

# The SEA BRIDE

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## CHAPTER XXXIX.

Faith was slaving; there were no words for what was in her heart; she could only whisper: "I never—never—never!" and gently touch his shoulders and his head.

"Faith! all against me, Faith," he said, over and over. "All against me. Even you?"

"No, no, Noll!"

"You love him! You love him!"

"No, Noll—no!" She lied, not to deceive her husband, but to comfort him. Her eyes, above Noll's head, seemed to ask her love's pardon for the lie. "No, Noll. You're my husband."

His arms tightened about her waist; his great chest pressed against her knees.

"You're mine," he begged. "You're mine! Don't go away from me!"

"No, Noll—never, never."

He raised his face from her lap at last; and she saw that it was as sunken like the countenance of one long dead. He cried, in utter self-abandonment.

"Faith! I don't deserve you. I'm an old, helpless man."

"I married you, Noll."

"I'm no good. They're laughing at me."

Her eyes hardened him.

"Master them. Command them. You are the master, Noll."

"I can't. There's no strength in me."

"It's there, Master them, Noll!"

"I can't hold myself Faith. Not even myself. I'm rotted with whiskey and years and strife."

"Master yourself, Noll."

"Faith, Faith, it's too late. I'm gone, I can't!"

"You can," she said.

She spoke the two words quietly; yet somehow they gave him of her strength, so that his head lifted higher, and the muscles took form beneath his slack cheeks. He stared into her eyes, as if he were drinking her soul through them; his chest swelled as if virtue were going into him.

They sat thus, minutes on end. He got to his feet. His eyes cleared, with the tempestuous and short-lived fire of age in their depths.

"By Jupiter, Faith," he swore, "I will, I'll command—myself and them!"

"You can," she said again. "You can, so—do, Noll."

He turned from her, looking about with new eyes. She smiled sadly; she knew him too well, now. She was not surprised when his first act was to go to the loom and get his bottle, and drink. He smacked his lips, chuckled at her.

"By Jupiter, Faith, I'll show these dogs," he cried, and flung open the door.

She heard him go out and climb up to the deck. She sat where he had left her.

Sat there, and knew her love for Brander. In those minutes while she remained where Noll had seen her last, she listened to the singing of new voices in her heart. Brander was before her, in her eyes, in her thoughts. He possessed her, in that moment, more completely than Noll had ever done. She gave herself to him, completely, without reluctance and without faintest reservation. No need to see him, no need to tell him. She knew he must know.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

**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.

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## PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS LOWEST IN SEVERAL YEARS

Business activity in this federal reserve district declined slightly during July to the lowest levels reached thus far this year. The chief recession was recorded in trade activity, most other phases of business changing little from the low levels of June says the monthly official report of the Federal Reserve bank, San Francisco, issued by Isaac B. Newton.

Mid-summer weather has been favorable for crop development and for harvesting in most parts of the district. Estimates of crop yield were increased slightly during July and it now seems probable that total agricultural production this year will be greater than in 1929, although somewhat smaller than in 1928. Prices for most farm products of the district are at the lowest levels in many years and it

is reported that there is more than usual tendency for producers to delay the marketing of crops in the hope of obtaining better prices later in the year.

Industrial operations continued at about the same rate as in June, except that fruit canning expanded seasonally. Building activity improved in southern California and in Washington but declined in northern California and Oregon. In such leading industries as petroleum production and copper mining the voluntary curtailment programs in effect during June were observed during July and in lumbering there was a further sharp reduction in output.

Trade was relatively dull during July. Sales of department stores declined from June and wholesale trade failed to improve, while registrations of new automobiles increased moderately. Railroad freight carloadings declined during the month, largely because of reduced shipments of lumber, while water-borne intercoastal traffic increased as a result of a large eastward movement of gasoline.

The rapidity with which the general level of commodity prices at wholesale has fallen has diminished during recent weeks, following a sharp drop during July. Quotations on some commodities reach new low levels early in August

## RUTH ALEXANDER STARTS ON TOUR OF PACIFIC COAST

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Aug. 27.—Ruth Alexander, world-famous holder of a number of air records, including the altitude mark for women for light planes, will take off from here next week on a "Three-Flag" mission of good will. Her destination is Vancouver, B. C., but enroute she will stop at the principal cities and state capitols. She will carry letters from the governor of Lower California to the municipal and state chiefs of California, Oregon

but an upward movement since then in prices of certain agricultural products affected by the drought in the mid-west has resulted in slight increases in most weekly composite indexes of commodity prices.

and Washington and the Premier of British Columbia.

Her trip north will be leisurely, its purpose being to promote interest in aviation among women, and by traveling alone to show that the air route along the coast offers no hazards for her sex. Various chambers of commerce, aeronautical, municipal and other organizations are cooperating with her. The trip is being sponsored by Agua Caliente and the Richfield Oil Company.

Returning, Miss Alexander hopes to establish a non-stop record for women between Vancouver and Agua Caliente. Her plan is to start from the British Columbia capitol early on the morning of August 31st and land at the Agua Caliente airport the same afternoon. Her plane, she says, is ideally suited for such a feat and she is confident that she will set a speed mark that will compare favorably with that established by the opposite sex.

The long stretch down the coast holds no terrors for this intrepid aviatrix. While she will be the first woman to attempt the trip, she says that she tackles the job with less concern for safety and success than when she set her recent altitude records.

## MOTORISTS URGED TO REFUSE CHILD HITCH-HIKERS

Asking that motorists refuse to pick up children on the highways, various probation officers in the state have recently declared that the practice of giving "lifts" to such youthful hitch-hikers is resulting in considerable grief for parents and serious consequences for many children.

Reports received by the Oregon State Motor association cite several cases in which young boys had come to trouble through soliciting rides on the highways. Many motorists, with absolutely no desire to cause trouble for a youngster, will give him a "lift." The boy gets farther and farther away from home and its protection and may eventually fall into bad company, the probation officers point out.

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of District No. 57, Gold Hill, Oregon, does this 21st day of August, 1930, publish notice asking for bids to purchase and install a steam heating plant for the school building and gymnasium, the two buildings to be heated from one heat unit. Plans and specifications are on file with the District Clerk at her office over the post office, Gold Hill, Oregon. Sealed bids will be accepted until 8 o'clock P. M. September 2nd, 1930. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

FRANK CARTER,  
Chairman of Board.

Attest: Bertha Coy, Clerk of School District No. 57.

**LARGE NUMBERS VISIT OREGON CAVES**

Labor Day week-end many each year seem to realize that this is their last opportunity to take a little vacation. Schools are opening; everyone gets busy; so away they start. The highways to the caves are almost perfect. Last year nearly one thousand visitors were at the caves Labor day week-end. —Adv.

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