

The Free Press Short Story

The Girl In The Green Hat

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"I F," said Audrey Marshall as she pounced on her pill-box, and then she switched it on her studio couch. "If I'm the only girl in my Bible class who can't give a new hat for Easter again this year, I'll stay away!"

In her ears. She did think Wallace Andrew Bundy a very distinguished name, and she did admire its owner. She thought—but Audrey felt, as she glimpsed her old hat, that she should not do much thinking about that well-dressed young man, her chances looked hopeless to her.

Next day with the green-creation packed neatly in her one good hat box she started out. The shop was never open when she passed in the morning, but at noon she marched in.

"I found that green hat I liked so well, in the park yesterday," Audrey said. "I rolled right across the grass! Do you know the name and address of the girl who made it?"

"Of course," Miss Vincent, Mr. Fenrod's private secretary. "To think of it being you who found it! She's been in here, almost crying. Ordered a new one as near like it as possible, made right away. It's most done!"

"She'll be glad to get it back," the milliner called after Audrey. "Seems she thinks this hat just made her engagement!"

"That too—she has everything!" thought Audrey as she worked at her typewriter all afternoon writing names on form letters. She felt that she held nothing for her. The milliner had called out to ask her name—said something about a reward—but Audrey had hurried away.

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA, APRIL 3. (CP) The biggest agricultural problem in Canada—what to do about actual and potential wheat surpluses—is the major business before parliament this week.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner has drawn up a wheat policy for the coming year and has submitted an estimate for \$35,000,000 to put it into effect. The program is having any effect, but an easy passage through the House of Commons.

It's rather unusual for members to oppose their own party government's announced policies, but that's what has happened several times since the debate on agriculture started. The opposition in Liberal ranks stems mainly from Ontario members who contend the proposal to bonus production of coarse grains on the prairies will work to the detriment of Ontario's hog industry by resulting in more livestock raising in the West.

Last Thursday the minister made a long speech in defence of the proposals. He contended wheat growers had been hit harder by the war than any other branch of agriculture and that the bonus system \$4 an acre on wheat acreage left to summer-fallow and \$2 on acreage used for coarse grains and other crops, would help make up the difference between last year's wheat income of \$176,000,000 and the estimated 1941-42 income of \$115,000,000 based on the new policy which limits new wheat deliveries to 230,000,000 bushels.

Official Opposition Opposition Leader Hanson expressed opposition for the whole wheat policy except the idea of restricting acreage. He said he wouldn't pay Western farmers for doing what their intelligence should tell them to do—but he would have them paid a price for whatever wheat could be marketed that would be on a parity with other farm products.

Fashion Frocks Buy 22 Bombers

One Man Creates Reserve Of 2,000,000 Dollars a Year

Twenty-two bombers costing two million dollars can be built for Britain every year by the United States, as a result of the decision of Captain Edward Molyneux, famous throughout the world as an arbiter of women's fashions.

When the Nazis swooped across France, Captain Molyneux left his Paris salons, which supplied the leading fashion houses of New York, Chicago and Hollywood not to mention Canada. He decided to carry on from Mayfair and soon his 200 work girls were overwhelmed by the requests received by cable for morning and afternoon frocks, "tailor makes" and evening gowns.

Today there are about twenty American fashion houses, each ordering 45 models a year and a minimum number of repeats is 25 for each model. Therefore each order represents £20,000 worth of business. A Canadian house takes 60 models annually. Payments are made by these houses in dollars, so

crediting a handsome dollar reserve with which Britain can purchase war material.

"My Spring collection is already on the high seas," Captain Molyneux told an interviewer. "The time element is of great importance and if a collection takes too long, say six weeks, to get things, it becomes dated. Therefore shipping arrangements are being speeded to assure quick delivery."

Try Garnishes That Don't Wilt

NEW YORK, (CP) Garnishes that will not be affected by heat are a welcome addition to the hostess's repertoire. Garnishes should be put in place the very last thing so do not select those requiring much last-minute arrangement.

For home refreshment Coca-Cola The six-bottle carton

CARROLL'S APRICOTS 2 15-oz. tins 25c APPLE JUICE 2 20-oz. tins 15c CREAM TEA SANDWICHES 1 lb. 16c CHOCOLATE GRAHAM Wafers 1 lb. 19c CORNELAKES Sugar Crisp 3 pkgs. 20c DANDEE COFFEE 1-lb. pkg. 32c OUR OLD CHEESE Pound 23c MAPLE SYRUP Old Colony 16-oz. tin 27c CALIFORNIA PRUNES 2 lbs. 15c SEEDLESS RAISINS 1 lb. 10c AYLMEY INFANTS FOODS tin 7c

Britain's Blind Pulling Weight

Doing Great Work for Nation and Stick Amid Bombs and Fires LONDON, (CP) Britain's blind carry on, war or no war, many of them doing work of national importance.

Percentage for War

Mr. King said that as far as can be estimated, he would have 12 per cent of the national income during the next fiscal year will be required for the war effort.

Australian V.C. Sliced or Crushed

PINEAPPLE 2 16-oz. tins 27c FRESH CARROTS 2 bunches 15c SPECIAL LARGE SIZE ORANGES 39c FIRM, RIPE TOMATOES, Pound 19c SPECIAL—LARGE Seedless GRAPEFRUIT 4 for 15c