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SUFFRAGIST CASTLE

How It Was Taken by Officers of the Law

By MARY G. ARNOLD

A party of young men were tramping through a wood in October with guns on their shoulders, and from the season and the guns it is evident that they were sportsmen. Presently they emerged from among the trees and stood on the bank of a lake. A peninsula—at high water an island—jutted out in front of them. In its center was a large dwelling house inclosed within a high wall. On the roof was a cupola, and above the cupola floated a banner on which were embroidered the words, "Votes For Women."

"What the dickens do you suppose, fellows," said Ned Bixby, "that the suffragists are doing housed in that fashion, with a big wall all around them?"

"It's some kind of a headquarters," suggested Tom Singleton.

"But the suffragists don't put themselves away off from anywhere. There's no hiding of their light under a bushel. They sound the loud timbrel and advertise their cause."

"My opinion is," rejoined Bixby, "that there is some plotting going on under that flag."

"What kind of plotting?"

"I've heard through a sister of mine who is a suffragist that the English militant tactics are about to be inaugurated in this state, and I'll bet the women come together here to lay down a program. You see in that case they wouldn't want cops and detectives snooping around to lead them off."

"I move," said Singleton, "that we storm the citadel."

"Not by force?" queried Bixby.

"Oh, no! Nobody wants to storm a feminine citadel by force. One must use persuasion."

The huntsmen resolved themselves into a committee of the whole to consider how to effect an entrance into the citadel, and, influenced by Bixby's suggestion that the women were plotting to set fire to or blow up something, it was finally agreed that the men make themselves up for toughs and offer their services for the work. Owen Wagstaff, the homeliest man in the party, was selected to make a wedge of himself and open the way for the others.

That same afternoon Wagstaff, who had a four days' growth of stubble beard on his face and had reddened his nose and torn his clothes, took advantage of a supply wagon entering the suffragist grounds to get in as a deliveryman and, going to the front door, rang the bell. The summons was answered by a young lady with a "Votes For Women" badge on her bosom, and Wagstaff told her that he would like to see the principal of the establishment. A handsome woman, aged about thirty, appeared, and Bixby after telling her how hard up he was asked if the lady wouldn't give him something to do by which he could turn an honest penny. The lady told him to remain where he was and went out. Presently she returned with two others, one of whom Wagstaff considered pretty enough to kiss. Then the principal told him that they had work enough of a peculiar kind to give employment to a dozen men, whereupon Wagstaff said he was captain of a gang of half a dozen, all of whom had been in jail the principal part of their lives and were ready to blow up or set fire to anything. One of the ladies asked where his men were, and he said he had them handy.

Two of the committee were in favor of dealing only through Wagstaff, but the other said they should not employ men without having seen them. The single member carried the day, and Wagstaff was directed to bring his men into Suffragist castle the next morning, when quite likely a proposition would be made to the gang. That was all he wanted, and he took himself away.

That night the huntsmen went into camp, a few hundred yards from the castle and in order to produce a favorable impression during the evening set up howls such as "men would indulge in who were carousing and fighting among themselves. Their yells were blood-curdling and were intensified by the firing of guns. It did not seem to the ladies in the inclosure that enough men would arrive the next morning to form a corporation's guard.

However, when day came there was no evidence of any one having been killed during the night, and after breakfast the toughs were seen moving in a body toward the castle. They had made themselves look as disreputable as possible, but most of them were swell and found it difficult not to behave as such. They were inspected, and the women, influenced by the dreadful sounds sent up the night before, were inclined to think them fitted for any job, including murder. The principal addressed them as follows:

"We propose to begin to set fire to and blow up small buildings at first, and if we do not by this means secure our rights we will destroy property of greater value. We will pay you well for your services, and if any of you are caught while doing our work we will furnish you with money and counsel for your defense. As to your pay,

Dorothy's Independence Day

DOROTHY was rather fond of asserting that she was a new woman. Like most who make that claim, she was much given to vain repetition. She need not have been. Not even the sourest, sharpest tempered spinster of them all could have accused her of being an old woman.

Dorothy's "newness," to use the word in its technical sense, troubled Jack sorely. Jack was not at all a new man, if the new type is to be the prototype of the new woman. Not that Jack was exactly venerable either. It would probably be some years before he was bald or toothless.

Jack could not understand Dorothy's sudden aggressive independence. He did not see why any reasonable girl should prefer to wait on herself and soil her dainty fingers when there was a great, lazy fellow around who asked nothing better of fate than to be allowed to wait on her all the days of his life. Time was, and not so very long ago either, when Dorothy had shown a most delightful readiness to accept his services. Of late, however, a change had come over the spirit of her dream. The dream now, and to Jack it seemed a nightmare, was of independence.

Just before Dorothy and her family had left town for the summer, when Jack had come to say "goodby" and something more—to offer her a heart that was absurdly heavy at the prospect of four long, weary months without her—she had been so full of this spirit of independence—the spirit of '76 she liked to call it—that he had gone away with the something more unsaid, telling himself impatiently that the girl had no use for her own heart, looking upon it as quite an unnecessary encumbrance and would certainly not want his.

