

### NEW MELODRAMA OF A NIGHTMARE-PRODUCING KIND

Mighty Good Moral in Play, What It Means to A Woman

RITA JOLIVET THE STAR

Sordid Play Recently Offered in New York Draws a Strong Picture of Modern Conventionalities in the Middle Classes

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(Written for the United Press)  
New York, Dec. 5.—It isn't so much what it means to a woman as it is what it means to the husband and the whole fabric of society that is so well portrayed in the nightmare-producing melo drama, "What It Means to a Woman," which recently opened at the Longacre Theatre. Despite the sordidness of the play there is a mighty good moral appended, and a mighty good picture drawn of present day conventionalities in middle and upper-middle class society.  
A modern girl brought up in the modern way, is half way in love with a young physician. She fears, however, that his professional duties will keep him away from her too much, so she marries a "business man." Her husband's pursuit of the dollar, she soon learns, leaves her very much to herself, so she plunges into a whirl of bridge parties, poker parties and afternoon dance affairs.  
Enter the insidious cocktail and the inspiring highball. It gets so that no party is complete without these accessories. Everybody drinks and they don't stop at at one or two. As the limit is raised in the number of drinks, so it is boosted in the card games, and as the money limit goes higher, the drink limit is also raised.  
Finally the young wife becomes a dipsomaniac—if it was a working woman's case, the doctors would call it just a plain case of drunkenness. She has to take treatment and falls in love with her doctor, who fails to respond. He sends the woman to his camp in the Adirondacks where she

recovers. Ignorant of the doctor's unresponsiveness the wife plans to meet her doctor and, after a divorce marry him. He goes to the mountain lodge and angers her by telling her that he has fixed it up with the husband who will soon be there.  
Incensed at the doctor, the wife drinks deeply from a flask of brandy a friend has left and when the husband arrives, she is back where she was before the treatment. She dies in a drunken rage in the presence of her husband and physician.  
Sounds pretty sordid, but the acting of Rita Jolivet, as the wife, is superb and much of this sordidness is missing. Also, there is the moral and the picture.

### CLUBWOMEN URGE FAIR PLAY FOR FALLEN GIRL

Chicago, Dec. 5.—"Stop the mill that grinds to death the women and girls of the street," will be the demand made upon the Illinois legislature this winter by a delegation of Chicago clubwomen.  
Abolishment of the system of fining women of the underworld when they are brought into police court will go a long way toward "stopping the mill," the clubwomen declare. Providing homes for the redemption of girls who have gone wrong is the second step the women will bring to the attention of the legislature.  
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### HOW OUR FORCES REGARD THE BIG WAR IN EUROPE

Army Sympathizes With Germany, the Navy With the Allies

### TWO YEARS THE MAXIMUM

That Struggle May End Sooner Probably, Washington Believes—Battle Lines Must Change to New Soil to End the War

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Army and navy officers are guarding their utterances in regard to the war with the greatest care. To get an official opinion on the lessons being taught or the conduct of the respective forces is impossible. Despite this, the matter of greatest interest in military circles here today is the conflict in Europe. Naturally private conversations have not been stopped and the general trend of feeling in the army and navy is well known.  
Ties of blood count for a great deal and this influences sentiment even in the army, where the majority is hoping for a German victory. To officers and men the German army has been regarded throughout their experience as the last word in military advancement. Most soldiers believe that a large and highly efficient army is the best insurance in which any nation can invest. In consequence they favor the policy which Germany represents in this war.  
And what the German army has been to our soldiers the British navy has been to our sailors. Sentiment in navy circles undoubtedly is with Great Britain and her allies.  
Two years is the maximum estimate for the duration of the war. That is may end very much sooner is admitted probable. All calculations have to take into account the many uncertain factors which may influence the results. Just at present the Turks and the Moslems in general are looked upon as furnishing a very uncertain factor. If Turkish pressure should become sufficiently strong to cause

Russia to withdraw some of her troops engaged in the invasion of eastern Germany, then greater forces could be hurled by Germany against the allies' lines in Belgium and France. Determined activity on the part of Mohammedan people may prevent England and France as well from concentrating all their forces in Europe. Turkish activity may cause Italy to join with the allies and may force some of the Balkan states into the struggle on the opposite side.  
It seems to be the consensus of opinion among army and navy men here that the battle line will have to be carried far into Germany before the forces of the Kaiser will agree to peace on disadvantageous terms. They are just as sure that there will be no giving in on the part of the allies until England itself is invaded.  
The President continues to hold the idea that any offer to mediate at this stage of the war would be offensive to all the belligerents and would be productive of far more harm than good. His principal energies are now directed towards making this country truly, as well as nominally, neutral.

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