



The GIRL in the MIRROR

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None of the three answered. None of the three could. But, in the incandescent moments that followed, the face of Epstein brightened slowly, like a moon emerging from black clouds. Bangs alone, who had best borne the situation up till now, was unable to meet the reaction. In the silence of the little studio he wept on, openly and unreservedly, as he had not wept since he was a little boy.

CHAPTER XVII

A Little Look Forward

"So Shaw told you?" muttered Epstein a few moments later.

"You bet he did!" Laurie blithely corroborated. "He had to, to save his skin. But he was pretty game, I'll give him credit for that. I had to be one shot past his head to convince him that I meant business. Besides, I had said, I thought he was reaching for something. I suppose I was a little nervous. Anyway, we cleared again, and—well—I'd have killed him, I guess, if he hadn't spoken."

He smiled reminiscently. All three were tacitly ignoring Bangs, who had walked over to the window and by the exercise of all his will-power was now getting his nerves under control.

"Shaw didn't do the tale justice, he didn't time to," Laurie continued. "And I was in such a hurry to get back to Miss Mayo that I didn't ask for many details. But on the way to the garage it occurred to me that I had a chance for a come-back that would keep you three from feeling too snug and happy over the way I had gulped down your little plot. So I flattered it, and I rather think," he added complacently, "that I put it over."

"Put it over!" groaned Epstein. "Meln Gott, I should think you did put it over! You took twenty years off my life, young man; that's von der thing."

"You'll revive," Laurie turned to Rodney, who was now facing them. "All right, old man?"

"I guess so," gulped Rodney. There was no self-consciousness in his manner. He had passed through blazing hell in the last twenty minutes, and he did not care who knew it.

"Then," urged Laurie, seeking to divert him, "you may give me the details Shaw had to skip. How the dickens did you happen to start this frameup, anyhow?"

"Now much did Shaw tell you?" Rodney tried to speak naturally.

"Well, the whole thing, as far as I know, and Epstein had been up to keep me out of mischief," Laurie repeated patiently. "He explained that you had engaged a company to put it over, headed by Miss Mayo, who is a friend of Mrs. Ordway, and who has a burning ambition to go on the stage. He said you promised her that if she made a success of it, she was to have the leading role in our next play. That's about all he told me."

"That's all I know," ended Laurie. "But I want to know some more. Whose bright little idea was this, in the first place?"

"Mrs. Ordway's."

"Louise's!" Unconsciously Laurie's face softened.

"Yes, I went to see her one day," Bangs explained, "and I mentioned that we couldn't get any work out of you till you'd had the adventure you were insisting on. Mrs. Ordway said, 'Well, why don't you give him an adventure?' That," confessed Rodney, "started me off."

"Obviously," corroborated his friend. "So it was Louise's idea. Poor Louise! I hope she got some fun out of it."

"You bet she did!" corroborated Bangs, eagerly. "I kept her posted every day. She said it was more fun than a play, and that it was keeping her alive."

"Humph! Well, go on. Tell me how it started," Laurie was smiling. If the little episode just ended had been, as it were, a bobolink singing to Louise Ordway during her final days on earth, it was not he who would find fault with the bird or with those who had set it singing.

"The day we saw the caretaker in the window across the park," continued Rodney, "and I realized how interested you were, it occurred to me that we'd engage that studio and put Miss Mayo into it. Miss Mayo lives in Richmond, Va., and she had been making a big hit in amateur theatricals. She wanted to get on the legitimate stage, as Shaw told you; so Mrs. Ordway suggested that Epstein and I try her out."

"Never mind all that!" interrupted Laurie. "Perhaps later Miss Mayo will tell me about it herself!"

"Now, what I meant to do was this—Rodney spoke briskly. He was

recovering poise with extraordinary rapidity. His color was returning, his brown eyes were again full of life. And, as always when his thoughts were on his work, he was utterly oblivious to any other interest. "The second act was to be—"

He stopped and stared. Epstein had risen, had ponderously approached him, and had resolutely grasped him by one ear.

"Rodney," said the manager, with ostentatious subtlety, "you don't know it, but you got a date up-town in five minutes."

His voice and manner enlightened the obtuse Mr. Bangs.

"Oh, er—yes," stammered that youth, confusedly, and reluctantly got to his feet.

