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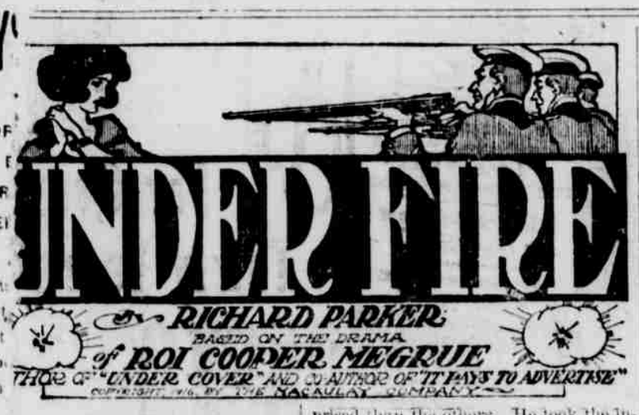

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Georgy Wagstaff, ...ter of Sir George, of the British ...alty, hints at a liaison between ...governess, Ethel Willoughby, and ...ry Streetman. Ethel denies it.

CHAPTER II.—Henry Streetman ...lls on Ethel and while waiting for ...r talks to Brewster, Sir George's ...utler, who is a German spy, about his ...ailure to get at admiralty papers in ...r George's possession. He phones to ...rman secret service headquarters.

CHAPTER III—When Ethel appears ...ries to force her to get from Sir ...ge knowledge of the sailing or... of the British fleet. Though she ...es him a French instead of a ... spy, she refuses until he ...ns her. She begs him to an...e their secret marriage, as ...ky is suspicious, but he puts her ...

CHAPTER IV.—At tea Georgy and ...ver, Guy Falconer, tease Sir ...e, and Streetman makes an awk... attempt to talk politics.

CHAPTER V—Charlie Brown, newspaper man of New York, entertains the tea party with his views on the threatened war in Europe.

CHAPTER VI—Guy Falconer declares that if war comes he will go to Cuba. H... mother and Sir George reprove him. Charlie ... Guy is ...oofing.

CHAPTER VII—Capt. Larry Redmond of the Irish Guards, calls on Ethel. The two had been undeclared lovers and now he asks her to marry him. She still loves him, but tells him she is married.

CHAPTER VIII—Ethel finds that Larry knows Streetman as a German spy, and that Streetman had a wife in Berlin when he married her. The others come in and to them comes Sir George with the news that Germany has declared war on Russia.

CHAPTER IX.—Guy wants to go at once with Larry to ...list. After the others go Ethel wins Larry's consent to have her assist him in the secret service work he is doing for England.

CHAPTER X.—Streetman again calls on Ethel. She gets from him an admission that he is a German spy, gives him false information about the British fleet and wins his consent to her co-operation with him in his work. She tells Larry to this and agrees to meet him in Brussels.

CHAPTER XI—In the Lion d' Or Inn at Courvoisier, Belgium, Larry and a French spy arrange for a secret telephone in the inn to forward information about the German advance. Christophe, the landlord, tells his daughter Jeanne that there will be no German invasion of Belgium.

CHHAPTER XII.—Charlie Brown, hunting for a war, arrives at the Lion d' Or and meets Ethel there.

CHAPTER XIII—Ethel is told she is to operate the secret phone. A mob of refugees flee past the inn before the oncoming German host. The German advance guard arrives.

CHAPTER XIV—Major von Brenig takes possession of Christophe's son and other property. Ethel, questioned, shows German secret service credentials.

CHAPTER XV—Charlie Brown is about to be shot as an English spy when the major, a Columbia graduate, saves him.

CHAPTER XVI—Charlie promptly interviews the major for his paper. Streetman appears and Charlie is ordered back to Brussels.

The man Otto hurried to the fireplace.

"Yes, yes, m'sieu! It is nothing! Only some tree branches—it can do no harm," the innkeeper protested.

In the meantime Otto had extinguished the blaze. He had crawled bodily inside the great opening of the fireplace, to make sure that he did his work thoroughly. And now he emerged, sooty but triumphant, bearing some contrivance in his arms.

"Here is a telephone!" he announced proudly.

"What!" Streetman exclaimed. And he hastened to examine the find. "Oh, ho! What's this?" he asked.

Henri Christophe was no less surprised than the others. He took the instrument from Otto and turned it over curiously.

"Why, m'sieu—it is a telephone," he said with an air of the utmost mystification.

"I know, I know—but what is it doing there?" Streetman asked imperiously.

"I do not know, m'sieu," Christophe stammered. In a flash he saw that things looked very black for himself.

"Why did you hide it?" Already Streetman had found him guilty.

"I did not hide it, m'sieu!"

An inspiration seized Streetman then. And he took the telephone into his own hands.

"Who are you?" he asked in French, speaking directly into the transmitter. The fellow received an immediate reply. And he said to his men in the next breath, "It was a Frenchman who spoke! That telephone leads to the French. It is the work of a spy." And then Streetman ordered Otto's comrade Hans to ask Major von Brenig to return.

Poor Henri Christophe forgot all about his simple menu. He stood there, crestfallen. The whole affair was too much for his befogged brain.

"You were warned against any attempt to communicate with the enemy," Streetman said.

