



## THE STRUGGLE

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## CUPID COMES MEDDLING.

The moving picture fiasco left Edith feeling like a caged bird, exhausted with ineffectual beating against bars. Caged bird brain as she might, turn the way and that to find a path into financial freedom, she met failure every time. Added to her sense of bafflement was the knowledge that she had hurt her husband's pride and wounded his feelings.

Daily, too, she read the dreary news of war and want and the ever-soaring cost of life's necessities. With the added expense of her brother's maintenance, the buying of school supplies for the children and the incessant demands of neighborhood clubs and patriotic-intentioned organizations to which local pride, if nothing more, compelled her to contribute, Edith Ferrol waged an incessant battle against debt.

Her brother's debt to the Fenns was simply impossible to cancel. Edith's heart sank as she realized how much stronger Fate's rulings are than the forces given us to fight with. Frightened at her despondency Edith shook herself together, re-solving to focus her energies upon one thing—the immediate triumph of Ned and Ned's invention.

To boost up her spirits she went down into Edgar's workshop where he was putting the last touches to the actual finished water heater.

"Looka-here, sis!" cried Ned enthusiastically as she came in, "she works! In just one-half hour by your lingers you can ascend to the family bathroom, turn the well-known tap and behold—superheated fluid will gush forth as by magic. In one month, thirty days," added Edgar with a bow of mock dignity marred by an imitation stumble, "your worthless young brother will be raised from the ranks of pitiful poverty to the altitudes of affluence!"

Edith loved his antics. Her heart lightened at his young enthusiasm. Through his foolishness and his irresponsible manner somehow his belief in his own ability projected itself.

"Oh! Ned, darling!" Edith pressed her cheek against her brother's sturdy shoulder, struggling to keep out of her voice the mingled eagerness and anxiety she felt. "Oh, little brother, can it really be true? Can I actually turn on the—"

The sound of footsteps and voices upstairs interrupted her.

"Where's all the folks, Kiddiekins? Oh—down in Uncle Edgar's workshop? Well, we'll pile right down!" It was Lil' Blake interrogating little Jack Ferrol; no mistaking Lil's exuberant soprano. "Come, Fay, dear—watch out and don't stumble with those silly high heels of yours."

The quick movement Ned Flewarton made startled Edith, holding to his muscular arm. One of those flashes of insight or instinct or psychic sensitiveness or whatever it is that causes women to feel a thing a fact before it has been proved to be one revealed to Edith Ferrol that a sentimental attachment existed between her brother and Lil' Blake's freshy debutante niece, Fay Summers. Her intuition was strengthened when a moment later, Lil and the young woman hustled into the cellar workroom to the accompaniment of effervescent chatter and hilarity. Edith had vaguely known that Miss Summers liked Ned. But until this moment she had regarded whatever affair there was as a sort of harmless flapper romance, superficial and fleeting.

The promptness with which Edgar left his work, his hurry to roll down

his sleeves and smooth his hair, his hasty inspection of his fingernails, and most telling of all to a woman the way he bent over the blond and shrilly-sleender Fay in greeting her, showed Edith that an interest apart from the mundane one of putting a new kind of water heater on the market had place in her brother's mind. How much of his mind it occupied, how urgent it was to be satisfied she must find out.

"Why, you wonderful boy!" Lil was exclaiming as Ned exploited his gallant heater. "Let's go straight upstairs and see if the water really does go hot instantly. Come, Fay, child!"

There was an indefinable disturbing something in Lil's tone, in her manner as she spoke to her flapper niece and glanced at the eligible young man—doubly eligible if his invention was really panning out.

It was a sort of triumphal ceremony, this procast turning of a spigot and, after an instant's suspense, seeing the steaming water actually gush forth and Edith's heart leaped with joy.

"Oh! How perfectly marvelous!"

Lil' Blake was in ecstasies of praise.

"We must celebrate! You all come over to dinner tonight—just a little family party! You dear children and our old folks!"

And at Lil's meaningful mouthing of the phrase "family party" Edith's joy was dashed with ice.

