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On or Before the 13th day of April, 1917

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The Ride to Shiloh

By GEORGE MUNSON

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"Hello, boys! Which of you'll hitch up the dogs and take Miss Arline into Shiloh?"

The lumbermen stopped dancing. Half a dozen turned to look at the speaker. He was the camp cook. They sprang forward, not understanding, but eager for the chance.

Arline was the only child of Joe Bonner, the boss of a big section on the Northern claim, and now 50 miles away in the woods. Arline was the adored of all the lumbermen, most of whom dreamed of the time when they could ask her to marry them.

Big Jim O'Grady, Lean Mike, little Bienaime, the Frenchman, all loved Arline. She had flirted with each of them as only a girl of 18 can flirt; but none of them knew who was the favored one.

Each, including little Bienaime, was sure that it could not be Bienaime. Only the day before Arline had sent the boy away with a long face when he dared to remind her of a promised dance. She had snigered at his size in the presence of the others; and they had laughed at him.

"It's—it's smallpox!" explained the cook in a terrified whisper.

Every man halted. The dread disease was epidemic around them in half a dozen camps, but so far this one had escaped. All loved Arline,

Huddled Over the Stove.

but nobody was going to drive 30 miles with an infected girl in a dog-sleigh.

Little Bienaime came forward. He was shaking and as white as a sheet, but he came forward.

"I will take her," he said, and was conscious that, though the music had started again, nobody was paying any attention to it.

"Don't be a fool, Bienaime," said Big Jim and Lean Mike together. "Want to die, hey?"

"I go if I die," said Bienaime.

He went out in the direction of the boss' shack. He knocked, and receiving no answer, went in, to find Arline huddled over the stove, the fear of death on her face, where the signs of the dread disease were already evident.

"What do you want?" she asked, looking up at him.

"I take you to Shiloh, to the doctor," answered the little Frenchman.

"Keep back, you fool. Haven't you more sense?" demanded the girl bitterly. "I reckon you don't want to die, do you?"

"I take you to Shiloh," repeated the Frenchman obstinately.

"Keep back! What about the other boys? Wouldn't they come? I thought," she gulped, "maybe Big Jim would take me. He ought to, heaven knows."

Bienaime's heart leaped. So it was Big Jim she loved. Then he gritted his teeth.

"I'm glad it is Big Jim and not me," he said, "because now it—it won't matter."

He told her to wait while he harnessed his dogs. Presently the sleigh came along the trail, the beasts pulling with a will.

"Whoa!" shouted Bienaime, and as they lay down in the snow he entered the shack again. The girl was still huddled over the stove.

"Come!" said Bienaime.

She stared at him. "You mean it, Francois?" she cried. "Wouldn't—wouldn't anybody else come?"

Francois Bienaime evaded that question. "My luck," he said. "I was first on the spot."

"They wouldn't come!" she exclaimed. "You don't mean you're going to drive 30 miles, sitting at my side, Francois? Why, it'll be sure death to you. They say if you take it in the open it's sure to kill. Best leave me here. Maybe I'll get well. I don't feel so bad."

"Alas," said Bienaime, "it is no use. I am exposed now. I may as well take you."

The girl considered. Yes, that was true. He had exposed himself already to the contagion; he could not go back to the lumber camp.

"All right. But don't get too near me," she said, rising.

Nevertheless Bienaime bundled her up in the shawl, wrapped her in a pair of blankets and took her in his arms and carried her to the sleigh. He placed her there, nestling snugly among the robes.

"Mush!" he said, and the dogs started.

They raced along the trail. At the bend Bienaime, looking back, saw the crowd from the dance hall looking after them. He felt his heart leap up in exaltation. "Mush!" he shouted, leaping into the sleigh.

The dogs ran on. Bienaime sat in the sleigh beside his beloved. And the weary miles began to be told off.

"I wonder if I'll die," mused the girl. "I don't feel very sick."

"No fear of dying," said little Bienaime. "I can't let you die, Miss Arline. It would mean too much to Big Jim, I guess."

He was not conscious of the curious face she turned on him. He was beginning to freeze, for he had given her all the robes. It was not cold, even for March, but ten above zero is cold enough for a night journey, even for a lumberman. He stood upon the trailing log at the back of the sleigh, shouting to the dogs as they raced into the road, 12 miles from camp, that led toward Shiloh.

Every time he rested the dogs he went to look at Arline, but always her eyes were closed, and he did not dare to speak to her.