"Wait a minute," said Laurie. "Before you fellows go, there's one more little matter we've got to straighten out." They turned to him, and at the expression of utter devotion on the two faces the sternness left young Devon's eyes. "I was pretty mad about this business for a few minutes after Shaw explained it," he went on. "You folks didn't have much mercy, you know. You fooled me to the top of my head. But now I feel that we've at least broken even."

"Even! Meln Gott!" repeated Epstein with a groan. "You've taken ten years—"

"You've got back ten already," the young man blithely reminded him. "That's fine! As I say, we're even. But from this time on, one thing must be definitely understood: Henceforth I'm not in leading-strings of any kind, however kindly they are put on me. If this association is to continue, there must be no more practical jokes, no more supervision, no more interference with me or my affairs. Is that agreed?"

"You bet it is!" corroborated Epstein. Again he wiped his brow. "I can't stand the pace you fellows set," he admitted.

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EX-SERVICE MEN AT STATE FAIR

Indiana State Fair Assumes Military Aspect As Veterans Gather Today

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 7.—(United Press)—The Indiana state fair assumed a military aspect today as hundreds of ex-service men came to participate in the American Legion day festivities.

A squadron of battle planes soared over the fair reservation and units of infantry and artillery went through drills. A military parade was held in front of the grand stand at the fair grounds and a flying exhibition was scheduled for the afternoon.

Members of legion posts from all over the state participated in the parade.

Attendance on Labor Day broke all records for Monday at the fair. A total of 70,667 visitors crowded into the reservation. The same day last year the attendance was 62,105.

Judging of exhibits was continued today and another program of grand circuit racing was scheduled for the afternoon.

Silver Fox Farm To Be Located Near Berne

Berne, Sept. 7.—Plans have been made for the establishment of a silver fox ranch on the E. C. Stucky farm, four and one-half miles southwest of Berne. The ranch will be owned by E. C. Stucky and Noah Stucky, of Grabbill. The latter has been manager of the "Hoosier Silver Fox Farm," at Grabbill, where the two men are incorporated for \$60,000 for the purpose of raising high grade silver foxes.

Much material to be used on the fox farm in this county has been purchased already. Operations will begin at once, it is said, and business will be started with ten or fifteen pairs or possibly more. The two men expect to incorporate for \$25,000. The two men are experienced in the fox business and they expect to obtain much profit from the sale of the foxes and furs.

Gerald Buckmaster, of Fort Wayne visited friends here Monday.

PREMIUM AWARDS AT THE FAIR

Agricultural And Horticultural

Jesse H. Franklin, Decatur, R. R. 5: Corn, Y. Dent, 1st prize.

Theo. Blecke, Decatur, R. R. 8: 10 years, Y. Dent, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. timothy seed, 1st prize; Stark apples, 1st prize; Winesap apples, 1st prize; German plum plum, 1st prize; Burbank plum, 1st prize; Bellflower apples, 2nd prize.

Harold Johnson, Decatur, Ind.: 10 ears Y. Dent, 3rd prize; 10 ears Rice pop-corn, 1st prize; 1 pkg. smooth wheat, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. bearded wheat, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. red clover seed, 2nd prize; potatoes, E. Ohio, 3rd prize; potatoes, Rural, 3rd prize; cabbage, R. head, 2nd prize; cucumber, 2nd prize; Kohi Rabi, 1st prize; pimiento, 1st prize; summer crooked N., 1st prize; squash, G. Hubbard, 1st prize; squash, green Hubbard, 1st prize; sweet corn, Golden Bantam, 1st prize; turnips, 1st prize; Stonell Evergreen, 1st prize; apples, Transcendent, 1st prize; peaches, Elberta, 1st prize; Health Cling, 2nd prize; Siberian, 2nd prize; Orange quinces, 1st prize; plums, Lombards, 1st prize; Wickson, 1st prize; green Gage, 1st prize; green grapes, 2nd prize.

William Rupert, Altonore, Ind.: Corn, 1925, 2nd prize; corn, 1926, 3rd prize; sugar beets, 1st prize; sugar beets, 2nd prize; Red Mangelwurzel, 1st prize; 1 pk. barley, 2nd prize.

