

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

MY NEW TASK.

Early this morning a telephone call came from Sally's house to me.

"Mrs. Symone," a strange voice said, "I am the nurse taking care of Miss Saunders; she is very ill, but she will not be quiet until she has seen you. Could you come immediately?"

"Certainly, I am all dressed and ready to go out. It will not be ten minutes before I am there."

When I arrived I was ushered immediately into Sally's bedroom, and I was shocked at the sight which greeted me. I thought Sally Saunders' face had changed greatly when she had fainted forty-eight hours before at my home; but now her eyes were sunk deep in her head and her face flushed with fever. She was moving restlessly from side to side in the bed, and when she caught sight of me she said, "Oh, Margot, Margot, I was afraid you would not get here in time."

The nurse left the room. As soon as the door had closed Sally clasped both my hands tightly. "Margot, I'm going to be very ill," she said, "and I am awfully afraid that I shall be delirious. I want you to promise that whatever happens and under any circumstances you will stay with me and will allow no friends or relatives, especially my father, in the room."

"But Sally, how can I do this?"

"You will tell them that it was my request. If anyone must come you may ask Aunt Margie Edie to share your vigil, and if you find me talking things that I should not, I want you to send the nurse out of the room."

Then Sally closed her eyes.

I called softly to the nurse and sent for Robert, who was Sally's doctor.

When Robert arrived, he looked at me quietly for a moment and then he said: "I am afraid Sally is in for a severe attack of brain fever; her nerves are all unstrung and she has been overtaxing herself. I am quite sure that both you and Aunt Margie will be a great help to me in her case."

I immediately went to the telephone and explained things to Aunt Margie, and like her dear sweet self she came right over. In less than an hour after her arrival Sally was raving.

Sally's head moved restlessly from side to side and her little hands went out almost in supplication—there was a silence for a moment, as though she were listening to what someone was saying, and then she said, "but I cannot do that, Emil; of course I love you. In all my life I have never loved anyone in the world but you; but I cannot betray poor Tim."

There was another silence for a moment, and Sally's face showed that she thought she was listening to someone and then she broke in as though she was interrupting—"But Emil, if I should marry Tim now how could we be married when the war was over and you know you promised—you promised to marry me, Emil. It was only because I loved you—and I believed you loved me—Oh, I can't, I can't marry Tim."

Again the silence and Aunt Margie looked at me with almost as much agony in her face as there was in Sally's—she was about to speak when Sally began again.

"Oh, yes I know; I know that disgrace is coming, but why can I not go away Emil and hide myself for a little while until after the baby comes. There is no use of dragging poor Tim into it. Oh, Emil, don't make me lose faith in you when I have loved you so."

Again the silence. "Of course I know you are starting for Germany very soon, though I can hardly see how you are going to get into the country. No, don't kiss me, don't take me in your arms for I want to say to you that just so sure as I marry Tim Lafferty just so sure will I be his wife and not your sweetheart any more—I can do this much, even I, selfish Sally Saunders, and I will—I am so tired, so tired; let me rest."

The restless little body straightened, her eyelids closed, and Sally sank into a state of coma. The nurse came softly to the bed and Aunt Margie and I left the room.

"Do you think she will recover?" I asked Aunt Margie.

Instead of answering, she said, "Margot, how much of what that poor girl was saying is true?"

"All of it and more," I answered, "at least I think so, because Sally married Tim the morning he went away. You know he was called very suddenly, and he left her practically at the church door. Sally has not been herself ever since, but

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY AN INDUSTRIAL INTEREST

The Efforts of the Nation to Adjust Itself to New and Changed Conditions—Profiteering During War One of the Causes—Important Resolution Unanimously Adopted—Two Amendments Were Voted Down.

Hamilton, June 12.—The following is a summary of the lengthy resolutions on Industrial Unrest, which was passed this morning in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church meeting in Hamilton. The terms are practically the same as those of the resolutions offered to the Assembly on Wednesday, but such were permitted to the special committee, with Rev. R. W. Ross, as convenor, for amendment. When presented to the Assembly today an amendment was offered by Dr. E. Scott, seconded by Dr. E. B. Wylie. An amendment to the amendment also was offered but when the vote was taken, after a brief but breezy debate, both amendments were overwhelmed, and the motion to adopt the resolutions carried unanimously.

Protest Against Injustice

The resolution on Social Unrest, presented to the Assembly by Rev. R. W. Ross, of Halifax in the report of the Committee on Social Service opened with a recognition that the present unrest was a sign of the Nation's effort to adjust itself to New and changing conditions and a protest against injustice in the social system. Among those injustices were: The alienation of the natural resources, the tying up of land for the unearned increment in value profiteering, especially during the war, the public indifference to social conditions and wrongs.

Parliamentary action for extensive reforms was earnestly called for, "selfish and vulgar parade of wealth" invited one of the chief causes of discontent.

The managements of industries were reminded of their obligation to promote the welfare and interests of all those who serve them and movements were commended toward the giving of a fair share in the wealth produced; toward cooperation with

the State and with the workers in providing insurance against unemployment, accident and illness and old age pensions; toward better housing of labor, and better sanitary and social conditions in factories, laboratories, etc.

