

THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

(By Frances Walter)

EVELYN APPEARS TO BE RECONCILED TO THE INEVITABLE

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Evelyn was not inclined to be communicative concerning her sudden marriage, despite the fact that the circumstances under which she was placed might naturally be expected to cause her to open her heart to the first friend who appeared at her bedside. The average girl, I am quite sure, would have rattled out the whole story, not only of the elopement itself, but of all the incidents leading up to it. But Evelyn was not an ordinary girl, as I had had frequent occasion to observe. Even in her present plight she kept her affairs to herself, telling me only so much as was necessary to confirm Harry's statement of a few moments before.

I do not think I was impolite enough to show her eager: I was for information, but I did invite her in an outburst of enthusiasm to tell me "all about it." That is where the average girl would have shown her femininity and such a girl would immediately have proceeded to tell me "all about it." But Evelyn seemed to gather her cloak of reserve more closely about herself and to retire to an even greater distance.

"There is very little to tell," was her reply. "Harry and I decided to be married this evening, and we just went and were married."

And that was about all I could get out of her, except that she was sorry that her father did not know anything about it.

"Should I not better telephone him now about the accident?" I inquired.

"Oh, no," she protested. "It would be bad enough for him to learn of my marriage. I am sure he would be ill if he heard that I had been injured. Even if I find Arthur I shall not bring him here tonight. You need sleep. He will stop in on his way to the office."

"Tell him he'd better come early, then, because I shan't be here after breakfast. My wife and I will be better rested for our lives."

"Oh my way home I could not help wondering what Arthur would say when he learned of the elopement." (To Be Continued.)

PRICE TO GO UP.

Several Households To Share In The Times.

London, Dec. 26.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase owing to the restrictions on the importation of paper and paper-making materials and the shortage of labor. It advises the readers of the old custom, by which news agents arranged that each day's copy of the paper should be shared by several London households and finally mailed to the provinces or abroad.



IMPORTED HOUSE.

The photograph shows one of the latest English models in a silk crepe de chine blouse finished with an elaborate long roll collar and cuffs, trimmed with three rows of dainty lace.

TO STOP THE NONSENSE

Post-Office Department Says "Kitchen" Is Name.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Post-Office Department has given notice that "on and after this date all letters addressed Berlin, Ont., are not to be delivered, but are to be returned to the senders, marked "No such post-office in Ontario." Since the name Berlin was changed to Kitchener, Ont., as the result of a petition, signed by ratepayers of that city, mail has continued to pour in inscribed with the original address and the Post-Office Department has now determined that the new name must be recognized.

AUSTRALIAN TERRITORY.

Vast Tracts of Federal Land To Be Opened Up.

The steady opening up of that vast tract of federal land in Australia known as the Northern Territory, is one of the most interesting of the world's great projects. The federal authorities have many difficulties to contend with, difficulties which have been considerably accentuated during the past two years owing to the war; but good progress is, nevertheless, being made in all directions.

One of the latest enterprises to report progress is that of Sir William Hiltarto, who entered into a contract with the government some time ago to establish cold storage works for meat at Port Darwin. According to a recent despatch from Port Darwin, the erection of these works is now well in hand, and it is hoped, in spite of all delays, due chiefly to the war, to be in a position to commence work early next April. The importance of this project to the development of the country in the immediate future is very considerable. Hiltarto, as is pointed out in the despatch already referred to, the pastoralists, not being assured of an outlet for their stock, have not given due attention to the improvement of their herds. The effect of the erection of the cold storage works at Port Darwin has already been that pastoralists are devoting themselves to this important question, and the welfare of stock is being considered in many ways, notably in the provision of wells along the droving routes.

One of the most important outstanding questions in the Northern Territory, as in most new countries, is the question of transport, and it is welcome to note that the greatly needed extension of the railway from Pine Creek to Katherina has now been undertaken, while the extension of the pier at Port Darwin is to be ready to handle traffic by April next.

As the possibilities of the country become more fully known, and a larger amount of capital is available for its development, its progress will, of course, be steadily more rapid. At present, many enterprises are hampered for lack of capital, a lack due very largely to the fact that so much of the money in the Northern Territory is still in an experimental stage. The government, however, is carrying on experimental and research work with welcome energy, and already, especially in the matter of agriculture, most gratifying results have been obtained. The outlook for the future in the Northern Territory is, indeed, in every way encouraging.

THE LOSS OF THE BREMEN.

