

FATE INTERVENES

By JACK LAWTON.

Bess raised her magazine and peered covertly over its edges at the handsome masculine face across the aisle.

"No self-respecting young woman may pick up a traveling companion," she severely reminded herself.

"Oh, well!"—Bess abruptly arose and made her way to the diner.

"You have a perfect right to the only vacant chair," she said.

"It is strange," he said, promptly answering her thought.

"We must meet again," he added, impulsively.

Bess did not answer. He was leaving the car at Buffalo, so he told her.

"As the car slowed into the station she realized, half-angrily, that she was loth to let the stranger go.

"Good-by," she said, smiling. "This is the end of a short but pleasant acquaintance."

The car was emptying. The man reached desperately for his valise.

"What is it?" Bess was very doubtful, as she caught a last glimpse of his broad-shouldered figure before the train whisked her on in the darkness.

"How do you do?" came a deep, well-remembered voice.

Bess laughed softly as she caught the eagerness of the question.

"Tomorrow evening," she agreed, and the joy of her voice sang over the wire.

IT STARTLED THEM. Some newcomers to Alma were startled when they found what a fine meal could be had for 35c at the European Cafe.

Natural Supposition. One winter day when little Margaret was going downtown with her mother,

she saw some snowbirds. She asked and was told what they were.

REPUBLIC FACTORIES BACK TO PEACE BASIS

Completion of Most of Government Contracts for Standard Republic War Trucks Enables Effect Rapid Conversion of Manufacturing Facilities.

"The problem of turning our factories to the manufacture of peace products is not nearly so serious as that which confronted us in converting from a peace to a war basis," says E. W. Ruggles, president of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., Alma, Michigan.

"Our continuous production of Republic trucks throughout the war, on a greatly restricted scale, of course, and the fact that our work for the Government was practically confined to the production of standard trucks, enables us to make the post-war transition with little or no change in our manufacturing facilities.

"The elimination of Government contracts was not a problem," said Justice of the Supreme court: Rusk O. Ostrander of Lansing and John Bird of Adrian.

Regents of the University of Michigan: Benjamin S. Hanchett of Grand Rapids and Dr. Lucius L. Hubbard of Ughon.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Fred T. Keeler of Mt. Pleasant. Government of Michigan: Maxillary plant. These should be completed and ready for delivery the middle of next month.

"When the history of the motor truck industry is written, the year just past, will probably be pointed out as the year in which the motor truck came into its own.

"No one industry was more in the public eye during 1918, or the year previous, than the motor truck industry. Given its big opportunity by the world war and the consequent necessity for bettering transportation facilities, the motor truck immediately made good.

"The war has served to demonstrate other way, that the motor truck is absolutely a necessity to business and that for short hauls it is more valuable than railroads.

"As an essential vehicle of commerce, the motor truck has come into the foreground and will continue to be pressed into the business of America with increasing insistence until every highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be traversed with this willing and capable bearer of burdens."

THE CHURCHES. First Church of Christ, Scientist. I. O. O. F. Temple. Morning service, 10:00. Sermon: "Christ's Army of Victory."

FROM ENGLAND

Letter From England Praises Work of the American Troops.

Mrs. R. G. Hampton has received a letter from an uncle in London, which serves to give the opinion that the English have of the American troops, of President Wilson and other things American.

New Southgate, London, January 8, 1919. Dear Niece, Nephew and All: "I thank you for the kindness in sending all of those papers.

"I am pleased to tell you that we are all well over here, including the two boys and all of the other cousins, so far as I have been able to learn, but have not heard from Len's boy in some time.

"We are all glad that this terrible war is over—at least we hope that it is, and we are grateful to you people for the part you played in it, for when the Americans did start they made things move. I am very sorry to hear of the great losses they sustained; it seems a great loss in so short a time, but I suppose that it could not be helped if they wanted to bring the war to an early conclusion.

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The beautiful picture of "Aurora" has been purchased for the high school room.

The "Father and Son" banquet held at the Congregational church Tuesday night was a splendid success.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mauer and son, Lawrence, spent Sunday at the home of C. Bradley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burt of Alma were visitors at the home of Roy Griffith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Burnham spent Friday at the home of Albert Mauer.

Clarence Hetzmar is enjoying a ten day furlough from Camp Custer.

Mrs. Grace Mann was called to Alma Friday night by the injuries sustained by her mother, when she fell down stairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shunk have gone to Lansing to make their home.

HERE'S YOUR INCOME TAX, AND HOW YOU PAY IT

(Note—The income tax has not yet been passed, but will be in a very few days. Although it is still in conference, the tax for the vast majority of people has been settled, and the following tells our readers what they want to know—Editor.)

