

France May Line Up With Russia In Effort to Regain Her Lost Prestige in Diplomatic World

By J. W. T. MASON
(Written for the United Press)
NEW YORK.—Russian diplomacy, which has been ineffective in Europe since the Bolshevik revolution, is seeking to make its power felt by stirring up suspicions in the Near East and Far East concerning Moscow's intentions. The importance of Bolshevism as an international force, however, is being shown by the scant attention paid Moscow's various movements, and in order to regain her lost influence Russia may once more have to ally herself to France.

In the days of the Czar, the European chancelleries were ever watching the slightest gesture by the Russian foreign office, especially in the Levant and the Orient. There was always tension in the discussions about Russia's purposes. Russia was the enigmatic element in the western game of diplomacy. The power of the Czars was accepted, at least in part at Russia's own valuation.

Bolsheviks.
Now, however, the Bolsheviks are unable to attract any interest in their diplomatic activities, however much they have been trying to do so. The reason is the general recognition of Russia's physical weakness. The Russian army has a low standing, not only technically but also as a human fighting force. The Bolshevik soldiers have been studied by foreign military experts whose conclusion of the worth of the human material in any offensive campaign are far from flattering. In defensive fighting, on Russia soil, the Russians might withstand attack for some time, but in any operations involving the invasion of foreign soil, the lack of leadership would mean inevitable disaster, unless western strategists, as for instance the French, were in control.

Bolshevism, therefore, is unable to brandish a weapon exclusively of its own to back up its new forward policy. It must resort still to threats of setting the world afire in a communistic revolutionary conflagration by the threats, too often in the past, have been empty ones for the other nations to pay much further attention to them. Bolshevism has not raised the standard of living in Russia sufficiently to interest the working classes outside Russia in impressive numbers.

Hopelessness.
Signs are appearing that the Bolshevik leaders are beginning to realize the hopelessness of their present methods. In China, despite Russian financial help to the South Chinese armies, and the success that South China is gradually gaining, Russian influence is able to accomplish nothing that the other powers have not gained. In Turkey, Russia may have stimulated the Angora governments' resentment against the Ottoman conquerors in the world war, but Turkey also looks upon Russia as her hereditary enemy. Now, the Russians are turning their attention to the Balkans and here a situation is developing which may cause Russia and France to become associates once more as they were before the world war.

Versailles Treaty.
France has spent large sums of money since the Versailles treaty in trying to make herself the paramount power in influence in the Balkans, hoping, thereby to check both Germany and Russia. But, the Balkan countries are not certain of the value of France's help in any emergency involving themselves. They are beginning to split up into groups, confused as to the general international outlook and not certain of their relations among themselves. Into this situation Mussolini has entered and is seeking an understanding with Rumania, the only Latin nation among the Balkan powers.

France fears Italian assertiveness in the Balkans may become increasingly important if Italy and Rumania become allies. At the same time, Russia has reason to regard any strengthening of Rumania's hand as detrimental to Slav ambitions because Moscow seeks to regain possession of the Russian province of Bessarabia which the allies took from Russia and gave to Rumania in payment of her belated help during the world war.

Western Power.
For the first time, therefore, since the Bolsheviks gained possession of the Russian government similarity of self-interest is drawing them to a western power, with a gesture of friendship. It is ironic that this power should be France, but the history of diplomacy is filled with such happenings. France finds herself a possible target for Italy and, of course, the time is approaching when Germany will be free to talk on terms of menacing equality with French states-



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manship. There is promise of English help to France if ever an aggressive attack is made against that nation. But, equally, the treaty of Locarno requires England to fight on the side of France's opponent if France is the aggressor. The situation is thus so complicated that France cannot rely on an ally in advance to associate herself with France, a new balance of power would come into being and both countries might benefit from it.

Pleasant Grove
PLEASANT GROVE, Jan. 21.—Mrs. G. P. Harrell, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks died Tuesday night at 10:30 at the Payne and Brown sanitarium. We wish to offer our sympathy to her relatives in their bereavement.
Miss Minerva King, who has been ill with the flu the past three weeks returned to school Monday morning.
Earl Helflin and Floyd Hulin started to school in Ranger last Monday.
Miss Viola Threatt spent Tuesday night with relatives in Eastland.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lee were visitors in Eastland Wednesday.
Miss Winnie Threatt spent Sunday night with Misses Minerva and Willia Mae King.