"I never saw that telephone before," Christophe declared.

"Don't lie to me! You put it there!"

"I swear to you—" The innkeeper held both his hands aloft as he proclaimed his innocence. But his protestations had no effect upon the indignant Streetman. The man seemed absolutely relentless, inhuman.

"You are either a French spy or harboring a spy under your roof," he told Christophe. "It is an act of enmity to us. You must pay the penalty at once."

"On my honor I have done nothing—

"Against the Wall Outside," He Said.

absolutely nothing!" Henri Christophe cried. Even in that moment his thoughts were upon his daughter Jeanne rather than upon himself. He was afraid—for her.

"Our proclamations have told you what to expect," Streetman snarled. "It will be a good warning to the others," he added grimly.

The Belgian innkeeper stared at him as if in a trance.

"Before God, I am innocent!" he asserted.

The callous Streetman paid not the slightest heed to his denials. In a most brisk and businesslike manner he commanded the corporal to call in the guard and make ready a firing squad—"against the wall outside," he said.

Then little Jeanne Christophe opened one of the doors timidly. Some errand had necessitated her entering the room. And when she saw her father's ashen face it needed little intuition to tell her that there was some tragedy impend... ...with a low cry she sprang to her father's side.

"My father—my father—what is it?" she asked him.

"He is a spy," Streetman said contemptuously.

"Non, non, m'sieu!" she cried.

"Wait! . . . Come here!" he ordered her roughly. And Henri Christophe whispered to her to obey. "You have seen that telephone before?" Streetman inquired. Already the corporal had returned with four men, bearing rifles.

"No, no! Never in all my life!" the girl wailed.

"Your father hid it there," he insisted.

"Non, non, m'sieu!" she said with all the vehemence she could muster.

"Enough of talking!" Streetman said with a cruel glance at her white face. "Take him out!" he ordered the corporal.

For one brief moment father and daughter clasped each other in a last embrace.

"It is the end, my little Jeanne! Good-by! Pray for me!" Henri Christophe said brokenly. And in that instant a new dignity came to him—a dignity such as must have clothed the ancient martyrs, or that later tragic figure, for whom his own daughter was named—Jeanne d'Arc—when the supreme summons overtook them. "It is all over, ma petite," he repeated. And then he drew himself up to his fullest height and looked at his unyielding judge unflinchingly. "I am innocent, m'sieu!" he said. . . .

Those were the last words that Henri Christophe spoke.

Henry Streetman made a gesture of impatience. The scene bored him.

Jeanne Christophe burst into a wild torrent of words. Alternately she addressed Streetman and her father.

"No, no, no!" she shrieked, as if she could not have that frightful thing—that monstrosity—happen. "Oh, m'sieu! For the love of God! . . . My father . . . I pray you. . . . No, no! He is my father. . . . I love thee, I love thee!" she sobbed. . . . "Oh, m'sieu—I beg you—"

"Take him out!" That was Streetman's only answer.

Little Jeanne would not leave her father's side. As they dragged Henri Christophe from the room she still clung to him. And still she shrieked:

"For the love of God! No, no! Oh, papa, oh, papa! I love thee. . . ."

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Major von Brenig looked inquiringly at his colleague from the Wilhelmstrasse.

"You wanted me, captain?" he asked.

"The proprietor here is a spy," Streetman said.

"Christophe—a spy? Are you sure?"

"Absolutely sure!" Streetman replied. "This telephone leads to the French. And I have settled the affair." Even as he spoke a scream from outside reached their ears—a woman's scream. And immediately there followed the sound of a volley.

Major von Brenig turned his head and listened.

"Ah, mon pere!" It was Jeanne Christophe sobbing.

Already she had flung herself upon her father's riddled body.

Major von Brenig cast a reproving glance at his haughty fellow officer.

"Good God—so soon? Without investigation?" he exclaimed. "What if he were innocent?"

But Streetman had no misgivings.

"Ah! It will be a lesson to these others," he said carelessly.

In the adjoining room Charlie Brown and the German sergeant had heard those shots. And now they burst upon the two officers in great excitement.

"What happened? Is it the French?" Charlie called.

"It is finished—the damned spy!" Streetman rejoined.

"What's happened?" Charlie asked again.

"A matter of war," the major told him briefly—"that is not on my conscience." He was far from approving of Streetman's hasty action.

"The execution of a spy!" Streetman interposed. And the words were hardly out of his mouth before several privates squeezed through the entrance to the keeperless inn. There were two files; and between them they bore a stretcher, upon which there lay something covered with a sheet. A little distance behind the gruesome procession Jeanne Christophe followed sobbing.

One glance told Charlie Brown what rested upon that stretcher—that it was the body of someone who but a few moments before had stood there in the slanting sunlight of the summer afternoon and faced the firing squad. Out of respect he removed his hat. He did not know who the unfortunate might have been. But nevertheless he was profoundly shocked.

"Poor devil. I'm sorry for him—whoever he was!" he said.

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E. M. DAVIS, Sheriff,
By FRED E. STEDMAN,
Chief Deputy.

State of Illinois, La Salle county, ss.—The within named R. A. Wylie not found in my county this 31st day of July, A. D. 1917.

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ARTHUR H. COLWELL,
Plaintiff's Attorney

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