The Bree Bress' Short Story

PEACOCK SEEKS PARADISE

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"I presume you live in Reedsville?"

"The postmistress? Oh. vost"

"How nice," replied Louisa.

"Yes," agreed the woman,

pecially this time of year."

She's my cousin. I'm to visit her."

lip lifted ironically over the last word.

Though the woman tried to say it light-

lyy, smiling the while as one does when

They rode on in silence a bit. Then

the woman, without looking at Louisa,

"That's all right," said Louisa.

"This is the town," she said.

"If it's not out of your way."

"It isn't, I go right past it."

have been so kind, Miss-a-"

"You-you were a teacher?"

"Burnell."

between them.

"Supper's ready," announced Betty in

"I'll be down in a minute; go shead,

When she washed her hands she winc-

ed to see those bright ruby blobs on the

hands as she buttered bread, cut meat

The woman looked out with interest.

brought up there."

Millikan?"

the cold dark.

your cousin?"

showed through.

began to speak.

OUISA BURNELL lingered before The woman was so obviously a lady. the store window. What a beau- How refined her voice was, and yet she tiful lamp, the very thing she walked country roads at night carrywanted for the living-room table! Sil- ing her suit case. Going to Reedsville, ver and black, modern and distinguished, too. Why? Who could she be? Louisa how perfectly it would fit into the scheme knew every one in that poky little vilof her house of dreams! Sadly she regarded it as she remembered. No. all that was over. She and Roddy had de- Ah, good, the woman was asking quesfinitely broken, last night, and so she tions herself. turned away, casually, much too casually.

People's eyes rested upon Louisa appreciatively as with careful indifference she threaded her way along the busy sidewalk. She knew she was lovely, even beautiful, in her dark fur coat and little red cap, her cheeks and lipe aflame with life and youth. She spent a great amount of time and thought, and money too, upon her appearance. Roddy called strange, bitter quality pervaded ner her a peacock.

The lavencier and white neon sign of Tiffany's Dress Shop shone out of the foggy atmosphere. In the window, against black velvet curtains, one lovely silken creation hung; a string of beads and a bracelet lay on the black carpeted floor in front of it. Louisa pushed open the heavy door and went in.

"Perfect! It is your dress Miss! As if designed for you!" ecstatically cried the saleswoman, clasping her hands when she saw Louisa in the clinging rosp crepe as she stood in a triple-mirrored niche. She pondered. Not for nothing did she enjoy the reputation of being Reedsville's best-dressed gitl. What if it was frightfully expensive?

"I will take it." "Charge or cash, Miss?"

"Cash." Libutsa's stender fingers prowl- you imagine that? No, Lace you can't ed in her handbag, came forth with You've a home of your own, parents, several crisp, new bills.

Louisa thought as she went out of the ing . I mean it. Only a few things in shop, "There is no need to tell Mother; this suitcase here, and that is all. how much I spent for it. After all to a year and a half ago I had a good what I carn is mine to do with as I position, with a fair salary, loved my

wish." The manicure tables were set along others. They had to 'economize,' and a balcony which looked down upon" the since I was getting along in years, I was glittering main floor of the department one of those to go. Well, I don't know She had done an errand or two -perhaps these young girls just out of for her mother, now she gazed idly over college are better fitted-Excuse me. I the thronged spaces while the girl min- didn't mean anything personal."

istered deftly to her hands "What shade polish do you care for.

