

Reading for Women and all the Family

"When a Girl Marries"

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

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Sunday morning, the day after the accident that had sent Sheldon Blake's life and had sent Val for an enforced visit to Dreamworld, I hurried around to the sick-room. The nurse came to the door in response to my knock and stepped out into the hall in evident distress.

"Mrs. Cosby's very restless and irritable. I think she'd better not see anyone," she stammered.

"Will you ask her if there's anything I can do for her?" I asked, with the stiffness people have a way of showing when shut out of sick-rooms to which they flatter themselves they could bring cheer if only officious nurses didn't forbid them.

"Then I saw that Miss McNeil was far from officious. Instead, that she was a sweet girl charged with the responsibility which made her miserable. In that second I surmised that the nurse was trying to spare my feelings. But still I gave no more than a passing thought to Val's absence of me the day before.

Later Miss McNeil came down to the breakfast table and another message I could see she was loath to deliver.

"My patient is very tired. The reaction," she explained, smiling apologetically, "she thinks she's better than at all day and see no one. I agree with her, so if you'll all forgive me, I'm going to forbid her having any visitors."

Every one seemed to accept this as the natural reaction from all Val had gone through the day before. But I saw that there was more to it than that. Val really wanted to keep me out of her room, and in order to avoid comment and surmise she was denying herself to everyone. What I couldn't fathom was the motive that made Val wish to avoid me. Was that motive dislike or fear?

The events of the afternoon deepened this mystery which piqued and troubled me.

Jim and I walked over to Mason Towers. We took the short cut—the little green path. But when Jim noticed how I trembled and shook beyond all my efforts at self-control, he declared:

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Bringing Up Father

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MINES TO TAKE UP WORK OF GARFIELD

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made after Dr. Garfield had left the conference, officials explained.

Increased Production of Coal Is Indicated by Report From Many Fields

By Associated Press
Chicago, Dec. 12.—General increase in production of bituminous coal to-day was indicated by reports from nearly all coal fields. In a few sections, principally Illinois, however, some of the workers were in rebellion against terms of President Wilson's proposal, acceptance of which halted the strike, and in Montana, Washington and Wyoming the miners indicated they desired a more thorough understanding of the plans. Other instances of deferred resumption of production were expected in the Pittsburgh district, where union leaders continued officially to notify miners to return to work and in West Virginia, where new trouble was encountered because of the old question of the "check-off" system, but the situation generally was regarded with optimism. There were many predictions of return to normal output by early next week.

Severe Weather Passes

In addition to permission to retail stores to operate nine hours Saturday no further immediate relaxation of the strict fuel conservation orders was in prospect to-day. That modification was made because of the near approach of the holiday season.

Majority of Miners in Pennsylvania Signify Willingness to Go Back

Pittsburgh, Dec. 12.—Every effort to expedite the return to work of the 42,000 coal miners in the Pittsburgh district is being made by officials of district No. 6, United Mine Workers of America. Union leaders expected some of the men would resume work to-day and that production would be heavily increased by Monday.

Indiana Mines Working but Not at Full Capacity

By Associated Press
Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—Indiana's coal mines were in operation to-day with a very few exceptions, although reports indicated that not all of them were working at full capacity.

Operators Await Word

Washington, Dec. 12.—Operators to-day were awaiting the official announcement of the settlement of the strike controversy before formulating plans for meeting the requirements of the government's proposal, as has been reported from Washington since the negotiations started, and the majority of them are said to be willing to

Check-Off System Causing Many to Remain on Strike

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The "check-off" system whereby coal companies collected union dues from the wages of miners and which was a section of the wage contract existing in West Virginia prior to November 1, is the question which has caused many union miners to remain on strike, according to statements issued to-

fall in line with the government's officials in bringing the strike to a sure and final end.

Another Cold Wave Forming

Another cold wave was reported forming in the northwest and moving eastward. Most sections would be fortified against it by renewal of coal supplies, it was believed, however.

In the great central competitive field, where there was little or no output yesterday, an overwhelming sentiment in favor of a quick return to work was indicated in reports and statements of union leaders and virtually all mines except in Illinois were expected to be operated to-day or at the latest by Monday.

Nearly normal production by the end of the week was predicted for southern mines. Reports were that by that time mines in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama generally would be in operation.

In the southwest Kansas was the one state where it seemed doubtful when operations would begin. The miners in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas were reported ready to return to work to-day.

The Kansas situation depended upon the outcome of a conference at Pittsburgh to-day between the Governor and Alexander M. Howat, president of the Kansas miners, concerning withdrawal of volunteer diggers and troops. It was understood an agreement was reached yesterday to withdraw the men complained of by the miners as soon as the latter had re-entered the mines.

To Force Reconciliation

In Illinois a number of the locals voted not to accept the terms of the strike settlement and to remain away from the mines. Frank Farrington, state president of the miners, expressed confidence that the men would resume production and said that the state organization would use every means to force re-conciliation to abide by the settlement. He and some of the operators also expressed belief that by the first of next week the output would be normal for this time of the year.

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old contract, which included the "check-off" the men will remain idle, he added.

District union officials continued to-day to urge the men to return to work, but latest reports from the New River and Kanawha fields were to the effect that the situation was not improved.

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