(To be continued.)

### Red Cross Canteen Opened in Baden

PARIS, Nov. 22.—A delegation of the American Red Cross has crossed the Rhine into Baden at Hungen (Hungen), placing the first Americans on German soil. The place where the river was crossed is a short distance north of the Swiss frontier. The German soldiers accepted American flags, and officers cleared the roads for the Red Cross trucks and insisted that the Red Cross workers drink with them.

## Industrial Transition Expected to be Gradual in Richmond

Industrial transition in the after-war period will be gradual here, according to Richmond manufacturers.

"Richmond will need a more or less extended transition period," said H. R. Robinson, chairman of the Industries Board in the Tenth District of the Cincinnati region. "Some manufacturers will feel more depression than others, depending entirely upon the work they are doing. However, I do not think there will be any serious depression in Richmond."

"There seems to be a general feeling of optimism and I think that the future depends upon the ability of the American people to meet the problems of reconstruction. If met calmly and wisely there will be no serious depression."

"Cancellation continues but the government is placing restrictions on cancellation orders so as to protect the manufacturers and the employees."

"The manufacturers are co-operating with the government in the period of transition to help employment."

So far as is known no direct government contracts have been cancelled in Richmond yet.

The Starr Piano company is gradually going back to non-war work according to Clarence Gennett. The Victor Aircraft corporation which has been operating in the Starr Piano company will continue indefinitely, probably until things are more settled in Washington, said President Heiricks, who is now located in Richmond.

The Adam Bartel company has completed two government contracts for shirts and jackets and are now working on a contract for flannel shirts. This is their last war contract. When this is completed they will begin to work on civilian orders. They say that they have enough work to keep all of their employees busy.

The F. and N. Lawn Mower company finished what contracts they have some weeks ago and are now doing non-war work.

A. J. Harwood, manager of the Atlas Underwear company said that they

had orders to double their efforts in war work at their plant.

The only cancellation orders in Richmond have been indirect. The Automatic Tool company has received many cancellation orders from manufacturers working on direct government contracts, according to William F. Bockhoff, president. He stated that last week he received \$150,000 worth of cancellations.

J. E. Jones, vice president of the Reliance Foundry said that they have had many cancellations in that plant from manufacturers doing direct government contract work.

L. C. Handley of the United States Employment Bureau said that there was nothing to indicate that there are more people out of employment now than there were before peace came. There are no more people in Richmond applying for positions than there were previous to that time, he said.

### American Merchant Marine Lost 145 Vessels in War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—From the beginning of the European war to the day of the signing of the armistice the American merchant marine lost, through acts of the Central Powers, 145 vessels of 354,449 gross tons, involving the loss of 775 lives.

Including lives lost by the sinking of army and navy vessels, the total passes the thousand mark.

The major destruction was caused by submarines. In the four and a quarter years of the war 51 vessels of American registry were torpedoed and 37 sunk by gunfire. Only seven were lost by striking mines.

Only 19 vessels were sunk previous to the entrance of the United States into the war, the losses from April 6, 1917, to November 11 last being 128.

