

The SEA BRIDE

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

CHAPTER XXXIII.

"When Brander did not speak, however, Dan gently prodded him. "You're forgetting that Mr. Brander claims it for his own," he said to Tichel.

Tichel chuckled again.

"Oh, ay, I was forgetting that Dan matter," he agreed. "My memory is very short at times."

"Still Brander said nothing Dan looked toward him.

"I'll warrant Mr. Brander doesn't forget," he said.

Brander looked toward Dan and smiled amiably.

"Thank you," he told the mate. "Keep me reminded. It had all but slipped my mind."

There was so much hostility in the air, in the slow words of the men, that Faith said quietly:

"Well be on the Solander soon. I'm looking forward to that, Dan. You've seen the Rock?"

She hoped to change them to another topic, but Dan brought it smoothly back again.

"Yes," he said. "Yes. Last cruise, the Betty Howe, out of Port Russell, picked up a sizable chunk of 'bris not a week before we touched the grounds. That brought two hundred and sixty to the pound, I heard."

"How much was it?" Willis Cox asked.

"Fifteen pound or so. No more than a thumbnail, to what we're not—that is to say, to what Mr. Brander's got—below here."

Brander had finished eating; he rose to go on deck. But Roy Kilcup could no longer hold his tongue. He got to his feet in Brander's path and demanded sharply:

"Do you honestly mean to claim that ambergris for your own, Mr. Brander? Are you so much of a hog?"

Brander looked down at the boy and smiled.

"I'll give you your share now if you'll stop your worrying, youngster," he said.

"I want to know what you're going to do," Roy insisted. "Are you going to stick to your claim?"

"Others want to know that, too," said Brander and stepped to one side to pass Roy.

"Roy would have spoken again, but Noll said heavily from the head of the table:

"Roy, let be!"

That put a moment's silence upon them all. In this silence Brander went on his way to the deck. Roy started after him for

a moment, then sat down in his place. His face was sullen and angry. No one spoke of the matter again; but Dan saw that Faith was troubled. Faith was puzzling over Brander, trying to fathom the man. Dan saw that Noll had lifted his heavy head and was watching her.

Afterward Dan went with Noll into the after cabin. Faith had gone on deck. She and Willis Cox were talking together by the wheel with Roy. Brander, as usual, had taken himself to the waist, where he was under the eye of the crew. His harpener, Loum, was with him. Muzzer hung within sound of his voice like an adoring dog.

Dan, in the after cabin with Noll, made up the log. Noll sat heavily on the seat, half asleep. He got up, while Dan was still writing, and got his bottle. It was almost empty, and he cursed.

"Sit down, sir," said Dan, looking up. "Olive that to me. I'll fill it."

Noll accepted the offer without speaking and gave Dan the key to his storeroom, where there was a cask of whiskey and another of rum. Dan came back presently with the bottle filled. His eyes were shining with an evil inspiration, but he said nothing for a little. When his work on the log was done, however, he looked across to Noll, and after a while, as if answering a spoken question, said:

"I wouldn't worry about him, sir."

Noll looked at him dully.

"About whom, Dan?"

"Brander. I saw you watching him."

"I don't like the man."

"He's a good officer."

Noll waved a hand fretfully.

"He's too much with the crew, Mr. Tobey."

Dan shook his head.

"I doubt it. That's one way to handle men—be one of them. They'll do anything for him, sir."

Noll's eyes narrowed with the shrewdness of a drunken man.

"That's the worst part of it. Will they do anything for me, Dan?"

"Of course not."

"Well, sir, maybe they'd jump quicker for him," Dan said reluctantly.

"And that's not reassuring," said Noll. "Is it now?"

"It wouldn't be, if he meant wrong. I don't think he does. You're concerned over Faith and him—the way they are when

they're together," Dan added. "But there's no need, sir. Faith is loyal."

Noll looked at the mate and frowned.

"How are they, when they're together?"

"I thought you had marked it for yourself. I meant nothing."

"Nothing? You meant something. What is it you've seen, Dan?"

Dan protested.

"Why, nothing at all. There's no harm in their being friends. He's a young man, strong, with wisdom in his head; and she's young, too. It's natural that young folk should be friendly."

Noll's head sank upon his chest.

"Aye, and you're thinking I'm old," he said dully.

"No, sir," Dan cried. "Not that. You're not so old as you think, sir. Not so old but what you might strike. If there was need, I only meant it was to be expected that they should be drawn together, like. Faith's young—"

Noll's eyes were reddening angrily.

"Speak out, man!" he exclaimed. "Don't shilly-shally with your tongue. If there's harm afoot, by God, I can take a hand! What's in your mind?"

"Why, nothing at all. No harm in the world, sir. I was only meaning to reassure you. I thought you had seen her eyes when she looked at the man."

"Her eyes?"

"Aye."

"What's in her eyes?"

Dan frowned uncomfortably.

"Why—friendship, if you like. Liking, perhaps. Nothing more, I'll swear. I know Faith too well—"

"I'll watch her eyes, Dan!" Noll said heavily.

"You should not concern yourself, Cap'n Wing," replied Dan, with apparent anxiety. "It's but the fancy of youth for youth—"

Noll came to his feet with sudden rage.

"Have done, Dan!"

They both heard, then, Faith's step in the main cabin; and their eyes met and burned. Dan got up quietly and laid aside the log, and as Faith came in he went out and closed the door behind him. He crossed to the companion as if to go on deck; but he lingered there, listening.

