wall St.	8.41
Holloway, Kate & Kate Boyd, 1 lot Vaughan Street	7.75
Horton, Jerry & Polly 1 lot Water Street	13.53
Howell, King, 1 lot John Street (balance)	7.08
Howell, Rebecca Est., 1 lot Rockspring St. (balance)	4.93
Hughes, Geo. R. Est. 1 lot Vance Street	12.95
Jeffreys, Napoleon 1 lot Flint Hill	2.55
Johnson, Napoleon 1 lot College Street	11.01
Jones, David Est., 1 lot Arch St.	6.45
Jordan, E. A. 1 lot Chestnut St.	83.67
Knight, Julius 1 lot Pearl St.	10.75
Mayfield, Fred 2 lots Chestnut St.	3.01
Merritt, John 1 lot Chestnut St.	2.55
Mills, John Q. 1 lot Pearl St.	2.55
Nelson, Alfred 1 lot Water St.	3.21
Parham, Carrie 1 lot Hamilton Street	2.43
Parham, Emma L. 1 lot Montgomery Street	9.05
Partin, Luther 1 lot Pearl St.	4.51
Perry, Susan B. 2 lots Whitten and East Avenue	11.38
Pope, James 1 lot Whitten Ave.	9.05
Pratt, Ida E. 3 lots Vance and Water Sts.	29.59
Rafford, Mollie 1 lot Montgomery Street	7.75
Reavis, Edward L. 2 lots Whitten Avenue	21.07
Reid, Wade 1 lot Winder St.	10.35
Richardson, William Henry 1 lot Breckenridge Ave.	12.85
Robinson, Fannie M. Est. 1 lot Horner St.	8.27
Rogers, Louise 1 lot Rockspring St.	7.75
Royster, Addison, 1 lot Orange Street	6.45
Royster, John Est. 1 lot Andrews Avenue	5.93
Ruffin, Georganna Est. 1 lot John Street	6.45
Shields, Walter 1 lot Pearl St.	13.35
Solomon, C. B. 2 lots Orange St.	6.45
Sommerville, Lizzie, 3 lots Hamilton & John Sts.	15.87
Stephenson, Fannie 1 lot Whitten Avenue	10.35
Stone, Dora, 1 lot Chestnut St.	6.45
Terry, Beulah 1 lot Ford St.	8.27
Union Insurance & Realty Co., 1 lot Booth St.	3.85
Vincent, Cora Est., 1 lot Palmer Street	6.71
Vincent, James Est. 2 lots Palmer Street	7.11
Williams, Louvenia 1 lot Arch St.	6.45
Wimberley, R. E. 1 lot Rockspring Street	27.25
Wimberley, R. E. Agent 1 lot College Street	11.01
Wingfield, Pinky Est. 1 lot Breckenridge St.	8.41
Worham, John E. & Joe Hoekaday 1 lot Burwell Ave.	8.15
Worham, W. Hence 1 lot Montgomery Street	6.45
Wright, Roosevelt 1 lot Chestnut Street	4.43
Wyche, N. Gaston 5 lots Flint Hill	27.25
Young, John Est., 1 lot Hillside Avenue	7.75

Farm Income Of State Up Four Million

College Station, Raleigh, Aug. 12.—North Carolina farm income during the first half of 1937 was \$4,130,000 higher than in the same period a year ago.

According to an announcement from the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics received at State College, total farm income for the first six months of this year amounted to \$48,491,000.

The income for the first half of 1936 was \$44,361,000, the report said.

The figures were based on income from principal crops, livestock, live-stock products, and government payments to growers cooperating in the agricultural conservation program.

Under the conservation program, the \$11,485,000 received during the first half of 1937 was five times as great as the \$2,244,000 received by North Carolina growers in the corresponding period of 1936 for their cooperation with the old AAA crop control programs invalidated by the Supreme Court in January, 1936.

Income from the sale of farm crops in June, 1937, however, fell below the level for June, 1936, the report continued.

