LADY ASTOR GIVES VIEWS ON AMERICA

Declares Soldier Bonus Wrong and Puts O. K. on Prohibition

RAPS SPIRITIST THEORIES

New York, April 22.—"Come along!" called Viscount Astor, and twenty-five reporters tramped upstairs and into Lady Astor's sitting room at the Charles Dana Gibson home, where she had promised to meet the press yesterday morning.

And for more than an hour, standing in the middle of a solid ring of fashion writers, 'human interest' seekers, political specialists and every other variety of news gatherer, Lady Astor caught the wild and wonderful assortment of questions they fired at her from all points of the compass and twenty-two points of view and never dodged a question or lost her irrepressible good humor.

She "kidded" one of the reporters about his youthful appearance; she told them to "shut up" when they all asked questions at once, and when one enterprising man asked: "Will you say anything about Mrs. Asquith today?" she replied sweetly, "No, dear, and laughed at his surprised face.

Opposed to Bonus

Anything like a consecutive report of the interview would be impossible. Among things it brought out was a clear and brief statement from Lady Astor of her opinion of the proposed soldiers' bonus.

"I think it would be a most dangerous thing," she said. "Look at how it worked after the Civil War. And the reason was political. I must not mix in American politics; I don't know enough about them; but I think the bonus idea is entirely wrong. If you get another G. A. R. fastened on you, God help you! I don't think a great rich country like America can do enough for the soldier who was wounded or disabled. Do everything you possibly can for them and still it will not be enough. But the man who has come back whole and hearty, why shouldn't he go out and get a job and work, like anybody else?

"Give him a chance. Reinstate him. Get a job for him. Give him the preference over everybody else for jobs. But having got them on their feet, it seems to me if you give them a bonus you will do them more harm than good. That isn't a popular thing to say, but I must say what I think."

Disagrees With Doyle

Lady Astor doesn't agree with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about spirits. "I don't think spiritualism has got anything to do with religion," she said. "'Is spiritualism sweeping England just now?' No. You can't sweep England as easily as that."

Lady Astor's views on prohibition also came to the surface.

"You had better thank God you have got rid of drink," she declared. "They say the law works unequally for rich and poor. I say, if the rich insist on drinking, let 'em drink. They are the ones who will suffer. I am thinking of the poor man. This law will give him a chance to keep clear of drink. No, I don't think light wines and beer would be an improvement. I have seen as many people in France—I won't say drunk, but who had too much to drink—as anywhere else.

"What I say is, let America put the drink question to the vote and see if the people really want it. Just try it. You'll never get it back."

Crops Damaged by Cold Wave

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ported that the farmers found thin ice on rain pools and the surface of the ground slightly frozen. Delaware reported frost throughout the peninsula, but there the farmers do not believe the crop damage will be great, because the fruit is further advanced than in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and protected by thick foliage.

Some of the experts believed that the damage would be much less this year than last because of the later date at which the frost occurred. Last year's killing frost, which practically ruined the Eastern fruit crop, came on April 11, with a temperature of 29 degrees at the lowest.

The agricultural experts at Harrisburg, analyzing reports from all parts of the State, expressed the belief that the fruit crops in Pennsylvania would be "spotted"—almost completely ruined in some places and in others but slightly damaged.

Adams County reported that its cherry crop was almost entirely lost and all peaches badly damaged except in orchards where smudges were maintained. Serious damage to apple trees was reported. York County reported the destruction of all but 1 per cent of its peach crop, according to E. F. Kauffman, the largest peach grower in the section. At York the frost came after a light fall of snow yesterday, which dampened the blossoms and made them even more susceptible to the freezing temperature.

Perry County Hard Hit

Perry County reported cherries, plums, peaches and probably pears affected. Dauphin County reported one-half to two-thirds of the early apple blossoms frozen. West Chester had expected a banner year in its peach, apple and cherry crops. Today the blossoms were "specked" after the sun shone on them, and orchardists say most of the early crop is ruined.

