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Two important books on Russia have been published this month. One is Kerensky's "The Castastrophe," which tells the thrilling story of the Revolution from its outbreak until its forces were swept from power by the Bolsheviks. The other is "The Tragic Bride" in which is told the life story of the last empress of Russia, Alexandra, who was certainly one of the chief causes as well as the victim of the Revolution.

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thing of an achievement considering how many we had already. At least he says in a letter to his publishers that this particular danger has never been brought out on these terms. It is the danger of linking business with friendship, of entertaining ones customers, dragging in one's family and friends in the race to "sell."

For anyone not in the business of buying or selling it is impossible to say how widespread is this danger, it is something which unless it touched one personally would have little effect. Mr. Balmer has made a vigorous case for it, however, though he is able to point to no solution.

Jay Rountree on the train coming home from Harvard gets a telegram from Lida Haige saying that she will accept his sacrifice and allow him to marry her. Jay is, surprisingly, responsible, because a customer of his father's company had taken Lida on a "wild party" and compromised her. So Jay taking the other man's guilt upon himself meets his stern parent and goes back to New York to marry Lida. That day the order from said customer arrives.

In a golf game playing with a dub Jay holds another customer till his wife loses him later by a social slight to his family. Late hours at the club get a big account, while the stenographer who loves Jay allows herself to be hugged for another. It comes down to a race between companies for the prettiest stenographer, and Jay deliberately removes his from the running by—after Lida divorces him—marrying her himself. What the company will do without her Mr. Balmer does not attempt in his diverting novel to say.

**PLAN REGIONAL MEETING**

The men who are behind Scout work, all over the Middle West, will gather for an annual regional meeting January 17 and 18 at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago. It is expected that some thirty men from the North Shore Area council will attend, several of which will be local men. N. H. Anspack of Highland Park is chairman of the attendance committee. The program is so set up as to help the various committees to do their work.

**Has Lofty Praise for Dr. Richards' Books of Sermons**

The "Stitch-in-time Club" of the Winnetka Congregational church is in receipt of the following letter from Rev. Hugh Elmer Brown of the First Congregational church of Evanston, in reference to the book of sermons by Dr. James Austin Richards, which the club is selling, the proceeds from which are for the church building fund:

"I have just read the first volume of sermons from the pen of my good friend James Austin Richards, and I like it from cover to cover. Here is no slangy, sloppy preaching, no pretty perfumed preaching, no dainty dealing with side issues, but an athletic grappling with the major moral problems of our tangled and agitated time. As a prophet, Dr. Richards stands for a free study of all the facts, and for the truth, no matter whence it cometh, nor whither it leadeth. He diagnoses with rare acuteness many of the maladies of our time. He speaks with the accent of conviction to the wistful, questioning mind, disturbed by theological transition, and presents in persuasive terms the 'old Gospel' against the new backgrounds. He helps people to re-think the mental setting of their faith. He preaches Christianity as a 'way of Life' and proclaims the Christ-likeness of God as the heart of the Christian Revelation.

"There is what Stevenson called the 'Morning Spirit' about these pages, and a warm humanness which could only come from a Shepherd heart. I like the titles. They are fresh and appealing. Dr. Richards has the art of impressive statement. His vocabulary is free from pulpit bromides. His style is sinewy and knows no cloying delicacies of phrase. He does not 'paint the petals of the polyanthus and color the calyx of the coreopsis.' Here and there, are beautiful and moving sentences, and memorable poetic insights, but they seem effortless and an integral part of a glowing paragraph.

"I am told that the only disappointing thing about these sermons when they were heard, was their brevity. I can easily believe that, for the reader feels likewise. I congratulate Dr. Richards and I congratulate his faithful flock, who gather each week to such a generous spread.

—Hugh Elmer Brown."

