

HEARTS AND BOATS

By GERTRUDE M. ROCKWELL.

Amy made a pretty picture as she swung along the path to the boathouse. Her green skirt and green and white smock defied the warm day and her dark braids were coiled smoothly round her head.

Amy consulted the little watch on her brown wrist. "I'll have time to row up to the cove and then have a good long time to read," she mused as she put the key into the lock.

To her astonishment, instead of the trim green and white boat an expanse of water met her gaze.

"Those boys again!" exclaimed Amy in dismay. "Now I can't have my row." She looked longingly at the boat in the other half of the boathouse, but shook her head.

Leaving the door ajar, she seated herself just outside on the grass and opened her magazine and box of candy. But she read very little, so busy was she planning how she would deal with the boys who had unceremoniously "borrowed" the boat several times that summer.

At last she heard the swish of the oars as the boat rounded the point. She crept cautiously into the boathouse and waited. She wanted them to be fairly in before she spoke.

Amy had barely time to notice that the boat had but one occupant as it swung into the channel leading to the door.

His back looked large. Well, she would show him. It was all the worse if he were older.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself? A great big boy like you stealing right in broad daylight!"

The boat paused and a very good-looking young man turned astonished eyes on the girl standing there in evident wrath. He didn't look a bit like a thief, with his jolly brown eyes and mop of curly hair.

The young man was not disturbed. "Why, there must be some mistake," he said, as he pulled in his oars and slid into the boathouse. "This is my uncle's boat, and he lent it to me for the afternoon."

A skeptical light came into the girl's eyes. Probably this was one of those smart college chaps from the camp two miles away, and he was out for a lark.

She scorched him with a look. "That's a likely story. The boat is mine. I have no uncle, and I certainly never saw you before."

The young man leaned reflectively upon his oars. He had nice smiling wrinkles around his eyes for a thief, Amy noticed.

"I don't understand this at all," he was saying. "Now, my uncle, Mr. Bowen, said the third boathouse from the raft. Isn't this the third?"

Light rushed into Amy's mind, and color into her cheeks. "Oh, it's this boat you ought to be in," she indicated the one on her other side.

"You see," went on the girl, eager to clear things up, "I am Amy Burt, and this is my boat. This other is Mr. Bowen's, and you must be Mr. Bowen's New York nephew. Oh, I am so sorry!"

"Too bad, but I can't help it," said the young man as he sprang to the wharf beside her and extended his hand. "I am Bruce Fiske. It was just an accident my being Mr. Bowen's nephew, so—"

"Oh, I didn't mean that!" laughed Amy. "But I was horrid about it, accusing you of being a thief."

"Well, I certainly was caught with the goods. Now, Miss Burt, it's only fair that you should let me give you that ride you wanted."

During the month that followed it made little difference to the two whether it was the Burt or Bowen boat. Sometimes they hardly realized which they were in. On the night before he returned to New York Amy promised that she would sail down the sea of life with him.

"And so you'll forgive me for stealing the boat that day," he teased her as they glided along shore in the moonlight.

"I suppose I'll have to," she whispered, "because it gave me the chance to steal your heart."

Recognized a Man. When one of the transports went over last spring the chaplain, finding a group of men sitting together on the deck with nothing to do, began to tell them stories.

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HOW'S THIS FOR AFRICA?

American Negro Has Same Disease

"BECAUSE." BECAUSE ye do elect to sit with folded hands, Crying to the moon— Not caring aught for the glorious Records your fathers left, Or endeavor made to uplift and make noble

Because you're black! What boots it— Black?— Your race has in the ancient days Climbed to the highest rung of fame; Have done, dared, that which ye shirk— Deeds noble, unselfish—and true-hearted done.

What have ye done? O'er the Seven Seas they've sailed And climbed the highest hills That tower unto the skies— Day dreams, your only work. Up!—awake!—awake!— 'Tis in your hands to make or mar, Embellish in the scroll of fame or besmirch The annals of your race.

The Pyramids of Egypt all attest; Toussaint, Attucks, Bureh— Yea, a thousand others of Africa's sons,

Have faced the odds and won the crown. You sit and dream? Your children's future lies in you. Look around, behold in these dark, tempestuous days All races of the earth, stirred to their soul's being, Are chafing at the iron bands that bind them.