Lock Haven, Pa., and Clinton County generally reported the worst conditions of all. There freezing temperatures attacked the trees for the third successive night. Only part of the apple crop may escape.

Buds Badly Nipped

Lancaster County reported buds badly nipped, with ice on streams and ponds and a temperature of 27. Buds fell from the trees this morning, blackened by frost.

Jersey fruits are not so seriously affected as a year ago, it was reported. In South Jersey the blossoms were very abundant this year, and some of the fruit is formed. Farmers are optimistic, therefore, but are waiting to see what will develop in the next few days.

Held as Drunken Driver

After crashing into two automobiles parked at Broad and Arch streets and causing injury to two persons, according to the police, Joseph Scholes, Jr., 1332 Oak lane, was arrested and held in $600 bail for court today by Magistrate Renshaw. Scholes was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. Those injured are Dr. J. [illegible] Beckert, 1908 Girard avenue, and [illegible] W. F. Kennedy, 4935 North [illegible]th street. They were in different [illegible]obiles.

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MRS. KEMP HEADS LEGION COUNCIL

Philadelphia County Organization Planning Bazaar and Dance April 27-29

COFFEE PARTY TO BE GIVEN

Mrs. Kate K. Kemp, head of the auxiliary of the Lieutenant Joseph S. Ferguson Post, No. 323, has been elected president of the Philadelphia County Council. Mrs. Kemp will preside at a meeting of her auxiliary on Tuesday night in the Third Regiment Armory, when members of the post will assemble also. Plans for the indoor bazaar and dance for April 27, 28 and 29 will be discussed.

Logan Post, No. 376, will move into its new headquarters at 4738 Old York road by May 1. The post has been meeting in the Logan Free Library. Ten new members were admitted at the last meeting.

The meeting of the Stern-Price Post, No. 417, Thursday will be addressed by Judge William M. Lewis, Dr. L. R. Rodgers, of United States Veterans' Bureau; Clarence Loeb and Dr. William E. Rakin. The auxiliary is co-operating to make the meeting a success.

The Robert J. Martin Post, No. 98, will give a coffee party at the post hall, 3205 Baudinot street, next Friday evening. Plans are being made to hold a theatre benefit May 15 in aid of the post.

The Friday night socials of the Lawrence E. Delaney Post, No. 26, are great successes, and each affair finds a larger crowd gathered to enjoy the music and dancing. The post has just obtained title to the property at 657 North Twenty-second street, and alterations are under way to make it a more cheerful home. The auxiliary expects to buy the post a banner from the proceeds of a card party to be held May 1.

Pinchot Slams Alter's Stand

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the nomination of Pinchot. This feeling was reflected in the statement by Congressman Louis T. McFadden, chairman of the important Banking and Currency Committee, that he expected to see Pinchot win the nomination.

Further, since the strength of the Pinchot campaign has been recognized in Alter headquarters, there has been a renewal of the poison gas attack on the Forester—the spreading of false and misleading statements, which have been promptly scotched by the candidate and his managers.

The situation of the bosses is well exemplified, according to Pinchot leaders, in Delaware County, the home county of Governor Sproul, where Pinchot spoke last night and the preceding night.

Delaware County had been counted safely in the Alter column, particularly since the Governor and John McClure, engineer of the notorious McClure machine, a relic of the days of liquor in politics, had entered into a deal for Alter and for a harmony slate for the Legislature. This deal has stirred up a typhoon of disgust and resentment, and Pinchot sentiment has been breaking out so steadily and frequently and in such important and influential places that Delaware County is now listed among those which will go for Pinchot on primary election.