Crop sales brought a return of \$5,829,000 this past June as compared with \$7,815,000 for the previous June.

Livestock and livestock products sales showed a slight increase, rising from \$1,921,000 to \$1,936,000 for the same months.

1908—War with Spain declared at an end.

Huge Torrent of Chinese Soldiers Face Jap Troops

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were cut off by the Chinese advance. British forces numbered 950, and French 600. A Russian volunteer company was summoned to duty.

The American Marines took up patrol duty along the northern border of the international settlement.

Chinese refused to withdraw the troops pouring into the city. Japanese replied:

"There is nothing left, then, but to take up defensive positions."

Twenty-eight foreign men of war were tied up along Shanghai's river front. Twenty-one of them were Japanese.

Two British, three French and two United States vessels were the "neutral contingents." The American ships were a navy tanker and a small obsolete gunboat.

You're Telling Me!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

News filtered into the editorial sanctum of this, your favorite journal of foreign and local intelligence that Zadok Dumbkopf had challenged Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis to a title bout and was now in training.

So the editor sent a sports writer to interview Zadok.

"What's the idea?" demanded the fistic fancier, "you know you can't fight!" "Who said I could?" retorted Dummy, dunking a pretzel. "I don't know the difference between a right cross and a three-ounce glove."

"What's your defense?" queried the habitue of the squared ring. "That's easy," answered Dummy, "I didn't do

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it—I was out of town on the night of June 16—besides, those aren't my fingerprints—and it must have been two other fellows, named Benito and Adolf."

"What's your best punch?" continued the youthful newshawk. "I can't recall the name of it," Zadok sighed. "You mix a lot of lemon peel with grapefruit juice and—"

"Great galloping gold fish," screamed the exasperated chronicler of athletic activities, "I thought you were going to fight Joe Louis." "Who," murmured Zadok, "thought I was going to fight Joe Louis? I'm not—I'm just getting into the same ring with him, that's all."

"I read in the paper," concluded the Prince of Phonies, "that the challenger in a heavyweight title fight gets at least 20 per cent of the gate receipts and 20 per cent of a million dollars is—hey, Otto, come quickly, the poor chap's fainted!"

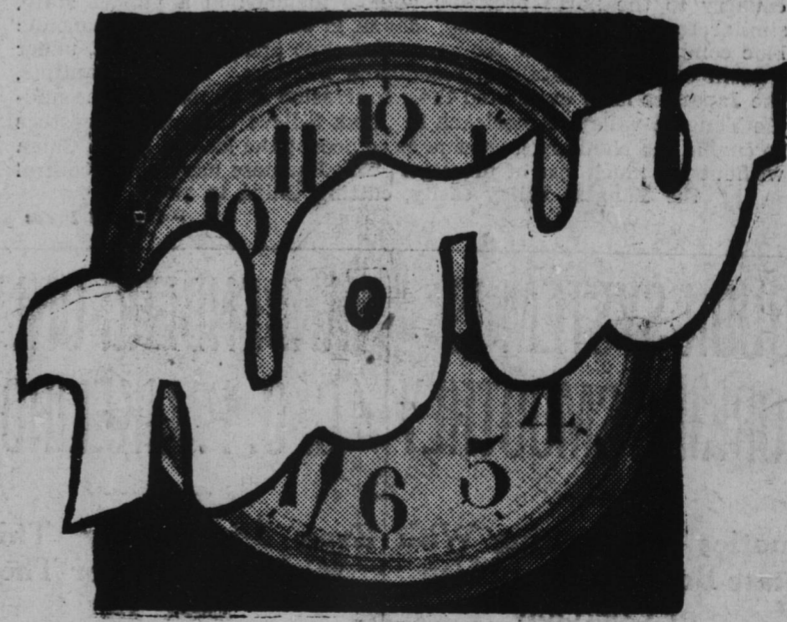
Dr. Hugo Eckener, Germany's famed "Captain of the Air" born 68 years ago.

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