Income tax reports are required of— A single person whose gross income for the year 1918 was \$1,000 or more must file a report. A married person whose gross income for the year 1918 was \$2,000 or more must file a report. If a husband and wife living together whose gross incomes added exceed \$2,000 each shall make a return, unless the income of both is included in one report.

PERSONAL EXEMPTION. A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. A married person or head of family is allowed a personal exemption of \$2,000. An additional exemption of \$200 is allowed for each child or other person (other than husband or wife, dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, if such dependent person is under 18 years of age or is incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. A husband and wife living together are entitled to but one personal exemption of \$2,000; and in case they make separate returns, the personal exemption of \$2,000 may be taken by either or divided between them.

THE TAX YOU PAY. Six per cent on net income not over \$4,000 (after deducting the exemption). This is normal tax. Twelve per cent on net income over \$4,000 (after deducting the exemption); that is, first \$4,000 is taxable at 6 per cent, and all over first \$4,000 is taxable at 12 per cent. This is also normal tax. The surtax, formerly called additional tax, which is in addition to the normal tax, is imposed at graduated rates upon the ENTIRE net income in excess of \$5,000 as follows: 1 per cent on the net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000. 2 per cent on the net income between \$6,000 and \$8,000. 3 per cent on the net income between \$8,000 and \$10,000. 4 per cent on the net income between \$10,000 and \$12,000. 5 per cent on the net income between \$12,000 and \$14,000. The surtax increases 1 per cent for each \$2,000 up to \$100,000; in other words, on a net income between \$98,000 and \$100,000 the rate is 48 per cent.

TIME AND PLACE FOR FILING YOUR REPORT. Reports made on the basis of the calendar year must be filed on or before March 15th, 1919, unless an extension of time is granted, as was the case last year. Returns must be made to the collector for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the report.

WHEN YOU HAVE TO PONY UP. The tax is payable in four installments, as follows: First installment—At time of filing report. Second installment—Fifteenth day of third month thereafter. Third installment—Fifteenth day of sixth month thereafter. Fourth installment—Fifteenth day of ninth month thereafter. If the full tax is paid at the time report is filed, and provided the tax is not over \$200, a discount of 1 per cent is allowed. Persons having incomes as below would compute tax as follows:

Table with columns: SINGLE PERSON, MARRIED PERSONS—NO CHILDREN, MARRIED PERSON—NO CHILDREN, MARRIED PERSON—TWO CHILDREN. Rows include Net income, Personal exemption, Subject to normal tax, and Tax to pay.

2% on Sales 11% on Investment. Isn't this a reasonable profit? It is what Swift & Company earned in 1918. 2 cents on each dollar of sales—only a fraction of a cent per pound—was too small to have any noticeable effect on prices. 11% on investment (capital and surplus) means only fair returns to the 25,000 shareholders; they received 8% dividends in 1918. The 1918 earnings of Swift & Company were equivalent to a profit of only \$212 on Sales of \$12,000. Would you be content with that margin of profit in your business? This and many other interesting and instructive facts are shown in our 1919 Year Book, which will be sent on request. Address Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Illinois. The figures quoted in this advertisement are certified by Arthur Young & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Chicago, Ill. Swift & Company, U. S. A.

Coming Soon United Doctors Specialist will again be at WRIGHT HOUSE ALMA, MICHIGAN Monday, March 10th, 1919. One Day Only, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Remarkable Success of Talented Physicians in Treatment of Chronic Diseases. Offer Services Free of Charge. The United Doctors Specialist, licensed by the State of Michigan for treatment of diseases of the stomach, intestines, liver, blood, skin, nerves, heart, spleen, rheumatism, sciatica, tapeworm, leg ulcers, weak lungs. Those afflicted with long standing deep seated diseases that have baffled the skill of the family physician should not fail to call, for so great and wonderful has been their results that many former patients state it is hard to find the dividing line between skill and miracle. According to their system no more operations for appendicitis, gall stones, goitre, tumors, piles, etc., in all cases accepted will be treated without operation or hypodermic injection, as they were among the first to earn the name of "Bloodless Surgeons" by doing away with all pain in the successful treatment of these dangerous diseases. If your case is incurable they will give you such advice as may relieve and stay the disease. Do not put off this duty. A visit at this time may help you. It costs nothing. Married ladies must come with their husbands and minors with their parents. Laboratories: Milwaukee, Wis. Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Catarrhal Deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surface of the System. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing may be destroyed forever. Many cases of Deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the Mucous Surface. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. All Druggists & Co., Toledo, Ohio. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Favored by Nature. The largest tongue in the world in proportion to its owner's size is that owned by the North Queensland hawk-moth, which sports a length of six and a half inches, although there is a long horn beetle a little higher up, in New Guinea, which has horns measuring 12 inches.