

# The Sea Bride

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

On the twenty-fifth day after the death of Mr. Ham, at about ten o'clock on a warm and lazy morning, the man at the foremost head gave tongue to the long hall of the whale fisheries:

"Blo-o-o-w! Ah-h-h-h blo-o-o-w!"

The droning cry went down through the singing rigging, swept the decks of the Sally, penetrated into the fo'c's'le, dropped into the cabin and brought Dan'l Tobey and Noll Wing from sleep to the deck. Faith was already there, sewing in her rocking-chair at the wheel. When Dan'l reached the deck he saw her standing with her sewing gathered in her hands, the gold tinkle gleaming on her middle finger, watching Brander. Brander was half-way up the main rigging, his glass leveled to the southward.

"Where away?" Noll Wing bellowed to the masthead man.

The man swept a hand to point. Noll climbed up toward Brander, shouting to Mr. Tobey to bring the Sully around toward where the whale had been sighted. The men from the mastheads and the fo'c's'le and all about the deck jumped to their places at the boats to await the command to lower. Brander took the glass from his eye as Noll's weight pulled at the rigging below him, and looked down at the captain, and started to speak; then he changed his mind and waited, glass in hand, while Noll scrutinized the far horizon.

Noll saw a black speck there, and focused his glass and stared. He watched for a spout—watched for minutes on end. None came. The black speck seemed to rise a little, sluggishly, with the swell. He looked up to Brander.

"Do you make a spout?" he asked.

Brander shook his head.

"No, sir."

Noll looked again, and Brander leveled his glass once more. The Sully was making that way now; the speck was almost dead ahead of them, far on the sea. Tiny bits of white were stirring over the black thing, like bits of paper in the wind.

"What do you make of it, Mr. Brander?" Noll asked at last. "A boat?" or a derelict?"

"I made it a dead whale," said Brander.

"No whale," Noll argued. "Rides too high."

"It will be rotten," Brander insisted. "Swollen—full of gas."

They watched a while longer, neither speaking. The light wind that urged them on, was falling; the Sully slackened her pace bit by bit; but her own momentum and some casual drift of the surface water still sent her toward the floating speck. It bulked larger in their glasses.

They were within a mile of it before Noll Wing shut his glass.

"Aye, dead whale," he said distastefully, and began to descend from the rigging.

Brander dropped lightly after him. Noll stumped past the men at their stations by the boats till he came to Dan'l Tobey.

"Only a dead whale," he told Dan'l. "Let it be!"

Brander, at Noll's heels, asked: "Do we lower?"

Noll shook his head.

"No," he said sharply.

The disappointment, coming on the heels of the hope that had been roused, had made him fretful and angry.

"I was thinking—" Brander began.

Noll turned on him querulously. "Some ships have truck with carrion and dog-meat," he snarled. "Not the Sully! I'll not play buzzard."

Brander smiled.

"It's not pleasant, I know, sir; but aboard the Thomas Morgan we got a bit of ambergris out of such a whale. This one was lean, you saw. It died of a sickness. That's the kind!"

"A man'd think you'd like the smell of it, Brander," said Dan'l Tobey with a grin.

"Ambergris is fool's talk," Noll growled. "I've heard tell of it for thirty years, and never saw a lump

### WARNER BROTHERS HAS NO DIVIDENDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., today took no action on the common dividend due at this time. The regular quarterly disbursement of 65 cents a share on the preferred was declared payable September 1 to stock of record August 13.

### FLORENZ ZIEGFELD STOPS IN ROSEBURG

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Florenz Ziegfeld, noted New York theatrical producer, accompanied by his wife, better known as Billy Burke, his 16-year-old daughter, Patricia, and Mrs. Edmund Carewe, wife of the movie director, passed through this city yesterday afternoon on a special car attached to the Shasta.

The party is heading north after a stay in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, and will pass through Vancouver, B. C., Lake Louise and on to Lake Edward, Quebec, where they will spend a vacation of two months, after which they will return to New York and will perhaps visit the Pacific coast again next summer.

Miss Marion Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nichols of this city, is accompanying Mrs. Ziegfeld as a nurse. She has been with Mrs. Ziegfeld for the past two months and expects to continue in her employ during the remainder of the summer.

### CONDEMNED PETS SAVED BY COURT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—The lives of three valuable dogs and two Persian cats, condemned to death by their mistress, the late Mrs. Charles Winterman, today were saved by a court order. The

five pets were in court when the order was issued.

Mrs. Winterman, on her death bed, requested the pets be killed after her death, and ordered them turned over to Dr. C. A. White, pet hospital owner, for execution.

Humane agencies obtained a temporary restraining order which was made permanent today.

### CHRISTENS BRUDER "GREATEST" PLAYER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 7.—After 20 years experience as coach, critic and player, Coach Dick Hanley of Northwestern university picks his 1930 captain, Hank Bruder, as the greatest football player of all time.

"Bruder is no specialist," Coach Hanley said. "He can do everything. He can punt, he can pass, and he can run. More than that, he can receive a pass, which is harder than throwing one. No finer defensive man, ever stepped on the gridiron. Injuries have held him back the last two years, but watch him go this season."

Bruder flashed impressively during the start of the 1929 campaign but broke his leg, and was out for the season.

### CITY ENGINEER KILLED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

DAYTON, Wash., Aug. 8.—W. R. Rehorn, Walla Walla city engineer, was killed and Stanley Royster, his assistant, gravely injured when their automobile plunged down an embankment.

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