

Escape From Heartbreak

By Margaretta Brucker

CHAPTER XXXIII

After a brief silence Dot asked, "What are you going to do about it?"

"I don't know," Valerie said unhappily. "I suppose I'll have to see Phil and talk things over with him—see what can be done. But I dread. Oh, it's all such a mess."

"If you just went through with a ceremony and never lived with him, it ought not to be hard to fix things," said Dot. "Look here, let me talk to Phil for you if you don't want to see him. I'm going to meet him again tonight if he can get away from his mother after dinner. Leave it to me."

It was easy to see the reason for Dot's eagerness to take a hand, thought Valerie. She herself wanted to see her cap for Phil.

"All right," Valerie agreed. "Did you tell him that you knew me?"

"Oh, sure—he knows you're staying here with me. Then Dot's eyes became calculating. "By the way, what are you going to do about his mother's style show? I shouldn't think you'd want to go out there and appear in it under the circumstances."

Again, it was easy to see what was in her mind. She thought she herself would stand a better chance of being hired for the show if Valerie were eliminated, breathing Prescott's offer, Valerie said flatly, "though I couldn't very well say so at the time she made it. I also had another offer—from Phoebe Fetter. That will—"

She was interrupted by the ringing of the telephone and suddenly remembered that she hadn't phoned to cancel their engagement. This was probably the now, she thought, with dismay, as she went to answer the call.

It was Duke, he said sharply. "What's happened to you? I'm waiting for you here at El Capitain."

"Oh, Duke, I'm so sorry—I was going to phone you I'm afraid I can't make it. I'm very tired and—"

"Can't make it," he exclaimed. "But I've engaged a table and have been waiting half an hour. This is a fine time to let me know."

"I'm awfully sorry, Duke," Valerie began.

Then, Dot at her shoulder, whispered, "Go on and get out and get your mind off your troubles. Valerie hesitated. She did feel the need of diversion and it wasn't quite fair to Duke to let him down at this late hour. She had intended to call off her date with him because of Terry, but now everything was changed. Now that she knew that she was still Phil's wife, she couldn't consider herself engaged to Terry. And when she told him that whole ugly story, his feelings toward her might alter completely.

"All right," she said. "I'll get there as soon as I can, but I'm not sure I'll have to."

Duke interrupted. "I'll come and get you."

As Valerie dressed she tried to plan how to tell Terry about Phil. Could she make him understand? She had a terrible fear that she couldn't. Terry was an idealist. He would be disillusioned.

Her courage failed her. Perhaps it would be better to write to him. Yes, that would be easier than seeing him.

One thing was sure. She must accept Phoebe Fetter's offer and get away from New York for a while. She would earn the money to repay Terry's loan. That would be the best thing. After that—

Beyond that, she could not think. When Duke came for her he had recovered from his annoyance over

being kept waiting and brushed aside her apologies.

As soon as they were in a taxi, she plunged into an enthusiastic recital of what Nick Stone planned to do for her if she signed a contract with him.

She interrupted him. "Wait a minute, Duke. I'm sorry, but I've decided against that. I've had an offer from Phoebe Fetter—in going south in January to appear in her Palm Beach show."

"Oh, Duke looked crestfallen for a minute, then brightened. "Well, that's all right. In fact, that's fine. Phoebe Fetter will give you good publicity. Then, when you come back, Nick will be waiting for you. You don't have to sign up with him right away."

"Well, I'll see," said Valerie. "After a minute he glanced at her and asked, "What was wrong tonight? Why weren't you going to meet me? I'm afraid I'd make love to you again?"

She shook her head. "No, I—well, it's true that I was tired. And then I—I learned something that upset me. That's why I forgot to phone you."

"What, to tell me about it?"

"Maybe some time—but not now. I don't want to talk about it."

"Okay," Duke paused. "It's true though, isn't it, that you don't like me to make love to you?"

Valerie didn't answer.

"Is there some one else?" he asked.

"Yes—there is," she admitted.

Duke sighed. "Well, I guess that lets me out."

Then he changed the subject and kept up a running fire of small talk until they descended from the taxi at the entrance to the supper club.

Inside he put himself out to give her a good time. He seemed to be trying to lighten her low spirits and, as she listened to his gay nonsense, she did cheer up a bit. He ordered champagne and toasted her success. He called her attention to famous personages at the tables around them.

Then, suddenly, as she was looking about the room, she suffered a jolt. Phil Prescott and his mother were seated at a table not far away.

(To Be Continued)

Laval Wins Concessions As Trial Proceeds

By LOUIS NEVIN

PARIS, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Pierre Laval today persuaded the French High Court of Justice trying him for treason to clear his record of legal responsibility for everything up to and including formation of the Vichy Government by the National Assembly in 1940.