Hasty Alter Meeting

The Alter leaders have been hastily conferring with W. Harry Baker, one of the managers of the Alter campaign the last few days, in the hope of devising ways and means of stopping the Pinchot movement in Delaware County. Pinchot and Alter leaders both recognize the importance of the opposition of the veteran Judge Johnson to the Alter candidacy. And last night at a meeting in Media Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, president of the Woman's Republican Club, and one of the leading women of the county, announced that she was in favor of Pinchot. Mrs. Bedford was one of the women who worked for the renomination of Judge Johnson over Senator McDade, the Sproul candidate. Judge Johnson won that contest.

Mrs. Pinchot showed many flashes of wit as she spoke, and brought down the house with a tornado of laughter when she declared that a friend of her husband's had called her one night on the telephone.

"All is lost," the friend said. "What do you mean, that all is lost?" Mrs. Pinchot asked. "My God, woman, haven't you heard that the Governor is coming out for your husband?" was the answer.

The effect, in this bailiwick of Governor Sproul where there are many whose friendship he has lost, was irresistible. The audience laughed and laughed until it was several minutes before order could be restored, and Mrs. Pinchot could continue.

Pinchot Defines Issue

Mr. Pinchot began formulating the issue between Mr. Alter and himself. "There is one clear issue," the stalwart independent candidate began. "that issue is whether the bosses shall rule or whether the people shall rule."

"The people are going to rule," a loud voice from the rear of the auditorium exclaimed, "and you are the man who is going to be the next Governor."

The former Forester then referred to his letter sent Thursday night to Attorney General Alter asking that State employes be restrained from working politically for the machine candidate and thereby spending the people's money in a way not contemplated by the law. Mr. Pinchot called attention to the fact that he had ordered his own subordinates in the Forestry Department not to be active in politics for him, previous to his resignation, and he said he was simply demanding the same thing from all State employes now.

"But I have received no answer from the general," Mr. Pinchot said, "but I propose to put that same question to him time and time again. General Alter said that his platform is economy. Let him begin practicing economy now."

Says State Is "Broke"

Mr. Pinchot again described the deplorable financial condition of the Commonwealth's treasury, and reiterated his previous statements that no one knew exactly what the condition is today except that the Commonwealth is "broke."

The plan proposed by the former Forester for a commission of the best minds of the State, men and women, to see what is wrong with Pennsylvania's finances was explained in detail and met with cordial responses, as evidenced by the applause, [illegible]

THE DOO DADS AMONG THE KILTIES

As soon as the Doo Dads got out to sea in their fine big ship, they found that it sailed very well, so they decided to make a journey around the world, and to visit the Doo Dads of all the different countries. Their first visit was to the Kilties, who are entertaining them with true Highland hospitality. As a compliment to their hosts, old Doc. Sawbones has donned the kilt. He is also showing his good manners by taking a pinch of snuff from the old Kiltie with the crooked stick. The young Doo Dad in front of him must have got a sniff of it, for see how he is sneezing.

The Laird o' Mutchkin seems to be the only one who does not welcome the strangers. See how he is glaring at them. Like many of the Kilties of ancient family he is very poor and has turned his castle into a porridge factory. He has worked up a fine trade, for the Kilties think there is nothing like porridge for making strong men of their brave lads. Those three Doo Dads behind old Doc. have been out gathering the thistle, which is the Kilties' national flower. Roly and Poly, like the daring young rascals they are, have been climbing the steepest cliff they could find.

The chief entertainment for the visitors is in front of the Hellan' Laddie Inn. One of the Kilties is providing stirring music with his bagpipes while another is performing the sword dance. See how the mischievous young Doo Dad is imitating the dancer. The Kilties are also indulging in some of their national sports.

Sleepy Sam has heard of the wonderful salmon fishing in the Burn o' Bullochie. He has tied the fishing line to his wooden leg, but as you might expect, he has gone to sleep in the cool shade of the Brig o' Bullochie. If he doesn't wake up that fine big salmon will pull him in and give him a good ducking. Percy Haw Haw, the Dude, is taking a snapshot of the sports to take back with him to the Wonderland of Doo. It will be a souvenir of the fine time the Doo Dads had in the land of the Kilties.

