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Being Tales of Those Who Reached the Front Page and Then Dropped Back To Obscurity

**BERTHA CLAICHE.**

In a little out-of-the-way Paris embroidery shop, in 1889, a 16-year-old French girl sat huddled over her frames. She was pretty to look upon and as she glanced at the passing throng of handsomely gowned women and dashing men her fancy roamed. She wondered why she was poor—why she could not parade grandly past the window instead of sitting inside working long hours over the embroidery frame. The girl was Bertha Claiche.

Bertha was a good little girl, and the \$6 a week she earned making embroideries was much needed to help support her aged mother and two younger sisters. Because of the family at home Bertha's fingers never ceased to fly over the frame, for \$6 a week was not to be despised.

The scene changes. Six years have passed, and Bertha sits huddled in a room in a new York flat, covering before the brutal figure of a man. He is cursing her in French, generally punctuating his remarks with a blow or a kick. She rises, takes her hat and a tiny handbag and leaves the room, softly crying.

Her face is still pretty, but her big, black eyes are no longer full of lustre. They show the unmistakable marks of dissipation.

She has found that the glamor and dazle of life is attended by pitfalls and traps of which she never knew. She realizes that she is but a woman of the streets, to be kicked and beaten if she does not return to her master, and her soul rebels against the brute who tricked her.

The evening is not a profitable one. Her clothes are not as attractive as they might be, and she is hounded by the police. Upon her return to the flat she has but \$8. She hands over \$7 to Emile Gerdron, the man whom she owns as master. He discovers she has withheld a dollar. In a fit of rage he strikes her in the face. She falls to the floor and he continues his brutal attack.

Dragging her to her feet, he pushes her out the door clad only in a night robe. Passersby hear him vilify her and threaten her life if she complains to the police. She finds refuge with another girl, whose heart has been softened by like experiences, and the curtain rings down on the second act.

The third acts presents an even more heartrending picture. The curtain goes up on a stern-faced judge and jury. Bertha Claiche is on the witness stand, and she is laying bare the details of her past life.

How Emile Gerdron had lured her into a mock marriage, then forced her to go on the streets that he might loll around in ease and luxury.

How, when he had driven her to the street that night clad in her night robe, she had found out that he was laying plans to put her little sister under a similar rule of slavery, and had shot and killed him.

Time went on, her attorney brought to light a condition of affairs which implicated the police. The Tenderloin was rotten with police corruption, and because Bertha Claiche could get no police protection she had taken the law into her own hands and killed Gerdron.

So clear was the case made by the attorney for the defense that the little French girl received a light sentence. For two years she served in the State penitentiary at Auburn. Then she was pardoned.

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, Salvation Army leader, was on hand when the girl was released, and took her to her home in New Jersey, where she was shielded from the gaze of the curious and started on the road to a better life.

Under the teachings and influence of Mrs. Booth, the past was blotted out and a new life dawned. Many wealthy women were interested in the girl's case and came forward with financial aid. She was taught how to do things that were of value and how to be a credit to her rescuers. Then the unexpected happened.

A wealthy Long Island woman took Bertha Claiche into her own home. The harsh lines disappeared from her face. Her eyes once more flashed fire, the fire of a new born hope, and Bertha Claiche's regeneration was complete.

Today Bertha Claiche wends her way through life happy in the realization that she is an example of what proper influences can do in reclaiming those who have led similar paths. She has fought her battle and has won.

**COUNT BONI DE CASTELLANE.**

Although Boni de Castellane was well known in France previous to his marriage to Anna Gould, the American heiress, in 1901, he did not become an international topic of news interest until the facts of his money-spending proclivities became generally known in 1912.

The marriage of Anna Gould was at first heralded far and wide as an alliance of importance. She was the possessor of \$9,000,000 in her own name, while De Castellane was the proud scion of famous ancestors and had a title—and numerous bad debts.

The wedding was one of the most brilliant affairs that has ever taken place in France. It ranked in pomp and ceremony with those of royalty, and took place in the De Castellane chateau, on the outskirts of Paris.

For a time the married life of the De Castellanes seemed to be moving along in the manner prescribed by authors of fairy tales. Three beautiful children were born and, because of the Count's religion, brought up in the Catholic faith. Then discord appeared and it became known that Anna Gould was seeking a divorce.

During the proceedings it developed that Boni de Castellane in the eleven years in which he had been married to Anna Gould had spent almost her entire fortune of \$9,000,000.

He had entertained royally and become quite a pet of the boulevards.

He had purchased a coach and horses and hired an outrider formerly employed by the President of France. The outfit had cost \$150,000.

An antique clock that had caught his eye had pleased him to such an extent that he had parted with \$50,000 for its purchase. Next came a set of furniture for which the mere sum of \$54,000 meant nothing. To match the furniture he had to have a mantelpiece, which added another \$50,000 to the financial casualty list.

