

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

ELIENE'S DILEMMA.

I said to Eliene after I had read her letter to her former lover: "Well, my dear, I do not see how even this can prevent your marriage with Major Gordon?"

"But I have not read you the end of his letter."

Then my eyes caught these words: "At last I have found out, my darling, that I truly love you, although I had to put the world between us to realize it. I am coming home to claim you, to take you from any man who may be in your thoughts."

"I am writing this, dear Eliene, because your last letter was different from any that you have ever written me, and five times I noticed in it the name of a Major Gordon. Don't think yourself in love with him, Eliene, for you are not, and you have so many times acknowledged me as your husband."

"I always knew he was a cad, Eliene," I said indignantly; "but I did not know he was a scoundrel. Do you really think he will make trouble for you?"

"My dear Margot, I am just as sure as I am that we are riding along this road that when George finds some other man wants me he will not stop at anything to prevent my marriage."

"Why don't you tell the Major?"

"Dear, is it possible that you have not seen that the Major is a very jealous man? When I did not answer his proposal he asked me if I had ever loved any man, and I, knowing that truly I never had, answered 'No.' Now if I should tell him about George and say that I must get those letters, he would certainly jump at the worst conclusions."

I could see that Eliene was right. "What are you going to do?" I asked.

"I can do nothing until George gets home; then I will ask him for the letters and if he won't give them to me I'll have to get them some other way."

"How can you put the Major off that long time?"

"I have told him that I do not want to give him his answer until after Mrs. Charlton's visit—that you had told me they seemed very much interested in each other, and I wanted him to be sure that he loved me."

"By the time Mrs. Charlton leaves, George will be home, and then I will know whether he will give me the letters or not."

"It looks like a very pretty mix-up," I said to myself as I went to my room to dress for dinner.

There I found Theo fast asleep. I stole up to him and lightly kissed his cheek. He opened his eyes and smiled and drew me down to him. "I'll be a good boy, Margot," he said, in the tones he used to use when we made up as children.

"All right," I answered cheerfully. "Get up now and dress for dinner."

"You are not very sentimental these days, Margot," he grumbled.

"It is a good thing for you that I am not," I answered lightly.

"Perhaps you are right," he said, falling into my mood. "Do we stay at home tonight?"

"We do not. We make a number of calls, one of which will be on Mrs. Charlton, who arrived at the hotel about two hours ago."

"Now what does that woman want to come for," said Theo irritably, "just as Eliene and the Major are getting along so beautifully?"

"Do you really want your sister to marry Major Gordon, Theo?"

"Why of course I do. Haven't I told you that a dozen times a day ever since he came? He is a fine fellow."

"Well, if you wish it, you must be very nice to Mrs. Charlton while she is here, so that the Major can give some of his time to Eliene."

"And Margot," said Theo suddenly, "keep Eliene from flirting around with any of the other men, for the Major has only one fault. He has an inordinately jealous disposition."

(Tomorrow—"Is Anyone Sincere?")

GIRL KILLED SWEETHEART

Montreal, Sept. 9—Accidental death was the verdict returned yesterday in the case of Napoleon Clermont, 25 years old, who was shot and killed by his sweetheart, Blanche Beaubien, of 277 City Hall Avenue, early Sunday morning. The Coroners Jury, after hearing the evidence found that the girl could not be held responsible for killing the man.

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SHOULD TIPS BE ABOLISHED?

German restaurants are said to have abolished the tipping system. It has always been regarded as a nuisance by many people, but it is doubtful whether its abolition would be beneficial even to customers, says Tit-Bits.

The word "tip" is said to be derived from the initial letters of the phrase, "To Insure Promptness." If this is so, with the tip promptness of the one tipped might go too.

Protests against tipping are by no means of modern growth. George I. complained about it when he first came to the throne. "This is a strange country," he declared. "The first morning after my arrival at St. James I looked out of the window, and saw a park with walks and a canal, which I was told were mine. The next day Lord Chetwynd, the ranger of my park sent me a fine brace of carp out of my canal, and I was told I must give five guineas to Lord Chetwynd's servant for bringing me my own carp out of my own canal in my own park."

REFERENDUM OCTOBER 20

Toronto, Sept. 8—The referendum on prohibition question will be taken on Monday, October 20, Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario, announced this afternoon. He said there had been no consideration as yet on the date for the provincial elections.

