Under Fire

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SYNOPSIS.

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The chief characters are Ethel Willoughby, Henry Streetman and Capt. Larry Redmond. The minor characters are Sir George Wagstaff of the British admiralty and Charles Brown, a New York newspaper correspondent. Ethel, a resident of Sir George's household, secretly married to Streetman, a German spy, though she did not know him as such. Captain Redmond, her old lover, returns to England after long absence. From him she learns the truth about Streetman; furthermore, that he has betrayed her simply to learn naval secrets. The European war breaks out. Ethel prepares to accompany Streetman to Brussels as a German spy in order to get revenge and serve England. Captain Redmond, Ethel and Charlie Brown turn up at a Belgian inn as the German army comes. She is Madame De Lorde. She begins to work with a French spy.

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CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

A peasant, half-mad, has stopped at the inn to warn its people that the enemy is approaching.

"Hurt?" he cried. "Hurt? You ...

... Brown before he arrived at the Lion d'Or. On the contrary, he looked fit as a prizefighter, trained to the minute. And behind him rode another as like him as a second pea out of the same pod.

Charlie Brown gazed at them breathlessly. He was conscious of a mighty admiration for those two infinitesimal cogs in the great German military machine. And he said to Christophe in an awed whisper:

"Gosh! They're not afraid, are they? Anyone might pot them from a window." The thing might happen any moment.

"Perhaps they are not afraid because they know if they are killed they will be well avenged," Christophe answered. And then he said, "Really, m'sieu, do not speak English. I ask you to go. It may be easier for me. . . . Please, m'sieu, quickly!"

The American reluctantly left the window. He did not want to miss a single detail of that amazing spectacle. But he had no wish to involve the worthy innkeeper in any needless trouble. So he started for the stairway.

"Well, you know where to find me," he said. A band was playing outside. Every moment the strains were growing more distinct. And Mr. Brown had hardly disappeared to regions above when a German corporal led a squad of eight men bodily into the Lion d'Or.

CHAPTER XIV.

Ethel Makes an Impression.

... rooms. But he had not long to ponder upon that; for Major von Brenig straightway resumed his catechism. "You have six rooms," he continued. "Two of these will be occupied by myself and officers for the night. You will have them prepared at once, two beds each. The other four rooms will be shared by the infantry who will be stationed here. For them you will need make no preparations."

Henri Christophe bowed obediently.

"You have ground here—enough to graze two hundred horses," the matter-of-fact major proceeded. "You have three cows, two horses, a haystack, plenty of chickens and pigs. Is that not right?"

"Yes, m'sieu, quite right!" the innkeeper replied. He was staggered, stupefied, by that amazing and accurate inventory.

"All these we shall take; but we shall of course pay for them," the officer told him.

And then Sergeant Schmidt returned, with little Jeanne cowering beside his bulky figure. At the sight of her father she rushed across the room and clung to him, a piteous spectacle.

"Ah, mon pere, I am afraid—I am afraid," she stammered.

He patted her gently.

"There, there, Jeanne—they will not hurt you," Henri Christophe said.

Major von Brenig looked with some ...

... Brenig addressed himself to Larry Redmond, who all this time had been a silent onlooker to the proceedings.

"Ah! You must be Captain Karl," he said.

"Yes, Herr Major!" Larry answered.

"I was told that you had only just reported—your papers said on some special mission. Can I be of assistance?"

"I thank you, major; but at the moment there is nothing," Larry told him.

"Perhaps you will dine with me?" Major von Brenig said. He was a hospitable man. And he understood that Captain Karl was held in high esteem by his superiors.

"I thank you, Herr Major. Auf wiedersehen!" Larry replied. And he walked to the door. He was not keen to dine with the German officer, and face his frankly scrutinizing eyes, and perhaps have embarrassing questions fired at him. But he saw no decent way of declining. And there was always the chance that such mingling with enemy officers might yield valuable information. If he should be caught—well! that was all in the game.

Lieutenant Baum, returning from the wine cellar, announced that he had discovered no opening other than the one furnished by the trapdoor in the floor.

"Good!" the older officer said. "Now ...

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(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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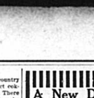

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