



SYNOPSIS

Lady George Cornish and her husband Lunley are entertaining their only friends at a gay Convent Garden Ball, a group of bohemians attracted by the food and drink provided. Teddy Sherwood the only wealthy youth of the party is in a scolding rage at Tony Fortescue as he has usurped the attentions of Christie Banning an actress. While dancing with her Tony suddenly kisses her. It is the first kiss to make an impression on the beautiful girl. They fall in love with each other.

"It will be if I know anything about luck,—and I do, because I've lived on it." And he put his arms round her shoulders and added, "You were going to take something this morning, weren't you? Tell me."

"What made you guess that I've been laughing ever since you cut in."

"The look in your eyes. I've seen it before. It always means the same thing."

"Yes," she said simply. "That's what it was, all right."

How long Lady George would have had to wait until the orchestra died in its shoes cannot be decided. At the moment when Tony Fortescue led Christie into the box, singing out "Hello, everybody!" and Teddy Sherwood rose up to spring at his throat, a scream so piercing rose above the music that it shattered into confusion and stopped, while every woman fell away from her partner and thousands of eyes, shocked suddenly into intelligence, turned to the place from whence it came.

Lady George, who had been tuned up to drama by Sherwood's attitude jumped, as she would have said, out of her skin, and all her party hurried to the edge of the box and leaned over. Tony held Christie's hand in a proprietary grip and Teddy Sherwood, despoiled of his revenge, cursed the interruption and stood impotent.

In an empty box on the second tier a man stood with his arms raised above his head. His hair was long and unkempt, his face pale and cadaverous, and he wore spectacles and a rusty suit of black clothes. He might have been a Sinn Feiner or an anti-vaccinationist. He was obviously a fanatic who had slipped in unnoticed from the street.

Satisfied that he had captured the attention of every one there, he began at once to shout in a thin, tubercular voice.

"Fools, fools, thoughtless, sightless fools, dancing, dancing, when forests of trees stand ready to be made into crosses to mark the graves of half your people. Before it is too late, march forth from the sham paradise in which you live, put your ears to the ground, hearken to the industry of great factories that prepare the instruments for the ruin of this world, pray to God for strength and courage, and fit yourselves to play the part of men in the coming holocaust. I tell ye that the hour approaches when ye will dance to the tune of war, hold each other close in the most unlovely fear, fall on your faces before the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, be driven in masses into the bloody maw of guns, fight, curse, shriek, suffer, starve, and if by a miracle ye escape alive, meet the foul diseases that will ooze from the reeking earth. I say to you—"

What else he would have said was choked back into his mouth by the iron hand of a policeman who marched solemnly into the box, seized him by the collar, whirled him round and walked him off in front of a stiff, relentless arm.

There was a burst of catcalls, a scatter of sarcastic cheers, a buzz of talk. Some one called out "Who goes home?" and the answer came with a roar "We do." In the manner of geese that follow a leader, a general movement was made to the doors.

"What are you thinking about?" asked Christie, looking up into Tony's almost unrecognizable face.

"Wait," he said with gleaming eyes. "By God, if that man's right, life begins for me."

VI

Forgiving everything, even rudeness and neglect, on the part of a good-looking man, Lady George, who had joined in the laughter, swung over illogically to Tony's side. She always thought of him as a darling in spite, or perhaps because of, his numerous bad tricks. And when, as now, he gave her one of his angelic smiles and raised her hands to his lips as though she were a Queen, she didn't wobble, she crashed. But a quick glance at Teddy Sherwood made her very certain that his assault had only been postponed by the ridiculous interruption of that self-appointed prophet of impossible evil, and so with a touch of masterly strategy she worked another tangent.

"Oh, Teddy year," she said in her most wheedling voice, "you're the only nippy member of this party. Make a bee-line into the street, like a good boy, bag a taxi for me and wait with it at the corner of York Street until I come along with Lunley. I'll follow at once."

He hesitated, with green eyes on Tony's complacent face.

(To be Continued)

V

It was five o'clock when Teddy Sherwood returned to the box. During his absence he had dashed off rapidly to half a dozen of Tony's haunts—the cabmen's shelters in various parts of the town to which he had "blighter" so frequently went for preliminary breakfast with any one who was still awake, the restaurant having closed at a respectable hour.

He had been driven into Westminster Bridge Road to see if here were a light in Christie's window.

He had come back to Covent Garden because he felt poor devil, that a Lady George he had a friend. The fact of whisky had worn off, but not of jealousy.

He was more than ever determined to make Tony pay for his ruined evening, however long he had to wait. He was a man who never forgave.

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AGRICULTURAL COLUMN

R. D. Goodman, County Agent

Fertilize Your Wheat.

W. F. Pate, agronomist, says: Wheat in North Carolina occupied in 1925, 438,000 acres and ranked fourth in acreage in the state, being exceeded only by corn, cotton and tobacco. The average yield per acre for the state for wheat for 1925 was eleven bushels.

To produce wheat profitably, it is essential that the yields per acre be greatly increased over the yields that have been obtained in the past.

To increase the yields, it is necessary to put into practice the best types of farming. This will include the following:

1. Seed of high yielding strain suitable to the region.
2. Treating the seed for smut.
3. Careful preparation of the seed bed.
4. Using soils suitable for wheat growing.
5. Seeding at the right time.
6. Using enough seed.
7. Applying the proper plant food.

