

Mary Marie

By ELEANOR H. PORTER

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

When he got up from the table he said to me: "I shall expect to see you tomorrow in the library at four, Mary."

And Mary answered: "Yes, Father, polite and proper, as she should; but Marie Marie was just chucking with the joke of it all, she was chucking."

The next day I watched again at four for Father to come up the walk; and when he had come in I went down to the library.

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And then she went on to tell him how she'd had an offer, but she wasn't sure whether it was a good one or not. And she told him how lightly she prized his opinion, and he was a man of such splendid judgment, and she felt so alone now with no strong man's shoulder to lean upon, and she would be so much obliged if he only would tell her whether he considered that offer a good one or not.

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me to go with him auto-riding. My how I did want to go! I wanted the ride, of course, but especially I wanted to go because he was Mrs. Maylow's son. I just wanted to show Mrs. Maylow! But Aunt Jane wouldn't let me. That's the time she talked specially about running around with silly boys, but she needs't have. Paul is no silly boy. He's old enough to get a license to drive his own car.

Well, of course, that ended that. And there hasn't been any other since. That's why I say my love story doesn't seem to be getting along very well. Naturally, when it gets noised around town that your best friend won't let a young man come to see you, or even walk home with you after the first time—why, the young men aren't going to do very much toward making your daily life into a love story.

Two weeks later.

A queer thing happened last night. It was like this:

Yesterday Aunt Jane went to spend the day with her best friend. She said for me not to leave the house, as some member of the family should be there. She told me to sew an hour, and to read a book, and to read some interesting book, and to read some interesting book, and to read some interesting book.

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1—Major Sir William Packham, commander in chief of British army forces in North America, now visiting in Washington. 2—Armenian fleet which won first prize in the Balboa day pageant at Fresno, Cal. 3—General Peckham buying candy at National Capital horse show, held for the benefit of Salvation Army campaign.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

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SHOULD REVIVE BUSINESS

No Let-Up in Attack on Attorney General Daugherty—Bankers Meet in Paris to Give International Loan Problem—Communist Outbreak in Bulgaria.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FOR some time President Harding has been striving to bring about a general agreement by the railroads of the country to reduce freight rates materially and voluntarily, accepting the opinion of many experts that lower rates are essential to the recovery of business in our depressed States. He has been in the railway conference since the beginning of the year, and has been in the White House and in the State Department, and has been in the White House and in the State Department, and has been in the White House and in the State Department.

Tom Watson, the eccentric Senator from Georgia, had one of his "spells" last week and tried his best to get into a hot fight with Senator Philip C. Barlow, Watson was angry over Mr. Barlow's action in regard to certain Georgia public utility companies during a session of the senate he made a furious verbal attack on the Senator. They then went outside the main doorway and Watson roundly cursed Barlow, shouting: "If you will come down of that step, I'll knock your face in with my fist." Barlow, declining the challenge to engage, called a sergeant-at-arms, and the raging Watson was led away by Senator McNary.

Nothing doing yet in the matter of a suitable bill for the addition of the Republican Finance Committee last week found themselves evenly divided between Smith's plan for a 100 percent insurance policy and McCumber's plan for a 100 percent insurance policy.

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A ATTORNEY GENERAL DAUGHERTY'S course in relation to war contract frauds and his alleged connection with the securing of Charles W. Morse's release from the Atlanta penitentiary continue to supply the "warrent" of the news from Washington. Senator Caraway of Arkansas is the most persistent of those attacking Daugherty, and the latter made the assertion that the senator was actuated to throw a screen about men guilty of war frauds.

To this Caraway responded with a challenge to the attorney general during his investigation to determine the truth of his charges. Said the Arkansasian: "I defy Daugherty to ask the senate to pass a resolution for an investigation. If he does not do it, he stands convicted before the public as the man who has entered into a corrupt agreement to defraud the government, although he is the attorney general; and if his party will not let him be investigated his party must take the responsibility for not doing it. He said certain things were true, I say when he said it that he uttered a willful and malicious falsehood."

The house has not yet acted on the resolution providing for a congressional investigation of war fraud charges, which was introduced by Senator Norris of Nebraska. He has asked a committee to be formed to investigate the charges. The committee will be formed to investigate the charges.

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PREMIER STAMBOULSKY of Bulgaria had some private conferences with M. Teichenev of Russia when they were at Sofia, and the result appears to be that the Bulgarian government, formerly the declared opponent of bolshevism, has changed front and will line up with the soviet republic and make its international policies conform to those of Russia, Germany and Turkey.

This will not only present a world combination against the allies and the little entente, but also will have its effect on the Thracian question, for the Bulgars have always sided with the Turks against the Greeks there.

The Bulgarian communists started some kind of an uprising a few days ago and at first it was reported they had seized the government; that King Boris was a fugitive. This was false, and it appeared the war was mainly an attempt by the communists to force the removal of King Boris's anti-bolshevik policies from the country. The rebels only did fight a march on Sofia, but the army remained loyal and drove them off.

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