**ENTERTAIN AT DINNER**

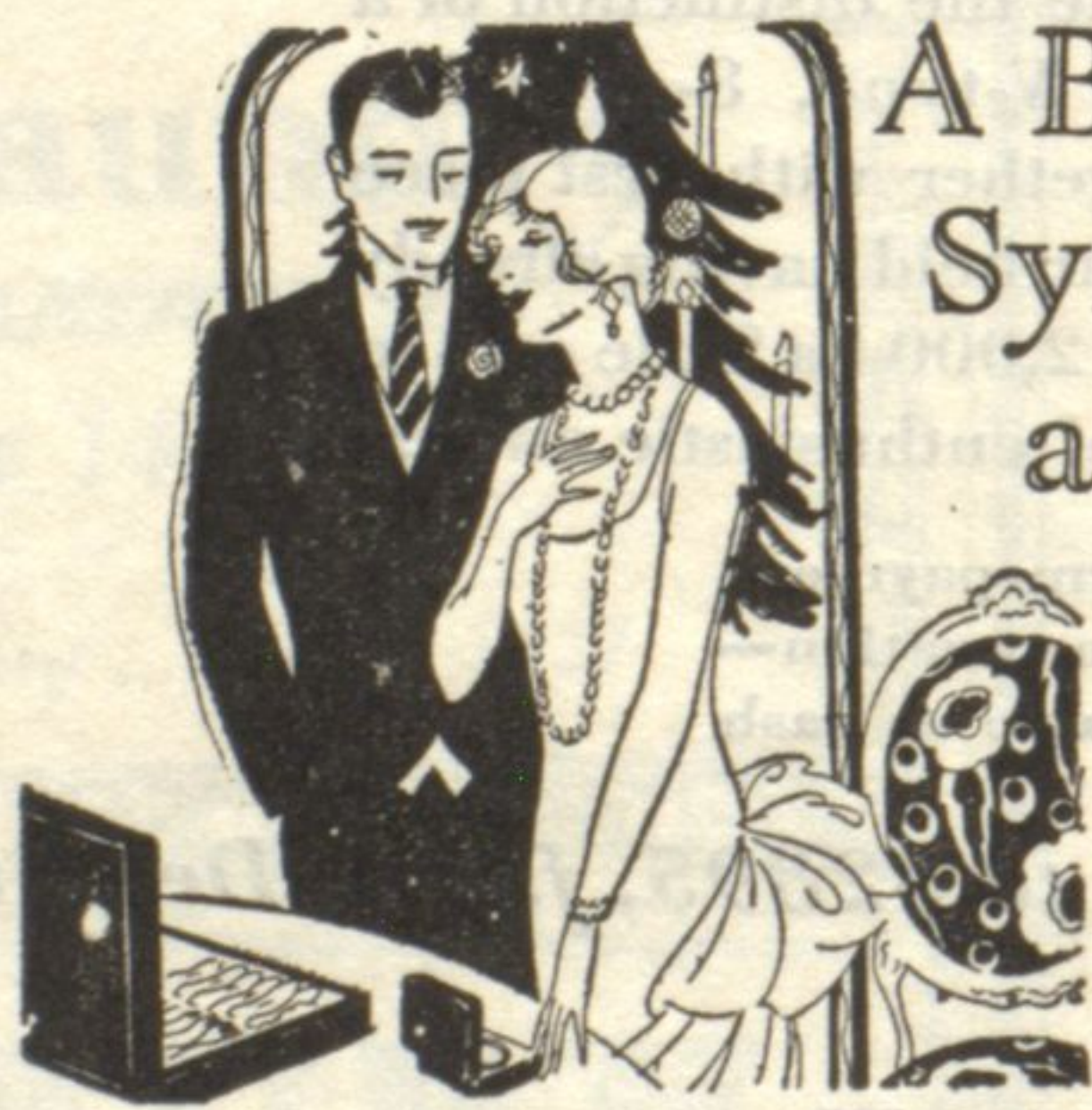
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reichmann of 600 Central avenue gave a dinner party recently in honor of Miss Mary Kathryn Delany and her mother, Mrs. Arthur Gibs Delany, of New York City, and their son, James P. Reichmann. Miss Delany is to become the bride of James Reichmann early in the spring. The Misses Elizabeth and Alvena Reichmann returned from Champaign to attend the dinner party.

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