Wouldn't you like to be with the Doo Dads on their big trip and enjoy the hospitality that is being showered upon them?

when he declared that he would follow up the report of the commission with a legislative investigation.

Wants the Finest Schools

Mr. Pinchot then read a statement, carefully prepared beforehand, in which he said that he would try to make the public school system of Pennsylvania the finest in the country. He said that he would see to it that every teacher in Pennsylvania, man or woman, had a safe tenure of office and an adequate salary and that the school district would receive promptly their apportionment of State funds, something which they do not receive now on time, he added.

In conclusion Mr. Pinchot paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. Fisher for resigning as a gubernatorial candidate when it became plain that he and Mr. Pinchot would likely divide the vote of the enemies of the machine.

"That was one of the finest things I have ever known in the history of Pennsylvania politics," Mr. Pinchot declared as a hushed silence fell over the great throng. "If I had on my hat at this moment I would take it off and bow to that splendid man. It was a noble sacrifice, and I pay my tribute to John S. Fisher."

Punxsutawney, Pa., April 22.—A Gifford Pinchot Club was formed at an enthusiastic meeting of Republicans, Democrats and Non-Partisan Leaguers of both sides in the community room here last evening. W. R. Cole was elected chairman and Louis Coline secretary of the organization. An Executive Committee was formed, composed of one man and one woman from each election precinct in southern Jefferson County, and all are pledged to do anything in their power to further the election of Gifford Pinchot.

Pottsville, Pa., April 22.—Sizzling politics led to two rival political meetings at the Courthouse today. State Treasurer Snyder and State Compensation Commissioner Paul W. Houck holding a meeting for Alter, confined to officeholders, in the interior of the Courthouse, while mine workers held a Pinchot rally on the front Courthouse steps. The latter meeting was addressed by Thomas Butler, one of the strike leaders of the miners; R. F. Candee and C. F. Foley. They declared that miners will, almost to a man, support Pinchot and that the former Forester will receive one of the greatest greetings in his career when he visits the anthracite region. The Snyder-Houck meeting was for the purpose of organizing the workers.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BREAKS

Plantations Flooded Thirty Miles South of New Orleans

New Orleans, April 22.—(By A. P.)—A levee on the west bank of the Mississippi River at Myrtle Grove, about thirty miles south of New Orleans, broke today and neighboring plantations are being flooded. About sixty feet of the embankment went out and Government barges with men and materials were sent from here to the scene of the break.

Apparently ending its rampage, the Mississippi River today was reported to be falling gradually from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., leaving in its wake more than 200 square miles of inundated farm land in Southern Illinois, causing a loss of over $2,000,000 in crops, property and livestock, and depriving approximately 1000 persons of their homes.

Chicherin to Dine With Italian King

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allied representatives is the unwillingness of the former to restore the freehold title of foreigners' property which has been nationalized or requisitioned in Russia, although they are willing to restore it to the former owners for their use.

In the case of factories, this would doubtless be on a concession basis. Factories which have hitherto stood idle because the former owners refuse to work them unless assured that their title would be restored, may be reopened if the Soviet concessions are given a real basis by the Genoa negotiations.

Deny Soviet Ownership

The International Harvester Company and many other American corporations having factories or mines in Russia have declined to consider taking concessions to operate the properties which they stoutly contend are theirs and not owned by the Soviet Government.

The French delegation has submitted a protest against the German reply to the allied note, in which the Germans stated they would refrain from discussing Russian questions settled in the Russo-German treaty. The French contend that the German, under their reply, may insist upon discussing other Russian questions.

An English spokesman said a meeting of the entire British delegation today decided to consider the incident that had arisen out of the Russo-German treaty as definitely closed. Since Germany had accepted the humiliation inflicted upon her by agreeing not to participate in discussions concerning Russia, the British spokesman said, it would be unsportsmanlike to insist on further concessions. He was not sure, however, how far the French really intended to go with their protests against the German reply.

