

# The SEA BRIDE

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**WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE**

Faith Kileah marries Noll Winz, middle-aged captain on the whaler, Sally Sims, and sails away with him. Roy, Faith's brother, and Dan'l Tohey, who loves Faith, are among the crew. Noll's strength is falling from age and drink. Seeking to discredit Noll in Faith's eyes, Dan'l causes a quarrel between Noll and Mauger, one of the crew, during which Noll kills out Mauger's eye. Faith tells Noll it was a cowardly thing to do, but prevents his apologizing to Mauger, saying it would humble Noll before the men. From that time on, Noll lives in constant fear of Mauger's vengeance. One day, after Noll had been harsh with Faith, Dan'l tells her of his love, but she rejects his advances. Noll's stoke-ness has its reaction upon the crew and they no longer fear him.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY**

**CHAPTER X.**

Noll shook his head wistfully. "I've been a hard man in the past, Mr. Ham," he admitted; "but I'm not strike a man again."

And the mate, who could not understand, chuckled uneasily as it were all a jest.

"I will, for you, sir," he said.

If Dan'l Tohey had been mate and so modest, he could have kept his crew alert and keen; but Dan'l had his own troubles and he did not greatly care what came to Noll and Noll's eship. So, Noll's hand slackening, the men were left to Mr. Ham; and the mate, while it for his job, was not fit for Noll's matters went from bad to worse.

His growing sickness culminated in tragedy. Where matters of life and death are a part of every day, safety lies in discipline, and discipline was lax on the Sally Sims. On a day when the skies were ugly and the wind was freshening they sighted a lone bull whale, and the mate and Willis Cox lowered for him while the skipper worked up toward where the creature lay. The boats, rowing, distanced the bark; the mate struck the whale, and the creature fluked the boat so that its planks opened and it sank till it was barely awash and dipped the men in water to their necks. Silva, the mate's harpooner, cut the line and let the whale run free, and a moment later Willis Cox's boat got fast when Loum pitched his great harpoon over thirty feet of water as the whale went down.

The big bull began to run headlong, and the men in Willis's boat balanced on the sides for a "Nau-ty" sleigh-ride. The whale ran straight away, so tirelessly that they could not haul up on the line. The weather thickened behind and hid the Sally as she stopped to pick up the mate and his wrecked boat. Then a squall struck, and night came swiftly down.

When Willis saw it was hopeless to think of killing the whale, he cut. It was then full dark and blowing. Some rain fell, but the flying squalls that the wind clipped from the wave-tops kept the boat a quarter full of sea water, no matter how desperately they bailed. Toward midnight, the thirty men wished to drink.

A whale-boat is always provisioned against the emergency of being cast adrift. Biscuits and water are stored in the lantern-keg; with madders and whatever else may be needed. The water is replenished now and then; that it may be fresh.

But when Willis opened the lantern keg he found the water half gone, and so brackish that it was unfit to drink, a condition directly to be attributed to the weakening of discipline aboard the Sally. It was a serious matter, as they knew all too well when the next day dawned bright and hot, with the bark nowhere to be seen. Their thirst increased tormentingly, and on the third day, when the searching Sally found them, two men were dead in the boat and the other four were in little better case.

Willis had worked his boat toward an island northwest of the position where he lost the Sally; Dan'l Tohey had guessed what Willis would do and had persuaded Noll to cruise that way. When they picked up the half-dead

can be cool there while we're at our business."

But Faith shook her head. "I'm going to take a walk," she said. "I want to get into the woods. How long will you be here?"

He hesitated dubiously. "Guess it's all right if you do," he decided. "The natives are friendly. Most of 'em talk English in a way. Go ahead."

"How long have I?" Faith asked again.

He said they would be ashore an hour, perhaps more.

"No matter, anyway," he told her. "Stay long as you like. Do you want I should send a man with you?"

Faith told him she was not afraid. He grinned. She turned southward along the beach, away from the huddled village. The smooth sand was so firm that it jarred her feet, and she moved up into the shade of the trees, and followed them for a space, eyes probing into the tangle beyond them. Lips smiling, every sense drinking in the smells of the land. When she came to a path that led

into the junglelike undergrowth, she hesitated, then turned in. Within twenty steps the bush closed about her, shutting away all sight of the sea. For a little while she could hear the long rollers pounding on the beach; then that sound, too, became indistinct and dim. It was drowned in the thousand tiny noises all about her—bird-notes, crackling of twigs, stirring of furry things. Once a little creature of a sort she had never seen before, yet not unlike the familiar and universal rabbit, hopped out on her path in a flurry of excitement.

She heard presently another sound ahead of her—a sound of running, falling water, and when she pressed on eagerly, she came out upon the bank of a clear stream that dropped in bright cascades from one deep, cool pool to another. She guessed this stream must come down between the hills she had seen from the ship. It was what she had unwittingly longed for during the months aboard the Sally. It was cool and clear and gay and chuckling; the sea was always so turbulent and harsh.

She followed the path that ran

up the northern bank of the stream, and each new pool seemed more inviting than the last. She wanted to wade into them, to feel the water on her shoulders and her throat and her arms. Her smooth skin had revolved endlessly against the bite of the salt water in which she bathed aboard the Sally; it yearned for this cool, crystal flood.

She sat aside her desire. (To Be Continued Tomorrow) (Copyright, 1930, by Ben Ames Williams. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

**BORAH PREPARING REBEL CAMPAIGN**

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The voice of Senator Borah, of Idaho, which played a leading part in the Hoover presidential race, is being pitched for new campaign efforts. But unlike 1928, Senator Borah is preparing to campaign in the agricultural belt of the northwest next fall in opposition to the Hoover farm relief and tariff revision programs.

The Idaho senator said today he

had been requested to make some speeches in the northwest states and added he was seriously considering acceptance.

However, he must first take the rest which has been commanded by physicians. That rest will probably be for two months and will be taken in Idaho, if the doctors approve.

Borah was one of the leaders of the band of western republican independents who fought for the export debenture principle of farm relief which was opposed by President Hoover. This same band also sought unsuccessfully to confine tariff revision to agricultural products alone.

The Idahoan is up for re-election this year and is ready to take the stump.

**6025 TRAINED ON U. S. STATE PLAN**

(Associated Press Leased Wire) SALEM, Ore., July 23.—Through the cooperation of the federal and the state boards of vocational education 6025 persons in Oregon received training in agriculture, trades and home economics during the last year, says a report by O. D. Adams, director of the work in this state. The year before the number was 4429.

Receiving agricultural training were 1853 persons, trades and industries 1960 and home economics 2212.

CINCINNATI, O., July 23.—With the competitive field reduced to an even dozen, twelve pilots took off here this morning on the Cincinnati-Little Rock leg of the \$500,000 all-American air derby which will be worth \$15,000 to the winner.

R. A. Hosler, Detroit, was injured here this morning on the Cincinnati-Little Rock leg of the \$500,000 all-American air derby which will be worth \$15,000 to the winner. The Idahoan is up for re-election this year and is ready to take the stump.

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