ITH THE SOUL OF A FLAPPER

ELSIE DUGAN screwed her face up into a knot and glared at her eflection in the mirror. With the alm of her hand she slapped the mooth surface of the glass once, wice, three times.

"There! Take that and that and at!" she said, then crumpled up o a little heap and burst into tears. "Oh, Lord, why did you make me ugly and then give me a flap- soul?" she moaned.

rdinarily Elsie was a cheerful, y-going little Irish girl, but upon ertain occasions all the rebellion in er nature flared up and she indulged n an orgy of despair.

Suddenly she rose from the bed ripped off her flimsy little eve- dress. Rolling it ruthlessly into ll, she threw it in the corner of room.

"And it took a whole month's salary to buy it! If you aren't a flapper, don't try to flap," she grimly advised herself.

Then she walked across the room, covered the poor little bit of green iffon and taffeta and started smooth- g it out.

"It wasn't your fault. You tried to ake me popular and make those ly fool men see me and dance with e—but it was too big a job for one ttle green dress.

"But it's all off, little flapper frock, e won't go to any more dances or rties or anything. We'll go to urch and Sunday school and the t of the time we'll stay right here home and we won't try to compete th a whole bunch of bobbed-haired auties who know this flapping game. infully practical, that's what I am out to marry a middle-aged farmer ith half a dozen savage kids left m by his first wife. Ugh!"

It was late the next afternoon that ank Faulkner sauntered into her fice.

"H'lo, Elsie," he greeted with all the miliarity one employee has for an- her. "Saw you at the dance last ght."

Elsie flushed scarlet and looked vn at her typewriter, then up again. "Yes, I had a beast of a time. I'm t cut out for social things. I'm off all forever."

"That's tough luck for me. I just me in to ask you to go to dinner th me tonight and we could take a show afterward. Wish you could, sie."

"Well, that's different," she told n. "I'd love to go if you want me. I'm just not going to any more ties and dances."

ood. I thought you'd go with me. ear my evening suit, if you say. on't get many chances. And we'll to a sure enough hotel and make eve we're big folk."

They laughed together happily.

"I think that would be great and wear my little green dress."

six o'clock Elsie went down in r to the doorbell and found her waiting for her.

n't this fun!" she said, her e face lighted with happiness, t, oh, a taxi! You extravagant !"

know, but this is our night."

helped her in with all the flat- deference of a real gallant and eart jumped at the attention.

eel like a princess," she laughed.

was a gay dinner. They laughed hatted and joked and teased and like children playing grownup.

erward as he helped her on with rap he said in boyish tones:

w would you like to drive out park and sit around the lake of going to a show?"

love it," Elsie declared. "I o suggest it, but was afraid t have had your heart set particular show."

park by the lake it was cool uiet. The moon hanging over ter threw a soft light over all.

know, Elsie, I've got a lot I've to tell you for ages. I've had pointing sort of a time. I'm bookkeeper, but I'm learning t of things and saving a little and some day I'm going to ut on my own. I adore your ir and your little fiery temper ur loyalty. If you could love just a little bit and let him ectly silly and write you wild ters and write him some back hen marry him after a while— -why, you're trembling. Surely n't frighten you, dear."

o, no," she murmured. "Just wild love to me; do, Frankie. got a flapper's soul, but dread- humdrum, practical outsides, 've longed for—oh, do keep on , wonderful, loving, crazy things !"

've needed each other right " he said a while later. "If I'd had the courage sooner, but it e a little nerve when I saw you have such a good time last I thought maybe you weren't adfully spoiled after all. You appreciate a fellow a little, and you were so adorable in that dress I couldn't wait any long- know my fate."

just to think I was so angry dress and the dull evening I nd everything," sighed Elsie. I love all the men I hated last for not dancing with me."

ll, don't love them too much or t be jealous," he laughed.

right, I won't," she promised, y.

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BIG SLASH IN RATES

Schedules affecting a vast reduction in the rates for electrical service have been approved by the Public Service Commission of Maryland by the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. and its subsidiaries.

The Companies putting into effect new rates are the Eastern Shore Public Service Company, operating throughout Sussex and Kent Counties in Delaware with the exception of the territories served by the municipal plants in Clayton, Smyrna, Dover, Milford and Lewes, the Easttern Shore Public Service Co., of Maryland, operating in Worcester, Wicomico, Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties in Maryland, and the Consumers Public Service Company, operating in and around Crisfield, Md., and the rates will be uniform in all those sections.

The new rates will become effective as of December 1st, 1929, for all consumption after the November meter readings. Based upon the present business of the company, it is estimated that the new rates will reduce gross revenues from Maryland communities by $115,000 and by a proportionate amount from Delaware communities. At the same time, J. H. Drake, Executive Vice-President of the Companies, announced an extensive program of improvement to their facilities and service during the coming year.

TIDE WATER EXPANDS SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM

In line with President Hoover's suggestion that construction programs be continued and expanded, if possible, by corporations and communities to provide work and stabiiize conditions in industry, the Tide Water Oil Company, through its subsidiary, The Tide Water Associated Transport Corporation, has entered into a contract with the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for the construction of two deep-draft sea-going tankers of approximately 13,000 tons each, to be completed early in the Fall of 1930.

Tide Water's growing business in the foreign field makes these additions to the Tide Water Fleet necessary and the two new vessels are designed for service in connection with the Company's business in Venezuela, Dutch West Indies and the Argentine Republic. Each ship will be approximately 500 feet long, 66 foot beam and will draw approximately 27 feet 6 inches in loaded condition. Each will have a capacity for 100,000 barrels of crude oil or 115,000 barrels of gasoline and will carry a crew of 36 men.

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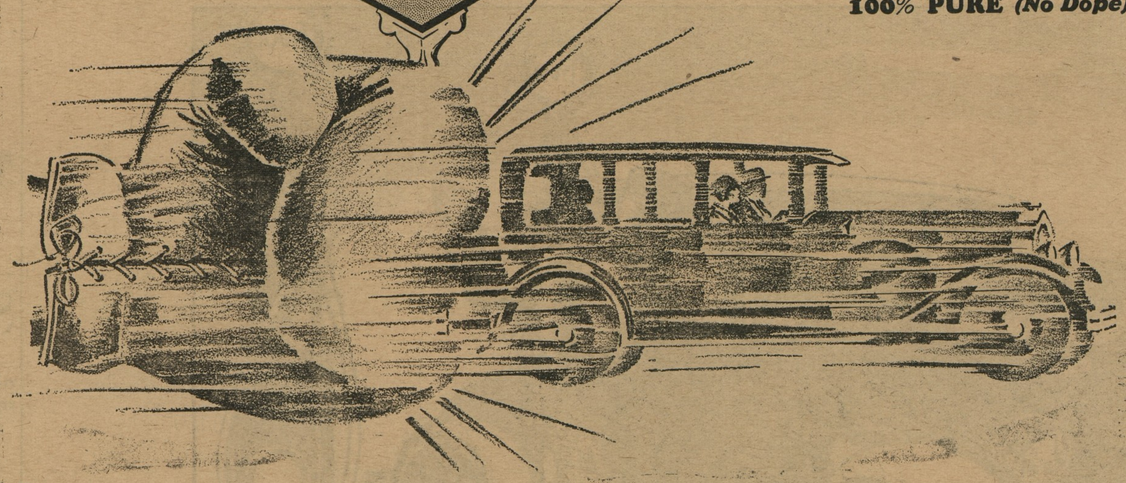

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