

The SEA BRIDE

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE

Faith Kilcup had always looked upon Captain Noll Wing, of the whaler, Sally Sims, as a master and a tower of strength, but shortly after their marriage he changed. Disposition and old age were exacting their toll. The men of his crew no longer feared him. Faith was disillusioned. Paul Tobey, second mate, who loves Faith, vainly tries to discredit Noll before Faith. In a quarrel Noll kicks out the eye of Mauger, a member of the crew. Thereafter he fears Mauger's vengeance. When the Sally Sims puts into a lonely island, Faith goes ashore. She meets an ex-convict named Brander, who goes with her to join Noll's crew. Brander takes an instant dislike to her. Faith's brother, Roy, also returned Brander. Don't come upon him and is consumed with jealousy. He intimates that Brander gossiped about Faith. Roy, raging, goes to Brander.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XVI.

Brander released Roy and stepped back and again Roy showed that he was more than a boy. He did not spring at Brander; he did not curse; he did not weep. He stood straight as a wire, and his eyes were hot as flame. His voice, when he found it, was husky and low, so that none but Brander could hear.

"I don't know what you're saying about my sister," said Roy. "Whatever it is, it's not true. If you say it again, I'll kill you!" Brander's eyes shadowed unhappily.

"Why do you think I have said anything?" he asked.

"No matter!" said Roy harshly. "I know. Keep your tongue between your lips hereafter, or I'll shoot you like a dog. That's all!"

Mauger, the one-eyed man, had an increasing hold on the imagination of Noll Wing. The captain encountered the other wherever he went; and he never encountered Mauger without an uneasy feeling that was half dread, half remorse. He could not bear to look at Mauger's face, with the dreadful hollow covered by the twitching lid; and Mauger, sensing this, put himself in the captain's path when ever he had the opportunity. Noll wished he could be rid of the one-eyed man; and in his moments of rage he thought murderously of Mauger. But for the most part he feared and dreaded the other, and shivered at the little man's malicious and incessant chuckling.

Again and again he spoke to Faith of Mauger, voicing his fear, wishing that she might reassure him; till Faith wearied of it, and would say no more. He spoke of his dread to Mr. Ham, who thought the captain was joking, and laughed at him harshly. Mr. Ham lacked imagination.

Brander, as has been said, was friendly with Mauger. He was sorry for the little man and he found in Mauger a singularly persistent spirit of cheer, which he liked. Brander, for that matter, was a friend of all the men in the fleet, but because Mauger was marked by the cabin boy, he was frequently noted. Dan had seen it, had pointed it out to Willis Cox.

Cap'n Wing came on deck one afternoon, a few minutes before the masthead man sighted a pod of whales to the southward. The captain was more cheerful than he had been for weeks; he was filled with something like the vigor of his more youthful days. There was a joyful turbulence in him, like the exuberance of an athlete. He stamped the deck, striding back and forth.

When the whales were sighted the men sprang to the boats. Mauger, since Willis Cox's tragic experience, had been put in the fourth mate's boat, with Brander, to fill the empty places there. Brander and Mauger were side by side in their positions as they prepared the boat for lowering. But the whales were still well away. The Sally could cruise nearer them, and Noll Wing did not at once give the signal to lower. He stalked along the deck.

As he passed where Mauger stood he marked that the line in the after tub was a little out of coil. That might mean danger when the whale was struck and the line whistled like a snake as it ran. Noll Wing stopped, swore sulphurously, and bade Mr. Cox put his hand in order.

"Mauger, stow that line!" snapped Willis.

Mauger recoiled for the tub, but his single eye had not yet learned accurately to judge distance; he

tumbled, and Brander, at his side, seeing his tumbling, reached out and coiled the line with a single motion. Noll Wing saw and he barked:

"Brander!"

Brander looked around.

"Yes, sir."

"When a man can't do his own work here, we don't want him. Keep your hands off Mauger's tasks!"

