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Miss Brown's first few days at and have called attention to the Camberley were unproductive of hideous injustice that is going on any event of importance. She had in the army today." to attend to a somewhat volum- There was a a brooding silence inous correspondence which plain- One thin-faced woman, who had ly indicated the nature of Lady been listening intently all the Hannerton's political sympathies. time, ventured to speak. A letter to Thornton begging him not to call without warning, she anyways, rioting, should come on mons until her work in the neigh- fuse to obey orders?" borhood was finished.

She telephoned on several oc casions to Dessiter and exchange a few guarded words. On the fifth morning, Lady Hannerton, in warm rose-colored dressing gown trimmed with fur, came into the small study which had been given up for her use.

morning, Miss Brown," she announced, handing her two long sheets of paper. "I want three copies of these lists of names. Be careful to get the regimental numbers right and the numbers of the battalions. Also you will see that after each name there are either one, two or three crosses, or query. Those marks tell me just what the political opinions of the men are, and what chance I have of getting them to vote for me. At 4 o'clock I have twelve or fifteen of the sergeants' wives coming to tea in the other room. I want you to be there with your notebook, and if I use any phrase that seems to you striking, make a note of it. Is that quite clear?" "Quite clear, thank you," Miss

Brown replied. "I have come to the conclusion," Lady Hannerton went on, after a moment's hesitation, "that you e a person in whom I can place entire trust. I want you though to preserve all your notebooks and let me have them when you leave. It is a foolish idea of mine, perhaps, but people are so inquisitive and the newspapers might distort 'the most harmless remarks."

"Certainly." Miss Brown agreed, with immovable face. Lady Hannerton trailed out,

leaving behind her an odor of bath salts and kindred perfumes. Miss Brown bent over her task. typed for some hours, ate her exceedingly moderate luncheon comfortably at a small table drawn up to the fire, and typed again until 4 o'clock. By that time the lists were finished, and neatly pinned together. Lady Hannerton, looking more attractive than ever in a quiet, but very fashionably made house gown, looked them through, murmured a few words of approval and took Miss Brown with her into the larger room where score or so of women were seated whispering together. Lady Hannerton greeted them all, smiling.

"I'm so glad you've come to have a little talk with me," she said hospitably. "Do draw up as close to the fire as you can. It seems to get colder and colder. Plenty of toast, please, Mary," she told the parlor maid.

Tea was served, and very bountifully served. Afterward Lady Hannerton sat in an easy chair and smoked one of the cigarettes which were handed around.

"Of course you know what my ambition is." she began. "I want to get into Parliament and I must warn you that I am very liberal in my views. I particularly want being a soldier's widow it is the soldier husband I mean to fight for more than any one else. I tell the general the same thing: I tell all the officers whenever they come here to dine. I think the privates and noncommissioned of-

ficers are the worst paid men in There was a little murmur of not unnatural approval. "I don't know whether you know what the exact scale of pay is,"

Lady Hannerton went on. "I'll give you each a little pamphlet before you go which will tell you just what a private gets, what a noncommissioned officer gets, and so on all the way to a general. I want you to keep these pamphlets to yourselves, because not unnatwith the authorities, but I can always provide you with some more

for your friends."

There was some slight applause, a definite undernote of sympathetic approbation, several questions to which Lady Hannerton replied. "I suppose you all read the papers." Lady Hannerton went on presently. "You know that preparations are going on for what looks as though it might turn out to be a universal strike. They'll probably do all sorts of work they never ought to be asked to do while the trouble is on but one thing want to point out to you is that the end of it all will probably be either what we hear so much about nowadays—a revolution—or considerably higher pay for the workers, while you will remain exactly where you were before."

There was a little uneasy movement among the women. Even those who had come in contented and smiling were looking gloomy.

"Her Ladyship's right," one woman muttered. "I'll tell my Tom
what I think when I get home."

You must all of you talk to

your husbands," Lady Hannerton I could not, as a soldier's wife, dis- said, I hope?" her employer coninsisted. "Military discipline is a cuss."

come, if they do come, you will chel. As soon as they had all gone, "I shall get you to make out as see a colonel drawing his seven or Lady Hannerton threw open the clear a summary of them as you

come until after I have succeeded quiet reply. "Do you say the same in geetting a seat in Parliament thing to all of them?"