There was little for him to hear. When the door closed behind him, Faith had turned to her own cabin, hers and Noll's. Noll sat down, his eyes sullen. He watched her through the open door to the cabin where their bunks were. She fanned after a moment and came out to him; and he got to his feet with a rush of anger, and stared at her, so that she stood still.

He said hoarsely:

"Faith—"

His words failed, then, before the steady light in her eyes. She was wondering, questioning him. She met his eyes so fairly that the

UNUSUAL FEAT PERFORMED BY OAKLAND CAR

Motor car performance history was written in Tacoma, Washington, recently, when an Oakland V-type Eight, carrying two passengers was driven in high gear up the treacherous K street hill between Center street and 27th street, thereby performing a feat that never before had been accomplished in the history of motoring there. The K street incline is a 32 per cent gradient.

The street is badly rutted. It is surfaced with loose gravel, which supplies exceptionally poor traction to any vehicle and which, in fact, renders it dangerous to all types of traffic. Despite these handicaps the Oakland standard V-type sedan rolled over the top at 12 miles an hour.

"The K street grade in Tacoma has never been climbed in high gear by any automobile, to my knowledge," said L. M. Dreyer, regional manager of Oakland Motor Car company. "In fact, there are very few capable of making it in second."

The demonstration made by the Oakland Eight was witnessed by a large crowd of interested spectators. Virtually all of them stated before the tests were made, that no car ever could climb the grade in high gear. They were greatly impressed when the feat was accomplished by Clyde Mackin in his Oakland.

Notice of Board of Equalization

Notice is hereby given that on the second Monday in September, being September 8th, the Board of Equalization will attend in the assessor's office in the court house in Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon, for the purpose of examining the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuations, description and quality of land, lots and other property, assessed by the assessor, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at that time and place appointed.

FRANK L. KALKINS, Assessor.

Kills Man Who Eloped and Wed Daughter



Mrs. Elizabeth Attilio, of Philadelphia, shot and killed her newly acquired son-in-law, James Cassidy, 48, when he called at her home to tell her of his elopement with her 18-year-old daughter, Rose.

HIGHWAY WORK NOW AT ITS PEAK

1930 will mark the peak of highway construction and betterments in the state of Oregon, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

In nearly every section of the state can be heard the clink of machinery in operation of building more roads and better roads. In an effort to keep faith with the program of the country to relieve the unemployment situation, the highway commission has crowded into its program this year work that would normally have taken more than two years to do. Work has been going on all the year on the Old Oregon trail, the Burns-Lakeview road, the Dayville-Mitchell section of Highway No. 28, the Santiam highway, Roosevelt highway, Lower Columbia highway, Mount Hood loop, and with reconstruction on the McKenzie highway and the Pacific highway in the Medford district and also between Eugene and Portland of both east and west roads.

In many places the roads are being widened and straightened with heavier foundations than in previous years, looking toward the increased tourist traffic of the future.

In spite of this enormous amount

of work being done, new engineering crews are surveying on other sections where there will be both new construction and improvements in the near future. It has been an extremely busy year and although travel has been put to some inconvenience in certain sections, it will be a worth while job when these highways are completed, according to the people who travel over these highways.

Oregon will soon have an excellent system of highways although road building in Oregon is in no way near completion, according to those who look into the future.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, General Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, August 2, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that Henry E. Ward, of Roseburg, Oregon, who, on March 18th, 1927, made Homestead entry, Serial No. 918855, for SW 1/4 Sec. 11, Township 27 S., Range 4 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Hamill A. Canaday, Register of the U. S. Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 10th day of Sept., 1930.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Chapman, Bob Lane, Mrs. M. L. Cannon, Ed Everts, all of Glide, Oregon.

ROBERT E. CRAWFORD, Acting Register.

Pien-king at Miles Park—Adv

HOLLYWOOD'S LEAD CUT TO ONE GAME

By the Associated Press

The Oaks staged a rally in the ninth inning last night, Ernie Lombardi batted in two runs, and the team defeated Hollywood 3 to 2 to cut that club's lead one full game in the Pacific Coast league.

While the last minute rally was being staged at Oakland, Los Angeles on its home territory took Portland to cover, 8 to 5. While Hollywood first in the league, and the Angels second, the results yesterday tended to even things up a little.

San Francisco, in third place, remained two games behind Los Angeles. The Seals shut out Seattle 8 to 0, with Curtis Davis pitching steady ball. The Indians connected with nine safe ones, but couldn't make them count.

In the remaining game, played at Sacramento, the San Francisco Mission defeated the Senators, 4 to 3 in ten innings. Pilette brought in the winning run in the tenth.

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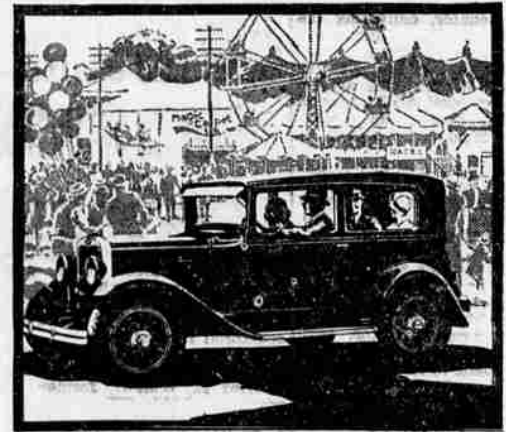
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