"Ruby." said Louisa, with scarcely a not get me another place. They were trace of hesitation. Roddy had prefer- very nice about giving me good recomred that she use a natural tint, or better, mendations. So after my money was no polish at all. Now what Roddy pre- gone, I wrote to Cousin Beth. She said ferred no longer mattered. No, she would I could come." not heed his desires. Imagine herse'f Louisa was silent, miserable. slaving in a poorly furnished house, ex- could she say what she felt, express the pected to provide meals at all hours for wave of pity that overwhelmed her, the a busy young country doctor. Better be injustice of it all? 'She made a symfree. She had seen too many girls she pathetic murmur in her throat. knew marry, and in a year or two be- huddle of little lights appeared. They come the smuggest domestic creatures were already around the last bend and being taken to ensure that adequate devoted only to budgets and babies and right in Reedsville. recipes clipped from magazines. Life

secret was having enough money. That vas why she refused to give up teaching to Miss Millikan's?" and marry Roddy until she had saved enough to fill her home with nice things to start with. They had been engaged

three years now. "Thank you," she said to the girl dow illuminated.

holding her hands in front of her. The street was quite dark when she suitcase for you," offered Louisa, reachcame out upon it again. She had plenty ing for it. The woman was too quick of time to get back to Reedsville for for her. supper, her wrist watch told her. Now to find her car but first a magazine. ting you trouble yourself." She jumped miners. because this evening Roddy would not out, pulling the sultcase after her. "You

She found her car parked up the side street, and started home, silently bidding farewell to the crowds and lights so much. Please forgive me if I've said of the city. She was going back to dull- anything I shouldn't, anything bitter or is sold in the United States. These ness and boredom. The deep sadness -or ugly, I mean. But it's hard to get exports of newsprint paper are one of that had been lurking close behind her used to it, not teaching any more. consciousnes all day, that she had evad- loved my children so." ed by the devices of glittering shop windows and luxurious spending, now crept "Yes," replied the woman gravely, "in out openly. Alone in the car, steering a large city school, for twenty years." it through quiet streets, with the utter She gave herself a little shake. "But darkness of a late fall country road be- there ... Good night, Miss Burnell. fore her, she was helpless to ward off hope to see you again."

the mood. beyond the last house? A person? Yes, and laughter as she pushed open the parts of the Empire. some one standing by the roadside, door into the hall watching the little coupe approach. What "Hello!" called her father. Mr. Burof those tales of hold-up men who stop- nell was so jolly, always pinching his ped solitary drivers? Nonsense, it was daughters' cheeks and laughing, but barely dark, and too close to town. Still, Louisa shrank from his joking to-night. better step on the gas.

The car shot forward, like a fright- delightedly. "Roddy! Met him on the ened black beetle, and then, suddenly street, and made him come to supper." stopped, just beyond the person in the Roddy had risen from the radio bench road, for it was a women! She had a and stood awkwarly, looking silly and suitcase. She was middle-agid, and helpless and beseeching. His mouth quite respectable looking. thin, with opened as if to speak, but no sound glasses and long dark clothes. She came. Louisa crimsoned. This was too badly needed a lift. How eagerly, yet awful, but Father did not know, of course, haltingly, questioningly, she approached that last night had ended everything the car. Louisa opened the door.

"Are you going my way?" asked the dining-room door.

Louisa. "To Reedsville."

"That's where I'm going! Won't you everybody." said Louisa, dathing for the ride with me?"

"It's so good of you." murniured the scated herself beside Louisa. "I intended | fingertips. How blatant they were! Sire to walk. They said it was only six miles, could feel the critical glances of the but my bag grew heavier than I imag- family, and especially Roddy's, upon her

med it could."

was the? She rushed into her bedroum, opened a drawer frantically, dipped a brush into a little bottle, and quickly ran it over each of her ten nails, wined them, and there they were, pure, pink, glowing shells? After the meal Louisa announced that she would do the dishee.

was not like that all the way through.

"Roddy can wipe them," said Louisa casually. Roddy lifted his head sharply

herself. No, not like her real self! She The Press

A light glowed in his eyes. "Sure," he said happily, "Sure. Now you youngsters beat It. And you, too. Mother. We'll clear up everything." He had talled Mrs. Burnell mother ever since he and Louisa had been engaged.

in the living room, with the radio going. Mrs. Burnell reading one section of the paper, the twins happily aquabbling over the funny section. The kitchen door was closed, and Louisa was rummaging neutral countries. through a drawer for a clean apron for lage, and most of their friends and relatives as well. Dare she ask questions?

a blue checked apron. Roddy did not papers in existence and to dictate to put it on. He just stood there, looking them what news they shall publish and "Yes," said Louisa, "I was born and solemn, flopping it nervously by the what opinions they shall express.