Chaplin says he intends to fight his wife's suit to the last ditch. We'd rather they'd ditch it now.

Rising Star Lodge Of Rebekahs Hold Installation
RISING STAR, Jan. 21.—The following officers have been elected and installed by the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs of Rising Star to serve for the ensuing year:
Rebekahs: Mrs. Everett Foster, N. G.; Miss Kowena Clark, V. G.; J. E. McGlothlin, secretary; Mrs. A. L. Armstrong, warden; Mrs. Fort Davis, conductress; Mrs. W. J. Tyler, R. S.

N. G.; Miss Alice Farr, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. J. M. Moore, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. Dona Brooks, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. J. E. McGlothlin, I. G.; J. M. Moore, O. C.; Mrs. Carl Hale, chaplain; Mrs. W. H. Everage, representative; J. E. McGlothlin, alternate.
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British Convert Mohammedanism Has a Birthday

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Lord Headley, the only British peer who is a convert to the Mohammedan faith, today celebrated his seventy-first birthday. He is also the only British peer who has ever set foot inside the holiest city in Islam, Mecca, to which 200,000,000 followers of Mohammed from every corner of the earth turn their eyes five times a day in prayer.

In The Courts

Court of Civil Appeals Proceedings in court of civil appeals for the eleventh supreme judicial district of Texas, at Eastland: Motions submitted January 20: Norvell Wilder Hardware company vs. James McCamey, et al. Plaintiff in errors motion for rehearing. S. T. Wilhite vs. City of Desdemona, et al. Appellee's motion to affirm on certificate. C. J. Rhodes vs. J. P. Meloy. Appellee's motion for leave to file second motion for rehearing. Cases submitted January 21: State National Bank of Mineral Wells vs. W. A. Davison et al, Palo Pinto. J. L. Johnson, et ux vs. Mrs. Barbara Scott Wise, Taylor. E. R. Lowe vs. Lela Lowe, Haskell. Cases set for submission Jan. 23: Paul B. Sorenson vs. City National Bank, et al, Nolan. W. D. Counts vs. C. A. Quinn, Taylor. Montex Corporation et al vs. Lee Poteet, et ux, Comanche. Western Union Telegraph co., vs. John Guitar, Taylor. Decisions: M. C. Alabrook, Gdn. vs. Mrs. Iria Bishop, Exa., from district court Eastland county, appeal dismissed. J. G. Braddeck vs. R. H. Gambill, et al, from county court Taylor county, reversed and remanded. S. E. E. Jopling et vir vs. Stella Caldwell-Degenhardt, et al, from the district court of Eastland county, affirmed in part and reversed and remanded in part.

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Ban Johnson Due to Make Adieu As League 'Prexy'

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, at a salary of \$45,000 a year, will be removed from office next week when the club owners of his circuit meet in Chicago to reform a bout between Johnson and Commissioner Landis. While Chicago has been the key point for the exposure of all the recent baseball scandals, the plans for muzzling of the vociferous American League president, have been discussed and decided upon in New York. Up to a certain point, the National League felt reasonably happy that in the scandalous case involving only the American League but when Johnson, with his heated attack on the commissioner, incidentally cast suspicion on a World Series between the New York Giants and the New York Yankees, the National League owners went to the drawer for their guns. While the National League owners have no fear that the magnates of the younger league will not support the commissioner, they will force the hand of the American League owners if Johnson is not requested to resign. It was pointed out today that the

Notaries Seeking Reappointment Submit Names

County Clerk R. L. Jones is now making a list of those desiring appointments as notary public. This list will be sent to the members of the legislature from this district and by them to be submitted to the legislature for consideration. Those desiring to be included in this list, which will be sent in within a short time, are urged by Mr. Jones to file their applications with him at once. All notary commissions expire on June 1 of this year, and new appointments are to be made in March. Appointments made in March will be good until June 1929.

peculiar circumstances of the case would not permit the commissioner, as he did two years ago, to walk into an executive session, toss down his contract and tell the meeting that his commission could be revoked. When this happened two years ago, the club owners of the two leagues were in joint session, but at the meeting in Chicago next week only the American league owners will be in the audience and the American League, according to law, could not accept the resignation of the commissioner, without the assent of the eight National League votes.