Hope that a world conference, with the United States participating, will be held after the Genoa meeting was expressed by the German Chancelor, Dr. Wirth, at a meeting of Germans last night.

The Genoa Conference itself, is a step forward in the reconstitution of the world, he said, but this could not be completed without the United States.

SUNDAY SCHOOL JUBILEE

Phila. M. E. Conference Head to Speak in West Phila. Church

The jubilee of the Sunday school of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, at Fifty-second and Parrish streets, will be begun tomorrow. The celebration will last over the week. There will be an address tomorrow by the Rev. C. W. Strane, Sunday school superintendent of the Philadelphia Conference.

The Ebenezer school sprang from a group of young men who over a hundred and thirty years ago gathered in the house of Robert Fitzgerald in the lower section of the city. In 1842 the membership numbered more than 1300, and after various locations throughout the city the school finally settled on the present site in West Philadelphia. The new church building was dedicated October 16, 1904.

CRISSINGER WARNS PUBLIC AGAINST SPECULATIVE TURN

Florida Bankers Asked to Discourage Trend; Depression Period Past

Gainesville, Fla., April 22.—(By A. P.)—A warning against the growing tendency toward speculation throughout the country as business conditions improve was sounded here today by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger in an address before the Florida Bankers' Association. He urged the bankers to advise their clients toward sound investments and to use their influence "to prevent fly-by-night schemes."

Recent reductions in interest rates, Mr. Crissinger declared, have been too generally regarded by the speculative public as a sign of easy profits in sight when at the present time it was of supreme importance that money and credit should be available to sustain renewed business activity.

Mr. Crissinger declared that he was glad to bring to the South a real message of assurance that the country was indeed around the curve and moving steadily and surely forward on the road to more prosperous conditions.

RAILROAD SIDINGS BLOCKED WITH LOADED COAL CARS

Nearly 10,000 Reported Awaiting Orders in Illinois Alone

Chicago, April 22.—(By A. P.)—With the coal strike closing its third week of idleness for more than 600,000 miners, a survey of some of the fields shows an accumulation of loaded cars on siding with the market dull.

Central Illinois operators today reported 2500 loaded cars awaiting orders, and Southern Illinois 3638 more. The total in all Illinois fields is nearly 10,000 cars.

Trade reports here show practically no demand for industrial or domestic coal except for use in steel plants from the West Virginia and Kentucky fields.

In a report yesterday by Secretary of Labor Davis to Attorney General Daugherty only slight increases in coal prices were noted and the strike was said to have had little effect so far on the wholesale market. Trade estimates indicate that there is on hand about 52,000,000 tons of the 63,000,000 on hand when the strike started, with reports indicating about 10,000,000 tons have been produced in the last three weeks in non-union fields. Weekly coal consumption is estimated at 7,000,000 tons.

DON'T KILL YOUR HUSBAND

Judge Warns Wives Not to Be Too Free With Guns

Los Angeles, April 22.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Julia Johnstone, convicted of manslaughter in the death of her husband, yesterday was placed on nine years' probation by Judge Avery, of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

According to Mrs. Johnstone, her husband was a gambler and bootlegger. Last summer they quarreled and she shot him at their home in Long Beach.

"This Court does not approve of wives shooting their husbands, or of husbands shooting their wives," said Judge Avery. "I want it distinctly understood that murder is murder, no matter who does it, and that the mercy extended to this defendant will be just as quickly withheld from the next defendant."

U. S. Had Inkling of Russian Treaty

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the Administration shifted toward the early recognition of Russia dependent only on what happened at Genoa.

Skillful Maneuvering

The Russians and Germans have maneuvered with the utmost skill. The understanding between them appears to have been reached some time ago. Stinnes approached the English with regard to it last winter, his proposal being that the English should furnish the capital and he the organization to exploit Russia. At that time he must have been aware of what was coming out of the Russian-German negotiations.