Behold, upon the bloody fields of Europe, Asia and your glorious Africa—

Your brethren all—have shed Their lifeblood For you—for you! Ye hope! What do you hope? Is it to sit and caw the live-long day, Like idle rooks, Or will you bend your shoulders to the wheel And push out from the clogging mire The car loaded with the burden cast on you? Like men—like the heroes of old— Be up and doing! Not for the dross that, aye, has God displaced Mammon sits enthroned; Unto high deeds, trace up yourselves to do, Equal and free before the world.

How long shall ye the yoke of idleness, prejudice and hatred carry, That bind you in bands of steel! Bestir yourselves, oh sons of Africa; Heed not the sasive tongues of those Who, with sophistries and glib, Try to draw you from your right and high endeavor.

He who is above, who slumbers, neither sleeps, But ever watches o'er His own, Looks down on you. Awake—awake! whilst 'tis yet day, And the sun in the high heavens shines in splendor, Sweet breezes blow. On, on to the goal; Unto the victor is the palm. Your fathers, heroic and brave, Look on you. Be men! Either the laurel bays, Or the pitying boughs of the willow grey, When back unto mother earth ye are In oblivion buried, Because ye failed to do your part. Which shall it be?

THOMAS LUCAS. From the Sierra Leone (Africa) Weekly News, February 15, 1919.

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BRITAIN FACES A HOLY WAR IN EASTERN LANDS

Peace of Europe and Asia May Hang on Decision of the Supreme Councils of the Mahometan Races.

London, April 23.—Easter finds acute unrest over a wide area in Europe and Asia. Lloyd George's worries are not limited to the future of Russia, where the allied troops face powerful bolshevik forces, or to Central Europe, where communist governments spring up like mushrooms.

The British premier has perplexing problems to consider in Egypt, where the political discontent has taken the form of serious riots; in Turkey where armed bandits are threatening the Christians with massacre; in Syria, where the people are disturbed over the report that France is not to act as mandatory for them, and in India, where the Moslems and Hindus have united in rebellion against the British crown.

Danger of Religious War. To date the disorders in the near and far east have been sobering, but not alarming. The real danger is that they may grow into a religious war. Although so far they are only perplexing problems for Great Britain to handle, they may develop into international questions.

In a few days the ulemas, or supreme religious councils of the Mahometan world, will meet to determine the course they will take. It is difficult to measure how a great factor is the religious element in these uprisings. Undoubtedly they originate in national aspirations, but once under way they are fanned by religious feeling, and the peace of the world becomes seriously endangered.

The fact that Mahometan copts (native Egyptians) co-operated in the Egyptian riots is cited to show that the attacks on Armenians were not on religious grounds, but rather because the latter frequently act as government spies.

TO THE COLORED SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Text of Article Thrown Into Lines by Germans.

Hello, boys, what are you doing over here? Fighting the Germans? Why? Have they ever done you any harm? Of course some white folks and the lying English-American papers told you that the Germans ought to be wiped out for the sake of humanity and democracy. What is democracy? Personal freedom, all citizens enjoying the same rights socially and before the law. Do you enjoy the same rights as the white people do in America, the land of freedom and democracy, or are you not rather treated over there as second-class citizens? Can you go into a restaurant where white people dine? Can you get a seat in the theater where white people sit? Can you get a seat or a berth in the railroad car, or can you even ride in the south in the same street car with white people? And how about the law? Is lynching and the most horrible crimes connected therewith a lawful proceeding in a democratic country? Now, all this is entirely different in Germany, where they do like Colored people, where they treat them as gentlemen and as white men and quite a number of Colored people have fine positions in business in Berlin and other German cities. Why, then, fight the Germans only for the benefit of the Wall street robbers and to protect the millions they have loaned to the English, French and Italians? You have been made the tool of the egotistic and rapacious rich in England and America and there is nothing in the whole game for you but broken bones, horrible wounds, spoiled health or death. No satisfaction whatever will you get out of this unjust war. You have never seen Germany. So you are fools if you allow people to make you hate us. Come over and see for yourself. Let those do the fighting who make the profit out of this war. Don't allow them to use you as cannon-fodder. To carry a gun in this service is not an honor, but a shame. Throw it away and come over to the German lines. You will find friends who will help you along.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank the friends who assisted us during the illness and death of our father, Richard Thirkles, and also for the floral offerings. MRS. STELLA SAUNDERS. MRS. CHARLES THIRKLES, AND FAMILY.