The Bremen is gone. This is now admitted by the German officials at Berlin as well as at Washington. Sometimes we shall wonder where she has gone—whether to the dark unfathomed caves of ocean or to the temporary oblivion of a British port. It is altogether probable that the British have "got" her, in one way or the other. Their net-and-trawler gear, designed for the most improved and also the most successful features of the war. For what could be more appalling than this steady dropping of boat after boat into the nameless void? The Bremen is supposed to be a merchantman, but we imagine that there is a great sorrow in any neutral country, outside of militant German circles, over the submarine's loss. Her purpose, with that of her predecessor the Deutschland, was purely mischievous. She was to cause a part of Germany's war on the Allies as an attack in the field has been; and the disappearance of this boat, if it was at the hands of the British navy, contributes just so much to the deliverance of the ocean from the peril and nuisance of warlike operations.

Boys in War Game.

The war threatens soon to become a struggle between mere boys. The pace is said to be entirely too fast for the older men long to endure. It is asserted here that next year the Entente allies will be facing boys of 17 in the German army.

General Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British expeditionary forces, is said to have objected to the sending out of men of middle age. He wants men from 18 to 25 years old. After the latter year it is said the fighting value of the human mind shows a rapid and steady decline. The good soldier of to-day, it seems, must be of the age which exalts in the more strenuous athletic games—the football player type. The older men have their place, but, generally speaking, it is now to be in "the army" behind the army—the men back of the line, in the supply and transport divisions, where the strain is not so great. These older men are too susceptible to trench diseases to be of great use on the firing line. England already is registering boys born in 1899, preparatory to calling them up when they attain their eighteenth year.

GERMANS TRY SLAVERY

TWO METHODS OF TREATING PRISONERS ARE CONTRASTED

Tentons Have Returned to the Cruelties of Historic Semi-civilizations. While the British Act as Though the Captured Huns Were Guests, Even Though They Are Very Unwelcome Ones.

WHEN it can be truthfully said that in England the interned German prisoners of war are being treated as guests, even if unwelcome ones, and that on the contrary the British and Allied prisoners in Germany are being rated as galley slaves, contrast can go no further. The world, indeed, is just beginning to realize that the German system of working its 2,000,000 prisoners of war is a return to conditions the analogies of which can only be found in past savagery or in the historic semi-civilizations of the Orient, refined on the surface but inhumanly cruel throughout. In consequence of the American Embassy in London reported officially on the British prison camps and given them a good recommendation, but the attitude of the press of Great Britain is against any reprisals even against proved German cruelties. A typical editorial runs as follows:

"Compassionate treatment of prisoners of war has for centuries been a British characteristic. At the best the condition of prisoners of war is a hard one, and it is the duty of a civilized State calling itself Christian to mitigate their irksome lot by every means in its power. Whatever the enemy may do or not do, it is not for us to imitate his bad example. Let it suffice that our own duty is plain. We rejoice that that duty is being performed in the right spirit by the commandants of the internment camps in Great Britain and Ireland. In so acting they are maintaining a noble British tradition of which we have a right to be proud."

Indeed, the charge has even been made in England that some of the prisoners of war were pampered, which again is in contrast to what Germany does, since over there when the British sent some prisoners of war to France, there they are being used as workers, but not under the conditions obtaining in Germany, the German authorities, though they have been working the British prisoners since the beginning of the war, considered the act outrageous, and as a warning and in reprisal shipped a large group of prisoners into service in Poland, a kind of Siberian exile. Under the circumstances one can well believe that German prisoners of the French or English write home that their camps are "palaces," while it is incredible that any British prisoner in Germany who is housed in the industrial camps, where their service is paroled out very much as the South has paroled out its negro criminals, could declare that his accommodations were palatial unless he were unbalanced. And while it is known that official Germany is still contemptuously indifferent to the criticisms of outsiders, the work of critics like Doctor Curtis will tell some day, and in the final reckoning there will be an accounting for all the unnecessary and unprovoked savagery which any of the combatants may be guilty of. It is unlikely the world has heard the last of the German industrial prison camps.

Has Learned His Lesson.

Discussing the relation of the United States to the European War, President Wilson recently declared that "this is the last war that involves the world that the United States can keep out of." He gave as his reason his belief that "the business of neutrality is over," and that "war now has such a scale that the position of neutrality is no longer later becomes intolerable." He added that the nations of the world must get together and say, "nobody can hereafter be neutral as respects the disturbance of the world's peace for an object which the world's opinion cannot sanction."

Financial.

A teller's story. Compound interest is a powerful thing. Bill and Jim, both in khaki, breasted the counter the other day, and one—the financial member of the party—asked: "Does this bank give compound interest?" On being told that it did, he placed \$3. on the mahogany and said, "Bill and me want to know how long it will take this traybit to double itself, so we can both have a drink." It took only two minutes.—London Opinion.

Lists of Prisoners.

German prisoners held by the British are: Military officers, 729; other ranks, 36,166; naval officers, 150; other ranks, 1,976; total, 39,920. British prisoners of war held in Germany are: Military officers, 922; other ranks, 27,770; naval officers, 47; other ranks, 261; total, 30,101.