The announcement of the treaty was bound to create an explosion in Europe, and especially in France. To have made it public while Lloyd George was arranging for the Genoa conference would have caused France's refusal to go to Genoa, and thus ruined Mr. Lloyd George, who was friendly to both Germany and Russia.

To have waited till after that conference was over would have been to have waited until possibly the hands of both Germany and Russia were tied by a less favorable general agreement. Russia and Germany chose the moment for the announcement at a time when Mr. Lloyd George was committed and could not see Genoa fail. They sought to drive a wedge between England and France. Mr. Lloyd George being involved to the extent that he had to have his success at Genoa, and England being torn between her economic interest, which compelled her to go along with Germany and Russia, and her political interest, which led her to stay on the side of France. It was daring and it seems now successful diplomatic strategy.

League of Outcasts

Ever since the treaty of Paris was negotiated it has seemed inevitable that the countries which had suffered most at the allied treaty-makers' hands should be thrown together in the anti-allied camp in the new balance of power which would be likely to grow up. This would have been the case even if the League of Nations had been more successful, for both Germany and Russia were outcasts, excluded from the League. This new treaty looks like the beginning of the outcasts' league. Many think that China will ultimately be drawn into the same group because of the prominence of Japan in the Four-Power League recently made from which she was left out.

But that is looking far ahead. For the present all that is evident is that Germany has the jump on every other Power in the development of Russia unless the others move quickly toward her recognition.

Of this the Administration is fully aware, and it may be said that Governor Goodrich's report to the President in no way alters the tendency already manifest here in official circles to regard Russia as having already met the conditions laid down in the Hughes notes as requisite to recognition.

Pastor Called to Bucks County

The Rev. Dr. G. W. Tupper, who was resident pastor at the Haywood Manor Sanatorium, in Ambler, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist congregation at Southampton, Bucks County. He was formerly pastor of the Plymouth Township Baptist congregation.

The Daily Novelette

Another Girl

By LAURA REID MONTGOMERY

RUTH held her cheap little purse tightly as the elevated train hurried her down to the shopping district. She had saved for a long, long time to get the $30 together, but she felt that the occasion warranted the skimpy luncheons and countless self-denials that had been necessary. She had not seen Donald Wingert since he had gone west the day after they had both been graduated from high school. He had written her saying that he would spend Sunday in Chicago and would call to take her to the park.

"I suppose," she dreamed, her unseeing gaze fastened earnestly on a tattered bear that stood jauntily on the roof of a furrier's shop, "that Donald will be exacting after traveling so much. I suppose that even this taffeta gown that seems so wonderful to me will be very ordinary to him. I wish I could buy some gray silk stockings and high-heeled pumps to go with it, but the dress alone will almost break me up." Her disparaging glance fell upon her trim tan shoes with her steady heels and neat-buttoned straps. "I—" Her thoughts snapped off as a plump, elderly lady with a large, benevolent countenance smiled at her and sank down into the seat beside the girl.

"So glad to see some one from home," puffed the newcomer. "I have been meaning to call you up, but, as usual, I've been so busy begging and trying to get my missionary box ready that——"

"Is the box full?" asked Ruth dreamily. She had always donated something to the box at home and she wondered what she could spare.

"Full?" exploded the other. "Yes, full! Full of tattered party dresses with the trains cut off, old mother caps with goggles attached and broken glasses. Moth-eaten suits with the buttons hacked off and the fur collars removed, leaving the lining out. My dear, you'd hardly believe it, but one wealthy woman sent her chauffeur in with a broken umbrella full of holes. She had tied her visiting card to the handle and had written underneath, "Good luck to the young missionary-bride. It is more blessed to give than to receive, and I send this along gladly."

"Good gracious," gasped Ruth. The word "bride" had brought a soft, anticipatory look into her shy face. "Is the box for a bride? She will probably have what she needs most."