The hours wore on. Morning came, and they were still five miles from Shiloh. He aroused Arline at the last stopping.

"You are better," he said with conviction.

The girl stared at him as if she did not know what had occurred. Then her eyes brightened.

"I thought—you were Big Jim," she gasped.

So they rode into Shiloh. The sleigh drew up outside the doctor's house and Bienaime descended, carrying Arline in his arms. The doctor's face appeared at the window; he came to the door.

"What is it?" he asked.

"Smallpox," said Bienaime briefly.

"Bring her in," said the doctor.

Bienaime waited in the cold. He was shivering, and he knew he was doomed; nevertheless he was glad he had done Big Jim a good turn.

Presently the doctor came out; his eyes were angry, but his mouth was twitching.

"You've come on a long journey. It wasn't necessary," he said.

"But the smallpox, Doctor!"

"Measles, my son," said the doctor, laying his hand on his arm. "I'll take charge of her for a day or two till she's better. Sure you can come in and see her."

Bienaime went in to find the girl seated in the doctor's chair. She sprang to her feet and stretched out her arms.

"Francois!" she sobbed. "It is well, then—it is nothing. You did what none of them dared to do. How can I reward you?"

Suddenly Francois knew. "Ah, Mademoiselle Arline," he stammered, "if you—if you—"

The doctor's hand fell on his shoulder. "The priest will be here in a couple of days," he said gruffly. "He's got the best remedy for both of you."

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MARSHALL JUSTIFIES WORD.

Republican newspapers and campaign speakers have been attempting to make capital out of the charge that Vice-President Marshall referred contemptuously to the Civil Service as the "Snivel" Service. Here are the facts stated by Mr. Marshall in a signed statement from Cincinnati:

The phrase was not used with reference to the merit system, which I heartily favor, but was in condemnation of Republican hypocrisy of that Party's use of the law and its unjust criticism of Wilson's appointments.—Thomas R. Marshall.

PEACE OR WAR THE ISSUE

Speaking at Battle Creek, Mich., September 30, last, Theodore Roosevelt said:

"I have been asked what I would have done had I been President when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

"I would have instantly taken possession of every German ship interned in this country and then I would have said: 'Now we'll discuss, not what we will give, but what we will give back.'"

THAT WOULD HAVE MEANT WAR!

It would have been a challenge to the German nation to a trial at arms. It would have been a violation of every principle of neutrality, and at a time, with all Europe under arms, when this country was the trustee of and the only nation capable of upholding neutral rights.

The seizure itself would have been an act of war, just as the seizure of German interned ships by Portugal was regarded as an act of war and was followed by an immediate declaration of war by Germany against Portugal.

Following the same line of war talk, speaking at Lewiston, Maine, August 31, last, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"The policies of Americanism and preparedness, taken together, mean applied patriotism. There should be correlation of policy and armament. * * * America, which sprang to the succor of Cuba in 1898, has stood an idle spectator of the invasion of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania, the continued slaughter of our own citizens, and of the reign of anarchy, rapine and murder in Mexico."

These are the deliberate declarations of the men with whom Candidate Hughes has said, "I AM IN COMPLETE ACCORD," and Hughes has publicly congratulated Roosevelt for what he said.

From their public statements the conclusion is inevitable that if either Roosevelt or Hughes had been President when the Army of the Kaiser invaded Belgium we would have had war with Germany; that when the Lusitania was sunk that we would have had war with Germany, and that now we would have instant war with Germany over the submarine raids in the Atlantic ocean off the Massachusetts coast.

Must we not agree with President Wilson when speaking at Shadow Lawn on September 30, last, he said:

"Am I not right that we must draw the conclusion that if the Republican party is put into power at the next election, our foreign policy will be radically changed?

"I cannot draw any other inference. All our present foreign policy is wrong, they say, and if it is wrong and they are men of conscience they must change it.

"And if they are going to change it, in what direction are they going to change? THERE IS ONLY ONE CHOICE AS AGAINST PEACE, AND THAT IS WAR."

No other conclusion can be drawn.

What is YOUR conclusion, thoughtful citizen?

In the last analysis, the election will be decided by the farmer vote. And so on the farmer is the responsibility of whether this country shall have peace or war.

The only assurance that the country will not be needlessly plunged into war is for YOU to vote for Woodrow Wilson.

FOR PEACE OR WAR your conscience and your vote must decide.