"Then, of course, you know Miss Beth "Louisa," he began, "I've been think- journalists will not consent to be

was selfish. And the things I thought an anti-German tendency. They are ing, compared with-". She looked at sorship and if this does not bring them "You'll find Reedsville very quiet, es-"I suppose so, but perhaps the quiet she meant, "with a life with you." He newspapers employing them suppressed will do me good. And the rest." Her

understood. "Listen, Roddy. We can get married just as soon as you want me." and her eyes stared bleakly ahead into "Darling! But the school?"

"I'll resign! Immediately! In favor "Are you planning to stay long with of some one else I know, who's a far "As long as she'll have me, I'm afraid." better teacher, experienced, and all that."

making such a remark, her despair Canada Rich in

Canada possesses approximately 492 "You're probably wondering about me. milion ucres of forested land capable I'm going to my coush Beth's because producing timber of merchantable siz I don't have any place else to go. Can and quality, according to the Depart ment of Mines and Resources, Ottawa A little less than one-half of this vas security. Well, I have nothing. Notharea now bears trees of usable size, Pemainder being occupied by young growth. Part of the mature timber is not accessible at present; but it is es timated timt the economically accessible work. But then-I was out, like so many areas bear 170,000 million cubic feet standing timber. Expressed in commer cial units, this volume comprises 245, 000 million board feet of saw-lags plus 1.000 million cords of smaller material suitable for pulpwood, pitprops and fuel More than three-quarters of the total volume consists of softwood species, in-"Well," resumed the woman, "all my cluding spruces, pines, true firs, Douglas experience and recommendations could fir, hemlock, cedar and other kinds.

> Two Canadian species are of exceptional value for the construction of all craft. Stika spruce, which grows only on the west coast of British Columbia and in two of the northwestern States has long been recognized as the best available wood for structural components. Yellow birch, found in the eastern provinces, is the preferred species for A the manufacture of veneers for use in aircraft plywood. Vigorous steps are supplies of both these woods will be in Denmark would expose them to the

available as required. The Canadian lumber industry norm "Do you want me to take you right ally produces between 3,000 and 4,000 million board feet annually, but production can be increased without installation of more machinery. Large volumes Five blocks, and then the car stop of Douglas fir and spruce lumber have before a little bungalow with one winbeen shipped to the United Kingdom since the outbreak of war, and substan-This is the place. Let me carry your tial further orders have been placed. Great quantities of pitprops, a relatively new product to the Canadian woodsman. are being made in the Maritime Pro-"No, indeed, I wouldn't thrink of let- vinces to meet the needs of British

The pulp and paper industry of Canada produces a wide variety of wood pulps and papers for domestic use and "Miss Burnell, and I appreciate it ever for export. Its chief product is newsprint paper, the greater part of which I the principal sources from which Canada is able to secure the supplies of America dollars vitally needed for the purchase of aircraft and other war materials in the neighboring country. In addition to fulfilling its commitments in I the United States, the Canadian industry is able to supply substantial quanti-"You will! Good night," said Louisa. ties of pulps and papers, including news-What was this, looming ahead, just | The Burnell house was alive with lights print to the United Kingdom and other

WHICH COMES FIRST?

The little boy had come home school with considerable food "Look who's here, sister," he boomed thought. As soon as he could he anpealed to his father. "Daddy," he began, "is it true that a

man is known by the company he "Yes, my boy," was the prompt reply

But the little chap was not content. He stated his difficulty. "But, father, if a good man keeps company with a bad man, is the good man a bad because he keeps company with a bad man, or the bad man good

because he keeps company with a good

AFTER THE GAME

Referee Do you think-I'll catch the 5.15 train home? Angry Captain-Your ought to. We're "nothing is changed" in the unoccupied

Nazi Yoke

in Occupied Territories Told the general objects in view. What to Print

Under the

By J. A. Spender

To ascertain the truth about life German occupied territory or territor which German terrorism is at work almost impossible at the present time What is possible, however, is to be guard against perversions of the truth At last the rest of the family were disseminated daily under various disguises on German prompting.

