

Reading for Women and the Family



"When a Girl Marries"

A New, Romantic Serial Dealing With the Absorbing Problem of a Girl Wife

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"Jim!" I gasped. "The ring! The ring isn't in the box, it's gone!"

"Nonsense, it isn't gone," said Jim, rising and coming around to my side of the table. "It couldn't be gone. It must have rolled out of the box when Bertha dropped it."

"How did it get out?" asked Jim judicially.

"What a minute," I interrupted. "There are two things we must clear up at once. You did know there was a ring, Bertha, for when you asked me to come into the hall I was wearing it, and you watched me tap the heels of her shoes and feel my way around the hem of her dress. The search revealed nothing. Suddenly she flung herself at my feet."

"Oh, Mrs. Harrison, they'll pin it to me sure!" she sobbed. "The reason I was leaving and wouldn't tell is like this. I am married—and my man's a crook. He's served two years for a second-story job and he gets back to-night from the river. I was leaving you because I like you so well. I didn't want to stay here and let him come to me for fear he'd gone onto the place like he did my last one—and that's things. That's why I was going. Now do you see why the police will fasten this to me? Oh, Mrs. Harrison, I love my man even if he is a crook. But I ain't one. Help me, please, if you love your husband, help me."

I put my hand out and helped Bertha to her feet. I was impressed by her wild sincerity. I felt rather than believed that she had nothing to do with the theft—if theft it was—of my ring. Yet what else could I think?

I myself had replaced the ring in its box an hour before. During the time that intervened, the box remained on my livingroom table. Besides Bertha, two other persons had been alone with the box and its contents—Daisy and Carl. Unthinkable to suspect Carl, my dear old pal. Then if Bertha was innocent, as indeed I felt and believed, whom, except Daisy, was there to connect with the disappearance of my ring?

Through my mind there flashed Daisy's envious expression when first she saw the ring. Again in my ears rang her bitter words:

"Everything's for you. An adoring husband to jewels. You—you matter to every one. Can't you leave Carl alone?"

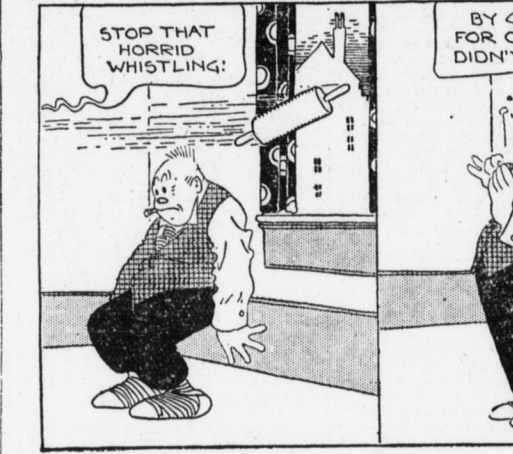
I remembered Daisy's mad rush to get out of my apartment. But then Carl, too, had rushed away—out of town. My brain whirled. Bertha's eyes were fixed pleadingly on my face and I had to say something. So I pulled myself together and answered her plea for help.

"Bertha, I do believe you are innocent. I tell that to the police. Don't let them hold me! Don't let them hold me. If I don't go to my meeting place to-night, my husband will come here and then I won't have a chance in the world. And he'll go to the river again—or worse. For I think he'd kill anyone who laid hands on me."

"Then there was a knock at the door. 'The police,' shrieked Bertha and flung herself wildly at my feet. 'I never touched the ring. Don't let them take me. If I don't go to meet my man to-night I can't answer for him—or for what'll happen.'"

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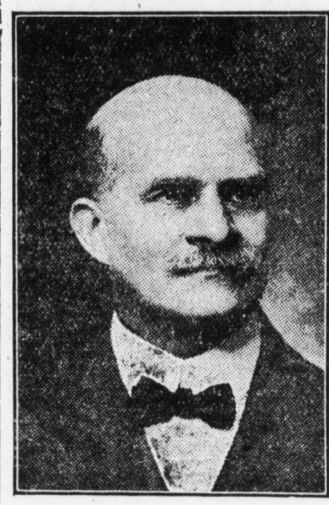
Bringing Up Father



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OPENING OF WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE IS PLANNED



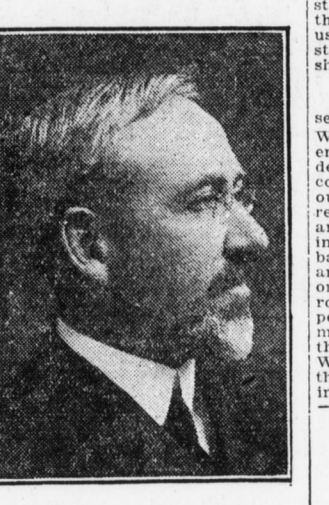
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The opening of the seventh year of the Monthly Bible Conferences under the auspices of the International Bible Conference Committee, will occur September 28, 1919, in the First Baptist Church, Second and Pine streets, Harrisburg.

The Rev. W. L. Pettingill, dean of the Philadelphia School of the Bible will be the teacher November 23, 24 and 25. Mr. Pettingill is well known here and very popular as a teacher. The Rev. Dr. A. C. Gaebelein, editor of "Our Hope," and a writer of many books and pamphlets on Christian subjects

will conduct the conference December 29 and 30. For the remainder of the season ending May 1920, a strong program is in the making.

Out of this conference has grown conferences at Lebanon, Reading, and Shippensburg and the circuit of ten days, covering these points, is known as the Harrisburg Bible Conference circuit. It is under the control of the following prominent church men of Harrisburg: W. G.

