



Maiden Voyage

KATHLEEN NORRIS

CHAPTER XXIV—Continued

He saw her shoulders shake and knew that she was crying; suddenly, in a rage, she was on her feet again.

"I'll get used to it after a minute. You do. Even when a man's arm is cut off, or his leg, they say he gets used to it like that—in a second."

"I don't think of you what you think of Larry," Joe said flatly. Tony's ringed eyes moved to him in weary inquiry.

"No, I know you, Tony, and you don't know Larry. I'm not knocking him, mind you," Joe said. "But I say you don't know him. I do know you. I know every lovely inch of you."

"You and Larry aren't alike. I'm not saying this to make you feel any better. I know you feel rotten tonight. And you will feel rotten; it'll take you a long time to get straight about it. But I say that you love—well, this place, and the ocean and the kitchen and Benny's kids, and the dogs, and all that. He doesn't. He's Lorenzo the Magnificent."

The girl laughed weakly; her face crinkled into tears. "Oh, he is," she said in a whisper.

"Ruth was rich; Larry's probably inherited a fortune. She may have left a dozen legacies, but Gran was rich, and Ruth would have inherited Gran's money, and he gets it all, or certainly most of it. He's rich now; he likes it that way."

"There was a long silence. "I don't know," said Joe then, pulling on his pipe, and Tony's unhappy little laugh died away into another long pause when neither

spoke. Where his thoughts went the girl neither knew nor cared. To Tony all the world was composed of just two persons, a beautiful woman, sinuous and jeweled in the exquisite thin robes of fine batiste and delicate laces that Caroline especially loved; a tall brown man with his arms about her.

"Well, isn't it true?" "It is not true." "Knowing," Joe continued, as if there had been no interruption, "knowing that whatever lasts in marriage, that doesn't. Knowing that it can't last, it never does—whatever it is—that thrill that he gives women, that makes them say, 'I'd rather have him mean to me in that magnificent way of his, keep me waiting, despise me, throw me down, than not have him at all!'"

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"Will you? I think I'll not tell Benny tonight. I'll wait until Alvin's gone tomorrow and tell her then. I'll have to face every one—Aunt Meg, Mary Rose; she'll pity me so that I'll want to kill her." "Married!" Tony breathed to herself in an almost inaudible undertone, out of her own thoughts. On the trip to Brenda's house she did not speak again.

"Do you still feel that you want to see him again?" Joe asked. Tony's face dimpled as she looked thoughtfully down at the sand she was marking into even ridges with a bit of silvery smooth driftwood.

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"Well, I do love it—autumn." She meditated deeply. "Spring first," she decided, "then autumn. Then winter, and then summer." "Summer last of all!" "Oh, yes—don't you think so?" "Well, I like corn on the cob." "Yes, and peaches," Tony conceded. "But there's something so cocksure about summer."

"You're easy on my old eyes," the man said presently, glancing up. "I love to have you think so. We ought to go up pretty soon; Benny was going to telephone about dinner."

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"Not as I did," she said, coloring a little.

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"I think," Joe said, standing panting on the hearth, looking down at her, "I think that's just one of the things one might be glad of."

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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Hitler's Peace Proposals Scouted by France—Big Italian Victory May End Ethiopian War—Lowden for Republican Key-Noter.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

ADOLF HITLER'S proposals for peace in Europe, together with his flat rejection of the plan of the other four Locarno powers for settlement of the Rhineland situation, were handed to British Foreign Minister Eden by Joachim von Ribbentrop, and passed on by Eden to the French and Belgian ambassadors in London. The British cabinet thought the German scheme worthy of consideration, but the French government looked upon it as a "cunning plan" to split the Locarno powers and make Hitler the virtual dictator of Europe.

Hitler's note made these proposals: 1. A "standstill" agreement to exist on both sides of the German border for four months during which Germany, France, and Belgium would make no troop movements. This "armistice" would be guaranteed by a neutral commission.

2. A 25-year nonaggression pact between Germany, France, and Belgium, guaranteed by an international arbitration court, to be negotiated immediately after the French elections.

3. Negotiation for nonaggression pacts between Germany and her other neighbors. 4. Germany to return to the League of Nations as an equal if the league covenant is separated from the Versailles treaty and with the understanding that colonial concessions will be made.