But it was through the medium of a simple taste for fruit that he came a cropper. Cherries were his "grand passion," and those which he selected to enhance the beauties of his breakfast table were furnished by an enterprising merchant for four dollars apiece.

It was this little item that angered his wife. She told Boni in plain language that she wouldn't play with him any more, and then the war was on.

Boni got highly indignant. The

**WOMEN OF STATE PLEDGE SUPPORT**

TO CO-OPERATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND FIRES.

**STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION**

Commissioner Young Tells Women Awful Fire Waste Will Be Greatly Reduced.

At the annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs held at Durham during the first week in May the unanimous support of the organization was pledged to the work of the North Carolina Insurance department in fire and accident prevention. This action followed an address by Commissioner James R. Young in which he outlined the plans for the department along the lines of fire and accident prevention and told of the great need of co-operation on the part of all civic organizations in every town and city in the State and especially the co-operation of the women's organizations.

Commissioner Young expressed himself as highly gratified at the assurance of support given him and stated that he considered the action of the federation a step in the right direction and one which is sure to bring splendid results to the citizens and property owners of North Carolina.

A reduction of the awful fire waste in this country, Commissioner Young says, can only be brought about along educational lines and through the co-operation and assistance of citizens who are just beginning to realize the responsibility that rests on their shoulders because of carelessness or the lack of ordinary precaution. Every fire is paid for by all the people, Mr. Young says. Insurance is collected from all and paid to him who has a fire; hence the man who has a fire intentionally or unintentionally takes money from his neighbors.

Every week in this country fire destroys 1,600 dwellings, 140 apartment buildings, 26 hotels, 12 schools, 10 churches, 3 large department stores, 3 hospitals, 2 jails, 3 theaters, 3 public halls and 2 colleges. Eight thousand persons are rendered homeless and nine persons are burned to death every day in the year in the United States.

Reasonable care and precaution would have prevented a vast majority of these fires and accidents and the Federation of Women's Clubs in the state are to be commended for the position they have taken in the fire prevention campaign.

**The First Pay Day.**

Charlotte Observer.

Next Saturday is the first pay-day at Camp Greene, when many thousands of dollars will be distributed to nearly 3,000 men now employed there, to be again distributed to a great extent in Charlotte by the workmen.

**No Credit to Durham.**

Charity and Children.

Durham did itself no credit in raising a row because young Beverly Royster was appointed Lieutenant of the Durham battery of field artillery, on the recommendation of the company. Royster declined to accept the place, and five different military organizations asked that he be assigned to their commands. He has been commissioned as second lieutenant of a New Berne company.

Mr. John Hiram Kirby, a wireless operator, stationed at El Paso, Texas, was the guest last week of his uncle, Mr. J. I. Hammett, at Belmont. Mr. Kirby has been in the government service for the past 17 years and says he will stay seven years longer. He talks interestingly of army life. He says he likes it and intends to stay in it.

Mr. W. C. Bivens, of Wadesboro, was a pleasant caller at the Gazette office last week. Mr. Bivens is editor of The Wadesboro Ansonian and is also county superintendent of education of Anson county. He is a brother of Messrs. J. P. and Walter Bivens, of Gastonia. He was recently appointed one of the directors of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital and was here to attend a meeting of the board.

Countess had received a few more millions from her father's estate and Boni could not understand why the fact of his getting rid of her former fortune should annoy her in the least.

She, on the other hand, had different ideas. She told Boni in good American language what she rated him at, and from all accounts it was far below par.

The courts set her free and the Pope refused to let Boni marry again.

Anna Gould later became the wife of the Prince de Sagan.

Boni, in the meantime, through judicious sale of the things he had purchased with Anna Gould's money, got funds together and fought out his case with the Vatican. Trial after trial resulted in failure, but the new evidence supplied for the last attempt gained him an annulment and he was free to marry.

The Prince de Sagan mused up Boni with a horsewhip for some alleged remarks about the former Countess, and after this incident Boni did not linger long in the public eye.

**DALLAS HAD BIG DAY.**

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of growing legumes and increasing the vegetable matter in the soils to liberate the potash and to increase the nitrogen content of the soils. He spoke of the importance of having a balanced plant food in the soil.

Mr. Williams is without doubt the best authority upon soy beans in this country and of course did not leave this important legume without speaking of its special adaptability to almost every type of soil and climatic conditions, its splendid advantages over the other common legumes and why it is destined to become the fourth crop in our farming practice, ranking on a par with corn, small grains, and cotton, it being second to none in food and feed stuff production, besides being probably our best crop for soil building. Practically the entire crowd assembled under the large oaks on the campus and listened with undivided attention for 30 minutes to this able address.

