

# THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

By Frances Walter.

ARTHUR LEAVES ME AND MARIAM COMEETS ME. (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

The darkness of early winter was upon the city as we drove through the narrow streets to our hotel. Arthur was so absentminded or so angry at my refusal to attend the dinner party that he had retired within himself and hardly opened his mouth. The result was that Mr. Gordon took matters in charge and banded both Mariam and me into a taxi cab. Arthur got in and sat on the seat with Mr. Gordon, facing us.

None of us spoke for some time, Arthur's well-defined resentment toward me settled down upon us all, dampening our spirits. There was about as much gaiety in the party as there is in an ordinary cabful of mourners going to a funeral. Arthur was grim because he could not have his own way, and I was hurt because he had shown me so little consideration. Mr. Gordon was silent. I knew, partly because he was angry with Arthur, and partly because he sympathized with me. Poor little Mariam was plainly frightened. She did not know what to make of such a reception, and I did not blame her.

Judging by newspaper articles I have read, I imagine that many a woman had obtained a divorce for less reason than Arthur gave me that night. Here I was snatched from the jaws of death and restored to him, a dutiful, loving wife, and his first thought was to hurry away without me to a dinner party. I could not help thinking that I was the person last considered in his proposed arrangement. Had he wanted merely me he would have been content to have me and me alone in the hotel that evening. Instead, he wished to rush off to the Regniers. Surely it could not be his eagerness for me to meet his friends. There was some ulterior motive and it was not hard for me to find it. My thoughts went back to his letter and to his radiant description of Therese Regnier. She was the one who was calling him that night!

I was aroused from my reflections by Mr. Gordon's deep voice. He was telling me not to judge the city by the glimpse I was obtaining on my way to the hotel. "For," he said, "you will find it more beautiful tomorrow."

I thought I detected a double meaning in his words. I fancied he was trying to cheer me with the suggestion that on the morrow life would have assumed a more pleasant aspect; that my little misunderstanding with Arthur would be a thing of the past.

Of course, I was prepared to forgive Arthur immediately. All that was needed was a contrite word from him and the strangeness of his greeting would have been forgotten. I would have been content, I would have forgiven the insult to me and would have considered myself once more the happiest woman alive.

But he gave no sign of contrition. His moroseness increased. He was hardly civil in his replies to two or three questions which Mr.



When I awoke I could hear Arthur moving about in his room, the door of which was closed.

Gordon, from a desire to relieve the situation, put to him. When he arrived at the hotel he bade my two friends a brusque adieu and led me away to our rooms. As he wanted to go to the Regniers he could go. I was keenly disappointed, but I felt that to spend the evening with Arthur under such circumstances would be a greater punishment than to be alone. Therefore, when we had been in our rooms a few minutes I told him that I was tired and wished to retire.

"But I do not want to spoil your evening," I told him. "If you have an engagement, keep it."

When I insisted upon his going, Arthur protested but weakly. It was not difficult to see that a little persuasion would send him on his way. By this time I was in no mood to have him with me, and I insisted upon his leaving. When he had gone I threw myself across the bed and wept softly.

How long I lay there I do not know. Possibly I had sobbed myself to sleep. At any rate, I suddenly found that I was not alone. Some one was seated on the bed and a frail hand was stroking my hair. It was Mariam.

"Uncle John brought me to the door," she said, "and told me to see if you were alone."

I took her hand and pressed it to my lips.

"You and your Uncle John are very good to me," I told her. "He has been worrying about you," she went on. "He did not say anything, but I could see that he was anxious. He sat with me in my room for a long time. I have seldom seen him so grave. He did not mention your name, but I knew what he was thinking about. He was thinking about you."

A slight moan escaped me as I realized the humiliating position in which Arthur had placed me. Was it possible that the tender affection which he had shown me back in our former home was all gone? Mariam placed her cheek against mine and we lay still for a moment. "It is a strange world in which we live! One emotion succeeds another. Hardly have we viewed one landscape before another greets our eyes, and the former one is forgotten. The sweetness of one friendship makes us forget another's bitterness. One the heels of Arthur's rudeness had come the assurance that two hearts were beating for me because of his conduct." (To be Continued.)

drainage of the subsoil, natural or artificial, making a strong, unyielding foundation; and (2) a wearing surface, forming a smooth, hard, compact crust, which sheds water readily, and distributes the concentrated wheel load over a greater area of sub-soil.

With this as a beginning it goes on to show that a good earth road is the first step towards a good gravel or stone road, and the various stages in this development are briefly described. Separate sections are devoted to earth roads, tile drainage, gravel roads, and working diagrams are included to make plainer the descriptions given.

