



# The Real Adventure

A NOVEL

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CHAPTER XII—Continued.

“Pretty much the same. A batch of wind and rain had closed the door behind her, and whipped her unbroken sister out, but she did not come in. She stood there, there, there, fully erect, confronting it. There was something in her face—something in her face she was expecting—something she was not, then, should, but very definitely.

“‘Hoddy,’ she said.

He had seen her name, but his dry throat denied it utterance.

He suddenly trembled. He came forward, and, as he did, he saw him and came to meet him, and spoke his name again.

“‘I’m sorry to see you out,’ he said. “I was afraid you mightn’t be home, but I’m glad to see you. Come in, Hoddy, come in.’

He managed it last in great, and, as he did so, forced out and took her by the shoulders. “Come home,” he said.

At that she stepped back and shook her head. But he had discovered what she had done, and that she was trembling too.

The stage door had begun to give out, and he had to give it a push.

They stared curiously at Dano and the big man who stood there with her, then at each other, and then at her.

“We can’t talk here,” he said. “We must go somewhere.”

So they went, and they moved off side by side after the little girls who had come in.

“I’m sorry to see the smoke of shadows, half out the door, after the griped her arm tight and they both stood there, looking at each other without a word, they moved again.

“Finally—‘Are you all right, Hoddy?’ he said.

“‘It’s a good many days since I’ve heard from Perty.’ And then, suddenly, he said, “What’s the matter? What’s gone wrong that you care?”

“I didn’t know that you were still I saw you, and I saw you stand.”

This was all, in words, that passed him off, but about him in a sort of glazed bewilderment.

At last, at the stoop before her door,

“‘I’m sorry to see you out,’ he said.

“‘Where you live,’ he echoed blankly.

“The place I went away to—California. I’m back right here—where I could almost see the smoke of your chimney.”

“I only pay three dollars a week for it—but it’s big enough to be alone.”

A drunken man came lurching pitifully down the street. She shrank into the shadows, and, as she did, he stopped her, found her with his hands, and heard her voice speaking breathlessly, “I’m sorry to see you out, Hoddy. That’s what you said when I told you what I was saying.”

“I’m sorry to see you out, Hoddy.”

“I’m sorry to see you out



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## JUST AN ENTHUSIAST

One often hears the expression, when referring to another who has waxed eloquent on some subject near to his heart: "Oh, he is just an enthusiast; you must not take him too seriously."

Yes, just an enthusiast, but what a wonderful thing is enthusiasm! Dead meat have not it. It is the exclusive possession of live men—men of power, of dynamic force.

It is hard to imagine what this life would be without enthusiasm. Perhaps the warden of Sing Sing prison would have a clearer perception than most people of a world devoid of enthusiasm.

The quality we call enthusiasm has done much for the world. Columbus had it, and he discovered America. Edison had it, and we have the steam engine. The Wright brothers had it, and as a result the currents of the upper ether are almost as well known as those of the deep. Marconi had it, and the wireless has eliminated the element of distance on this earth. And what shall we say of Edison, the greatest enthusiast of them all? What would be our condition today even without his inventions?

You can be a genius. But who ever knew a genuine enthusiast on his hobby? What is a genius, anyway, without enthusiasm? A mere visionary!

Be an enthusiast, in your daily business, in municipal, state and national affairs. Be an enthusiast in everything you undertake, in everything you advocate. And above all, be an enthusiast in upholding the Government in its prosecution of this war, and in the end we will reap the rewards of the enthusiasm of the enthusiast.

Enthusiasm is a rare gift. It can be acquired by no normal person. It does not take a place of will power, but is the legitimate child of the will. Given the desire to succeed, enthusiasm can be cultivated, and when once acquired its power is limitless.

Enthusiasm is not the exclusive dower of youth. Some of the brightest minds the world has ever known have carried it down to the very leaf of the shade.

Neither is it the peculiar heritage of genius, for many of the world's greatest benefactors have been people of mediocre gifts, but obsessed with a burning enthusiasm for accomplishment.

Therien lies its greatest lesson. All may possess it, and with its magic power no life need be a failure.

The strenuous days through which we are passing call for unbridled enthusiasm.

Be an enthusiast! Only the dervishes and fail-  
ures will snore.

## POSTER SHOULD PAY

The burdens of this war should not be laid entirely upon the people of this generation. Posters, gloating in its results, should pay its share.

