

2 COUPLES TRADE MATES AND TOTS TO SOLVE TANGLE

HAVRE, Mont., Aug. 26.—Usually when a man falls in love with another man's wife there's a shooting affair.

And again, when a woman gets to liking another woman's husband better than her own, there's the deuce to pay.

But not so here!

When Mrs. T. W. Turcotte, wife of a prominent Havre lawyer, felt she loved the husband of Mrs. Henry Jordan better than her own mate she didn't hide the matter.

Nor did Mrs. Henry Jordan when she fell in love with Mr. Turcotte.

Nor did Mr. Turcotte when he took a liking to Mrs. Jordan.

Nor did Mr. Jordan when he became fonder of Mrs. Turcotte than of his own wife.

Trade Selves Tangle.

Their way out of an unusual love tangle was to trade wives and husbands. Mrs. Jordan agreed to swap her husband to Mrs. Turcotte in exchange for Mr. Turcotte.

The husbands were willing enough to be traded. In fact, they were well along on a plan to trade wives with each other.

So, instead of any killings and un-written law defenses, or suits for alienation of affection, there evolved two unique matrimonial trades.

The Jordans and Turcottes agreed to get divorced.

Divorce decrees were granted them at Boulder Hot Springs, June 29.

Then the former Mrs. Jordan became the new Mrs. Turcotte, and the former Mrs. Turcotte became the new Mrs. Jordan.

The two couples stood up together at the ceremony and the friendliest relations exist between them. Now they are living again as neighbors in all good fellowship.

Before the divorces the Jordans and Turcottes were next door neighbors. It was then that the husbands and their wives concluded they were wrongly mated and decided to back out of their matrimonial alliance and start anew.

Both couples had children, each a boy and girl.

After the matrimonial swap one couple took the two boys, and the other took the two girls. This gives each father a mother one's own child and a stepchild.

Children Seem Satisfied.

Vernon Turcotte and Woodrow Jordan now live with Turcotte and his wife, who was Mrs. Jordan. Amelia Jordan and Irene Turcotte now are sisters in the new Jordan family.

Both families are well to do. Turcotte is a widely known attorney, and Jordan is a prosperous merchant.

The children seem satisfied with the new arrangement.

"I'm pleased," says the new Mrs. Jordan.

"So am I," asserts the new Mrs. Turcotte.

"We, too," chorus the traded husbands.

GARFIELD CENTER OF FIGHT ON COAL AND WHEAT PRICES

Dr. Harry A. Garfield, of the food administration, became the storm center today of two distinct controversies, one concerning the price of wheat, which Dr. Garfield will fix by next Friday, and the other concerning the scale of prices that will affect coal, to go into effect about the same time.

In the matter of wheat, the consumers, farmers, and members of Congress are in a three-cornered fight as to what will constitute a fair price.

Consumers are flooding Dr. Garfield with demands that \$1.85 a bushel is sufficient. The farmers are declaring it must exceed \$3 a bushel. One member of Congress, Congressman Baer of North Dakota, is declaring that \$4 a bushel would be about a fair price.

He was supported in his stand by Senator McCumber, of the same State, who insisted from the floor of the Senate yesterday that \$3 a bushel is too low. If the farmers get less than that figure, he warned, they will plant less grain next year.

In connection with the price of coal, which Dr. Garfield will fix September 1, coal dealers throughout the country are puzzled over what prices to charge for anthracite during the coming week, pending the announcement of the legal scale for winter coal.

While there is a general impression among dealers that the Government prices will differ but slightly from those already in effect, operators, dealers and consumers are jealously watching the issue and the announcement of the price may precipitate a storm in the industry.

Word was received in Washington today that Southern operators are planning to frame a joint protest against prices fixed by the Government for bituminous coal. They say they cannot operate under prices fixed by the Government. Similar protests are expected when the anthracite price is fixed.

Evening Services in the Churches

Wesley M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, the Rev. Howard F. Downs, pastor. Twilight service on the lawn. Sermon by the Rev. E. Deets Pickett, 7 p. m.

Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Fifth and F streets northwest, the Rev. D. H. Martin, pastor. Sermon, "Whose War Are We Fighting?" 8 p. m.

North Carolina Avenue M. P. Church, North Carolina avenue, Eighth and B streets southeast, the Rev. J. Franklyn Bryan, pastor. Sermon, "Cruise of a Christian," 7 p. m.

Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue and N street northwest, the Rev. Charles Wood, pastor. Sermon, "National and Individual Hopes, That Complete or Destroy Themselves," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, the Rev. J. Compton Ball, pastor. Sermon, "Are There Degrees of Punishment in Hell?" by the Rev. Henry W. Tiffany, 7:45 p. m.

Centennial Baptist Church, Seventh and Eye streets northeast, the Rev. E. Her Swen, pastor. Sermon, "A Man Made Them Laugh," 8 p. m.

Second Baptist Church, Fourth and Virginia avenue southeast, the Rev. Howard I. Stewart, pastor. Sermon, "When Your Ship Comes in or How Rich Will You Be?" 8 p. m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid street northwest. Subject, "God," 8 p. m.

First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest, the Rev. James L. Gordon, pastor. Young People's meeting at 7 p. m.

Calvary M. E. Church South, Q street, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets northwest, the Rev. H. L. Hout, pastor. Epworth League at 8 p. m.

Fifth Baptist Church, Seventh and E streets southwest, the Rev. John E. Briggs, pastor. Sermon, "Eternal Life," 7:45 p. m.

SMALL NATIONS MUST BE FREED, SAYS DIPLOMAT

The fate of small nations, especially Belgium and Serbia, must be determined fully before the allies will consent to any peace table gathering, according to reports in official circles here.

That answer came today from one of the foremost diplomats here, at the close of a week which still found peace talk and peace thought running in parallel channels with war work and war talk.

His comment was elicited following an interview with Papal Delegate Bonzano, who expressed the belief that if there were an armistice, the allies could wrest the rich prizes, Alsace, Trent, and Trieste from the Teutons by negotiation.

Hint Not Consoling.

This statement was answered by American Government heads with the single suggestion that it might perhaps be fruitful if the belief were inspired by actual knowledge of Teuton willingness to make such concessions.

But allied diplomats here do not find the hint so consoling. They said flatly that something must be done about little Serbia, Montenegro, and Belgium—the unfortunate storm centers at the start of the war—before even the thought of sitting about a peace table could be entertained.

The diplomat authority, pointed out that the Pope had scrupulously avoided any reference to Serbia in his message to the warring nations.

On the other hand, men who have followed developments here closely for months agreed that if Germany and Austria are actually ready now to surrender Alsace, Trent and Trieste, then, indeed, is the world close to the aim of safety for democracy.

Would Shut Off Supply.

In the first place, the surrender of Alsace-Lorraine would automatically shut off Germany's base of supply for much of its industrial success. Without this rich iron and coal region, Germany's dream of a Berlin-Bagdad route or of a Germany supreme in world trade would be impotent.

French officials here labeled Bonzano's interview as "entirely too subtle." If the Vatican really has a bona fide offer from Germany and Austria to relinquish territory, the Pope should say as much without reservation, they said.

High Italian officials were inclined to believe Bonzano's remarks were authorized by the Vatican.

Will Take His Time.

The President now shows every sign of taking his own time about answering the Pope's note. It has been a matter for only cursory consideration in Cabinet sessions, and perhaps the delay is studied, observers suggest.

Russian diplomats here dismiss lightly the Pope's suggestion for an international fund for restoring devastated territories, saying that it was a sop to certain minor elements of Russia. These diplomats suggest that the Russian slogan of no indemnities does not exclude the payment of compensation for the ruthless ruin of Belgium and Serbia.

BELGIUM THANKS POPE FOR SYMPATHY IN PLEA

HAVRE, Aug. 26.—The Belgian government will study with the greatest deference the Pope's peace proposals, according to official announcement by the Belgian minister of foreign affairs.

In acknowledging receipt of the pontifical document, the King and government tender homage to the lofty sentiments which inspired the note and express gratitude for "the particular interest which the holy father feels for the Belgian nation, so cruelly and so unjustly struck by war."

'SUB' COMMANDER TOOK SNAPSHOTS OF DROWNING MEN

Here are a few samples of German high sea atrocities as described by Wesley Frost, former United States consul at Queenstown, who probably knows more about the horrors of U-boat warfare than any other Government official:

"Twelve men were allowed to drown on a sinking torpedoed vessel while a U-boat commander took snap shots from the conning tower of his miserable to send to his sweetheart."