WILSON SEEKS TO AVERT STRIKE

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will meet here to take such action as they might deem necessary.

The telegram to the President follows:

"The executive committee representing the various international unions in the iron and steel industry met to-day to consider the awful situation which exists in many of the iron and steel industry centers. The coercion, the brutality, employed to prevent men and unions from meeting in halls engaged, upon private property in the open air; the thugery of the corporation's emissaries, the wholesale discharge of numbers of men for no reason than the one assigned that they have become members of the union, have brought such a situation that it is exceedingly difficult to withhold or restrain the indignation of the men and the resistance that they declare it is their purpose to prevent."

"The executive committee, relying upon the case as presented to you last week and your earnest declaration to endeavor to bring about a conference for the honorable and peaceful adjustment of the matters in controversy, have thus far been enabled to prevail upon the men not to engage in a general strike. We can not now affirm how much longer we shall be able to exert that influence, but we urge you, even in the great work in which you are engaged, to give prompt attention to this most vital of issues, for if the men can no longer be restrained, it is impossible to forestall what the future may hold in store for an industrial crisis which may ensue and frustrate the project which you have worked at for peaceful and honorable adjustment of industrial affairs in our country."

"A meeting of all presidents of the twenty-four international unions in the steel industry has been called to take place on Tuesday, September 9, in Washington, D. C., to take such action as they may deem necessary. May we not have your reply on or before that time as to the whether or not a conference with the steel corporation is possible?"

Allies Will Not Pledge Themselves Not to Take Further Steps Against Huns

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Sept. 5. — The text of the ultimatum from the Peace Conference to the German Government demanding elimination of the provision of the German constitution providing for Austrian representation in the German Reichsrath was made public to-day at the State Department.

It asserts that in ordering an extension of their occupation of the right bank of the Rhine in event the demand is not complied with within fifteen days from September 2, the Allied and Associated Governments will not pledge themselves not to take further measures to force compliance with the terms of the Peace Treaty.

A summary of the ultimatum was contained in press dispatches from Paris, September 2. The full text follows:

"The Allied and Associated Powers have noted the German constitution, August 11, 1919, and have noted that the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 23 of the German constitution, which provides for the representation of Austria in the imperial council, the article creates a political bond and a common destiny between Germany and Austria in absolute contradiction with the independence of the latter."

"Consequently the Allied and Associated Powers, after having reminded the German Government that Article 178 of the German constitution declares 'provisions of the Treaty of Versailles cannot be affected by the constitution' request the German Government to take due measures to suppress this violation immediately by declaring the second paragraph of Article 61 null and void."

"Without pledging themselves not to take further measures in case of refusal, and by virtue of the Treaty (notably of Article 4281) the Allied and Associated Powers declare that violation of its pledges on essential points constrains them, if their just demand is not complied with within 15 days from the present time, to order at once an extension of their occupation of the right bank of the Rhine."

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enemies, he continued. "Where these enemies are not Germans they are aided by Germans, who are urging the Bolsheviki forward in every way to embarrass Poland. Our new Government, with limited supplies and little clothing for its Army, finds the situation desperate. Such leaders as General Von Lutwitz, military governor of Brussels under German occupation and other widely known generals have been entrusted with the task of crushing Poland, but that will not be possible if Poland can get speedy relief. Until the German Treaty is ratified, we cannot get the foreign troops necessary to stabilize the situation and hold the plebiscites in sections of ceded territory. In the meantime, Polish workmen are being beaten, abused and killed by German troops in Silesia. The Poles are eager to rush into Silesia to avenge the wrongs inflicted on our countrymen, and it is difficult to restrain our people, who are stirred daily by blood-curdling stories of German atrocities told by refugees."

"In the Baltic States of Russia, the Germans are fomenting disorder and lending assistance to the Bolsheviki. On all sides we are forced to face this new war that Germany is waging against the Allied cause. She is determined to conquer Russia at any cost and is making every effort to hamper us in our battle against disorder. German propagandists are

Fomenting Disorder

"The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference on September 2 sent a note couched in forcible terms to the German government pointing out that Article 61 of the German constitution conflicted with Article 80 of the German peace treaty forbidding German interference in Austrian affairs. The article in the German constitution referred to provided for the representation of Austria in the German Reichsrath and the council demanded suppression of this article within a fortnight, declaring that otherwise the Allies would be compelled to undertake further occupation of the left bank of the Rhine."

Germany Send Reply to Note of Allies on Austrian Representation

[By Associated Press.]

Berlin, Sept. 5, (via Basle). — The German reply to the note of the Allies with regard to representation of Austria in the German Reichsrath says the German peace delegation informed the Allies on May 27 that Germany had no intention to modify the Austro-German frontiers by violence, but could not undertake to oppose a German-Austrian spontaneous desire for union with Germany.

The Allies acknowledged receipt of this communication on June 16, the reply continues, and therefore Germany felt authorized to insert Article 61 to the constitution.

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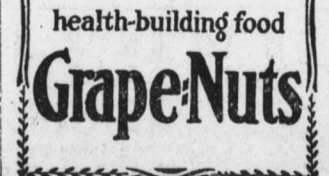
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Hold Final Meeting on German Peace Pact

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Sept. 5.—The foreign relations committee to-day held what Chairman Lodge had announced would be the last hearing on the German treaty. Representatives of Italian societies and others presented Italy's claims on Rome.

Representative La Guardia, Republican, New York, the first witness, said the people of Rome were Italian by blood, tradition and language and were anxious to be reunited to Italy. He said he spoke from three years' experience as American consular agent there and

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