Under Fire

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This is a story of the European war. It is a tale of spies—of love and intrigue among them; of patriotism and sacrifice; of war's horrors and demands. It is not a plea for preparedness or for anything else. The great conflict across the water will produce some great literature—such as the American Civil war and the Franco-Prussian war and the Napoleonic wars produced—and much trash. Metropolitan critics unite in saying that "Under Fire" makes a bid for lasting popularity. Read it and judge for yourself.

CHAPTER I.
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Just a Hint of Scandal.

Georgy Wagstaff sauntered into Miss Ethel Willoughby's sitting room, attired in the daintiest and fluffiest of summer costumes. Georgy was the daughter of Sir George Wagstaff of the British admiralty. She found the room deserted, except for her father's admirable butler, who was at the moment in the act of placing a tea-tray upon Miss Willoughby's table.

"Oh, Brewster—is Miss Willoughby in?" she inquired.

The correct Brewster immediately straightened himself up in his best manner.

"It's about your past," Georgy began in deadly seriousness.

Ethel laughed at her tragic manner. "Have I—a past?" she inquired lightly.

But the romantic Georgy was not to be diverted from her mood.

"That's just the question," she commented. "You know I shouldn't mind it in the least if you had. I believe in people living their own lives, in their own way." Georgy prided herself that she was "advanced." She considered the ordinary insular attitude toward what is termed morality to be stodgy and Victorian. Indeed, she quite fancied the more free-and-easy continental view of life.

"What on earth are you talking about?" Ethel demanded. If the truth were known, she felt the least bit uncomfortable beneath the frank stare of her young friend.

"You remember a month ago, when you said you went to Brighton?" Georgy continued relentlessly.

"When I said I went to Brighton? When I went to Brighton," Miss Willoughby corrected her coldly.

But the chill of her remark was lost upon her patient cross-examiner. Georgy was too intent upon uncovering the romance that she thought she had stumbled upon to be so easily discouraged.

"Well, today at lunch Hugh Middleton said you couldn't have been in Brighton that week—" She paused to watch the effect of her bombshell.

... right to put such a construction upon my acquaintance with Mr. Streetman. I can't let you say things of this sort to me. It's not fair to me. It's not even fair to yourself."

While she was speaking the door opened and Brewster, the butler, stepped into the room.

"Mr. Streetman is calling," he announced in well-modulated tones.

"Oh, show him up!" Miss Willoughby ordered. And as soon as Brewster had vanished she shot a swift smile at her companion. "Speak of the devil—" she said good-naturedly.

"Oh, he isn't the devil," Georgy replied. "More of a snake, I think." There was certainly no reason to doubt her extreme dislike of the gentleman who was at that moment waiting below.

Ethel's hand was on the doorknob; but she hesitated long enough to say to Georgy:

"I won't be five minutes. Stay and amuse him—there's a good girl!"

"Not I!" Miss Georgy declared. "If he wants to be amused he can read Punch." And as she spoke she slipped off her perch on the chair-arm and started for the door through which Brewster had disappeared.

"Don't be rude to him, please, Georgy!" Miss Willoughby entreated. She knew that Georgy and Mr. Streetman must meet; and she could not refrain from trying to smooth the way for her guest.

"No, no!" Streetman protested. "We must not criticize the tools that serve us." And as he spoke he went to the telephone in a corner of the room. Picking up the instrument, he paused and turned to the butler with a look of amusement. "Sir George Wagstaff—Sir George of his majesty's navy—would be rather surprised if he knew that from his house we were communicating with our friends, the Germans," he observed.

"Rather!" his henchman responded, with a gleam of humor in his eyes.

"Now lock that door!" Streetman ordered once more. "And now to report to headquarters again!" he exclaimed, when the butler had turned the key noiselessly in Miss Willoughby's door. "Hello! City, 4225!" he said in a low but distinct voice.

Meanwhile the butler hovered near by.

"You think, mein Herr, there will be war?" he asked respectfully.

"I do not know. But we are ready. And if war does come, it will be Germany's hour—the day at last!" He turned to the telephone once more, and began speaking into the transmitter. "Hello! City, 4225? Hello! Are you there? Who is speaking . . . Twenty-six fourteen? . . . Hello! I am thirteen seventeen," he said, giving the number by which he was known in the German secret service. "Yes! We have no news of the English fleet; we have tried everything. . . . Very well! Goodby!"

CHAPTER II.
For the Fatherland.

"All That Narrow-Mindedness Is Old-Fashioned."

"They Say They Must Know Tonight."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

August 14, 1915.

Germans bombarded Novogeorgievsk.

Severe fighting on the Zlota Lipa.

Austrians advanced along the Bug river.

August 15, 1915.

Germans neared Kovno.

Russians defeated by Germans near Kubisko.

Austrians resumed bombardment of Belgrade.

Russians advanced in the Caucasus.