"I helped him without thinking, sir," Brander said respectfully.

"Thought the thing was to do the work no matter who—"

Noll Wing stepped toward him, and his eyes were blazing, not so much with anger as with sheer exuberance of strength.

"Don't talk back to me, you—"

he roared, and struck.

Now, Noll Wing was proud of his fists, and proud of his eye and for fifteen years he had not failed to down his man with a single blow. But when he struck at Brander a curious thing happened.

Brander's head moved a little to one side, his shoulders shifted, and Noll's big fist shot over his right shoulder. The captain's weight

threw him forward; Brander stepped under Noll's arm. The two men met, face to face, their eyes not six inches apart. Noll's were blazing ferociously; but in Brander's a blue light flickered and played.

The other men waited, not breathing; the officers stepped a little nearer. Dan Tobey licked his lips. This would be the end of Brander! It was not etiquette to dodge the old man's blows!

But, amazingly, after seconds of silence, Noll Wing's grim face relaxed, and he lowered his raised hand. He chuckled. He laughed aloud, and clapped Brander on the shoulder.

"Good man!" he said. "Good man!"

"We'll rally the sparm," Mr. Ham called.

Noll turned and waved his hand.

"Right," he said. "Lower away, boats!"

The lean craft struck the water, the men dropped in, the chase was on.

When the boats left the Sally, Mr. Ham's in the lead as of right, Mauger came from the after-deck to where Noll stood by the rail, and touched his arm. He turned and looked down at her.

He was already regretting what had happened. His recognition of Brander's courage had been the last flame of nobility from the man's soul; he was to go down thereafter, into lower and lower depths. He was already regretful and ashamed.

When Faith touched his arm, he looked down and saw pride and happiness in her eyes; and with a man's curious lack of logic he was the more ashamed of what he had done because she was proud of him for it.

"That was fine, Noll!" she said softly.

"Fine—hell!" he said hoarsely.

"I ought to have smashed him!"

Faith smiled; she shook her head. Her hand rested on his arm; and as he turned to look after the departing boats, she leaned a little against him.

"Fool!" he mumbled. "That's what I was. I ought to have smashed him. Now he—every man aboard—they'll think they can pull it on me."

"I was—very proud," she said.

"If you had struck him, I should have been ashamed."

"That's the woman of it," he jeered. "Damn it, Faith, you can't run a whaler with kisses!"

She studied his countenance. He was flushed, nervous, his lips moving. He took off his cap to wipe his forehead; and his bald head, his gray hair, and the slack muscles of his cheeks reminded her again that he was an aging, old man. She felt infinitely sorry for him; she patted his arm comfortingly. He shook her off.

"Yes, by God!" he swore again.

"When he gets back I'll tell him up and give him the rope! I'll show the dog!"

Roy had come behind them; neither had heard him.

"That's right, sir," the boy cried. "The man thinks he's running the Sally, sir. You've got to handle him!"

"Roy, be still," Faith said.

Pilot Selected For World Flight



Henry J. Brown, Cleveland to New York air mail pilot, has been chosen as pilot for a flight around the world with John Henry Mears. Brown will aid Mears in an attempt to break the 21-day record made by the Graf Zeppelin.

"You don't know what you're talking about, sir," he flamed at her. "You're just a girl."

"Don't have one of your rows, now," Noll said impatiently. "I'm sick of 'em! Roy, go down in the cabin and stay there."

"I can't see the boats from there," the boy complained.

Noll turned on him; and Roy backed away and disappeared. Noll watched the boats dwindling into specks across the sea. Beyond, he could see, now and then, the white spouts of the whales. Faith watched beside him.

Whether, in the normal course of things, Noll would have carried out his threat to whip Brander cannot be known. Chance, the dark chance of the whale fisheries, intervened.

Tragedy always hangs above a whaling vessel. This must be so when six men in a puny boat, with divers of iron and steel, go out to slay a huge creature with the strength of six hundred men.