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In the fertilization of wheat, it should be kept in mind that phosphoric acid and potash will tend to develop a strong, healthy plant with a large root system which enables the plant to withstand freezing and drought better than if fertilizer was not used. On soils of medium fertility or less, nitrogen should be used in the fertilizer to give the plants a good start and vigor, but large applications of nitrogen should probably not be used before seeding as some loss may occur during the winter. Probably the better way to use nitrogen for wheat is to apply a portion in the fall before the crop is seeded and the other part as a top dressing in the spring when new growth begins.

For North Carolina, the agricultural experiment station recommends 300 to 400 pounds of an 8-5-3 fertilizer for wheat on sandy soils; 300 to 500

ounds per acre of a 12-4-0 fertilizer for clay soils and 400 to 600 pounds for mountain soils.

By using the above recommendations, not only will the acreage yield be increased but the wheat will be grown at a greater profit.

Wife Injures Her Husband Then Aids in Treating Him.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Philander C. Knox, son of the late Senator from Pennsylvania and Secretary of State, suffered a cut in his right arm early today which, police reported, was caused by a water glass thrown at him by his wife during an altercation in his home.

Mrs. Knox, who formerly was Miss Josephine Poole, of Charleston, West Virginia, summoned an ambulance and he was taken to a hospital. There the injury was pronounced "not serious." Mrs. Knox visited her husband several times during the day in the hospital.

The marital difficulties of the younger Knoxes have received publicity before. About 18 months ago, Mrs. Knox put her husband "on probation" and left him. They were reconciled about six months later.

Rocky River.

Cotton is opening and ere long the farmers will be busy picking.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Reid and little son, of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived Saturday to visit relatives. Miss Lo's Reid, who had been paying them a visit, came with them.

The closing exercises of Miss Akerstrom's vocational Bible school were held Sunday afternoon in the church. Quite a good many people from both Rocky River and Harrisburg were present and the general verdict was "very good." The attendance at the school was very good, 42 having been enrolled, with an average daily attendance of about 31, notwithstanding some very bad rainy weather. The school was taken to Lakewood Park in Charlotte Monday to a picnic, to the great delight of all the youngsters. Miss Akerstrom had done a good work not only for those attending but for the whole community, for which we should all feel very grateful.

The regular communion service will be held here on Sunday, September 5th, with preparatory services beginning Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, continuing on morning and night until Saturday with no service Saturday night. Rev. R. J. Hunter, formerly pastor of this church, will preach until Saturday.

Quite a good many Rocky Riverians attended the home-coming at Beger's Chapel last Thursday. It was quite an enjoyable occasion.

Miss Isabelle White, of Raleigh, is visiting home folks, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. White and family.

Mrs. Floyd Parish, we regret to learn, had to be taken to a hospital again for treatment last week.

Mrs. W. H. Hagler is suffering with a very painful malady in a foot and ankle.

Henry Abernethy received a severe blow on the nose (not from blowing his nose) while cranking a car Sunday morning.

Arthur Alexander and family have had quite an avalanche of company (relative) recently, too numerous to mention. Little Miss Mary Francis Alexander returned with some of them to Asheville for a visit.

This is September but it feels very much like summer yet.

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ENOCHVILLE.

Miss Mildred Carter, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday with Miss Nellie Weddington, of Enochville.

C. A. Weddington, of Morganton, died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. The body arrived at home Thursday and was buried at New Bethpage cemetery Wednesday at three o'clock.

Homer Triplett, of Enochville, has been sick for a few days.

H. V. Karriker and family, of Unity, and L. W. Overcash and family, of Kannapolis, Mrs. Emma Flow and daughter, Miss Ethel, N. W. Brown and family, of Kannapolis and Mrs. M. S. Karriker all visited at H. L. Karriker's Sunday.

The new schoolhouse at United will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Furr, of Mt. Holly, are spending the week at J. M. Furr's, of Unity.

H. V. Karriker, of Unity, is having a new kitchen built.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karriker and family and M. S. Karriker spent Monday at H. V. Karriker's.

John Correll, of China Grove, spent last Friday evening with his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Correll, of Enochville.

The Archie reanion will be held this year at Sam Archie's on September 4th.

There will be a community singing at A. J. Deal's, next Monday night, September sixth.

Yestine Smith left last Tuesday for Florida to spend the winter.

There was a party given at the home of C. D. Overcash Thursday night.

Miss Ruth Overcash returned home from school last Saturday.

Maek Upright had the misfortune to have a large drove of young chickens stolen last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter and family, of Kannapolis, and Walter Weddington, of Troutman's, visited Mrs. C. A. Weddington last Sunday.

Little Miss Margaret Wiggins, of Derita, spent the week with her sister, Mrs. T. B. Auten.

Mr. Safrit, of near Cleveland, made a business trip to Enochville last Saturday.

Misses Nellie Weddington and Mildred Carter spent a short while Sunday evening at Mrs. H. L. Karriker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weddington have been spending the week with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Weddington.

TULIP.

It Must Be a Mongrel.

Recently an odd auto was taken into the shops of the General Electric Co., of Schenectady, N. Y. The queer car was found to be made up of the parts of 11 other makes of cars. Examination showed that the wheels and transmission were from a 1911 Cadillac, the engine from a 1917 Packard, the rear axle from a 1914 Studebaker, the front axle from a 1916 Buick, the radiator from a 1910 Marmon, headlights from a 1914 Stutz, the windshield from a 1918 Scripps-Booth, seats from a 1910 Fiat, steering wheel from a 1918 Dodge, dash or instrument board from a 1918 Cole and the fenders from a 1916 Nash.

A continued decrease in farm population in the United States is reported by the department of agriculture, which estimates that there were 470,000 fewer people on farms on January 1st of this year than on January 1st a year ago.

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