German embassy at Washington published charges that many British merchantmen had flown American flag.

American note to Austria refusing to stop shipment of munitions published.

August 16, 1915.

Germans took outlying forts of Kovno and Novogeorgievsk.

French won artillery fight near Soissons.

Turks recaptured Van from Russians.

U. S. accepted Germany's plan of settlement for the Frye case.

August 17, 1915.

Germans captured southwest front of Kovno, with 4,500 men.

Von Mackensen cut Cholm-Brest-Litovsk railway.

Russians again took Van and made other gains in Caucasus.

Austrian fleet bombarded ...

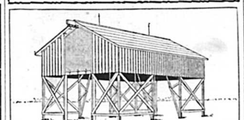
August 18, 1915.

August 19, 1915.

August 20, 1915.

MEN AND MATTERS

CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT HAY SHED



BUILDING FOR STORING ALFALFA OR OTHER KINDS OF HAY.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Drawings for a hay shed which is to be part of the permanent farm equipment have been prepared by the office of public roads and rural engineering of the department, and working drawings, with a bill of materials, may be had upon application to that office.

The construction of this shed is such that it may be built in as many sections, each 16 feet long, as are needed to meet the different requirements of individual farms. The width is 28 feet and the height to the eaves 20 feet, with a quarter-pitch gable roof. If the building is more than three sections, or 48 feet long, there should be a hay door in each end. Each section, it is calculated, has a capacity of about 20 tons of average hay, the exact capacity varying, of course, with the kind of hay and its condition when put in. With good alfalfa it may be possible to put as much as 25 tons into each section. In case the building is used for alfalfa a lean-to for storing baled hay may be built on one or both sides.

... has been left clear of braces in order that the hay may be gotten in and out without interference. In the drawing prepared by the department the top seven feet at the sides are covered, but if desirable the whole building may be inclosed.

Since this hay shed is to be permanent, it should be located on well-drained ground and in a situation as convenient to as many fields as possible. The plans call for concrete piers in order to avoid the rotting of timbers from contact with the ground. The frame is strongly braced and intended to withstand any storm except a cyclone. As fire is the chief danger to a building of this kind, lightning rods should be installed. This will lessen the danger from this source.

The cost of such a structure will vary, of course, with the situation and local conditions. With lumber at $30 a thousand, however, it is estimated that the materials in a three-section shed, such as that shown in the illustration, 28 feet by 48 feet, should cost a little more than $300. A shed of this size may be expected to hold about 60 tons of hay. ...

MAKE HAY WHILE SUN SHINES

Cover for Half-Built Stack May Save It From Being Soaked by Rain—Don't Pile High.

Raking Hay on Karnatz Farm, Near Forest Glen, Ill.

AVERAGE HAUL OF PRODUCTS

Distance Placed at 6.5 Miles by Department of Agriculture—Good Roads Are Needed.

KILL CANKER WORM BY SPRAY

Insect Has Destroyed More Apple Trees in Kansas Than San Jose Scale—Easy to Control.

WHY PEDIGREES ARE USEFUL

Purebred Is Result of Careful Selection and Use of Animals With Strong Points.

SPRAY FOR SUCKING INSECTS

Kerosene Emulsion Much Used for Certain Pests—Made of Hard Soap, Etc.

WEIGHING MILK FROM A COW

Estimated That Less Than Two Hours Per Year Required—Farmer Must Know Production.

VALUE OF FOOD IS REDUCED

Freezing Lessens Worth of Fruit and Vegetables—Also Applies to Fodder and Ensilage.

SAVING ALL LIQUID MANURE

Important That Plenty of Bedding Be Used—Some Farmers Employ a Catch-Cistern.

HUSBAND SAVED HIS WIFE

Stopped Most Terrible Suffering by Getting Her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Denison, Texas.—"After my little girl was born two years ago I began suffering with female trouble and could hardly do my work. I was very nervous but just kept dragging on until last summer when I got where I could not do my work. I would have a chill every day and hot flashes and dizzy spells and my head would almost burst. I got where I was almost a walking skeleton and life was a burden to me until one day my husband's stepsister told my husband if he did not do something for me I would not last long and told him to get your medicine. So he got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and after taking the first three doses I began to improve. I continued its use, and I have never had any female trouble since. I feel that I owe my life to you and your remedies. They did for me what doctors could not do and I will always praise it wherever I go."—Mrs. G. O. Lowery, 419 W. Monterey Street, Denison, Texas.

If you are suffering from any form of female ills, get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and commence the treatment without delay.

Fliers.

"Do you ever take a flyer in the market?"

"No," replied the munitions speculator. "Nothing doing with airships. I'm for submarines."

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TWO LEADERS ON THE WEST FRONT

Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British forces on the west front, and Sir Pertab Singh, high commander of the Indian forces.