A merchant vessel's captain, with a revolver pointing at his temple, was forced to pull the lever that sent a torpedo from a U-boat into the vessel that was his own.

Sixteen men from a captured merchant ship were left on the deck of a U-boat as it submerged.

Mr. Frost recounted numerous other details of German cruelty in an address before the army and navy officers at the Church of the Covenant last night.

"The U-boat commanders always refused to tow life-boats from sinking

Wife's Nagging Causes Merchant To End His Life

ST. LOUIS, August 26.—The body of C. E. Mason, a shoe merchant of Memphis, Tenn., was found in his room in a local hotel. He had taken poison. A note found in the room said the suicide was prompted by domestic trouble.

In a note addressed to his wife Mason said that she would find two \$5,000 life insurance policies in his safe.

The note said in part: "I received your letter. It is too late for you to be a pal to me. Your high strung pride and constant nagging has driven me to this. Tell Monroe and Charles not to marry women with high pride and no practical sense."

TEXANS DEMAND THAT BAKER GIVE UP NEGRO RIOTERS

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 26.—Military and civil authorities are working today to fix the responsibility for Thursday night's rioting here, in which sixteen persons were killed and more than a score were injured in an armed clash between colored troops of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry and city officers.

All but two of the rioters have been accounted for, it is stated officially at Brigadier General Hulen's headquarters. It is believed the missing men have been seen at Dallas.

Following a citizens' mass meeting last night, in protest of the removal to Columbus, N. M., of the negro soldiers who participated in the rioting, a telegram signed by 2,500 persons was sent to Secretary of War Baker, demanding that the negroes be returned immediately to Houston for trial by civil authorities under murder indictments returned against them.

Deputy sheriffs and policemen were called into the San Felipe street section.

Pershing's Statue Added to Famous London Wax Works

LONDON, Aug. 26.—General Pershing's immortality was assured today.

Madame Tassaud's famous wax works added a statue of the American commander, with sandwich men advertising it on the streets.

tion, where Thursday night's rioting by negro soldiers reached its height, to check a wholesale exodus of negro residents.

A rumor, apparently entirely without foundation, reached the negro district that white men were forming a mob to burn their homes. The attempted exodus followed.

Officers went among the frightened negroes, assuring them they would be protected.

DECLARE CHURCH COULD HAVE AVERTED WAR

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 26.—The failure of the nation's participating in The Hague peace conference in 1907 to include the church in their agreements is the reason unanimously ascribed by high church officials here for the failure of The Hague tribunal to prevent the present world war.

"Because the nations failed to recognize the church in entering into their arbitration agreement, it was predestined to fail," said Archbishop J. J. Hartz, of Omaha, Neb.

"Even before the ink had dried on the compact that was to end all wars, nations were preparing for conflict—aggression and conquest."

"To secure a lasting peace the principles of Christianity must be applied," said Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco.

NOTE ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED.

The Treasury Department announced today that its second issue of short-term notes, amounting to \$250,000,000, had been oversubscribed by 120 per cent. Subscriptions to this issue closed yesterday. The certificates are due November 30 next, with interest at 3 1/2 per cent from August 28. This makes a total of \$500,000,000 subscribed for short-term certificates.

LABOR DAY MAIL SERVICE.

There will be no deliveries of mail by letter carriers on Labor Day, September 3. This was announced by Postmaster M. O. Chance today. Classified stations will be closed all day, and only the stamp window will be open at the city postoffice.

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BULGARIAN PREMIER IS EAGER FOR PEACE

SOPIA, Aug. 26.—Premier Dado Slawoff is eager for peace, and welcomes the Pope's proposal.

"Last December we offered peace to the entente, but it preferred to seek its fortunes in a continuance of the war," he said today. "In the nine months intervening our military situation has become nine times more favorable, and every day proves it is becoming still stronger."

"The entente appears to make every effort to prepare public opinion for a brusque refusal of papal mediation, whereas the central powers welcome it with sincere sympathy. The central powers will make concrete proposals in keeping with the papal note, and will answer it individually. Whether peace will come soon, who can say? We want peace, but are calmer than ever, now are we asking for peace for the benefit of mankind. We desire peace to some end, and until this occurs before long the entente alone will have occasion to regret it."

GIRLS CALLED FOR HARVEST.

BERNE, Aug. 26.—German girls employed as nurses and servants in Switzerland have been called home by the government for harvest work.