When the wind blows a pretty girl's hair in her face it may make her look charming to the men, but it makes the women long to hand her a hairpin.

YANK SLIPPED THE LINGO TO THE COCKNEY

London.—You cannot miss the over hanging sign of the tobacco shop at 14 New Oxford street, reading:

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A rather old man with the ring of Cockneydom's Bow Bells in his voice asks, "What can I do for you sir?"

"Where's the guy that slings the American lingo?"

"I regret sir—he seems to pale—that the gentleman who has been in some of the United States is at present away."

"Well, what's the large idea of the sign?"

"Oh, don't be offended, sir. That was put up for trade, not only to catch the eye of Americans but to interest our own people as well. We make a specialty of American cigars, cigarettes and—"

"Whadyemean, American cigars—Camels, Fat Emmas—?"

"Yes, we have Camels."

"Slip 'em to me quick, kid. Oh, boy! A camel in the desert! Co-o-me to me, baby. Maybe I'm not glad I busted in. And say, old hoss, you haven't been losing your way any following my palavar. I'll bet you're the American translator here yourself."

"O really, sir!"

"Aw, feed that stuff to Heinie. Now mark me and mark me well. I can talk English, too, and with a zesty fluency that would knock your eye out if you'd give me half a chance, but confess, old bean, if you get what I mean, that there's no other clerk—clerk, I should say—in this establishment who bites off the merry talk but your own little self."

"Well, since you put it so engagingly I will own up. You are really the first American who has asked for the translator. That frightened me at first. I wondered if the native speech had more devious forms than I found in George Ade and O. Henry. I was afraid for a minute I might get in deep water but I followed you quite readily. And, may I say, dear sir, that you are the first American who has yet talked American to me."

BRITISH NAVY WON MANY VICTORIES

(Archibald Hurd, in Fortnightly Review.)

There is no parallel to the succession of victories which British seamen have won during this great war. At the Battle of Falkland Islands, the White Ensign gained the first victory of annihilation recorded in British naval annals; in Heligoland Bight and the running fight from the Dogger Bank to Borkum Riff, successes were achieved with which Nelson would have been proud to have his name associated; at the Battle of Jutland the enemy was overwhelmed by the guns of the British battle fleet and, escaping in the mist and gathering darkness with many vessels bloody shambles, never again had the temerity to risk a fleet action. Great results were achieved by British seamen at slight cost, and when the Armistice was signed the grand fleet was stronger in material than when hostilities opened while its prestige had been established on a pinnacle to which the eyes of the men of the world were turned in admiration. Whatever may be the inclination of other powers, we can announce, without equivocation, that during the ensuing five years we intend to lay down no new ships of war. With the same courage that we faced Germany's war preparations, setting an example not only to Europe, but to the world at large. If the League of Nations requires material support in naval armaments during the period of this naval holiday, we shall be in a position to make the largest contribution of any of the powers, while at the same time exhibiting, by the standard of our commissionings and the absence of new construction, our sincere desire to check a recurrence of competitive ship building. That decision not only involves no pledge as to the future, but would carry with it the warning that if the naval holiday is ignored by other powers, then this country, with its vast resources for the creation of naval armaments, will, if it must, take up again the heavy burden it has borne for so long.

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BOARD OF TRADE MEETING TO BE IMPORTANT

The Maritime Board of Trade will hold its 21st annual meeting at Moncton, on Sept. 17th. and 18th. Following is a list of the subjects to be discussed:

Maritime Union:—By Amherst and Bathurst Boards.

Better Transportation Facilities:—By North Sydney Board.

Re-organization of the Military Forces of Canada:—By Charlottetown, P. E. I. Board.

Unit System of Management of Canadian National Railways, with headquarters for Eastern Unit in the Maritime Provinces:—By Moncton Board.

Closer relations between Employer and Employed:—By Amherst Board.

Development of National Ports on the Atlantic Coast:—By Saint John and Saint Stephen Boards.

Revision of Railway Freight Rates that discriminate against the Lower Provinces:—By Bathurst Board.

Development of Water Powers in the Maritime Provinces:—By Saint Stephen Board.

Inquiry as to proportion of work of Geological Survey of Canada in the Maritime Provinces compared with the other Provinces of the Dominion:—By Moncton Board.