That was in the end of May. Now it was the 1st of July. Jack had written to Dorothy once or twice, had had one



or two letters in reply, very unsatisfactory letters, all of them full of "the cause." There seemed to be a whole colony of "new women" where Dorothy was spending the summer. They held meetings, made speeches, "read copy" to each other, Jack said, for Jack was a newspaper man—a "journalist." Dorothy called it. Dorothy's letters to Jack had been unpleasantly suggestive of "copy" prepared for some paper devoted to the interests of the coming woman. The only one that had been at all satisfactory was the last, urging him to accept her mother's invitation to come out and spend the Fourth with them. And Jack, remembering how he had first met her a year ago, when spending the Fourth with one of her warm weather neighbors, hoping that she, too, remembered, accepted with joy.

Poor, misguided Jack! He had expected the same sort of day they had had last year—a morning spent in scorching his fingers and burning holes in his trousers while setting off fire-crackers with her small brothers and sisters; an afternoon of blissful idleness on the lake; an evening of the conventional summer resort sort—fire-works early in the evening, dancing later on, broad verandas, moonlight gardens—all that sort of thing.

That was what he expected. This is what happened:

He found a very superior Dorothy, who considered the firing of crackers an infantile pastime fit only for weak intellects; who made sarcastic comments about people who were "pleased with a rattie, tinkle with a straw," who, when the children had him fast in their toils, went off with an unpleasantly strong minded looking book under her arm, "anywhere out of hearing of this detestable racket," who in the afternoon did not care to venture on the lake, for there was a storm coming up, and, moreover, she had a "paper" to prepare; who in the evening, when he mildly suggested strolling over to watch the fireworks, advised him to wait until woman achieves her independence, and then there will be

ILLINOIS PARAGRAPHS.

SPRINGFIELD—By a vote of 32 to 17 the senate advanced to second reading, without reference to a committee, the bill passed by the house providing for the creation of residential "dry" districts by referendum vote. The bill is said to stand an excellent chance of passage. Before the bill was advanced, the senate engaged in the hottest "wet" and "dry" fight of a dozen years. On the floor the bill was declared by Chicago senators to be confiscatory. Senator Juhl declared that a large part of Chicago's \$8,000,000 annual revenue was from saloon licenses, and Senator Glackin said that the bill, if passed, would put all Chicago saloons, except those in the loop, out of business. The vote came when Senator Glackin moved to send the bill to the license committee. Senator M. F. Cleary of Helena moved to lay Glackin's motion on the table. On this there was a roll call, the motion being voted down. The bill was advanced.

CHICAGO—By their flat refusal to take any action on the Gorman bill or any other pending legislation concerned with liquor regulation in Illinois, the executive board of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association went on record to eliminate all "wet" and "dry" controversy from the woman's vote question in Illinois state. In spite of the declarations of several suffrage leaders, among them Mrs. Sherman M. Booth and Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, that the woman's suffrage associations were connected with the fight on the Gorman bill, which provides for the legalization of the sale and transfer of saloon licenses, the executive board, at its meeting in the Fine Arts building, refused to consider any such action.

CHICAGO—Chicago in a special meeting of the city council, called for that purpose, hurled defiance at those members of the legislature who vote for a state commission to deal with all the public utilities in Illinois. The meeting was preliminary to the signature of Mayor Harrison, Corporation Counsel Sexton and forty-six aldermen for Springfield, where they face a committee of the state senate line by the day with sensational charges made at council meeting. The bill, sponsored by the Daily Committee, was amended by the house to take from cities all control of street car, gas, electric, telephone, railroad or other public utility companies. A commission named by the governor would be supreme.

SPRINGFIELD—The beautiful sapphire ring, valued at \$400, which was taken from the finger of Emil Iversen, one of the Chicago merchants killed in the recent automobile accident at Riverton, when the automobile in which he rode was struck by a Wisconsin train, has been recovered. It was received by Sheriff Meester, being sent in a plain envelope addressed to the sheriff. The postmark on the envelope was Springfield and the date was June 15. There was no one accompanying the diamond. The address on the envelope was written in lead pencil.

SPRINGFIELD—The state budget system and legislative reference bureau are secured. The house passed Logan Hays' bill embodying this important reform intended to do away with haphazard methods in legislation on administration affairs. The vote was 100 yeas to 9 nays. The house changed the bill by permitting the governor to appoint four members of the senate and four from the House instead of the presiding officers of each branch making the appointments. The bill will have to go back to the senate for concurrence in the house changes.

CHICAGO—Mrs. Priscilla B. Siebel, wife of Attorney A. P. W. Siebel, who was arrested in a Peoria hotel in company with Lorenzo Elliott, also a Chicago attorney, returned to Chicago in company with her husband. It is said that the couple kissed and made up following the hotel episode and the statutory charge against Mrs. Siebel was dismissed when she promised to return to her home with her husband.

ANN ARBOR—Young Elmer M. Brady of Edwardburg, a sophomore in the engineering department of the University of Michigan, is lying at the point of death at the University hospital from injuries received when he was struck by an eastbound Michigan Central train at the curve near the city.

CHICAGO—Alderman Charles E. Merriam denounced the action of the state legislators on the utilities bill, knocking out the home rule clause, as the heaviest act on municipal home rule since the days of the Allen bill, in speaking before the Chicago Progressive club.

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois house voted to seat George B. Boardman, Progressive, in the Forty-first district, unseating M. F. Henneberry, Democrat. The vote was 51 to 53, adopting the majority report of the house elections committee.

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