The City of Purple Dreams

By EDWIN BAIRD

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The luxuriant-haired Pole was soaring toward his finale. In a few minutes they might be discovered. She spoke rapidly. "You can accomplish more wonders"—looking eagerly at him. "I even believe you can make father like you. Once you have shown him you can be a master of finance it is possible his feeling toward you will change. He thinks you a nobody now,



She Clapped Her Hands. Her Eyes Were Radiant. "We Will Announce Our Engagement the Day You Are Worth a Million Dollars!"

but if you-I have it!" She clapped her hands. Her eyes were radiant. "We will announce our engagement the day you are worth a million dollars!"

The violinist swept his bow across the strings in a triumph of Mozartian climax, and they drew apart and joined in the applause. And none in the room was more enthusiastic.

CHAPTER XI.

Thanks to the dexterity of his French chauffeur, Fitzhugh was attacking his morning mail at twenty midutes past ten. When running through the fourth letter of the heap his secretary had opened and laid out for him he paused suddenly, then sa violently back in his chair.

"Now, how in Hades," wondered he, "could I forget that?"

He meant the first million. While with Kathleen that morning the thought of it had occurred and re-occurred to him, but always at inopportune moments, and when finally the right time had arrived it slumbered in the meshes of his mind.

"Til tell her on Wednesday," he concluded; and promptly was swallowed up in the rush of the day's business.

The boy handed him a scrap of paper on which was written with a lead pencil:

"I must see you at once.-Esther." "Tell her I can't see her!" and he crunched the paper between his flugers and shot it angrily out an open window. Before the lad reached the door he checked him, less harshly, with: "Explain to her, Tommy, that I am extremely busy, and ask her to call again."

Dismissing the incident completely from his mind, he gathered up the sheaf of letters. An altercation arose in the outer office. The door was flung open. Esther entered.

Seeing the stenographer, she held the door open. "I want to see you alone, Daniel,"

said Esther quietly. Fitzhugh motioned to his employees

to go, and closed the door after him. "Well? What is it?" He remained standing near the door, the sheaf of letters clutched with an iron grip in his right hand. He was striving hard to control his mounting temper.

Unbidden, she sat down. He did not resume his seat. There was an awkward pause.

"This may be the last time," she began, choosing her words carefully, "that we shall see each other. I am going away tonight. I came all the way from Paterson. I thought I would tell you-good-by."

She stood up so that she faced him. She looked at him fixedly. "Night before last, Daniel, in Paterson, I walked my room for hours. I was trying to decide something. Daniel. Something very hard. A secret—a terrible secret-and I wanted to tell you. But I couldn't decide."

"Have you decided?"-impatiently. "Quite. I shouldn't tell you. I have reasoned it out again and again., You shouldn't know. But I want you to know! And, Daniel"-reaching up suddenly, she rested her hands on his shoulders, and when her large, sad eyes lifted to his it struck him afresh how like a martyr she seemed-"Dantel. I have been chosen to remove our ambassador."

He tensed, with a quick intake of breath. "You mean-what d'you mean? You're not - you don't bean to

"It to de read he could be

His living is inimical to the Cause. | quaintance with our daughter as He is false to Russia."

"And you intend doing it?" "I will do it."

He seized her wrists, gripped them till she winced. His voice was as steel when he said: "You shall not. Understand that once for all. You shall not It is madness. Nothing less."

"You can't understand. I hardly expected you to." He strode violently to the door to

still somebody's knocking, then came "What price do you want? Name

She shook her head. "There is no price."

"I say there is! Why else would you be here? Speak up! What do you

want?" She lowered her gaze, a little startled. "Yes, there is one for whom I would renounce even the Cause, turn traitor-" . She flung her arms out to him in a rush of abandon-"Oh, Dantel, you know, you know!"

He loosened her hands from his

"That," said he, "Is impossible, am engaged to be married."

She recolled as though he had struck her. Her foot struck a chair as she stepped back. She sat down very slowly. For a few moments she seemed stricken dumb. Then: "To-to that-"

"To her you saw me with at the

"When?" she asked. "When?" "We became engaged last March. The second of last March."