Ranger Junior Collegians Win From Wichitans

Fighting like demons and overcoming a one point lead, the Ranger Junior College basketball team defeated the collegians from the city that "Faith Built," score of 42 to 24, last night on the Ranger high school gymnasium court. The score fails to tell the story of the battle. Both teams were on their toes until the last whistle was blown by the referee. In the last half of the game, the Rangerites did most of their scoring in the third period when Coach Berry's boys worked like a well oiled engine pulling a steam roller over smooth ground. The work in the third quarter was quick and snappy with every man on his toes. In the fourth quarter, the visitors

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came back with blood in their eyes and went after the game tooth and toenail. However, Ranger was equal to the occasion and with the exception of a few free throws given to them by fouls they could mass but eleven points, while Ranger kept on scoring when scores were needed. Hamblen and Harvey were outstanding stars in scoring for Ranger, although every man played his position as it should have been played. Tonight the Coyotes from the Wichita Falls high school and the Bulldogs will try their hands. The Coyotes want sweet revenge for the trimming the Bulldogs gave them last fall on the gridiron.

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9 West Texans Are Classed As Master Farmers

STAMFORD, Jan. 27.—Nine of the 15 farmers named as Master Farmers of Texas in the recent contest of The Progressive Farmer are men who live in the territory served by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Though West Texas entrants in the state-wide contest were rather noticeably in the minority, more than fifty per cent of the winnings were carried by the western section.

West Texas' repeated winnings within the last months continue to disprove the tradition-worn report of "windswept western plains," and prove truth of West Texas possibilities and undeveloped resources as presented by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The naming of more than half of Texas Master Farmers as West Texans is a fitting climax to previous West Texas honors at the Texas State Fair and at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition at Philadelphia where the West Texas Chamber of Commerce exhibit won over national competition.

The nine Master Farmers of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce territory are: C. M. Carroway, Comyn, Comanche county; T. D. Porcher, El Paso, El Paso county; A. C. Wurzbach, Hondo, Medina county; Fred Lowe, Plainview, Hale county; K. A. Holkamp, Comert, Kerr county; Herman Schultze, Kerrville, Kerr county; Fritz Fuchs, Abertathy, Lubbock county; T. E. Nabors, Big Spring, Howard county, and A. G. Ilse, D'Hanis, Medina county.

Medals will be awarded to each Master Farmer of Texas at a banquet to be tendered in their honor at Dallas, February 7, by The Progressive Farmer. M. R. Martin, field editor of the farm journal, has written the West Texas Chamber of Commerce complimenting the West Texas showing and urging that every Master Farmer of the regional organization's territory make special effort to attend the Dallas banquet in February.

A cotton producing state which now has a large surplus has recently sentenced a broker to the chain gang for the handling of an order for the bona fide purchase of cotton for future delivery.

PALE & PEAKED

Texas Lady Was Advised by Her Mother To Take Cardui, Which She Did With Good Results.

Hamilton, Texas.—Mrs. Gladys Potevint, of this city, says: "At times I suffered awfully with pains across my back and through my sides. I would have to go to bed and stay two or three days at a time. It was very worrisome. I managed to keep going, but . . . did not enjoy myself at all."

"One day my mother remarked on how bad I looked. She said: 'You look so pale and peaked, why don't you take a bottle of Cardui?' She had taken it herself a number of times, and it had always improved her health, so she thought I had better try it."

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New Geography Of Calamities Is Planned

GENEVA.—The average small boy who already regards geography as the equivalent of punishment may still have new mental tortures before him in a study to be known as the "Geography of Calamities."

"The Geography of Calamities," which the Geneva Society of Geography has just undertaken to develop under the auspices of the International Red Cross, is to be the basis for the new International Mutual Protective Union for Nations stricken by disaster, which will be launched this year under the auspices of the League of Nations.

In order to render aid as effectively as possible it is naturally desirable to know in advance just where disaster is going to happen, and to have men, money and material there when it breaks. And this is where the geography of calamities is to come in.