Mrs. Hollowell, of Wayne county, under the auspices of the State insurance Department, spoke next on losses and prevention of fire. She said that our loss from fire last year was more than \$3,500,000, to say nothing of the forest fires and that 250 people of which 190 were babies were burned up in this State last year. She recommended that a ladder be kept in reach of every house, a fire extinguisher in every home, keeping buckets full of water, a ceasing of the use of kerosene in building fires, great care in the use of gasolene in the home, keeping all trash and waste from under and about the house, and a fire screen for every open fire place. Her talk was full of interest and was characterized by her Scotch wit and humor.

At this time Mr. J. M. Holland was called to the platform and responded by making some important announcements in regard to the county fair and soliciting the co-operation and support of every one present to the end that this might be the biggest and best fair that Gaston has ever had.

Long before this time the process of distributing the food from the baskets and boxes on the long tables had been under way. This work was under the direction of the ladies of the Civic League who were ably assisted by more than a score of men. Not a moment was lost in changing the program from one of attentive listening to one of happy feasting. A more orderly crowd was never seen. A more amply provided table was never witnessed.

After a brief recess the program was resumed by a talk by Mr. Ivey on poultry raising and feeding. It was a very fitting talk for the hour and was enjoyed immensely.

At this time Miss Nell Pickens, the live and progressive home demonstration agent of Johnston county who came as a substitute for Mrs. McKimmon, made a brief talk on the scarcity of food and emphasized the importance of conservation along all lines at this time while half the world is hungry and the greater part of it at war.

Following Miss Pickens, Mr. Ware of the State A. & E. College spoke upon the importance of saving and improving farm seeds and emphasized the fact that seeds of all kinds, especially the clovers and small grains, are going to be scarcer than ever before. He outlined some very practical methods for improving farm seeds.


This brought the program to a close after which Mr. Kirby thanked the audience for their presence and excellent attention during the whole day. He congratulated the people of Gaston county upon the fact that they had been honored with the presence of such distinguished guests and upon the fact that they had made possible one of the greatest days that ever was enjoyed by so many people in North Carolina.

**MANY IN FUNERAL CORTEGE.**

(By International News Service.)

BUTTE, Aug. 3.—4,000 men will march in the funeral cortege of Frank Little, the lynched I. W. W. leader when his body is taken to the station for shipment to Chicago. Arrangements were made by his friends for a silent demonstration. Troops will be on hand to prevent disorder.

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**American Efficiency.**

Gaffney Ledger.

German efficiency has been held up as a degree of excellence unattainable by a Democracy. The accomplishments of the United States since April 5th last refute the truth of the claim. In the short space of time since that day the United States has accomplished the following:

Declared a state of war as existing between this country and Germany.

Seized 91 German ships and begun repair work on them.

Authorized unanimously a war fund of \$7,000,000,000.

Appropriated \$600,000,000 for merchant shipping and as much for air fleets.

Agreed to loan our Allies \$3,000,000,000 and advanced them a large proportion of that sum.

Passed a selective draft law and in a single day registered nearly ten million men for military service.

Enlisted 600,000 volunteer soldiers in the Regular Army and in the National Guard of the States.

Sent a Commission to Russia to aid Democracy there and a body of railroad men to Russia and another to France to advise and assist in railroad transportation in those countries.

Began the construction of 32 camps for our soldiers.

Sent to England a fleet of destroyers and to France a detachment of troops.

Authorized and now enforcing embargo whereby our enemies will receive no more food or material from us.

Passed a food conservation law. Organized many voluntary commissions and boards who are aiding the Government and the people in the speeding up of work, conservation of food and other national movements.

Drafted by lot 687,000 men for

military service.

While the Government was accomplishing these things the American people have loaned the United States \$2,000,000,000 and offered \$1,000,000,000 more, over four million citizens subscribing to the loan. In addition they have given over \$10,000,000 to the American Red Cross and \$3,000,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association.

**The Mills Are Busy.**

Charlotte Observer.

The activity of the cotton mills is indicated in Secretary Hester's statement that for the year ended Tuesday the mills had used 4,358,070 bales, which represents the largest amount of cotton ever before run through the mills in the course of a year. It shows a business of 1,295,000 bales over two years ago, when the mills were just beginning to feel the influences of revived business.

**Proper Precaution.**

Charlotte Observer.

Major Boyette, medical reserve corps in charge of the temporary hospital at Camp Greene, has ordered 1,000 ampules of combined typhoid and para-typhoid prophylaxis for use in making immune from this disease some of the men employed at the camp.

Plans are about completed for the beginning at an early date of systematic physical examination of the men working at Camp Greene, in an effort to weed out any who may be sufferers from communicable diseases.

To the man that is 40 who has made moderation in all things his rule, life has only well begun and fame is still possible. The best things in a man's life usually come to him after the age of 40.



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Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

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