Urged to be Conciliatory

The resolution affirming the sacredness of human personality, urged that conditions of work should be secured as would afford each worker the opportunity of the highest personal development. All parties were urged to be conciliatory in spirit as they approach these problems at a time when the situation could only be saved by mutual good will, and production to the full measure of our capacity.

Labor and capital were reminded that their first obligation is to jointly serve the people as a whole. While sympathizing with the efforts of organized labor to secure better conditions, the resolution pointed out that the success of its cause depended on the winning of the sympathy and confidence of the people as a whole. Organized labor should stand for each man rendering fullest service and the maintenance of the inviolability of agreements.

The right of labor to organize and the right of men to deal with the management of industries should be recognized at once by the employers and the State.

The Government is urged to at once provide machinery for the adjustment of differences, and misunderstandings between employers and employed for the maintenance of the right of all classes of the community, which are imperilled by general sympathetic strikes and the danger of the tendency to organize in groups and classes for the furtherance of sectional interests, is pointed out.

All the people are called upon to unite for the service of the whole.

MAN KILLED ON THE TRACK NEAR HALIFAX

Halifax, June 14.—Robert W. Parnell, formerly of Hildford, but recently residing at Windsor Junction, was killed on the railway track at Bedford yesterday afternoon. Parnell was on his way to the cemetery where he proposed working at the grave where his wife is buried. He was proceeding along the track when the Truro local, leaving Halifax at 1.20, came along. The man heard it, but evidently thinking only of a single track, stepped to one side, only to be hit by the engine coming on the other rails. He was instantly killed.

RETURNING TO WORK

Amherst, June 14.—Four local factories will be in operation on Monday, according to bulletins issued to the press by F. C. Burke, President of the Federation of Labor, and W. McInnes, the vice-president of the same organization.

Strike conditions still exist as far as the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., the Rhodes Curry Company, Amherst Woolen Mills and the Barker McLean Motor Co. are concerned.

FINANCES OF CANADA

Ottawa, June 13.—Dominion revenues for the month of May were \$23,553,399, as compared with \$22,758,912 in May, 1918. The total net debt of the Dominion on May 21 was \$1,578,832,332 as compared with \$1,144,235,627 on May 31, 1918. Expenditure on current fund account during May was \$25,967,710, as compared with \$7,531,672 in May last year.

I did not dream that such a tragedy was hanging over her. You can easily see that Emil Baur was trying to get rid of her and place the consequences of his sin upon another man. The schem didn't work, however, and since Tim went abroad Sally has been almost like a bad woman and the other day when she found that Emil had been arrested and would probably be sent to prison for years she fainted at my house. They took her home and put her to bed, and she has been getting worse ever since. Do you think she will live, Aunt Margie?"

"I don't know, dear child—it would be better if she did not."

(Tomorrow—"My Decision to Wait.")

HUMOR IN THE DAY'S NEWS

St. Catherine's, Ont.—Mose Mason, colored, was arrested, charged with peddling stuff bearing a label "Mayfield whiskey, hand made." It was hand-made all right. It was cold tea and retailed at \$7 a bottle.

Philadelphia.—Philadelphia's Mothers' Club decided at a meeting that husbands are a necessary evil; that a man is a thing a woman marries and that they drink, vote, smoke and swear but never go to church.

Chicago.—The arrest of Joseph Edwards here today brought to a close an experiment in high finance extraordinary—the support of three wives on \$100 a month.

Detroit, Mich.—When Charles Anderson went to look at the lot he purchased some time ago he found a new \$4,000 house on it. "Some improvement," Anderson said. He now seeks to retain the house.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—"Any reason why I shouldn't forfeit your client's bond for non-appearance?" asked Mr. Justice Munden. "Yes, sir, he's already in jail for one year."

TENDER

Tenders will be received at office of C. R. C. E., M. D. No. 7, the Armouries, St. John, N. B., up to 12 o'clock noon June 14th, for repairs to Guard House, Carleton Street, in accordance with specifications to be seen at office of Sergt Major Brewer, Armoury, Fredericton. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be marked on outside envelope "Tender, Fredericton."

C. McN. STEEVES, Capt. C. E. Works Officer, N. B.

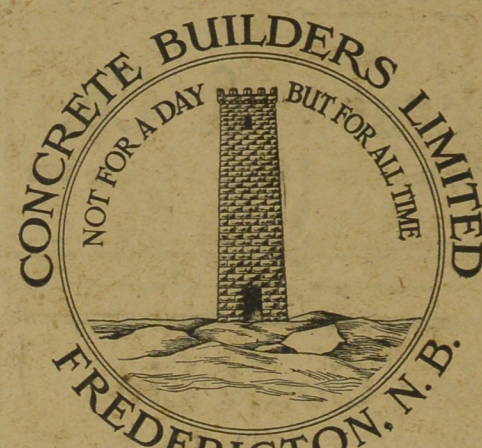
ready in jail for one year."

Chicago.—How a chorus girl may catch a \$25,000 cold will be told in court here today by Dott Blott, winter garden beauty. Extra seats have been provided.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—"Welcome home," read an inscription on a banner floating over police headquarters here in honor of returning soldiers. Acting Mayor McNabb says the inscription should not be taken literally.

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