Transportation:—(a) Standardization throughout, of the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian National Railways at the earliest possible moment, (b) The securing of a Car Ferry steamer to supplement the present Car Ferry between Borden and Tormentine; (c) The placing of S. S. Northumberland, now idle in Charlottetown, on the Charlottetown-Pictou route; (d) Improvement of the passenger service between P. E. I. and Mainland points:—By Charlottetown Board.

The advantage of a Uniform System of Weights, Measures and Money:—By Saint John, N. B. Board.

War Memorials:—By Saint Stephen Board.

The decreasing representation of the Maritime Provinces in the Dominion House of Commons:—By Moncton N. B. Board.

ARROGANCE OF OLD TIME IMPERIALISTS

(Halifax Recorder)

The following will illustrate the contempt and arrogance of the old Imperial army officer towards the Colonial commanders of battalions, and which had much to do with turning the American soldier of the French war against Great Britain when the Revolutionary movement was on. Colonel John Winslow was at Fort Cumberland with his Massachusetts regiment, when Fort Bosejoure was besieged and taken by British and New England troops. Colonel Moncton son of the Earl of Galway, was in command of the garrison. When Winslow was leaving the fort, the eighteenth century aristocrat inflicted an insult upon Winslow which so rankled in the breast of the American that he had to record it in his journal. He says: "Marched off with beat of drums and colors flying passing Fort Cumberland, Colonel Moncton sent Mr. Moncreiff, his aide-de-camp, and peremptorily demanded the colors by the commander's orders, and actually took them from Mr. Gay, my ensign, which I apprehend is the first time that ever a British commander-in-chief took the King's colors from a marching party that had always behaved well. This transaction caused great uneasiness to both officers and soldiers, and 'raised my temper.'"

Winslow was dead before the Revolution broke out, so we do not know what side he would have taken in it, but it is probable he would have espoused the Royal cause, as his brother, and his brother's son, Colonel Edward Winslow, did. Nevertheless, the arrogance of the British officer on Colonial service was resented, especially in Massachusetts. Edward Winslow, brother of Colonel John, is buried in the old Barrington street cemetery, where many Loyalists slumber beside him.

Coolies Returning to China

It is understood that the Chinese labor corps, which number about 100,000 coolies, and were transported from China through Canada, embarking at Halifax during the war, will be repatriated back to their homes through Canada, landing at Halifax and going over the Canadian Pacific Railway to British Columbia, where they will embark for China. These men, who passed through St. John, caused a large number of spectators to meet the train to get a glimpse of the oriental men. It is said that the fight against Russian militarism.

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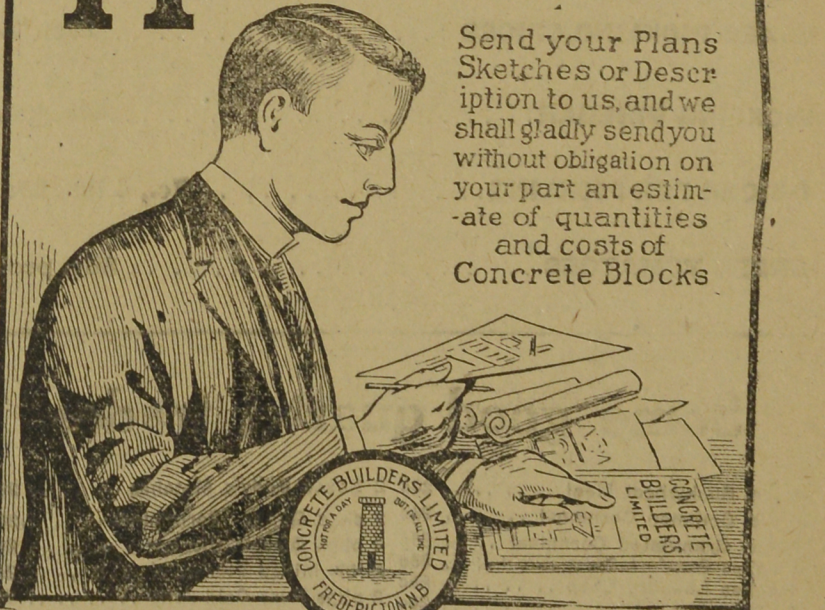
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