His lawyers, meanwhile, pleaded in vain for postponement of the trial in order to give Laval "the same rights that are being granted the monsters of Belsen at Lunenburg."

Using the same skill with which he won many a rough-and-tumble parliamentary debate, Laval argued each point at length until Judge Paul Mongibeaux or Prosecutor Andre Mornet assented.

Both Laval, given a second and final chance by Judge Mongibeaux to restrain himself or be excluded from the hearings, and the court itself, chided by the French press for its conduct of the trial, were more restrained than at yesterday's tumultuous opening proceedings.

While Laval's tongue was as vitriolic as ever, he was tired from yesterday's strain.

U. S. Phone Workers Take Strike Vote

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Telephone operators left their jobs today in the first nationwide work stoppage of its kind and paralyzing communication between the United States and some foreign countries.

Called by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, an independent union, it began officially at 2 p.m. E.S.T. (2 p.m. A.S.T.) and ended at 6 p.m. E.S.T. when normal service was resumed. The workers, estimated by the union to number between 250,000 and 400,000, used the time to take a general strike vote.

In some places, the manually-operated local telephone service also stopped as the workers joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Company employees in the walkout. Dial telephone service in most large cities prevented a total breakdown.

The work stoppage, union officials said, was called for two purposes—to protest a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner's report recommending dissolution of the Western Electric Employees Union and to call for a plant dominated, and to take a strike vote because of the findings.

Fear or hatred may definitely check the flow of gastric and pancreatic juices, and of bile.

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Capital Closeups
BY JACK BRAYLEY

OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—(CP)—A school for parliamentary tricks has been adding polish to some of the 100 new members of the new House of Commons.

A brisk, bilingual class of Liberals is meeting regularly and listening to the experience of sagacious and caustic Jean Francois Pouliot, veteran member for Tenciscouata in Quebec.

Mr. Pouliot's classes are a revival of something he started back in 1936. Veterans, remembering previous benefits to the Liberal Party of his schooling in procedure in House rules, persuaded him to take the new members in tow.

For his first class 40 members turned up. He gave them a lesson in how to ask questions, what parliamentary language and terms meant and ended each session by taking them on a tour to illustrate his points on how sessional papers were handled.

He asked them to shoot questions at him.

"They are the most alert bunch I've ever handled," said Mr. Pouliot, whose 21 years in the House makes him its sixth oldest member in point of service.

Filibuster: private members' days returned to the Commons this week and, as in previous sessions, there was little indication that the back benchers would get anything on the statute books.

Nobody would admit to filibustering in the Commons but this process of marathon talking often sees a private member's pet bill go to the end of the list which means it has to wait its turn for re-introduction—weeks, perhaps months.

The first private bill considered this session was one sponsored by Robert Fair, chunky Social Credit member for Battle River in Alberta, and perennial supporter for war veteran land holders.

His legislation would give clear titles to veterans still owing payments on land purchased after the First Great War.

At 11 o'clock the bill was talked out and went to the foot of the list.

GIVING MOUTH ATTRACTIVENESS

A mouth as small as a cranberry with a dark furr on its upper lip, which reduces its apparent size, has a perfect right to look ample in this day when more mouths add to a girl's attractiveness.

First thing the experts would tell you to do—if like one of our readers, you needed help—would be to bleach the furr. You can do that yourself with a prepared bleaching aid or you can ask your beauty-shop operator to give you a foamy white moustache of peroxide, and ammonia to wear while you're getting other things done.

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DEBET ELEGANTLY PUFFED FOR FALL

NEW YORK—The beret now is an elegantly puffed crowned affair, the pillbox has bows or wings or plumes, the sailor may look like a coachman's hat or it may be a wide brimmed affair with a ruder of sequins.

Whoever the expression your hat takes it is larger more important looking and demands a sleek hair dress. Long hair probably does the trick in the neatest manner. One usually decides after due consultation before the mirror with a new hat under consideration.

G.B.S. HATES KITCHENS AND WASHING UP

"I hate all kitchens," said Mr. Bernard Shaw recently, "because it is there I have to do washing up."

He was visiting the model kitchens at the Postwar Homes Exhibition presented at Dorland Hall, Regent Street, London.

He stayed quite a while at the exhibit, which shows furniture that hang on the wall like a picture. This eating room cleaning and giving more floor space.

Mr. Shaw likes these pieces of furniture because "you can't sweep dirt underneath them and leave it."

Asked for his opinion of the exhibition, he said: "I owe my position in life to the fact that I never say anything about things I know nothing about, and I know nothing about exhibitions."

TEACHERS! Local Conventions

HUNTER RIVER, October 15
MOUNT STEWART, October 16
SOURIS, October 17
UIGG, October 18
CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL, October 19
SUMMERSIDE, October 22
O'LEARY, October 23
TIGNISH, October 24.