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EVERYBODY IS NOW FIGURING INCOME TAX

In Order to Be Helpful to Public, Internal Revenue Bureau Has Every Available Officer in Field.

SEVERE PENALTIES IF YOU DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15

With the due date for Income Taxes only a few weeks away, the collection of this far-reaching tax on 1918 incomes has started off with a bang. Everybody is figuring income tax.

Residents of Nebraska are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to Geo. L. Loomis, Collector of Internal Revenue, Omaha, Neb., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

"Pay your Income Tax by March 15," is the slogan of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which has sent every available officer into the field to help the public to understand the requirements and to prepare the returns.

Who Must Make Return. It is estimated that many thousands of single and married persons in this section of the United States who have never before made annual returns are required to do so this year.

Income tax returns must be made between now and March 15 by persons who come under the following classifications:

Any unmarried person whose 1918 net income was \$1,000 or over. Widows and widowers, divorcees and married persons who are living apart from their husbands or wives, are for the purposes of the Income Tax classed as unmarried.

Any married person living with wife or husband whose 1918 net income was \$2,000 or over. The income of both husband and wife must be considered, together with the earnings of minor children, if any.

Revenue Bureau Offers Aid.

Each person in the United States who is in either of these classifications must get busy at once if penalties are to be avoided. He should secure a blank Form 1040 A for reporting net income up to \$5,000, or Form 1040 if his net income exceeded that amount. Forms are being distributed by Collectors and their Deputies, also by banks. By following the instructions on the forms a correct return can be prepared at home. If a person needs advice or aid, the Deputy Collectors in the field will furnish this without charge.

The new Revenue law places the Income Tax duty on citizens and residents. The Internal Revenue Bureau is sending its men to work right with the public to get the tax and the returns in. With active co-operation, every tax due March 15 will be paid and every return required by law will be in the Revenue offices on time.

Exemptions Allowed.

A single person is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000. If he is supporting in his household relatives who are dependent upon him, he may claim the status of the head of a family who has the same exemption as if married.

A married person, who lives with wife or husband, is allowed a personal exemption of \$2,000. The head of a family is entitled to claim a similar personal exemption.

An additional exemption of \$200 is allowed for each person under eighteen or incapable of self support, who was dependent upon and received his chief support from the taxpayer.

A husband and wife living together are entitled to but one personal exemption of \$2,000. If they make separate returns, the exemption may be claimed by either or divided.

Accuracy Required.

Absolute accuracy is necessary in making up income figures. Any person who is working for wages should find out exactly how much he received during the whole year 1918. Fees, bank interest, bond interest, dividends, rents received, and all other items must be reported correctly. Mere guesses are not accepted, for they are unjust alike to the taxpayer and the Government, and defeat the proper administration of the law.

***** INCOME TAX IS TRULY POPULAR. "The payment of Income taxes takes on a new significance which should be understood by every citizen. The taxation system of this country is truly popular, of the people, by the people and for the people. Every citizen is liable to tax, and the amount of the tax is graduated according to the success and fortune attained by each individual in availing himself of the opportunities created and preserved by our free institutions. The method and degree of the tax is determined by no favored class, but by the representatives of the people. The proceeds of the tax should be regarded as a national investment."—Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. *****

LA GRANGE, TEXAS

Rev. J. N. Hoovey, Georgetown, was here Wednesday night with Rev. J. H. Naper's people of St. James' M. E. church, in connection with the department of Sunday school work.

Dr. Jesse Livingston, Hillsboro, spent several days in the city this week, visiting the sick and afflicted.

Miss Thelma Leah Sanford is back at home from a short stay at Smithville for her health.

The agent has been informed that Mr. Sam Mill living about two miles east of town died yesterday morning. Sam is one of the agent's friends and schoolmates who are answering the Master's call every year.

To much credit and encouragement can not be given Miss Ella Williams, who came to the agent's relief and helped him distribute his papers.

The Woman's Home Missionary Sisters of St. James' M. E. church, here, has raised \$125 which they are applying to repairing their personage and grounds. The

The Missionary Centenary group meeting was held here in St. James' M. E. church, under direction of Dr. S. E. Jones, D. S., and a goodly number of pastors attended.

Thursday night, Rev. James Wallace, D. D., New Orleans, delivered a great message to a good audience.

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