"The second of last March." She repeated the words dully, pressing her hand to her forehead. "The second of last-why, D-Daniel, don't you remember? That is the day we first met each other. Don't you remember, Daniel?" - laughing shrilly - "the crowds, and how I was swept into your arms, and the speeches you made, first in the street, and then-"

"Esther! Esther! Do you realize where you are? Twelve or fifteen persons are waiting outside to see me, and their time and mine means

Her reminiscences trailed off into silence.

"Money !"

Then all at once a terrific change came over her. She sprang up tigerishly, swept the chair aside, rushed toward the door.

He was there first, however,

stood with his back against it, barring "You will not leave this office," he

declared, "until-" "Open that door!"

"-until you listen to reason," "Open that door, open that door! I'll scream!"

"You may go when you've promised

"Open that door!"

Out of all patience, angry and humiliated, he threw the door open, and saw her run the gaping gauntlet in the outer office. He closed the door quietly and summoned a messenger. His nostrils were dilated, his face white, his lower front teeth were locked firmly over the upper ones. He sat at his desk, took a pad of telegraph forms from a drawer, and with a hand as steady as the mahogany on which it rested he wrote the following, addressing it "Secret Service:" "A demented woman who imagines she has been wronged by the Russian ambassador will arrive in Washington from Chicago. Watch all trains for her. She is slightly built, has dark hair and eyes and is dressed in black. H. D. F."

. Some while after five o'clock Fitzhugh sat at the telephone on his locked desk, his hat on, an unlighted cigar between his teeth, delivering the customary order for violets. With a final admonition to the florist to send nothing except the best, he "hung up." As he lighted his cigar and swung out of his office he met a messenger, who handed him a square envelope. Embossed on the back was "One Thousand Lake Shere Drive," and it contained a very brief and formal request for an im-

mediate call from him at that address. The chauffeur was waiting with the car in Adams street. Fitzbugh settled back comfortably in the cushioned seat as the chauffeur picked his way through the mass of traffic, and all the cares and worries of that busy day slipped gratefully from him, leaving

him serene with contentment. He was received in the library of Mr. and Mrs. Otis. There was no sign of Kathleen; and a glance at her parents sufficed to apprise him he was in for a disagreeable time. They remained standing after he entered; nor was he asked to sit down. Mrs. Otis, haughtily stationed as far from him as the large room would permit, had

appointed herself spokeswoman. "Our daughter," said she, lifting s formidable lorgnette to her eyes and staring at him as though he were the garbage man, "has informed us of her unfortunate alliance with you."

He bowed respectfully. "I need hardly say to you"-and her head raised higher, her hauteur waxed suff-"that you must consider this enaugement broken. Furthermore, you ill regard your underhanded ac-

\$ though it had never been. All communication with her of whatever nature must cease instantly. That, I believe, is all."

If Mrs. Otis had expected to inflict a shock she triumphed amply. If she had hoped to witness its manifestation she was woefully disappointed. The crash struck its victim as a thunderbolt; but beyond a sudden tension that gripped every muscle I him, he betrayed never a sign of 's impact Outwardly he was almost a not quite as self-possessed as when he entered the house.

"Miss Otis-does she know this?" "What a question!" she gasped.

'Why, it is she who-' "Don't!" He started forward impulsively, the blood mounting hotly to his face. But ere his composure departed irretrievably-"I beg your pardon. May I know the reason?"

"The reason," she said icily, wishing his discomfiture were more pronounced, "is disgraceful. Most disgraceful"-lunging with the superlative. "Today-this very afternoon, in fact-your-I-" She floundered helplessly in a muddle of words. The starched formality she had deemed sufficient to crush the presumption of any man wilted before his steady gaze, his calm sternness. She turned appealingly to her husband, who, having held a very unwilling silence at her prior behest, came gladly to the

"I had best deal with this man alone, Elizabeth." He waited until she left the room; then he blazed at Fitzhugh: "Your wife, whom you desert ed, was here today."

"The woman is not my wife." "Not your legal wife, you mean."

"Nor any other kind." Scarcely had Fitzhugh uttered the words, advancing with he knew not what rash design, then he stopped, turned back, and stood listening intently. Otis, thoroughly alarmed, rang frantically for a servant.

Fitzhugh crossed to the hall-door and listened.

From somewhere above, unbridled and spasmodic, though faint by the distance, came the hysterical sobbing of a girl. Kathleen!

