

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

THEO CATCHES ME IN A LIE.

Theo laughed long and loud at the idea of my trying to earn money. "I have a picture of Mrs. Theo Symone as a grimy bread-winner," he said, "or funnier still, standing for the airy persiflage of the fresh drummer as manicure in a hotel barber shop."

"Are you attempting to be funny or merely offensive?" "Funny, of course, my dear," he answered with a tightening of the mouth.

"Well, it sounds very near the danger mark, anyway."

"Now, look here, Margot, of course I've known ever since we've mentioned where we were going to live that you were determined that we wouldn't live with Dad. Certainly you're not going to bite that pretty nose of yours to spite your face, and I don't believe you realize for a moment what it would mean for you and me to try to live on \$3,000 a year."

"I can do it, Theo, and I think it would be good for us. It might not be pleasant and easy, but I think we need the discipline."

"You make me tired. Will you kindly tell me why we need the discipline?"

"Yes. Until one shifts for himself he doesn't know whether or not he has stamina or courage."

"That's a queer thing to say to a returned aviator."

"I hope you'll pardon me, Theo, if I venture the remark that your courage was not severely tried overseas."

"Margot Symone, I didn't think it was in you to be so nasty. If I had—"

"Just what would you have done, Theo?" I asked defiantly.

"Oh, heavens, I don't know," he answered as he rushed out and—yes—slammed the door.

When he reached the lower hall I heard the telephone ring and he must have answered it, for shortly he came blustering back.

"What does this mean, Margot?" he asked. "Have you received a telegram from your sister-in-law?"

"No," I answered icily.

"Well, that's what I told them," he answered. "The Western Union are asking me to show receipt of a telegram from Sallie Saunders, but I told them that neither of us had received one."

"Sallie Saunders sent you one, Theo, but you did not receive it."

"What became of it?"

"In the general confusion I must have mislaid it and forgot all about it," I answered, and I could feel my face growing red and pale by turns.

"You are not telling me the truth, Margot. With your wonderful sense of right and wrong, why do you do it? What was in that telegram that I should not see? Why did you open a telegram addressed to me, anyway?"

"Eliene handed me two, saying they were both for me, and, not looking at the addresses, I tore them both open and before I realized that one was yours, started to read it."

"Well, out with it; what did she say?"

"I don't remember," I said.

"Anyway the answer to that is easy," he exclaimed, turning to the phone.

"Please repeat the telegram you wished me to receipt for, as it seems to have been mislaid."

He took out his pencil and wrote in silence for a moment and then read: "Just let me repeat to see if I have it right."

"Father has just wired me of your sad loss, dear Theo. Mine has been so recent that I can the more appreciate yours. I want to extend to you all the sympathy that you so generously gave to me upon our meeting in the Waldorf the other day. Be assured it will be remembered as one of the very few sincere greetings I have received in my bereavement."

Sallie Saunders Lafferty."

Coming over, he thrust the writing into my face.

"Will you kindly tell me just where the sinister import of

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A ZEPPELIN TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE IS NOW A POSSIBILITY

New York, July 15.—A Zeppelin freight and passenger transatlantic service to start about October 18, between New York and Hamburg, with Boston, Chicago, Berlin and Dusseldorf as ports of call, was announced in advertisements in German language newspapers and one American trade paper published here yesterday. Hans Khars, who inserted the advertisements, said he had been designated by an American banker to act as agent for an overseas dirigible freight and passenger service to be financed by American, British and German capital. Bookings for freight shipments and passengers would be received after September 18, Mr. Khars said, adding that a tentative price of \$90 per ton had been set as the transatlantic freight rate (about \$30 more than the per ton rate by water.) He said he had no idea as yet as to how many passengers could be carried on a trip.

HE WAS BACKWARD.

"Now, Willie, let's be frank; what will you take an evening to let your sister alone while I'm with her?" "I can't take anything. You see, sister has already made me an offer to hang around."

Fishing where fishing is remarkably good soon becomes wearisome for lack of the sporting chance.

'TIS EVER THUS.

"I should think you would find it hard to know what to give her for her birthday. She has everything, you know."

"Yes—still there are always some new useless things coming up."

Common sense is that quality of brains possessed by the people who agree with us.

this very sweet message of condolence is concealed?" he asked, sarcastically.

(Tomorrow—"An Interrupted Quarrel.")

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"Persons employed in the woods in logging, cutting of timber, pulpwood, firewood, railroad ties or sleepers, river driving, rafting, booming or the transportation of logs, timber pulpwood, firewood or railroad ties or sleepers."

Notice is hereby given that all persons engaged in any of the above mentioned industries are required to file a statement of their estimated payroll from August 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919, inclusive, with the said Board, on or before the 1st day of August, 1919.

And further notice, that any employer neglecting or refusing to furnish such estimate or information is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00 per day for each day of such default, and is further liable for damages, as provided by Part 2 of said Act, in respect of any injury to any workman in his employ during the period of such default.

Note.—Forms for furnishing such information will be supplied on application.

Also please take note of the following regulation passed by the Board and coming into force on the 1st day of August, 1919:

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H. W. WOODS,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
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