D. E. Robinson, Decatur, Ind.: 10 ears Par pop-corn, 1st prize; cabbage, flat head, 1st prize; cucumbers, 1st prize; muskmelon, lg. type, Y. flesh, 1st prize; muskmelon, lg. type, Y. flesh, 2nd prize; peppers, large, green, 1st prize; pumpkin, swt. pie type, 1st prize; pumpkin, field type, 2nd prize; Golden Hubbard Squash, 2nd prize; Banana squash, 2nd prize; largest squash, 1st prize; Stonell's Evergreen corn, 2nd prize; large green watermelon, 1st prize; dark green watermelon, 1st prize; white onions, 1st prize; apples, Snow, 1st prize; apples, Wolf River, Golden Grimes, 1st prize; apples, None Such, 1st prize; rural group potatoes, 2nd prize; cabbage, round head, 1st prize; beets, round, 2nd prize.

Israel Bender, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 9: Corn on stalk, 1st prize; peck oats, 2nd prize; apples, Tilton Sweet, 1st prize.

Albert Burke, Decatur, Ind.: Corn, 10 on stalk, 2nd prize.

Carl Noll, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 9: Corn, grown 1925, 1st prize; 1 peck oats, 1st prize.

Otto Holle, Decatur, Ind.: 1 peck smooth wheat, 1st prize.

Mary People, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 6: 1 pk. bearded wheat, 1st prize; 1 pk. Alsike Co. seed, 1st prize.

Lawrence Noll, Decatur, R. R. 7: 1 pk. barley, 1st prize; 1 peck Red Clover seed, 1st prize.

Violet Shipley, Pleasant Mills, Ind.: 1 pk. Soy beans, 1st prize; 1 peck timothy, 2nd prize.

Walter Metz & Son, Portland, Ind.: First and largest sunflowers, 1st prize; hubarb, 12 stalks, 2nd prize; tomatoes, red, 1st prize; onions, red, 1st prize.

Mrs. Fred Bender, Pleasant Mills, Ind.: Early Ohio, 1st and 2nd prizes; Rural group, 1st prize; 1 peck red yams, 1st prize; peppers, large green, 2nd prize.

J. F. Rupert, Monroe, Ind., R. R. 2: Cabbage, flat head, 2nd prize; red tomatoes, 2nd prize; yellow onions, 1st prize.

Mrs. Lawrence Walters, Decatur, Ind.: Muskmelon, large, green flesh, 1st prize.

Harve Koos, Deratdr, Ind., R. R. 8: Pumpkin, sweet pie type, 2nd prize.

Morris Blecke, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 8: Rhubarb, 12 stalks, 1st prize; apples, Baldwin, 1st prize, Ben Davis, 1st prize; Blue Rambo, 1st and 2nd prizes; Northern Spy, 1st prize; Rhode Island Greening, 1st and 2nd prizes; Ralls Russet, 1st and 2nd prizes; Jonathan, 1st and 2nd prizes; Strawberry, 1st and 2nd prizes; Walbridge, 1st and 2nd prizes; Greenville, 1st and 2nd prizes; Bismark, 1st and 2nd prizes; Gravenstein, 1st prize; Mann, 1st prize; Tulpehocken, 1st prize; Golden Pippin, 1st and 2nd prizes; Greening, 1st and 2nd prizes; Winesap, 2nd prize; Alexander, 2nd prize; Sweet Bough, 1st prize; None-such, 2nd prize; Canada Red, 1st and 2nd prizes; Pears, Bartlett, 1st and 2nd prizes; Keifer, 1st and 2nd prizes; Duchess, 1st and 2nd prizes; plums, Blue Damson, 1st and 2nd prizes; Bradshaw, 1st and 2nd prizes.

J. O. Tricker, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 6: Apples, Baldwin, 2nd prize; Maiden Blush, 1st prize; Northern Spy, 2nd prize; Magner, 1st prize; Newton Pippin, 1st prize; Red Romanite, 1st prize; Benfont, 1st prize; Holland Pippin, 1st prize; Paradise Sweet, 1st prize; Forsy, 1st prize; Domine, 1st prize; Bellflower, 1st prize; Black Ben Davis, 1st prize; Walker, 1st prize; Stark, 2nd prize; Westfield, 1st prize; Alexander, 1st prize; Sweet Bough, 2nd prize; White Pippin, 1st prize; Munson Sweet, 1st prize;

Boiken Sweet, 1st prize; Golden Delicious, 1st prize; crabapples, Yellow Siberian, 1st prize; pears, Honel, 1st prize.