With an imprecation on his tongue, he bounded up the staircase-just as Noonan appeared in answer to the summons. His coat clutched from behind, Fitzhugh turned, jerked free and, with a single push of his flat hand sent the butler reeling backward to the hall below. He leaped up the few remaining steps to the second floor, strode to a door standing ajar and knocked. The girlish weeping in the room beyond was muffled. He knocked again. The sobbling abated, stopped. A third time he knocked and, receiving no response save silence, thrust the door open, entered, closed the door behind him.

It was Kathleen's boudoir. She was seated in a chair, weeping, with her hands hysterically covering her face; but immediately on seeing him she jumped up and started for an adjoining room, calling hastily to her maid.



He Seized Her Wrists, Gripped Them Till She Winced.

And the next instant she was held, struggling, palpitating, in the hot embruce of his arm, and his kisses showered upon her lips with a delirious passion that seared as heated metal. "Kathleen-sweetheart, you don't

believe- You don't want me to go-She squirmed in his arms, striking at him with her fists, uttering incoherent words, her face scarlet with shame, The note of hate in her voice cooled his madness. "e released her.

"So you do believe it." And he became aware that her father, at his wits' end how to handle the outrage, was pelting him with blows and kicks, He shook off the man as a Newfoundland would a Pomeranian.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Contrary Means. "That doctor is very successful with insomnia cases. How does he do it?" "I guess it is by his wideawake

National Headquarters of the American Legion.)

LEGION PAYS OFF BIG DEBTS

Organization Disposes of Claims and Interest Amounting to \$44,768.60 During Month of April.

Long-standing debts aggregating

\$33,005 and accrued interest amounting to \$11,763,60 were paid off by the American Legion during the month of April, according to a financial state ment recently issued by Robert H. Tyndall, national treasurer of the organiza-The statement,

which sets forth the financial R. H. TYNDALL. status of the Le-

gion as of April 30, 1920, marks an important step in the history of the 15-months-old body. It stands as conclusive evidence that the initial expenditure of some \$257,000 which the Legion borrowed prior to the Minneapolis convention for use in building up a solid, permanent organization on a firm basis, was wisely

"When the idea of a Legion was first conceived and its founders began putting into execution their plans for making it the vast reality it now is," said Mr. Tyndall, "they found they needed money, just as in the case of any new association or enterprise. All business men know that every new enterprise must sustain an initial loss to be liquidated later over a period of time after the body becomes a suc-

"To initiate the organization plan, some 200 friends of the Legion individually guaranteed 92 separate loans, aggregating \$257,000, secured by their personal notes. The money was borrowed on these notes throughout the country on a basis of apportionment according to federal reserve bank districts. The loan is a legal debt, acknowledged by the Legion at its national convention, and constitutes an ordinary, normal business transaction. The notes bear interest and every penny of interest and principal will be paid off just as fast as our present stable resources warrant.

"Today, the best evidence that the money was wisely expended is found in the fact that the American Legion is definitely established as a completely organized body. That active management of its affairs is in the hands of a national executive committee composed of representatives from every state in the Union shows that the organization is a sound one.

"It is due entirely to the able efforts of those in charge of the early organization work, who raised the money and expended it in a business-like way, that the Legion is now able to pay off these debts in substantial sums.

"National headquarters of the Le gion receives no financial support except from dues and sale of emblems, excluding, of course, the \$400,000 trust fund given to the Legion by the Y. M. C. A. This money, which probably will be increased to \$500,000 after the final audit of the Y. M. C. A. canteen account, will be invested in safe securities pending the formal appointment of the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis as trustee, the executive committee of the Legion having decided that the sum be held in trust for a period of five years. The principal, under this plan, is to be invested and re-invested, the income to be used for the benefit of disabled ex-service men or for work in connection with the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, the donors having expressed this pref-

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS IN LEAD

Department Shows Gain of 6,000 Members During American Legion Week; Nebraska Second.

In a letter forwarded to all departments of the American Legion recently. Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, announces that standings of states in the Legion "membership push" will be determined on the basis of returns at national headquarters up to the close of business June 15.

Incomplete reports from various parts of the country indicate that the New Hampshire department with a gain of 6,000 new members during the American Legion week, having so far enrolled the largest percentage of eligibles in its state, is leading all others. Nebraska is second, Massachusetts third and California fourth in the race at present. It is estimated that the grand total of new members gathered in during the entire campaign will be nearly half a million.