To levy abnormal taxes upon all commodities will be but to put a financial and physical strain upon the people which they can ill afford to bear, when the necessities of life are taxed it is the consumer who pays the bill.

The common people—and by that term we mean the great mass of the people who earn their living from day to day—are already staggering under the financial strain of the heavy taxes of many of them. The complacency of Congress in the face of highway robbery by the food barons is forcing them almost to the point of desperation. The stomach demands food, and often the pocketbook is not able to supply it in sufficient quantities.

Too much of our war revenue should not be raised by immediate taxation. Posterior should pay its share in interest and principal on long-term bonds.

The people have logically submitted to the necessity for economy, and are virtually living on a war schedule. Luxuries have been eliminated, and expenditures have been limited to bare necessities. The addition of a heavy tax to this would be the utmost folly.

If Congress would become as patriotic as it expects of the people, then let it enact laws that will give the farmer and the producer a fair price for his products, and let it see that he will not be required to pay more than a fair margin of profit over the cost of production—the ultimate elimination of all speculators and other grasping persons.

And let posterity pay part of the bill.

## THE PEOPLE HAVE ANSWERED

The American people have made their second answer to their country's call. The first answer was made on June 5, when ten million Americans voted to be taxed for the war. In the following thirty years registered themselves for national service. This answer, though required by law, was made with a spirit and willingness that robed the registration of any lait of compulsion or servitude.

A second answer from the people was registered on June 15, and the answer completed that day was entirely voluntary. More than 1,000,000 Americans, who had not subscribed their money to support the United States in the war. This they did, notwithstanding, not in a spirit of war fever, but calmly and in the exercise of judgment and reason.

## SENATORIAL DIGNITY

Washington dispatches advise us that a certain United States senator offered a bribe of \$40,000 dollars if his son were exempted from the draft. The party to whom the offer was made promptly communicated the fact to the Attorney-General of the United States.

We are watching for the next act in the drama of "senatorial dignity".

Will it come?

## HE IS NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR.

Congressman Hoban Has Many Claims  
For Defense Besides

His Naval Construction

The quest of preparedness has become a national issue within the last few days, and the author of the bill that Congressman Hoban has introduced on the lecture platform of Congress is a man of many claims in Congress for many years.

He is a naval constructor. Hoban, who is to speak here at the Chamber of Commerce this summer, has many claims for this position. He is a leading authority on naval construction, having been a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a student in Paris.

He commands the collier Merrimac and another in the fleet of 100 ships in 1888. The Merrimac had been before the American people as a heroic vessel, but now she is but a hulk of iron.

He is a naval constructor in a Spanish fortress in the sun, and a naval constructor in a Spanish wreck and in charge of operations to save these wrecks in 1898. He is a naval constructor in the construction of a Cuxhaven ship at Elizabeth, N. J., in 1902 and resigned from the service.

He is a lecturer, speaker, writer, and has long advocated American naval expansion. He is a member of the International movement for peace.

He is the author of many books, has been a member of Congress for many years and today is one of the most prominent figures in American political affairs.

His Chautauqua address will be given largely to the discussion of the subject of preparedness, and he will speak on the night of the coming day.

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## DAIRYFARM FOR GOOD ROADS.

Illinois Association Adopts Resolution at Danville Meeting.

At the 1917 annual convention of the State Dairymen's association held at Danville, the delegates voted on record in favor of a \$20,000,000 bond issue to be voted on at the next election by adopting the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Dairymen's association, in view of the fact that the dairy industry is greatly interested in the movement for better country roads; and

"Whereas, The Illinois Highway Improvement Association in session at Danville, June 15, 1917, adopted resolutions calling upon the Fifteenth annual assembly to present to the people at the election to be held November 7, 1917, a bond issue for the construction of a state-wide system of good roads."

"Whereas, This method appears the only satisfactory one to construct a system of good roads within the space of an ordinary lifetime; and

"Whereas, This is the most economical way of using available materials and to deprive in particular, as the easy transportation of our products to market; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the proposition to issue state bonds for the purpose of constructing a state-wide system of good roads be referred to the speaker of the house and the speaker of the senate for transmission to the house and senate."

Not every community that attempts to good roads can afford to lay down concrete. Where there is not money enough to lay down concrete, it may not provide the best that are possible under the circumstances? When this is known, the speaker of the house will be directed to attract traffic and interest development which will enable the construction of highways as good as can be made.

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