I should think so, was the life of the great once," Miss couver by a delegation for the Hotel C. Packers office and so "I should think so," was the me down two boxes tonight."

Brown," Lady Hannerton added, looking at her closely, "what did you think of it all? Are you sympathizer or do you believe in letting established things remain

"Supposing this revolution, or, Miss Brown shook her head. took note of, and also one to Pen- account of the strikes," she ask- have no political opinions," "I find it best in my position to nington refusing an invitation to ed slowly, "is Your Ladyship sug- said. "I have work to do for luncheon in the House of Com- gesting that the army should re- sorts of people. I try to do "I am suggesting nothing," Lady thing f think about." Hannerton answered. "I have "I suppose," Lady Hannerton re-

simply asked you here to try to flected, still covertly watching her make you see clearly the situation stenographer, "if the general, for as it exists, and to ask you to vote instance, were to hear everything for me when I put up for Parlia- I said to these women, I should ment. What your husbands may do get into trouble."

upon their own countrymen "You took a few notes of what I duties.

hard to the station now. It's just pos-sible the Times people may send son were met at the doct

Lady Hannerton looked at her the Hotel Georgia, where the approvingly as she turned toward a banquet was held the door.

"Miss Brown," she said, "I feel company. Thirty people sure that you are going to suit me ent, the only invited very well, indeed."

"I am very pleased to hear you and two sisters of Mr. Fem say so," was the calm reply. "I Miss Grant, a particular hope that when you are in Parlia- Mrs. Ferguson (formerly) ment you, will continue to need my Harvey).

Hannerton's lips. "When I am in Parliament, and Mrs. Ferguson with a Miss Brown," she promised, "I will sterling silver, on behalf certainly have no other secretary." staff. (To Be Continued Tomorrow)

schools, returned to the city on will be leaving the city if they are faced with such a ter- Miss Brown made no remark, yesterday afternoon's train from nesday for his home rible problem as being ordered to Her face remained expressionless, a trip to the interior on official Illinois, to spend

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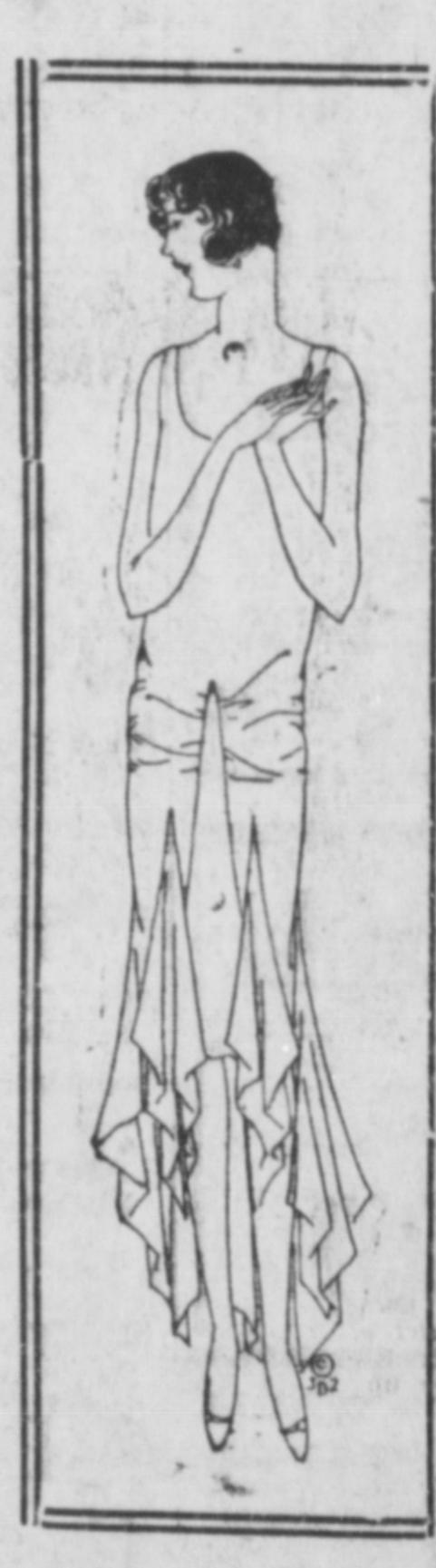
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