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Cream Muffins

LUNCHEON OR SUPPER
Cream of Peasoup
Roast Beef and Butter
Rice Fudding from Yesterday
Tea or Coffee

DINNER
Broth, Irish Stew
Carrrot Salad
Fruite Salad
Coffee

Baked Bananas
Skin and scrape 6 bananas, cut in half lengthwise, then in half again. Put on buttered cheese-cake pan or platin, dust with ¼ teaspoon salt, then sprinkle with ¼ cup brown sugar. Bake in moderate oven 20 minutes.

Salmon Croquettes with Cream Sauce
Materials: 1 cup cooked salmon, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon flour, ¼ cup milk, ½ teaspoon salt, dash white pepper, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 egg and breadcrumbs.

Utensils—Mixing bowl, 2 measuring cups, teaspoon, tablespoon, platter and small bowl, deep fry pan, small saucepan.

Directions—Put the fish into bowl, add the cream sauce and lemon juice, mix well with fork so that the fish is well broken. Set aside to get cold; mold into cones, roll in bread-crumbs, then in egg (1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon milk), then in bread-crumbs, fry in deep hot fat.

Sauce: Put the butter into saucepan; melt, add the flour; mix well and add the cold milk slowly, stirring until thick and smooth; add the salt, pepper; boil 2 minutes.

Meat Salad
Two cups meat, ¼ cup finely cut onion, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 2 teaspoons celery salt, ½ teaspoon paprika, 1 cup finely cut potatoes, 1 cup mayonnaise.

Remove all fat and cut the meat into three-quarter inch pieces; add the onion, potato, celery salt, parsley and paprika; mix well and stand in cold place one hour. Line bowl with lettuce; put in the salad and cover with the mayonnaise. Garnish the edge with a few sprigs of parsley and ½ carrot, cut into dice. The carrot was boiled in the soup.



THE WINTER GIRL.

The illustration shows a charming white ermine collar of elegant design trimmed at the outer end with a fringe of carefully selected tails. There is also shown the new fringed muff of the same material. This is one of the latest imported models to reach Canada.

W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines, re-elected mayor by acclamation.

SUCCESS OF A NEW REMEDY FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS, RHEUMATISM.

Dear Mr. Editor—I suffered for years with backache. Last March I tried "Anuric" and have used this new kidney medicine recently discovered by Dr. Pierce, and it was wonderful the way it eased the pain and gave me relief in such a short time. I have tried several medicines, but "Anuric" is the only one that gave satisfaction. I feel it my duty to recommend "Anuric Tablets" to any one who suffers as I did.

(Signed) MRS. MARGARET E. STIDEN.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM.

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Switzerland has addressed a peace note to the belligerent powers.

Fred Banks, aged eighteen, of Mimico, was killed by a train while walking on the tracks.

Sir Norman Hill, a noted shipping authority, gives an optimistic statement on British shipping losses.

According to figures the war has banished poverty from Toronto, but has taken a heavy toll in casualties.

James Hedley, for thirty years editor of the Monetary Times, died at his home, 79 St. Joseph street, Toronto.

The Toronto coal dealers, in view of the snowstorms and the holiday traffic, have given the railways a few days grace.

John Ross Robertson assumed the roll of Santa Claus at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, for the thirtieth time.

Peter Alderson went back for his tools into a burning furniture factory at Warton and has not been seen since.

Hundreds of women and children from Canada, most of them to spend the Christmas holidays with their soldier husbands and fathers, have arrived in England.

Germany hopes to raise an additional 4,000,000 men for her armies by the "combing" out of civilians and the employment of more women on munitions, etc.

R. B. Bennett, M.P., and Labor representatives conferred on labor's attitude to the National Service registration, but were not able to agree and adjourned till Tuesday.

The body of James G. Wing, real estate agent, of Kitchener, sixty-eight years of age, who disappeared mysteriously on Dec. 11, was found in a cistern in a vacant house.

Mrs. Alfred Brittle was acquitted by the magistrate at Woodstock of the charge of shoplifting, and the Returned Soldiers' Association is demanding the resignation of Constable Bickley, acting Chief of Police, who caused her arrest.

YOUNG MAN KILLED

While Returning Home From a Hunting Trip.

Perth, Dec. 22.—Sad news reached town this afternoon of the death of a young man named Miller from Lombardy. The story is told of him going to the bush to chop wood and he had his gun along and while returning home the gun discharged, killing him. A happy event took place here on Wednesday evening when William Priblon, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Priblon, and Miss Ethel Munroe were made man and wife by Rev. J. P. McLuman. The happy young couple will reside in town.

Herbert McCann of Toronto, is spending the holidays with his father, John McCann, Mrs. William J. Carey of Holyoke, Mass., returned home after spending a couple weeks with her sister, Mrs. Felix Bennett, Mrs. Fletcher of Toronto, wife of the late Thomas Fletcher, who made the supreme sacrifice in France, recently is visiting in town.

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