John D. Swartz, Decatur, Ind.: Grapes, Concord, 1st prize; Green Mountain, 1st prize; pears, Flemish, 1st prize.

S. P. Sheets, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 4: Apples, Rome Beauty, 1st and 2nd prizes; Banana, 1st and 2nd prizes; Stayman Winesap, 1st and 2nd prizes.

Mrs. B. F. Brokaw, Decatur, Ind.: Apples, English Rambo, 1st prize.

Reuben Swartz, Berne, Ind., R. R. 2: Crabapples, Kentucky Red, 1st prize.

G. G. Winningham, Warren, Ind.: Beets, round, 1st prize; carrots, 2nd prize; onions, yellow, 2nd prize.

William Klenk, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 8: Mangelwurzel beets, 2nd prize.

SEEK BACKERS FOR CHAUTAUQUA

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In charge wish to thank the citizens of Decatur and this community for the fine support which was extended them in their efforts to give Decatur the best chautauqua ever held here.

Miss Anne Laughley, platform manager, remained in Decatur today assisting the local committee in securing the necessary number of season tickets for next year's program. The season tickets next year will cost \$2.00 instead of \$3.00, the price charged this year.

REV. C. R. SMITH RETURNED HERE

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ly, are as follows: Craigville, Frank Myers; Columbia City, Roscoe F. Wilson; Port Wayne Calvary, F. P. Overmyer; Fort Wayne South Wayne M. K. Richardson; Goblesville, C. A. Thorn; Galveston, Alonzo Nicodemus; Greentown, T. H. Harmon; Huntington, W. Z. Roberts; Monroeville, R. A. Shoemaker; Ossian, E. E. Hively; Plymouth, B. F. Dotson; Pleasant, L. B. Sharp; Rich Valley, C. J. Miner; Zanesville, L. G. Bears.

LA FOLLETTE IS PUT TO TEST

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decide whether LaFollette, the youngest United States senator, will control the republican party of the state and whether he will become the senior senator from Wisconsin at 31.

Arizona Voters At Polls

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 7.—(United Press)—Arizona voters went to the polls today to nominate a Governor from a field of five candidates, including Governor W. G. P. Hunt, who seeks re-election for a sixth term.

Governor Hunt, a democrat, is opposed by R. K. Ellingwood, retired banker, and corporation attorney, and J. J. Cox, state senator.

Republican candidates for the post of lieutenant governor are J. J. Cox and Thomas Maddock, engineer.

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MINISTERS PLAN FOR WINTER WORK

Members Of Ministerial Association Hold Meeting At Reformed Church

The members of the Decatur Ministerial Association met for their monthly business session in the Zion Reformed church parlors yesterday. Plans were made for the fall and winter work of the city churches. Rev. Dr. Halley, of Chicago, renowned Bible student and reader, likely will be secured during the month of November to give a series of Bible readings, which he quotes from memory. Mr. Halley appeared before a Decatur audience a few Sundays ago and his message was received with much comment. Plans for the Decatur Community Bible Training school will be completed within the next two weeks.

At 12 o'clock, the members of the association, together with their families, enjoyed a very sumptuous dinner in the church dining room. Mr. W. R. McIntire, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Supt. and Mrs. M. F. Worthman were the invited guests.

Airplane Damaged In Landing Near Berne

Berne, Sept. 7.—An airplane carrying Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Davis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, landed on the John Lehman farm, near Berne, Sunday evening. In landing on plowed ground, the plane nosed forward and broke the propeller. The tail of the plane stood several feet in the air, but Mr. Davis walked out on the plain and jumped to the ground and soon assisted Mrs. Davis out of the plane. Neither were injured. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were forced to land near Decatur Saturday and decided to resume their trip Sunday afternoon, but when they saw the flooded conditions of the country, they decided to return to Berne and land.

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Table Contains 259,450 Pieces Of Hardwood

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 7.—(United Press)—A table on exhibit in the museum at the statehouse is attracting unusual interest, according to Verne Petty, curator of the museum. The table contains 259,450 separate pieces of hard wood and was made by Peter Messner, of Etina Green. Messner has turned the table over to the state for exhibit and is starting a tour of the world to collect rare specimens of hardwood which he will use in other articles of furniture. At one time he was made an offer

of \$10,000 for the table now no exhibit.

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