The Geneva Society of Geography has undertaken as far as is possible to locate geographically the great calamities from which mankind suffers, to determine the causes, to study the accidental or periodical return of these calamities and to strive by all of the means possible to foresee, avoid and overcome them.

All of the leading scientific institutions of the world as well as all of the leading individual scientists will be asked to send in whatever discoveries, theories, findings and statistics they have along these lines.

The new union will work largely with the organization and resources of the International Red Cross committee and the International League of Red Cross Societies. Its fundamental idea is to have funds and organization ready to rush to the aid of any nation stricken by some great natural calamity instead of waiting till private charity and private organization can get into action.

It is believed that in every great calamity hundreds, and possibly thousands of lives may be saved by this speedy action.

The union will cover all great calamities, such as tidal waves, earthquakes, fires, volcanic eruptions, famines, pestilence, floods, etc.

Dallas to Fight Bill for Control Of Utilities

DALLAS, Jan. 27.—That the city of Dallas will make a strenuous fight against the Jacks bill in the House appeared certain today. The bill would place public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission.

City attorney James J. Collins has gone to Austin to lay plans for a fight on the bill.

Dallas is one of the few cities in the state which has a public service commission, and it does not want to lose hold of the power to regulate service companies operating within its municipal limits.

Bantam Roosters Converted Into Chick Mothers

Special Correspondence.
COLEMAN, Jan. 21.—Bantam roosters are being converted into "mothers" for incubator chickens by at least one Coleman county farm lady, and it is said that they are an improvement over the very best brood hen obtainable.

Mrs. Luther Stewardson raises white Plymouth rock chickens. For years, she said, she has caponized the male birds and disposed of them in brownwood at 40 cents a pound. Some of them weighed as high as 12 pounds.

By caponizing, Mrs. Stewardson said, she has learned that a capon makes an excellent "mother" and cares for the chicks as tenderly as any hen she ever had. They feed, shelter and follow the chicks.

Other farmers in the community, who have watched Mrs. Stewardson's activities, are convinced she has hit upon a profitable plan and will in future follow her example. This will leave the hens free to perform the very important duty of laying eggs, the farmers agree.

MASONIC COLLAR 200 YEARS OLD

BELFAST, Ireland.—James O'Prey, of this city, has in his possession a Masonic collar, in fair state of preservation, belonging to his great-grandfather. It bears the inscription, "James O'Prey, K. L., No. 117," and for the last 200 years or more has been handed down from family to family of the O'Preys. Another interesting relic is a Masonic cube bearing the inscription, "F. E. O'Prey, Earl of Belfast," but about its history there is no evidence.

MOSCOW DARK EARLY HIT BY FUEL SHORTAGE

MOSCOW.—The shadow of a fuel shortage is darkening Moscow. The city authorities are resorting to every device to lighten the load on the electric power stations which are handicapped by lack of abundant fuel supplies. For a short time, the street lights were turned off at 12:30 o'clock at night, but it was found that so many people still were out at that time the time of darkening the streets was made an hour later. The street cars stop running soon after midnight.

Family Workers In Spain are Under Eight Hour Law

By United Press.
GENEVA.—The eight-hour law is not to be frustrated in Spain by parents with a large number of children when they employ in their business, working them longer hours than other employees. The International Labor bureau has made public the recent decision of the Spanish minister of labor and commerce to this effect. A Spanish blacksmith, with seven equal sons, all of whom worked in his blacksmith shop with him, appealed to the Minister of Labor insisting that the eight-hour-day law should not be applied to his family industry.

The minister of labor, however, stood for the rigid application of the law and held that while the father blacksmith could work all day and all night, if he wished, no exception could be made for his seven sons.

LARGEST MUSKRAT FARM IS OPEN IN CANADA

QUESNEL, B. C.—Fencing of 7,000 acres of swamp land at Swan Lake, 40 miles northwest of here, into the largest muskrat farm in the world has been completed, according to J. E. McFarland, representative of a fur company in Vancouver.

Output from the muskrat ranch will eventually total 50,000 pelts, it is estimated. The farm consists of low-lying meadows and streams already heavily populated with muskrat and beaver. Weekly disbursements to neighboring trappers for restocking amount to \$1,000.