After all, highway betterment is largely a matter of common sense and co-operation. The Government has come forward in a large handed way to assist the rural communities to improve their roads. It will bear a considerable portion of the cost of construction in counties; it will pay part of the salary of a township road overseer; and it will contribute a portion of the annual cost for maintenance of improved county roads. But to insure the best return to the people for this investment those having to do with road maintenance must be instructed in their work. For two years now a conference of road overseers and superintendents has been held early in the spring in the Parliament Buildings where instructive papers were read and road problems discussed. The best experience in road construction and maintenance has been reduced by the department to available form for these men, and the next year's report should witness great movement towards highway betterment in Ontario. This is in harmony with the general advance that is taking place in agriculture. The labor problem has forced the farmer to use more machinery, the Hydro-Electric as it is extended will further simplify this difficulty, the motor car and telephone brings the farmer nearer the centre of population, and the centres of population as well nearer the farm, and the connecting link is good roads. That is the economy of the whole thing.

### Refused to Make Munitions.

Canadian prisoners in Germany were sentenced to a year in jail by the Germans for refusing to make war munitions, according to a letter received in Ottawa from Corporal Ian A. Simons, formerly a prisoner in Germany, and now transferred to the internment camp in Switzerland. He writes that Corporal Harry Hogarth, of Ottawa, is one of those who refused to make munitions, and it is expected he will have to serve the year's sentence which has already been imposed upon him. Steps have been taken to bring it before the authorities, so that it can be investigated, according to The Hague tribunal, prisoners of war are not to be called upon to make munitions.

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### ROADS WORK GOES AHEAD.

Ontario Government is Completing Organization of Big Scheme. One of the significant signs of stability in the midst of the war struggle is the manner in which the different departments of the Ontario Government are continuing the ordinary routine of administration, and at the same time laying careful plans to deal with the added problems that are sure to arise as the war draws to a close.

The war necessarily called a halt to several important projects that had reached a stage when actual work was about to commence. Not one department of the Government but was obliged to suspend or curtail operations to some extent. This was particularly so in the case of the highway improvement program.

It might be pointed out that the scheme initiated by Sir James Whitney three years ago for a province-wide system of highways had been enacted into law. A million dollars has been set aside to start the important work. The former Highways Branch of the Public Works Department has now been enlarged into a Department of Highways under a Deputy Minister, who has taken over the administration of the Motor Vehicle Act and the licensing of automobiles as logically coming within the scope of this work. The failure of the Senate at Ottawa to pass the Highway Aid bill has not affected the policy of the Provincial Government towards highway improvement. The new department has gone ahead completing its organization and making a survey of the situation all over the Province.

Until the dislocation caused by the war has passed away and monetary conditions become normal it is not expected that many counties will embark upon a program of highway construction, especially while their money raising efforts are absorbed with war grants. But this will not prevent much necessary and good work being done on the township roads. These roads are feeders to the main county roads, and unless they are properly maintained the efficiency of the whole scheme will be impaired.

W. A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, has prepared for distribution an admirable pamphlet road construction for township road superintendents and overseers. This manual, as it is called, sets out in simple plain language the important principles which should be applied to township road maintenance and improvement. The essential features, it is pointed out, are: (1) thorough

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Baked Potatoes  
Marshmallow Cake, Milk or Tea

**DINNER**  
Clam Soup  
Baked Bluefish with Egg Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Steamed Tomatoes  
Steamed Custards (served ice cold)  
Tea or Coffee

**Green Corn Pudding**  
Materials—Six ears corn, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon white pepper.

### DEATH FOR AIDING VILLA

Extreme Penalty For Those Who Harbor Bandit.

El Paso, Texas, August 3.—Death has been decreed for all who harbor or give aid to Villa in Mexico. Two Mexicans, father and son, lost their lives today as a result of this proclamation. They were Nemecio Tejeda and his 16-year-old son Teodoro. They lived at Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, southwest of Parral. When Villa was in hiding after the battle of Jimenez and when he had been driven from Las Niervas ranch, Tejeda, who is a descendant of the former president of Mexico, gave

him aid because Villa appealed to him and declared that he was being persecuted by the Americans, who wished to kill him so they could take Mexico.

Tejeda dressed Villa's wounds according to the information obtained by the Carranza officials from the Parral garrison.

For his part in aiding Villa Tejeda and his son were found guilty of aiding an enemy of the Government and were shot.

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No. 15—Fast Ex.	2:55 a.m.	3:58 a.m.
No. 17—Lcl. to Tor.	8:30 a.m.	8:54 a.m.
No. 1—Int'l. Lcl.	1:41 p.m.	2:12 p.m.
No. 1—Mail	2:04 p.m.	2:49 p.m.
No. 11—Lcl. to Belleville	6:48 p.m.	7:37 p.m.

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Station	Leave	Arrive
No. 15—Mail	1:40 a.m.	2:17 a.m.
No. 15—Fast Ex.	3:55 a.m.	4:58 a.m.
No. 32—Lcl. to Brockville	8:18 a.m.	8:50 a.m.
No. 6—Mail	12:20 p.m.	1:12 p.m.
No. 14—Int'l. Lcl.	1:08 p.m.	1:58 p.m.
No. 12—Lcl. to Brockville	6:48 p.m.	7:37 p.m.

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