

THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

By Frances Walter.

I BEGAN TO PUT MY PLAN INTO EXECUTION.

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My resolution to go my own way and permit Arthur to go his was not pertained in without a twinge or two from my conscience. No sooner had I arrived at this decision than I was assailed from all sides with doubts of the propriety and effectiveness of such a treatment of my case.

The first question which came to me was: Is it treating Arthur right? Should I not speak to him, and warn him, that unless he devoted more time to his wife I would console myself by spending my time with others? The question answered itself. He had been warned scores of times. I had remonstrated with him on half a dozen occasions, and he persisted in his course. Would another warning be more effective?

Another doubt which came to my mind concerned me even more closely. If I planned ahead in pursuit of happiness might I not become so involved that I could not extricate myself when I wished? After six months or so of pleasure seeking would I be the same Roxane that I had been? Might I not become contaminated, if not by my associates, by the very nature of my pursuit? Would it be possible for me to seek my own contentment without discovering that I had only increased my selfishness and without finding that I was getting farther and farther from the object of my search?

These doubts made me pause before existing loose from the anchorage of my home, and I must confess that the figure which arose before me most frequently when I thought of my future was the figure of Arthur. Was this because I really loved him? I think the result of my reflections was that I should not say anything to Arthur which would reveal the nature of the resolution which I had reached. I was not only stubborn enough to think he had been warned sufficiently, but I also feared that I might be regarded by him as a complaining, whining wife, and if there is one character in the world who is absolutely devoid of reason it is such a woman.

But like many resolutions, this one vanished into thin air soon after it was made. Arthur came home later than usual that night, looking tired and worn.

"Aren't you well?" I asked him as I noted his pale face.

"Perfectly well," he assured me. "Only a little tired."

"You shouldn't work so hard," I remonstrated.

"Oh, it is nothing," he declared. "All I need is a little sleep. To-morrow morning I shall be as well and as full of pep as ever."

"I hope so," I told him.

Something in my voice caused him to look quickly at me.

"What's the matter, Roxane?" he



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asked. "You speak as if you suspected I was an invalid."

"No, you are not an invalid—yet," I admitted. "The question is, how long will it be before you are one?"

"That is all foolishness," he replied with impatience. "Work never yet killed anybody, and it won't kill me. Besides, I am not working as hard as some of the others down at the office. Why, Evans has had a cough moved into his inner office and he sleeps there half the time. I tell you, Roxane, we are doing a great business, and it is necessary for us to take advantage of every opportunity that is offered to get the work out. This war isn't going to last forever, and it is a case of making hay while the sun shines."

"Well, I shan't argue that point with you, Arthur," I told him. "We have discussed it before and you know precisely how I feel concerning

the manufacture of munitions for the warring nations. I wish you were in some other business, but since you are not I shall not burden you with reproaches."

He started to speak, but checked himself and remained quiet. I knew what he was going to say. He would have defended the traffic. But he either thought argument would be futile, or he was too tired to pursue the subject. He arose wearily and started for his room.

"I wish you would come home early to-morrow," I ventured uncertainly. "I would like to have you take me to the theatre."

"Where?"

He stopped abruptly and stared at me in astonishment. He looked very much as if I had asked him to help me throw a cast net over the moon.

"To the theatre," I repeated. "We haven't been out in some time, and I think it would do us both good."

"Why, you know I cannot go," he replied. "I am too thoroughly tied up. I cannot leave the office to-morrow evening. My work is packed up neck high on my desk."

"I am sorry," I said after a pause. "I think you are making a mistake not to go. You would enjoy it and we would be glad to have you with us."

I emphasized the "us" ever so lightly, but he did not notice it. He did not even catch the drift of my statement.

"However," I continued, determined that he should know, "I shall be home about as early as you, unless the play is an unusually long one."

"What?" He comprehended only by degrees. Then he smiled faintly. "Oh, I see," he said. "You are going without me. Who will be with you?"

"Mariam and Mr. Gordon."

He seemed about to say something, but he restrained himself. Prowling, he turned on his heel and left the room muttering a half-audible "Good-night."

(To be Continued.)

THE NEW AUDACIOUS DRIVE OF THE AUSTRO-GERMANS IN EXTREME SOUTH.

A Tremendous Struggle is Expected on the Bukovina and Transylvanian Fronts—The Enemy Not Meeting With Success.

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The whole of Gen. Brusiloff's front, from the district of Kovel to Rumania, presents an almost continuous battle line, with large Russian and Austro-German forces constantly engaged in attacks and counter-attacks, each side successfully defending its position, but making no lasting progress against its opponent.

It has become evident that the intention of breaking through the northern sector of Gen. Brusiloff's line and recapturing Lutsk has been supplemented since Rumania's entry into the war, but a more audacious plan—a move at the extreme southern flank by the Austro-Germans in the hope of separating the Russian armies from their new allies.

To this end the Austro-Germans have concentrated heavy forces at the southern tip of Bukovina, where the northern flank of the Russians joins the northern flank of the Rumanians, and have begun an advance south of Dorna-Watra, accompanying this with a vigorous attack slightly farther north in the region of Korosmezo and Kirillbaba and a parallel movement against the Rumanians in Transylvania.

Tremendous Struggle Expected. The Austro-German movement however, is still in its early stages, and a tremendous struggle is expected on this part of the front. Already the Russians have begun counter-maneuvres, as is attested by the number of prisoners taken in the Kirillbaba region, where the first attack of the Austro-Germans, in the view of the military observers, bears little semblance of success.

Fierce fighting still continues southeast of Vladimir-Volynski in Volhynia and south of Berezany in Galicia. At these two points, covering respectively the roads to Vladimir-Volynski and Lemberg, a continuous battle is being carried on at close range, leading often to bayonet encounters, but without producing any decisive results.

Falkenhayn Will Fail. London, Oct. 19.—Falkenhayn's offensive in Transylvania has a very strong resemblance to Hotesendorff's disastrous push in the Trentino with this difference, that Falkenhayn has got only half as many troops at his disposal, and has no such base as the formidable Trentino fortifications to fall back upon.

Thus the German bid for the Carpathian passes was summed up to me by a Rumanian diplomat, who added that the Rumanian General Staff had adopted all necessary measures for preventing the enemy's invasion of the country. Falkenhayn, said he, could not hope to invade Rumania with his present army. Any attempt of the kind would lead to disaster, because the enemy would find himself taken in a eul de sac by superior Russo-Rumanian forces.

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Stockholders Annual Meeting—Future of Park Looks Bright.

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