

A Profiteering Prophetess

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MADAME ZENOBIA, the velled prophetess, was having a dull and unprofitable day. The other side shows at the county fair seemed to be doing well; but there was a deplorable lack of cordiality with regard to "The Secrets of the Past, Present and Future"—Madame Zenobia's stock in trade. Suddenly into her deserted tent rushed a girl of about eighteen, who cried out: "Oh, please hide me! Here's ten dollars."

The velled prophetess clutched the girl with a firm grip. "There's no place," said she, "but my dressing room, and they would be sure to search that."

"Oh, do something," pleaded the young lady. "Please don't let them find me."

Zenobia was a woman of resource and a woman of action. "Come here," she said, "and see. In a surprisingly short time the two women emerged from the little dressing room. Zenobia clad in the girl's clothes and the girl arrayed as the velled prophetess."

"But there and gaze at that crystal," commanded Zenobia. A minute later and a middle aged, prosperous looking man entered the tent. "Ah, here you are," cried he; "they told me you had been seen coming in here. Now, Ellen, you come right straight home. Robert is half distracted, and if I catch that rascal Murchison, I'll wring his neck. Elsie would you?" And he placed his hand on the shoulder of the woman who sat with her back toward him. The woman turned and he gazed into the hard-lined face and the sharp, crafty eyes of Zenobia.

"Great cat!" he cried. "I beg pardon, but I thought you were somebody else."

"I am not," responded Zenobia sharply. Across the table the girl behind the veil of silver trembled; but uttered no sound. "Now," said the prophetess as the man departed, "what does all this mean? What's your name besides Ellen?"

"Bancroft," faltered the girl. "I—I was going to run away with George Murchison, but I'm afraid."

"In love with George?" queried Zenobia.

"I thought I was," sobbed Ellen; "but now I don't know. We were going to New York. I am awfully sorry Robert takes the matter so hard."

"Here," commanded Zenobia, "give me your hand; let me read your palm. Ah! Here it is. I see a young man named George Murchison—good looking—wears jewelry—dandy sort of fellow—blew into town from the city—talks big and tells everybody what a devil of a fellow he is. There's another fellow named Robert something—"

"Johnson," murmured Ellen.

"Yes, that's it; Robert Johnson," went on the seeress. "Everyday sort of chap—dead in love with you—sober, steady, well-to-do. That was your pa who came in here. Your pa's got money. That's what George is after. Robert is after you. See that line there? That means that you are not going to marry George. You are going to marry Robert and be happy ever after."

"Oh, how did you know? How do you know? Do you see all that in my palm?" cried the amazed girl.

"Every word of it," replied Zenobia. "That's my business. Didn't you read my sign outside—Past, Present and Future told—satisfaction given or no charge? That will be fifty cents extra, please."

"Certainly," said Ellen. "And I am so—so glad. But I don't dare go home. Father will just skin me alive, and Robert, I am sure, will never forgive me."

"Let me look at your palm again," said Zenobia. "Yes—here it is. Your father will hardly scold you at all; and as for Robert—let me see—yes, Robert will be so glad to have you safe back again that he'll be just as good as pie. Fifty cents more, please."

"Oh, certainly," said Ellen.

"Just so," replied Zenobia. "Now look sharp and let us get back into our own clothes." The shift being made, the prophetess commanded: "Now you stay right here until I come back—don't move!"

Silver-velled and mystically attired, distributing her business cards as she went, Zenobia wandered forth into the fair grounds until she located Ellen's father, still searching for tidings of his lost one. To him she made a proposition as follows: He was to give her fifty dollars in hand, and his word not to scold the truant daughter unduly, on condition that Ellen be restored to him safe and repentant. The proposition being accepted, she led him to the waiting girl.

"Oh father," cried Ellen tearfully, "I suppose you found the letter?"

"Yes, Ellen," he replied, "sooner than you expected, I fancy. The neighbors saw you going this way. I was afraid you'd get lost and come to find you. Heckon Murchison saw me before he could find you and de-camped."

"I saw you both," confessed Ellen, "and got scared, and come here."

"For a dull day that's not so bad," said Zenobia as father and daughter departed in earnest conversation. "And every word said was gospel truth, too. When it comes to profiteering your little Zenzy is a prophetess from Farmington."

CLARENCEVILLE

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Miss E. Knott, who for the past week has been a house guest of Annetta Tweedale, returned on Sunday to her home in Clinton. Helen and Detrich McFarland returned home on Wednesday after a trip to Centralia, Ill., to visit relatives, bringing back with them their Aunt Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Fugman of Flat Rock with Mr. and Mrs. Charles French spent Wednesday at the Northville Fair.

Miss Irene Taylor, Meta Jorgenson and Vivian French were in Redford on Thursday visiting Mrs. Harrington, who will leave on Tuesday for Saline, Mich., to make her future home.

Mrs. A. Travis and Mr. and Mrs. E. Ransier spent Thursday in Milford visiting relatives.

Dorothy and Harry Barnum are home from the Wayne County Training School at Northville for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hallman and Miss Rowie Barr of Detroit were callers at the Witte home Thursday.

Mrs. F. Hallock and daughters, Rose, Mary and Shirley, spent Thursday at Bob-lo.

Baseline Pedro Club met at the home of Mrs. Charles French on Thursday afternoon. Two tables of pedro were in play. Prizes went to Mrs. C. Witte, Mrs. C. Waack and Mrs. William Thornton. Next meeting will be at home of Mrs. Earl Ransier.

LaVerne Kurdt of Detroit, who has spent the week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. Witte, returned home on Thursday morning.