Telegrams arriving at national headquarters during the last few days show that in comparatively few instances have all posts in any state reported their totals of new members gained. and it is believed the winning department will not be definitely known until after June 15.

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Delegates to Conventions Are Chosen on the Basis of Number in Good Standing.

Figures at National headquarters of the American Legion show a vast number of posts throughout the country have enrolled considerably in excess of their present actual paid-up membership. Delegates from posts to the state conventions, and from states to the national convention are chosen on the basis of paid-up membership, without regard to enrollment.

The state legislature of Massachusetts has enacted a law prohibiting the wearing of the Legion insignia by any save actual bona fide members of the organization, which is construed as barring those whose membership has been allowed to lapse, from enjoying this privilege. Individual Legionnaires are being urged to assist in preventing the wearing of the Legion button by persons who are not paid-up Legion

A few state conventions already have been held. The dates of the others, and places where held, are given in the following list:

Indiana, at Vincennes, June 28 and Montana, at Livingston, June 28 and

Wisconsin, at Green Bay, June 29 and 30.

Nevada, at Lovelock, July 3. Rhode Island at Newport, July 23 ind 24. Oregon, at Astoria, July 30 and 31,

Wyoming, at Sheridan, August 3, 4 and 5. Arkansas, at Helena, August 16 and

Minnesota, at Duluth, August 16, 17 and 18,

Connecticut, at Bridgeport, August 20 and 21. Louisiana, at New Iberia, August 20, 21 and 22.

Ohlo, at Youngstown, August 23 and Texas, at Houston, August 23 and 24. Kansas, at Pittsburg, August 23, 24 and 25.

Mississippi, at Vicksburg, August 24 and 25. South Dakota, at Watertown, August 24, 25 and 26.

North Dakota, at Minot, August 25 and 26. New Hampshire, at Weirs, August 25, 26 and 27.

gust 26, 27 and 28. Nebraska, at Hastings, August 26, 27 and 28. Kentucky, at Louisville, August 27.

Massachusetts, at Springfield, Au-

Illinois, at Chicago, September 2 and Iowa, at Cedar Rapids, September 2

New Mexico, at Roswell, September . 3 and 4. Virginia, at Richmond, September 2,

Maryland, at Cumberland, September 6 and 7. Michigan, at Saginaw, September 7. New Jersey, at Atlantic City, Sep-

3 and 4.

tember 10 and 11. New York, at Albany, September 10 and 11.

North Carolina, at Wilmington, September 12. West Virginia, at Parkersburg, September.

HAD RUSH OF ORDERS IN MAY

Demand for Memorial Day Supplies Taxed Legion Department; Fourth of July Warning.

"Don't shoot the planist-he's doing the best he can." "Treat the undertaker kindly-you

may be buried yourself some day." These, together with various and sundry kindred admonitions might constitute a seemingly appropriate introduction to this pathetic narrative. It deals with the plight of certain distracted individuals at national headquarters of the American Legion, Aside from Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, who has been swamped so often that he's getting used to it, this unfortunate had to read and answer more telegrams and letters in May than all other members of the headquarters' staff combined. And the reason is

Between May 1 and May 25 the following orders, among others, all for delivery by May 30, poured in like a barrage on the emblem division, of which the hero of our tale has charge:

2.158 grave markers. 168 silk United States flags,

128 wool post flage.

90 wool United States flags. Result, some 3.200 separate and distinct "rush" orders, including almost innumerable demands for buttons, pins, badges, rings, watch-fobs, auto radiator decorations and whatnots. So, at last in tones that moved his colleagues to tears, the martyr sent

out this "S. O. S.": "Please tell all posts and buddles," he sighed, "that they'll either have to order the stuff they want for July Fourth earlier than they did their Memorial day paraphernalia, or I'll drop dead in the midst of the rush and gum up the whole works. Please tell 'em to have a heart; decide now on what they want and write about it. This will make it possible for the factory

to get the orders out on time and save

the expenses of 'steen hundred telegrams." Whatjusay, men?

Makes Good Enrollment. The Byron Hook Post, No. 438, of Stockport, O., has enrolled 18 memhers, which is approximately the number of ex-service persons to draw frem in the community.



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the boy walked all around us, "this running machine is called an auto," "All right," said the boy at last. "I saw enough of it," and we were allowed to proceed.-Exchange.

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