> It may help in this if we consider the various methods adopted. These differ in the occupied countries and in the

in Occupied Territory . In the occupied countroles what th "Here's one," she said, straightening Oermans would prefer would be to keep up, rosy from her exertions, handing him established and highly respected news-

But they discover that highly repected ing perhaps I was too impatient last in this way. The utmost that these will night. If you want to keep on teaching, do is to refrain from openly expressed anti-German opinions and they often "Olz. Roddy," said Louisa. "I've been qualify this negative attitude by coman idiot, all along. You were right. I ments which the censor perceives to have I had to have I know now they're noth- then subject to a special military cenhim. She could not say it. "With love," to heel, they may be interned and the

> "There is no consorship in Holland," said the Nazi Deutsche Allgemeine Zeltung, soon after the occupation of that country, but the newspapers are supposed to take account of the new situa-

The hint seems not to have been taken as quickly as was expected, for a little later the President of the so-called "Council of Englightenment," a Nazi-Forest Resources controlled organization, made a speech in which he warned the Dutch Newspager Proprietors' Society that the sand was rimning out. This Society, he said, had been treated with indulgence in view of the useful work it had done past times and had been given another opportunity to "re-organize itself." But, he udded, "haste will-have to be made, for we are now living in dynamic

> Haste was made, but by the Germans, who proceeded to suppress three Dutch newspapers for a period of eight weekson the ground that "they had systematically maintained an unfriendly attitude to the occupiers and had been unable to cease their one-sided propagandafavor of the Allies."

> Their offence apparently was that they failed to take seriously the German White Book, which endeavored to prove that the Allies had been about to attack Germany through Holland and Belgium. One of the suppressed papers was the famous Conservative daily, the Standard. edited by Dr. Collin, who was for many years Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

The procedure has been the same in Denmark where the newspapers were told to carry on but warned that any expression of anti-German feeling or contradiction of the official German statements about events or public feeling

severest penalties. They were forbidden to mark news as coming from German sources, and the slightest freedom of comment brought the military consorship about their heads. But the one thing the Censor could not do was to induce the Danish public to read the papers thus handled Their circulations dwindled, their readers turned to the foreign broadcasts which the invader tried in vain to choke

In Norway explicit instructions were issued to the newspapers that they must serve as an instrument for shaping optnion in the manner laid down by the German News Bureau. They were forbidden to publish war reports coming from countries hostile to Germany, to report speeches made by statesmen. generals, or members of the Royal famflies in these countries, or anything else likely to cause friction between the German troops and the Norwegian people." On the other hand German war reports had to be well displayed.

In Prance the difference between occupled and unoccupied territory offered a special problem and also a new opportunity to the Germans' manipulation

of the Press. Many well known Paris papers ceased publication when the Germans entered the city; others, like the Matin, the Paris Soir, and the Dernieres Nouvelles de Paris, were annexed and turned to German uses. Under its new management the Matin became violently anti-Jewish

and anti-British. Sometimes the names of contributors were used who were known to Frenchmen not to be living in France, but would be supposed by foreigners to be the authors of the articles attributed to them. The only safe assumption is that all French newspapers published in the occupied territory are directly under

German control.

The case is somewhat different in unoccupied territory. Here the newspapers appear to have allowed themselves more liberty. But the difference between the two gives the German Censor an opportunity of turning Prenchmen against Frenchmen.