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By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In advance of the American Legion meeting in Paris in September several hundred pounds of American tree seed have been sent to the allied nations as messages of good will.

These millions of tree seeds are being sent to Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy by Charles Lathrop Tack, president of the American Tree association. They are to help reforest the battle areas in which American troops went into action 10 years ago.

Motorists Use Ice for Bridge And Save Toll Money

By United Press.
SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 15.—That ice has other values than that of preserving food and supporting skaters is proved daily here.

During the summer months, motorists traveling between Duluth and Superior must cross the 28-foot toll bridge of the Great Northern railroad.

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Rising Star Now Has Chapter Of Outdoor League

RISING STAR, Jan. 21.—J. A. Baird, field man for the Texas Outdoor League, has completed the organization of a chapter here with fourteen members. Following are the officers: W. E. Tyler, camp president; B. H. Bryant, assistant camp president; Ray Landreth, secretary-treasurer.

The purpose of the organization is to work for the protection and preservation of fish and game and to encourage the formation of state game preserves.

Following are the charter members of the local chapter: W. F. Bucy, H. W. Kutenan, Ray Landreth, W. E. Tyler, Jas. F. Cook, Wayne Everage, Babe Woods, A. P. Smith, J. F. Robertson, Jas. McCamey, E. H. Ramsey, B. H. Bryant, E. L. Burkhead, L. D. Cain and W. S. Carter.

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"I'll answer it, Mollie dear," she said quickly.

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE
To the home of PROF and MOLLIE ELWELL in Camdenville, Ind., one night in October, 1898, comes MARTHA DALTON, a nurse, bearing a woman who had fainted on the train.

Elwell is an artist. He has a son, JIM, aged 5. Late that night the woman bears twin girls and dies without revealing her name. The Elwells adopt the girls.

The story then moves forward 18 years. The twins, now growing to beautiful womanhood, have been named MARGARET and ELIZABETH and nicknamed RUSTY and BETTY.

Jim Elwell enlists in the World War. He then discovers that one of the twins loves him and he loves her. Put in charge of a machine gun unit at the Battle of Sedan, he is shell-shocked, and through a mix-up, is registered as John Powell, a buddy of his. He is removed to an American hospital, where Powell's mother and fiancée see him and declare here is a mistake.

NOW BEGIN THE STORY

CHAPTER XVIII
The mistake, the supervisor went on, addressing the mother and sweetheart of John Powell, must have been made in France. "I'll have our superintendent communicate with the war office immediately and we'll get this matter straightened out if possible. And now I think you had better go back to Newark and wait until we can get word from Washington."

And so the two returned to their home in New Jersey. And the man who had been brought to the hospital wearing the label of John W. Powell, Jr., of Newark, was now left without any name. They called him the Unknown Soldier.

In the meantime Prof and Mollie Elwell and the girls, out in Camdenville, Ind., were beginning to wonder why no word had yet reached them from Jim since the armistice had been in effect now for nearly two months.

Could it be, they began to ask one another, that Jim had suffered a collapse while convalescing from the flu and was unable to write? For the last letter they had received from him was the one telling of his illness and the probability of his having to remain in the hospital for another month.

As a matter of fact, had the Elwells been a little less cheerful of heart—had they considered the pos-

grim exactitudes. Joy turned into the wormwood of an acid bitterness as they saw their hope-built castles in the air disintegrate and fall into ruins to the ground.

Nor, as the weeks dragged their weary way along in that war-saddened household, did that elasticity of youth so frequently spoken of by writers of effervescent fiction make itself particularly manifest in the manners of these two girls. The smiles and laughter that had once brightened the little home were seen and heard no more.

They went on long, sad walks together. One day they made a pilgrimage to the woods where Jim's heroic first aid had saved Rusty from the ravages of rattlesnake poison.

"This is the very spot where he laid you down," said Betty. The place then was covered with snow, but Betty knelt down there and cried and offered up a little prayer born of despair.

