

The Ball of Fire

George Randolph Chester and Lillian Chester

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CHAPTER XXV.

Gail breaks a promise. The Whitecap would have been under way except for the delay of the gay little Mrs. Habbitt and her admiring husband, who sent word that they could not arrive until after dinner, so the yacht, long and low and slender and gleaming white, lay in the middle of the Hudson river, while her guests, bundled warmly against the crisp breeze, gathered in the forward shelter deck and watched the beginnings of the early sunset.

"I like Oscar Boyd in his yachting cap," commented Lucile, as that young man joined them, with a happy mother on his arm.

"It takes away that deadly clerical effect," laughed Arly. "His long coat makes him look like the captain, and he's ever so much more handsome."

"I don't mind being the topic of discussion so long as I'm present," commented Rev. Smith Boyd, glancing around the group as if in search of someone.

"It rather restricts the conversation," Mrs. Helen Davies observed, at the same time watching, with a smile, the tableau of her sister Grace and Jim Sargent. Gail and herself had taken Grace out shopping, and had forced on her sedate taste a neat and "fashionable" yachting costume, from flowing veiled cap to white shoes, which had dropped about twenty years from her usual appearance, and had brought a renewed enthusiasm to the eyes of her husband.

The cherub-checked Marion Kenneth glanced wistfully over at the rail where Dick Rodley, lying with the sunset in splendor, stood chatting with Easy Ted Tensdale and the stiff Gerald Fosland.

"Where's Gail?" demanded the scrub-checked one.

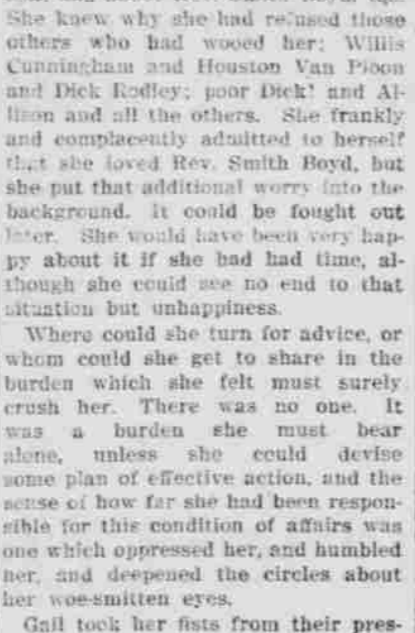
"It's those that young lady was up on deck," declared Arly, and rose.

"She's probably taking advantage of the opportunity to dress for dinner," surmised Mrs. Davies. "In fact, I think it's a good idea for all of us," but the sunset was too potent to leave for a few moments, and she sat still.

Where indeed was Gail? In her beautiful little curly maple bed, and digging two small lists into the maple-brown coverlet. The pair of the morning had not yet left her face, and there were circles around the brown eyes which gave them a wan pathos; there was a crease of pain and worry, too, in the white brow.

Gail had come to the greatest crisis in her life. So far she had told no one of what had occurred that morning. When she had rushed into the rector's study he had sprung up, and, seeing the fright in her face and that she was tottering and ready to fall, he had caught her in his strong arms, and she had clung trustfully to him, half faint, until wild sobbing had come to her relief. Even in her incoherence, however, even in her wild disorder of emotion, she realized that there was danger, not only to her but to everyone she loved, in the man from whom she had run away; and she could not tell the young rector any more than that she had been frightened. It was strange how instinctively she had headed for Rev. Smith Boyd's study; strange then, but not now, in that moment of

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John R. Connelly.

Congressman John R. Connelly of Kansas, recognized as one of the ablest foes of preparedness in the lower house, is the author of a plan of strategy for use in invasion from either coast. The population of the Atlantic seaboard is to retire behind the Alleghenies; the population of the Pacific coast is to retire east of the Sierras, and thenceforth dwell in peace, prosperity, and security, vexed by any foe.

grief, and all her fear; and now she was waiting.

"The only way in which that person can be prevented from attacking your Uncle Jim, which would be his first step, is to attack him before he can do anything," said Arly, pacing up and down, her fingers clasped behind her slender back, her black brows knotted, her graceful head bent toward the floor.

"He is too powerful," protested Gail.

"That makes him weak," returned Arly quickly. "In every great power there is one point of great weakness. Tell me again about this tremendously big world monopoly."

Patiently, and searching her memory for details, Gail recited over again all which Allison had told her about his wonderful plan of empire; and

SAYS ONE ENEMY SHIP COULD SINK U. S. PACIFIC FLEET



Admiral Cameron McL. Winslow.

Admiral Cameron McL. Winslow, commander of the U. S. Pacific fleet, told the house naval committee in the hearings on preparedness that one good warship could sink his entire fleet without being materially harmed. He said that even with all the reserves called out the fleet would be wholly inadequate to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific.