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Borax Chips, large size	44c	Goblin Soap, toilet	4 1/2c	Post, Toasties	12 1/2c
Boron, 20 M. T., lb. box	13 1/2c	Grape-Nuts	12 1/2c	Postum Cereal, large	20-23c
Bacon, per lb.	38c	Graham Crackers (in box)	18 1/2c	Peaches, No. 3 can, halves or	
Beans, Navy, lb.	12 1/2c	Graham Crackers (bulk)	18 1/2c	silced	33 1/2c
Beans, Lima, lb.	16 1/2c	Cream Cheese, lb.	35c	Cherries, No. 2 can	33 1/2c
Beans, Pink, lb.	11c	Hominy, fancy, No. 3 can	12c	Raisins, 11-oz., seeded	10c
Beans, Black, lb.	10c	Ham, smoked, lb.	29c	Raisins, SunMaid, 15-oz.	14c
Bacon, Loin back, lb.	45c	Instant Postum, large	41 1/2c	Red Cherries, bottle	14 1/2c
Bacon, Fancy, lb.	51c	Jelly, 7-oz. glass	13 1/2c	Starch, 5 lb. box	38 1/2c
Baking Powder, Calumet, lb.	20 1/2c	Jello, per pk.	10 1/2c	Starch, 3 lb. box	22 1/2c
Baking Powder, Calumet, 10c size	7 1/2c	Cream Cheese, lb.	35c	Soda, A. & H., lb. box	7 1/2c
Baking Powder, Royal, 12-oz. 38 1/2c		Jet Oil Shoe Polish	11c	Salmon, 1/2 lb., red	19 1/2c
Baking Powder, Royal, 6-oz. 19 1/2c		Puff Wheat, Rice or Corn	12c	Salmon, 1/2 lb., red	28c
Baking Powder, Heekins, 8-oz. 9 1/2c		Kraut, No. 3 can	12c	Tuna Fish, 7-oz. can	21c
Brooms, 4-sewed	87c	Kraut, bulk, lb.	5c	Tapicosa, pearl, lb.	14 1/2c
Brooms, 5-sewed	87c	Instant Postum	27 1/2c	Tomatoes, No. 2 can	15c
Beans, No. 2 red	9 1/2c	Lemon Extract, pure	13 1/2c	Tomatoes, No. 3 can	19 1/2c
Butternut Crackers, lb.	18 1/2c	Greens, Apples, pk.	39c	Van Camp's Soups	11c
Creamettes, pkg.	8 1/2c	Scouring Sapolio	8 1/2c	Virginia Sweet	12 1/2c
Crisco, lb. net can	30c	Lard Compound, lb.	26 1/2c	Vanilla Extract, pure	13 1/2c
Catchup, 11-oz. bottle	11c	La France Tablets	5 1/2c	Washing Powder, Borax, Naphtha	for
Croquet Thread, O. N. T.	9 1/2c	Lippincott Preserves, lb. 4 oz.	27 1/2c	Washing Powder, Gold Dust	43 1/2c
Cotton Thread, spool	5 1/2c	Lye, per can	7 1/2c	White Soap, can	8 1/2c
Chewing Gum	4c	Lake Herring fish, lb.	15c	White Laundry Soap	5 1/2c
Coco, Bakers, 1/2 lb.	22 1/2c	Lemon Extract, pure	13 1/2c	Salmon, 1 lb., tail	19 1/2c
Coco, Bakers' 1 1/2 lb.	8 2 1/2c	Greens, Apples, bushel	81 1/2c	Toilet Paper, 1,000 sheet, tissue 100	
Coca, bulk, lb.	23 1/2c	Cream of Wheat	23c	Toilet Paper, crepe	4c
Corn Poppers, metal	20 2 1/2c	Our bulk Coffee (30c kind)	24c	Cocoanut, Taffy	28c
Cream of Wheat	23c	4 1/2 lbs. Pure Lard	1 1/2c	Cranberries, lb.	11 1/2c
Dutch Cleanser, can	8 1/2c	Macaroni, lb.	12 1/2c	Corn, No. 2 can	15c
Dill Pickles, doz.	15c	Mazola Oil, qt.	53c	Peanut Butter, in military containers,	5c
—Medium size—		McKinley's P. C. Flour	31 1/2c	1 lb. 3 oz.	32c
Oats, bulk, lb.	6 1/2c	M. M. Pecan cakes, lb.	31 1/2c	(Less Than 25c per lb.)	
Hominy, cracked, lb.	6 1/2c	Moonbeams Cakes	24c		
Apricots, No. 3 can	29c	Mix Vegetables, No. 2 can	15 1/2c		
Beef, (full head) lb.	11 1/2c	Nabisco's 16 oz. box	19c		
Creamy Butter, lb.	65c	Noodles, 50 box for	4 1/2c		
Elastic Starch, Flat Iron	9 1/2c	Nut Margarine	33 1/2c		</td