"She did have a cheap, but adequate, outfit, but in getting down to the steamer for Calcutta the cheap little trunk got lost. We are afraid that she won't get damages for it. In some way it seems to have been carelessness on the part of the expressman, and they haven't his name. Anyway, that poor girl has only the clothes she was wearing, and her one nice dress—a thin frock for church wear in that hot place—is gone.

When Ruth looked over the advertised dresses she found that they outdistanced her hopes. One in particular was stunning. Blue silk with smart touches of gray-and-white braiding and an adorable vestee of sheer embroidered stuff suited her exactly. Conventional enough for the street, yet suitable for any place that she would be likely to wear it, and only $30.

The dainty little wedding gown that had been stitched full of girlish hopes that she had planned to wear to Sunday school to meet her young charges had vanished and in its place the slim hands clutched a horror of faded, grotesque finery about her: "She could wear her suit skirt," argued Ruth, looking pitifully at the dream figure her thoughts had so uncomfortably conjured into the shop mirror.

"Not in that climate," reminded her conscience grimly, "the heat of this Saturday afternoon in a temperate zone ought to tell you that."

"What did you say, dearie?" cooed the shop girl, patting the ear buns that fell hotly to her almost bare shoulders. "That looks adorable on you. Sold one yesterday to an actress from——"

"I said," Ruth actually paled with the effort as she drearily unhooked the dainty vestee, "that I have decided to make my dress myself. I'm sorry to have troubled you, but——"

But Ruth did not go to the silk sale in progress. Instead, after some careful calculations she bought twelve yards of dainty rose-sprigged organdie. "I want to get two simple dresses about my size out of this," she told the saleswoman, "also I want enough to make two lingerie hats, wide brim on one," she added.

"Better get a little more, then," advised the black-eyed girl. "I made myself a perfectly adorable hat out of this, and I put a tiny band of those French roses across the front."

Ruth, her vast disappointment about the silk dress fading as she hunted for the exact shade of pink to blend with the rose sprigs, hurried home after buying thread and a length of soft pink ribbon. "I have this evening and all the week evenings and next Saturday afternoon to sew," she planned, wishing the elevated would go faster. Most of the sewing will be on the machine and cutting out two dresses is hardly more work than one. I will sew all the long seams at the same sitting and the handwork I can do down on the steps evenings."

The following Saturday a long box was dispatched to the neighbor from Franklin. Inside lay the replica of Ruth's new gown. From crisp wide sash to brief ruffled sleeves they were identical, but the hat destined for the missionary bride was the prettier.

The wide brim drooped softly, and on one side Ruth had fastened a simple bow made of beautiful pink silk. The costly ribbon had seemed unnecessary for city wear, and she had saved two dollars by buying only for one, but the French roses decorated both hats.

Ruth had once had a dress similar. Her graduating frock had been white, with a touch of pink, and a tender smile curved her soft mouth as she pictured the little bride in the far-away country walking beside her earnest husband to church.

"Anyway, she will have one gown to comfort her," thought Ruth, forgetting the hot hours of sewing and planning. "I heard some one say once that men always preferred silk and, perhaps, Donald will think me dowdy, but I couldn't let another girl go to her new home without one nice dress."

On Sunday Donald Wingert looked up anxiously as Ruth entered the boarding house parlor. At sight of the small figure in its rose-sprigged gown, with its simple skirt and dainty sash, his face brightened: "Ruth, you are prettier than ever. I was almost afraid to take you out on Sunday, for I was afraid you would wear some fine silk gown that would scare me away. I don't earn a large salary yet, and I would want my w— that is—" he ran his finger nervously around his collar, which was, apparently, determined to choke him, "oh, well, I hadn't meant to speak until I got you to the park, but seeing you in that same dress you wore when we both graduated upset me." He touched the lingerie hat reverently. "I like those little flowers, they look exactly like you."

Ruth's cheeks were softly flushed, and if a tiny smile at his masculine blindness as to the life of organdie frocks lingered on her wide, beautiful mouth there was no amusement in the girlish heart. Only an immense content with life and with Donald in particular.

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