When matters go well, they strike their whale, the harpoon makes him fast, he runs out his strength, they haul him alongside and prod him with the lance, he dies; but there are so many ways in which matters may go wrong.

The sea is herself a treacherous husky when she consorts with the wind and becomes drunk with his caresses. Under his touch she swells and breaks tempestuously; she writhes and flings herself about. Her least wave can, if it chooses, smash the thin sides of a whale-boat and rob the men in it of their strength and shelter; her gentlest tussle with her consort win can overwhelm them.

And if the sea be merciful, there remain her creatures. She is the wide, blue pasture of the whale; a touch of his flukes, a crunch of his jaw, a roll of his great bulk, is enough to crush out the lives of a score of men. If he had wit to match his size, he would be invulnerable; as it is, men with their wits for weapons can strike and kill him in the waters that are his own.

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WOMAN DENIES GAS CO. LOOTING

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, July 30.—Mrs. Louis Sontag was going out to dine last night with Mme. Rose Oltiska, an opera singer. She dressed early, put on jewels valued at \$8,000 and sat down to wait.

Soon the door signal buzzed and Mrs. Sontag opened the door. Two masked men pushed in, carrying pistols and some clothing. They gagged Mrs. Sontag, bound her in a chair and escaped with the jewels.

An hour and a half later, Mme. Oltiska arrived and released her friend, nearly unconscious.

Mrs. Sontag's husband is an official of Sears, Roebuck and company.

PROGRESS MADE ON WATER SYSTEM

Work on the new Canyonville water system has progressed rapidly and the new mains will be put in use August 15. Two miles of pipe have been laid from the reservoir on Patrick's creek, about two miles east of the city. The

VAN WINKLE RULES ON MORTGAGE LOANS

SALEM, Ore., July 30.—Foreign banks whose corporate names contain the word "trust," operating in Oregon, are required to confine their mortgage loans to real estate mortgages, and may not loan on chattel mortgages. Attorney General Van Winkle held today. His opinion was asked by the state banking department.

CALIFORNIA TRIO FISHING ON UMPQUA

F. J. Wells, sporting goods dealer of Eureka, California, and two friends from California, B. F. Harris and Arthur Dalton, are spending this week on the Umpqua fishing. Mr. Wells will meet his family here early next week and drive them back to Eureka.

Eureka sportsmen, Mr. Wells said, are very much concerned over the fact that mining on the upper Klamath causes the stream to be so muddied that fishing in the river is impossible. Humboldt county people are planning to have an injunction issued against the miners, causing them to cease their activity during the months of July and August.

OHIO FACES HEAVY LOSSES IN CROPS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CLEVELAND, O., July 31.—With millions of dollars worth of farm crops at stake, Ohio is facing heavy losses if the drought of the last three months continues, a survey of the state showed today.

Less than 74 inch of rain fell in the Cleveland area during July, where the normal is 3.35. May and June also were far below normal.

The corn crop is the most seriously affected, and prospects are that many farmers will be feeding their livestock on wheat this fall, due to the low price of wheat and the shortage of corn.

Production of dairy products has been impaired seriously and higher prices of milk and butter are predicted for the near future. Wells and streams on many farms are dry, and in numerous cases, farmers have been forced to glut the market with cattle, sheep and hogs for butchering at low prices.

Pastures and hay crops are in as serious a condition as corn. Some farmers are getting as little as one-half load of hay from two acres, contrasted to a normal of six loads to one acre.

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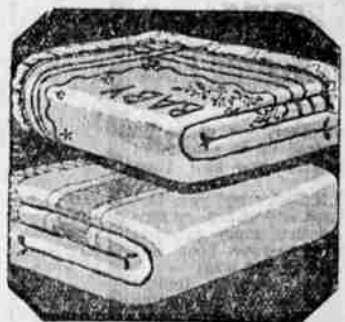
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