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Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

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ROBERT AND LETTY

Letty and I passed a perfectly heavenly day shopping, and then I took her home early.

When we arrived Dad was not there and she was very much worried, so I turned about and hurried down to the city hall after him. I found him surrounded by a number of his old friends, and fairly dragged him away. All the way home he talked to me of the friends he had seen during the afternoon, but I could see that as the excitement passed he became physically weaker. He braced up a little as Letty met us at the doorway and it was pathetic to see how he straightened up and smiled at his young wife. "Baby doll, your old husband is not all in yet," he said as he kissed her.

As she helped him up the steps I could see that he leaned upon her more than ever, but when they reached the door they both turned and waved to me. Letty called out: "We are all right now," and I drove home.

Robert came to dinner last evening. We seldom have the pleasure of his company these days, as he is very busy with his practice. Theo was also home and altogether we had the most cheerful dinner we had eaten since dear Mother Eliene had left us.

All at once there was a sharp ting-a-ling of the telephone. "Someone wants to speak to Dr. Symone," announced the maid.

Robert got up hastily from the table and immediately I heard him say: "Yes, I'll be right over."

Fear clutched my heart. I was sure it was a call to my father's house.

"Is father worse?" I asked as Robert came into the dining room.

He looked at me in surprise and then slightly annoyed as he answered curtly "Yes."

"I am going with you, Robert."

"I haven't time to wait for you."

"You won't have to wait," I said as I followed into the hall and catching up a wrap followed him to the car.

We did not speak all the way to my father's house. When we arrived we found that Dad was resting much easier. Robert did not speak one word to Letty and I could see that the way he ignored her was almost breaking her heart, for she felt that it was only a matter of time when Dad would notice it and explanations would be in order.

Poor old Dad, he was suffering too much pain to notice anything just then, and Robert had my gratitude and admiration for the gentle way in which he administered to him, combining the affection of a son with the expert professional care of a physician.

At last Dad was made comfortable and after a couple of hours he dropped into a calm sleep.

"Come, Margot," Robert said at last, "we must go home now, I am very tired."

"Let me make you a hot cup of coffee," said Letty innocently and then she blushed very red. I of course knew it was because she remembered suddenly.

"No," answered Robert rather roughly, with a sudden look at me. "I have no time."

"All right, let us go, then," I exclaimed as I pulled my wrap from off the chair.

"Good night, Margot," said Letty softly. "I'll telephone you the first thing in the morning."

Robert started in to be quite taciturn as he was coming over, but I got thoroughly out of patience with him as I thought how he had spoiled all Letty's good comradeship with him.

A woman can be more than interested in a man, in fact she may be head over heels in love with him, and yet she can go on week after week, month after month, year after year and never show in the slightest manner that when his name is mentioned her heart beats faster; when he enters the room she grows hot, then cold; and when he touches her hand her nerves respond with a thrill which leaves her colder and calmer to the outer world than before. Perhaps it is because from our earliest childhood we women have been taught to cloak our feelings that we can do this. A man child from the time he can speak the first baby word, is taught to be—himself—be a man. A girl is always taught to seem the bundle of sweet conventionalities that man would like to think her.

Of course I did not philosophise in this manner as I was riding home with Robert. I was too angry with him to hardly think coherently.

(Tomorrow—"Bringing Robert to Task.")

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H. R. H. the Prince of Wales in the uniform of a Captain in the Royal Navy, to which rank he has just been gazetted, with seniority from July 6, 1919.

CANADA'S NEW VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

Sir Henry Drayton, New Minister of Finance Makes Optimistic Address to the Prince of Wales, Who Has Loaned His Standard for a Victory Loan Honor Flag.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Announcing the opening of the Victory Loan campaign last night, he Hon. Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance said:

"The final effort of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the glorious record of the last hundred days of warfare, formed a magnificent conclusion to the great achievements of our soldiers in the field. It is confidently expected that in like manner the Canadian people will, by their whole-hearted, universal support of the Victory Loan of 1919, bring to a triumphant climax their financial efforts to win the war and to support their gallant fighters."

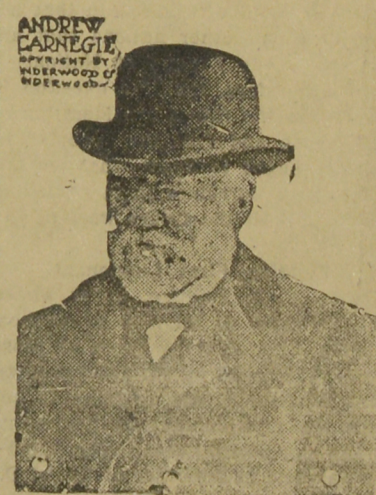
"The Victory Loan organization is most deeply grateful to your Royal Highness for your gracious act in giving your standard to be used as the Victory Loan honor flag, and for this further evidence of your interest. Your Royal Highness has been associated with Canadian soldiers in great deeds in the field. Your Royal Highness now graciously associates yourself on this, Canada's Labor Day, with the Canadian worker in this the final effort to raise the necessary funds to discharge obligations resulting from the war, to meet the expense of demobilization and war service gratuities, to provide for Soldiers' Land Settlement loans and for expenses connected with the re-establishment of our soldiers in civil life, to obtain sufficient funds to enable credits to be extended to the mother country and to our Allies for the purchase of essentials in Canada, and the maintenance of Canada's export markets for her products of the farm, forest and mine and her manufactured commodities."

"A successful Victory Loan in 1919 will, indeed, be the bridge between war and peace conditions—the foundation of a continued and greater prosperity, and a great and final evidence of the faith of the Canadian people in themselves, their wonderful country and its boundless resources."

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SMUTS WILL SUCCEED BOTHA

General Christian Smuts, the brilliant soldier and statesman of South Africa, will succeed Sir Louis Botha as prime minister of the Union of South Africa. Despatches state that the Governor General, Viscount Buxton, has invited him to form a cabinet. General Smuts only recently returned from France, where he took a prominent part in the peace negotiations. The new premier is a staunch imperialist and can be counted on to continue the good work for Empire unity carried on by his predecessor.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The voice of scandal is never large.

The people who look before they leap are not the ones who jump from the frying pan into the fire.

For one man willing to take his medicine there are a hundred trying to establish an alibi.

The world moves. If you have any doubt about it, try to keep up with your running expenses.

The high flyer should remember that mighty few fellows, when they do take a tumble, have the foresight to pick out a soft spot.

Every time a woman uses a plate or a spoon won at bridge, she wonders if her husband realizes how much is contributed to the home by her efforts.

If you have never seen a queen bow to her adoring subjects, you can get some idea of how she does it by watching an amateur singer bow in response to an encore.

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