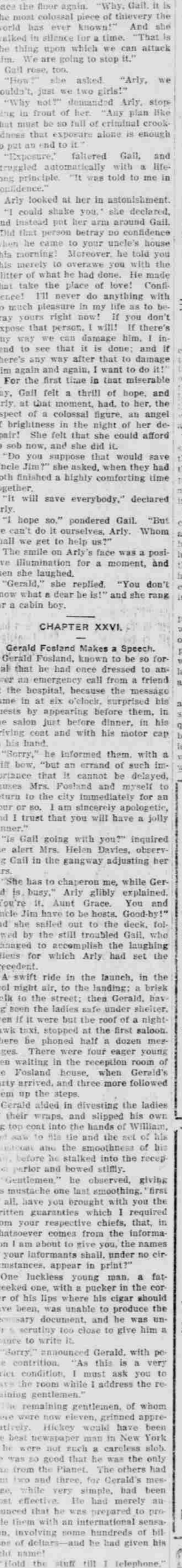
sure me, on your word of honor, that the document I require shall be in the house before you leave, I shall permit you to remain," he decreed; and Hickey looked him quite soberly in the eye for half a minute.

"I'll have it here all right," he decided, and sprang for the telephone, and came back in three minutes with his word of honor. They could hear him, from the library, yelling, from the time he gave the number until he hung up the receiver, and if there was ever urgency in a man's voice, it was in the voice of Hickey.

Gerald Fosland took a commanding position in the corner of the room, where he could see the countenances of each of the eager young gentlemen present. He stood behind a chair, with his hands on the back of it, in his favorite position for responding to a toast.

"Gentlemen: Edward E. Allison is about to complete a transportation system encircling the globe. The acquisition of the foreign railroads will be made possible only by a war, which is already arranged. The war, which will be between Germany and France, will begin within a month. France,

REPORTERS FLOCK AROUND SENATOR STONE AND BEG LATEST NEWS CONCERNING SUBMARINE CONTROVERSY WITH GERMANY



Senator Stone (arrow) surrounded by reporters just after leaving White House.

This picture of Senator William J. Stone of Missouri was taken on the occasion of his last call at the White House to discuss with the president the differences with Germany concerning the arming of belligerent merchantmen. Senator Stone, because of his position of power in the senate, next to Mr. Wilson, is probably the first man in the country's attention. He is shown here surrounded by newspaper men eager to learn the result of the conference.

LEGAL NOTICES

estate may be filed with said guardian, at the office of J. D. Taylor, Attorney-at-Law, in the Muhlen building, on Brewery Avenue, City of Bisbee, Arizona; the said bids to be made in writing, sealed in an envelope, and may be filed up to the 25th day of March, 1916.

The terms of sale will be for cash to be put on confirmation of the sale by said Court.

Dated at Bisbee, Arizona, this 9th day of March, 1916.

RICHARD BRANDON
Guardian of the Estate of B. N. Hollis as Guardian of the Person of Georgia Brandon, an insane person.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of B. N. Hollis, alias Wm. Farrell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of B. N. Hollis alias Wm. Farrell, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executrix at office of Alexander Murry, Attorney at Law, Bisbee, Arizona, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Cochise.

HATTIE HOLLIS.
Executrix of the Estate of B. N. Hollis, alias Wm. Farrell, deceased.

1916.

First publication February 26, 1916.
Dated Bisbee, this 25th day of Feb'y, 1916.

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A. E. SHEPPARD

FOR STREET SUPERVISOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Street Supervisor for the City of Bisbee, subject to the will of the people at the Democratic primaries to be held March 28, 1916.

C. A. BAILEY

FOR CITY MARSHAL

I hereby announce myself as a candidate to succeed myself as City Marshal of the City of Bisbee, subject to the will of the primary of the Democratic party, to be held March 28, 1916.

JAMES ALLISON

FOR STREET SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Office of Street Superintendent for the City of Bisbee, subject to the will of the people at the Democratic Primaries to be held March 28th, 1916.

NELS P. OKERSTROM.

FOR CITY CLERK

I wish to announce myself as a candidate for City Clerk of the City of Bisbee subject to the will of the people at the Democratic primaries on March 28, 1916.

L. B. TOMLINSON.

FOR STREET SUPERVISOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Street Supervisor for the City of Bisbee, subject to the will of the people at the Republican primaries to be held March 28, 1916.

BARNES TUSTIN.

FOR STREET SUPERVISOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Street Supervisor for the City of Bisbee, subject to the will of the people at the Republican primaries to be held March 28, 1916.

E. W. RANES.

FOR CITY CLERK

I desire to announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination and reelection to the office of city clerk subject to the Republican primaries, March 28.

M. L. BUTLER.

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