GERMANS LOSE THE INITIATIVE IN SECOND YEAR OF GREAT WAR

Co-Operation Among the Entente Allies Brings Sweeping Change Over the Aspect of Military Affairs—Two Largest Empires of Earth, Russia and Great Britain, at Last Fully Organized—Second Year's Campaigns Reviewed.

On April 25, Sir Roger Casement was captured attempting to land from a German submarine on the Irish coast. The next day the Sinn Fein society revolted, seized Dublin and set up a provisional republic. The rebellion was quelled in less than a week.

On June 3 the German and British fleets engaged in a great battle off Skaggerrak. Although the Germans claimed a victory, they have not yet followed it up by coming out to deal another blow at the blockading vessels. The reports of losses by the two sides are impossible to harmonize.

War Costs Fifty-Five Billion.

On August 1, the second anniversary of the start of the great war, the direct money cost to all the belligerents reached $55,000,000,000.

This is the consensus of financial opinion here. Estimates six months ago were slightly lower, but the daily cost has mounted steadily and the figures given are considered conservative.

The direct cost does not include the losses by destruction of property, by the disorganization of civilian industry, by the death and crippling of workers, or by enervating human sickness and misery.

The [illegible] spent is apportioned approximately as follows:

Great Britain (including colonies)	$13,000,000,000
Belgium (mostly advanced by allies)	500,000,000
France	8,500,000,000
Russia	11,500,000,000
Serbia	350,000,000
Italy	2,500,000,000
Portugal	100,000,000
Montenegro	10,000,000
Japan	(slight)
Total, entente allies	$36,960,000,000
Germany	$12,000,000,000
Austria-Hungary	6,000,000,000
Bulgaria	150,000,000
Turkey	600,000,000
Total, central powers	$18,750,000,000
Grand total	$55,710,000,000

$110,000,000 a Day.

Preparation for Planting.

Conscription in England.

At Last Fully Organized.

Russia Seemed Beaten.

Russia Well Equipped.

Neutrals Wax Fat.

Austria on Defensive.

LEAPS 80 FEET INTO LAKE

Swarthy Man Called "Bandit" Fled From Crowd of Pursuing Men and Boys.

$64,000 FOR PANAMA HAT

Prices Paid in the City of Mexico in Carranza Currency for Summer Covering.

Dog Saves a Child.

GROWING FRUIT IN GREAT PLAINS AREA

PLUM TREE OF UNKNOWN IDENTITY, PLANTED IN SPRING OF 1908.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

MOST SERIOUS PEST OF GRAPE INDUSTRY

Small Worm Bores Into Young Fruit, Causing It to Be Worthless for Marketing.

CAUSES GIVEN FOR "NUBBINS"

WHEN HOG CHOLERA MAY BE SUSPECTED

Well to Obtain Thermometer and Take Temperature of Animals Apparently Well.

LARGER PROFITS FROM HENS

Try to Imitate Nature.

Prevents Potato Scab.

Art of Stacking.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

Oh! joy is like a magic cup;
I lift it to the sky
And still the more I offer up,
The fuller joy have I.
—Charlotta Porter.

REFRIGERATOR TALK.

The care of foods in the ice chest is one that is most important. Careless cleaning may prove disastrous and even fatal to members of the family. Food will not keep indefinitely even on ice and food even slightly tainted which would not affect a normal person might be fatal to a young child.

Foods that should be kept moist may be rolled in damp linen and placed in the ice chest, this will keep them from drying out at the edges.

All boiled water or spring water of any kind should be kept tightly corked to keep out impurities. Boiled water absorbs impurities more quickly than the fresh.

Porcelain-lined plates are convenient for use in the ice chest as they are not easily injured and are sanitary. Keep plenty of waxed paper to cover food of different kinds as it is much more attractive when kept fresh.

Sliced vegetables or fruits may be chilled and placed upon a sheet of waxed paper then laid directly on ice.

The square porcelain-lined pans, two or three inches deep, make excellent receptacles for keeping raw or cooked meat; they take up less room than the round plates. These pans make excellent trays to hold custard cups or sherbet glasses that are set in the chest to cool.

THINGS THAT HELP.

Nellie Maxwell

Revenge.

"I've been calling this number for five minutes," said the irate subscriber.

"What number?"

"I'm so irritated I'm almost tempted not to satisfy your feminine curiosity."

The average annual death rate a generation ago was 31 to 1,000 living; now it is 14.

Every man who knows it all seldom gets a chance to tell it after he gets married.

Don't Poison Baby.

FORTY YEARS AGO almost every mother thought her child must have PAREGORIC or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce sleep, and a FEW DROPS TOO MANY will produce the SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING. Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is: *"A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death."* The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without you or your physician know of what it is composed. CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS, if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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Why She Worried.

The Situation.

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New Post Toasties

—for tomorrow's breakfast.

Sold by Grocers everywhere.