Orville Dunkhill and Brice Klein of Pontiac spent Wednesday evening with the Witte family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobun of Detroit were callers at the Hallock home Wednesday.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Shirley Hallock was a caller at the W. J. R. Studios to visit Uncle Neal, it being her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner with Mr. and Mrs. C. Witte, spent Thursday evening at the Northville Fair, where Mrs. Witte had a number of antiques that she was showing.

Maurice DeCoster of Grass Lake spent Wednesday in Clarenceville visiting friends. He will be remembered as the first scout master of Troop 44.

Sixteen couples met on Friday evening to hold a surprise farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kaldor who are leaving on Tuesday to make their home in Saline, Mich. Cards were played and lunch was served. The friends presented them with some fine table linen in remembrance of their friendship for the people during their six years in Clarenceville. Prizes for playing cards went to Mrs. C. Witte, Mrs. Tabor and Mrs. Van Avery; men's prizes, Earl Ransier, William Thornton and W. Dowsett.

Mrs. W. Buck spent Monday in Detroit on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy and family returned home Saturday after spending a few days at Algonac with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baxter and daughter Dorie of Brightmoor spent Friday visiting Mrs. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. R. DeLueil and son Bob spent a few days last week in Grand Rapids.

Saturday evening Mrs. Earl Ransier entertained the 500 club. There were three tables in play. Prizes were won by Mrs. Charles French, Mrs. Helen Wagner and Mrs. C. Witte; men prizes by Mr. C. Witte, J. Wagner and Mr. French. Next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles French.

Ralph Eckler, Roland Dorman, Clinton Spies and Ward O'Hara left Tuesday morning on a two-weeks camping trip into Northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Witte were Sunday callers at the Lapham farm east of South Lyon.

Mrs. Bel Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Al Mumford and two children of Dayton, O., are spending a few days at the Aldrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Waack spent Saturday in Northville.

Leroy Turbille, who has spent some time visiting at the home of Clarence Aldrich, left Sunday for his home in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ransier were callers in Northville on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray De Lueil are leaving Thursday for Louisville, Kentucky to make their future home. Mr. De Lueil will manage

the main office for Bushnell & Ivins while in Kentucky.

Mrs. Peg Houck will entertain the Cheerful Circle at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Cadaret and Mrs. Kaldor were callers at the home of Mrs. W. Thornton Tuesday morning.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Knapp
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Florence Bachelor is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Heiker.

About twenty relatives of Lee Giegler motored to Hartland Saturday evening, to give him a pleasant surprise in honor of his birthday anniversary. Progressive games were played, lunch was served. Lee received many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kull of Detroit are spending the forepart of this week with their nephew, Guy Seeley and family.

William Knapp is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler and family at Hartland.

A COURAGEOUS CHURCH

A New York preacher, Roswell P. Barnes, blames the church for much of the indifference toward religion because it is too slow to take a stand on important issues. Barnes says: "If religion is to be taken seriously by the people who will win respect for it, it must call for adventurous living. Exhortation to good living and commending of conventional morality are not enough in themselves. The church will take chances which will make it feared and respected before it can expect the kind of following which it seeks."

This is not an easy program for pastors and church leaders. Many think the church should not take position on political issues. And if it stays out of politics it loses touch with many issues that are close to the lives of men and women. The pastor has no easy road—Exchange.

Some people get hit in the head with baseballs, which may not be dangerous as getting struck with an idea.

Senator Person Makes Trip Around District

After an active campaign for the past two or three weeks in Detroit and Wayne county, Senator Seymour H. Person left today to carry into the state the battle against Grant Hudson for the nomination for Congress in the Sixth District.

"I am very well satisfied with the Detroit situation," Senator Person said. "I think I have spoken in practically every part of the city and have met the people of every part. I find them very responsive."

"There seems to be a rather general dissatisfaction over the present representation in Congress. I find active organizations in every ward and I find the organizations in Pontiac complete and working in every section of the city."

Some men keep the motto "do it now" over their desks, which is fine, provided it does not become "do them now."

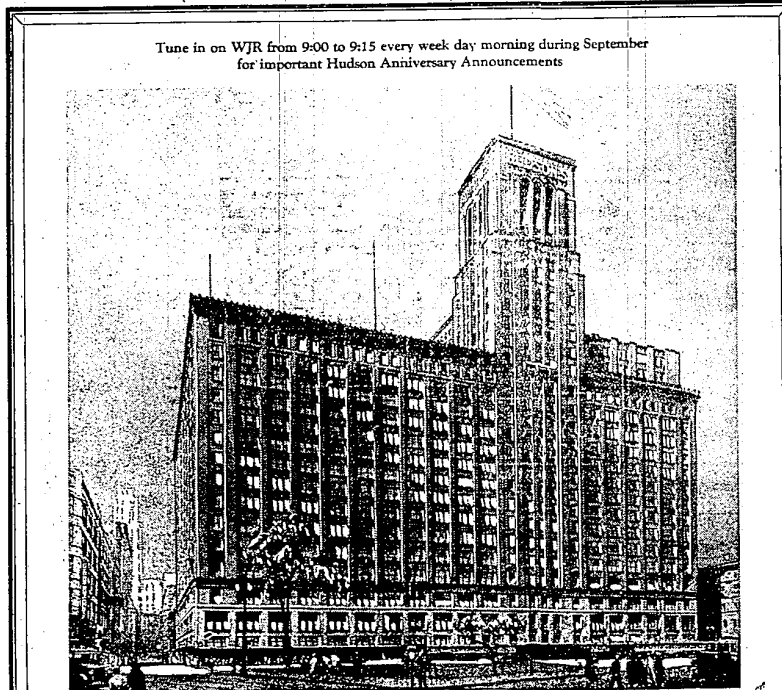
A man can be a deep thinker at his office but not at the ball park.—Waterbury American.

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