The German-controlled Matin in occurpled territory complained bitterly that going to chase you all the way to the and that the newspapers there are pro-

deride of discredit the Petain Government and contrast its ineptitude and inefficiency with German efficiency. To discover the special purposes of

these manocuvred is not easy at any given moment, but we may take it that mischief making and mystification are Neutral Countries

The neutral countries provide a wide and varied opportunity for the Naz propagandist. In these there are Ger man-owned or German-subsidized newspapers, with little or no circulation, which can be quoted abroad as if they expressed a genuine opinion,

has been played all over the world since the days of Bismarck, but the Nasis have been more systematic and profuse in their expenditure of money in its development than their predecessors.

The general object is to present neutrals known to be friendly to-the Allies as shocked or depressed by their proceedings and in despair about their prospects. These are Daniels come to Judg-

But in many neutral countries, such as Switzerland and Sweden, there are honest and courageous journalists who write what they think about Hitler and Nazi Germany This, however, exposes their Governments to diplomatic browbeating and threatening, for the Nazis refuse to believe that Oovernments cannot control hewspapers, if they choose

Staunchly as some of these governmente have unheld the freedom of their press, the natural desire of journalists not to make trouble for them has undoubtedly kept plain speaking on the side of Britain within bounds in Europe For full and frank expressions of opinion by neutral observers we have to look across the Atlantic.

A Warning

The general conclusion is that the out of France, Belgium, Holland, Den- visitors will have room for 10,000 cars attract the magnetized needle

mark and Norway except with the consent of the German Censor; much that pretends to be impartial neutral opinion is of German authorable.

The object of the Nazi propagandist is its deceive and mystify, and no exposure of the falsity of the facts he alleges deters him in his pursuit of it. He has continued to repeat that Winston Churchill ordered the sinking of the Athenia and that Mr. Chamberlain incited the attempt to assassinate Hitler, and apparently he still hopes that perpetual repetition may cause these stories to be believed.

No proof to the contrary will prevent him from multiplying the losses This is an old German trick, which British siring or aircraft by five or twelve or any figure that may occur to him. It is enough for him if he causes some neutral or British observer to doubt the veracity of the British figures.

The only safe rule is to accept noth ing in which his hand may be suspected at its face value . About and his the question to ask is not whether it is true

EXPECT: THOUSANDS AT PLOUGHING MATCH

The International Ploughing Match and Machinery Demonstration, will be held on October 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th inclusive, under the auspices of the Ontarlo Ploughmen's Association on the Ontario Hospital Farm and adjoining farms at St Thomas, Ontario will, it is expected, be attended thousands of farmers and others interested in agriculture Over 15 scres will be covered by the exhibits of the latest types of farm and home machinery. which is estimated to be worth more than \$600,000.

There will be 175 plough teams stabled on the site of the match and there will the true North Pole but the magnetic also be special parking space for trac- Pole, which is a few degrees out. The tors. The entire area of the meeting reason for the compass pointing there is Nazi stronghold of the Press is almost has ben surveyed for water mains and that there are probably large deposits of complete in Europe. Nothing can come hydro service, and parking space for magnetic ore in the polar regions, which

BRITISH SCIENTISTS

AT CANADA'S SERVICE Crop Fallures Diagnosed Free in English

Laboratory

An English scientific laboratory offers Canadian farmers a unique service with-

out charge. Any farmer in Canada can now post to Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden. England, specimens of a grop failure for examination. In due course he will receive a report indicating with mattrematical precision the chemical de-Actencies that resulted in failure.

Experiments have proved that failure often due to the presence or absence of minor elements of the soil, some good for growth, some bad.

For example, a lack amounts of boron has been found to produce the swede and turnin discase known as "brown heart" in Canada and and "mottle heart" in New Zealand In South Australia a disease like "grey speck" has affected barley crops deficient in manganese.

Plants sent to Rothamsted for diagnusis are burned and the ash is made incandescent. The spectroscope, then records photographically the chemical constituents of the ash. These photographs reveal the presence or absence of minor elements that assist or retard healthy growth.

From the report, which comes back to lim the farmer will know what steps e must take to rectify the condition

POINTS OF THE COMPASS

A compass needle does not indicate