5. When a general settlement is in sight conferences to be held to secure the prohibition in warfare of gas, poison and incendiary bombs, bombing of civilians, bombing of towns more than 12 miles from the battle zone, and the abolition of heavy tanks and heavy artillery.

6. A general economic and disarmament conference. Following the example of Germany, the Austrian diet has repudiated that nation's military obligations under the St. Germain treaty. By unanimous vote it approved a bill introduced by Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg, providing for general national military service "with or without arms."

PEACE negotiations between Italy and Ethiopia, outside the League of Nations, seem imminent, for emissaries of Emperor Haile Selassie already have been received by Marshal Pietro Badoglio, and the Italian undersecretary of colonies is in East Africa to conduct the preliminaries. This news followed closely the dispatches telling of a great victory won by Badoglio's northern troops over 20,000 fresh and picked Ethiopian soldiers whose fight was directed and watched by the emperor himself.

Another new policy of the movement will be the selection of an auditing firm to regularly audit finances and report to the directors of each of the Townsend clubs. Townsend will remain as president. His board of directors was named as follows: Gomer Smith, Oklahoma City, vice president; Gilmore Young, San Francisco, national secretary; Dr. Clinton Winder, New York; J. B. Kiefer, Chicago; Frank Arubuck, Los Angeles; and Nathan J. Roberts, Jacksonville, regional directors; and Alfred Wright, Cleveland, Ohio, manager.

WILLIAM N. McNAIR, the Democratic mayor of Pittsburgh, appeared as a witness before the house ways and means committee and was almost thrown out on his ear. Unable to halt McNair's biting tirade against wasteful spending on the one hand and the proposed new punitive tax on corporation earnings on the other, Chairman Robert L. Doughton threatened to call a policeman bodily to evict the mayor. "Why all this dignity?" shouted McNair. "Good night!"

A committee clerk brought a policeman to the front of the room as the congressmen quickly passed a resolution to excuse the witness. McNair said he would leave "gladly" and departed.

CITATIONS were issued by the Post Office department against alleged lottery associations operated by Mrs. Oliver Harriman, prominent in New York society, and Alfred E. Smith, Jr., son of Al Smith. They and others associated with them were summoned to appear in Washington and show cause why fraud orders should not be issued against them.

According to the charge, both persons are operating lotteries. Mrs. Harriman heads the "National Conference on Legalizing Lotteries, Inc.," and Smith heads the "Golden Stakes Sweepstakes."

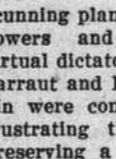
DESPITE vigorous opposition, which will reappear on the floor of the senate, the senate committee on immigration and naturalization reported favorably the Kerr-Coolidge alien deportation bill, which Secretary Perkins has been trying to get through congress for three years. It will give her and two other members of an interdepartmental board discretionary power to harbor radical and even criminal aliens, otherwise deportable, in this country. The same bill recently was reported favorably by the house committee.

Pending action by congress on the measure, Secretary Perkins has been holding up the deportation of some 2,800 aliens mandatorily deportable under existing law, contending that they are "hardship cases." Some are radicals, some have criminal records, and others entered the country illegally. By "hardship cases" Secretary Perkins means that they would be separated from family ties or put to some other inconvenience.

Secretary Perkins refused to produce information respecting the 2,800 "hardship" cases until Reynolds introduced a senate resolution, whereupon she permitted him to examine the records.

UNABLE to raise \$3,200,000 to redeem two bond issues reaching maturity, the province of Alberta, Canada, defaulted. Premier William Aberhart, leader of the Social Credit party, admitted he could not get the necessary funds. In last fall's election the Social Credit party won a big victory. One of the planks in its platform advocated the payment of \$25 of social credit "dividends" monthly to every citizen. None of these dividends has been forthcoming as yet.

THOUGH Koki Hirota, the new Japanese premier, said a few days ago that while he was in office there would be no war, it is evident his government really is looking for serious trouble with Russia. This feeling is expressed by Eiji Amai, spokesman for the Tokyo foreign office, who said: "Japan must prepare for Soviet aggression."



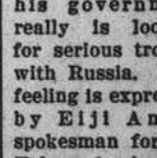
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