Every place they went, it seemed, held a thousand memories of Jim. The woodshed in the back yard where Jim used to "clean up" and shine his shoes and, at times, read in solitary splendor. The back fence, where Jim one day had vaulted over to take a beating at the hands of a prize-fighter and over which the croquet ball, propelled by Rusty's unerring young arm, had found its mark on the enemy's head.

Grief seemed to affect them equally, it laid as heavy a hand, apparently, on the one who was still nothing more than a "pal" as it did on Jim's betrothed.

And Mollie Elwell, looking on through the eyes of a mother love now intensified and softened the more by reason of her own great sorrow, asked herself again and again the question that had been in her mind ever since that night in June before Jim went away.

Which was the girl Jim loved as a pal and a sweetheart, too? And which the girl that had loved him as a woman loves a lover? Or did they both love him in the same way? It seemed impossible, she told herself, that such a condition could exist when both were, without question, wholly devoted to each other.

And so the question remained unanswered. So far as Mollie could see—and she saw much—each girl was the girl of whom Jim had spoken that last night out there in the flickering moonlight beneath the elms. And still she knew that couldn't be true either. And yet—

Both Rusty and Betty would talk for hours at a time of the cemetery over there in France of which they had read about in the newspapers where thirty thousand American sol-

diers lay buried in the heart of a great battlefield.

This city of the dead, they told each other, held the grave in which their Jim lay sleeping under the sod where the poppies grew. And that grave, Mollie Elwell was beginning to believe more and more as the weeks merged into months, held the hearts of both the girls.

Not once did Mollie let her lips speak the question that was in her mind. She had promised Jim and she would keep that promise. As for the girls, if they wanted to tell her it was all right, and she would let it make no difference in her love for them. Jim had been so foolish in that regard. . . . Dear, tender Jim. . . .

The girls thrashed this out one day themselves.

"Do you suppose," Rusty asked, "that we ought to tell Mollie our secret?"

Betty shook her head. "Not yet."

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"ROKEN THREADS" of exacting such a promise?" She began to cry. Betty patted her shoulder. "There, there, now," she soothed. "We'll just wait, dear, and some day the proper time will come for telling Mollie. But not now. Don't you think I'm right?"

"Of course," Rusty sighed. "I just wanted to be sure."

This was how it was that Mollie Elwell was kept in ignorance of which girl it was that Jim Elwell had loved. But never a word on the subject from her. She and Prof wondered at time, too, whether anything ever would come out of that strange meeting Jim and the girls had had with that woman in Chicago. Prof had written, as Jim had suggested, to Nina Kingsley's address in New York. But the letter had come back.

But Dame Destiny did hold something else in store for these two girls whose mother's name had remained such a mystery these years. She held the ends of the broken threads of their lives, and those ends she was beginning to pick up even then in a hospital over in the capital city of Indiana.

Rusty Elwell rose from the dining room table in response to a ring at the front door.

"I'll answer it, Mollie dear," she said quickly and crossed to the sitting room and to the door looking out on the porch.

A glance through the glass panes disclosed to her a man of fifty or thereabouts, a stranger to her. He was well dressed in a gray suit and black overcoat and carried in one hand what appeared to be an attorney's brief case.

"She opened the door. The man raised his hat, smiled in friendly fashion and bowed.

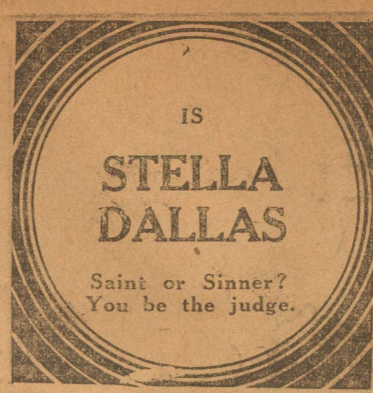
"I was told," he said, "that this is where Edwin Elwell lives." His keen eyes seemed to express something of surprise and admiration as they took in the pretty face and form of the girl. "Is he at home?"

"Why—yes, sir. Do you wish to see him?" Rusty answered with just a shade of curiosity edging her tone, and then, remembering herself, she added "Won't you come in."

The stranger thanked her and stepped into the room.

"Here is my card," he went on with another keen glance at Rusty as she closed the door.

She took it and told him to be



seated. She would get Mr. Elwell at once, she promised.

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