

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

Chapter 25 F. F. SCENTS A THRILL

Ferdinand Francis came down next day, arriving in time for dinner with an extraordinary assortment of luggage, including the yellow Gladstone bag, a canvas holdall, a uniform-case scraped and battered down to the bare tin, a typically British wash-basin with a leather top, and some assorted parcels. All except the parcels were plastered over with labels of every shape and color.

"When dinner was over, they had coffee on the terrace, with the heat dropping out of the day and a breeze blowing in from the sea. Mr. Francis' bright brown eyes looked appreciatively from his coffee to a bed of flame-colored snapdragons, from the snapdragons to Nan in a green frock, and from Nan to Jervis. "No more accidents!"

There was a little dragging silence before Jervis said in a casual tone: "Only the old bridge above the fall."

Ferdinand jerked round in his wicker chair. "And it fell?"

"What a dramatic mind you've got, F. F. The timbers were rotten with the spray."

"Rotten were they—and with the spray?"

Jervis nodded. "The bridge fell. And was there anyone on it when it fell?"

Jervis got up and stood half turned away, looking down towards the ravine.

"Nan had a narrow escape," he said. "I'll tell you about it if you want to know."

Ferdinand certainly wanted to know. He looked at Nan, and found her changing color.

"There's nothing to tell, Mr. Francis."

"Oh, I imagine there's something."

"No, there isn't." Then, as Jervis looked over his shoulder with a sarcastic gleam in his eye, she colored and said stammeringly: "I ran on to the bridge. It cracked, and then it fell. Jervis pulled me up."

"My eye!" said Ferdinand. "Can't someone do better than that? Haven't you got a few extra syllables about you, Mrs. Jervis? I feel as if I could do with them if you have."

"Nan wouldn't cross it," said Jervis. "I knew just above her breath. I knew there was something wrong when she wouldn't cross it."

"I'm an inquisitive man," said Ferdinand, "and I'm feeling the strain of this conversation pretty badly. If someone doesn't tell me what happened soon, I'm going to be a first-class case."

Jervis had been listening in a careless attitude, one knee on the balustrade. His sudden smile came and went again, and he gave an extraordinary charm. He looked at Ferdinand with affection.

"Very nicely put, F. F. I'm afraid I only deal in dry facts—that's why I'm not competing. Nan will turn on some imagination for you."

Nan's cheeks burned with a sudden scarlet. Everything in her was reacting violently from the moment when she had stood with the door between herself and Jervis and had not a word to say.

That was last night; but it might have happened in another world.

She had felt drained and dumb, a sort of ghost in the dark. She did not feel in the least nixt that now. She wanted to convince Ferdinand, to get him on her side. She felt warm, and alive, and sure. She leaned towards him with her elbow on the arm of the chair.

"I'll tell you what happened."

"That's better," said F. F. Jervis got up and strolled away. "When the thrills are over you can wander down to the ravine and view the remains," he said. He went down the steps and on down the grassy slope.

"Now, Mrs. Jervis," said Ferdinand. "Jervis doesn't believe anything. Well, no he wouldn't. Suppose you try me—I'm good at believing."

"There's so little to tell. There's nothing that I can prove—there's only the feeling, the frightfully strong feeling."

Ferdinand nodded. "As you say, you've got a hunch. Well, I take a good deal of stock in hunches myself. You tell me all about this bridge business."

"Well, there's something in that. I saw him," insisted Nan. "Right. Now what about the bridge?"

"Jervis took me down to see the fall, and when we came to the bridge Bran wouldn't cross it—he wouldn't go into it at all. He knew."

"I've seen an elephant do that in Burma—it just stood there and trumpeted. Go on."

"Jervis was angry with him. He tried to drag him on to the bridge—she stopped abruptly."

Ferdinand laughed a little. "Keep right on," he said.

"Well, the bridge went—and I'd have gone too, only Jervis grabbed hold of me and pulled me up."

"His bright brown eyes mocked her a little."

"I never did care for an expurgated edition—it puts too much strain on the imagination."

"That's all," said Nan hastily. "Nonsense! All? And how did you come to be on the bridge? Bran wouldn't cross, and you knew there was something wrong, and so you went onto the bridge yourself just to see what would happen."

"He had the satisfaction of seeing her cheeks burn."

"Well—that's true, isn't it?" he said.

Nan jumped up. "You'd better go down and look at a little. I'd take it off to you, Mrs. Jervis." Said Ferdinand.

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(To Be Continued)

Imbler School Classes Select Plays to Stage

(By Howard Wilson (Observer Correspondent))

IMBLER (Special) — The Imbler High school honor roll for the first six weeks is as follows: Winona Westenskow, Garth Westenskow, Roslyn Knight, Lyle Sanden, Blanche Knight, Reta Hudson, Evelyn McKennon, Mary Richeson, Lorena Stewart, Ruth Conklin and Ruth Hale.

All the class plays have been picked out to take place of the former student body play as in other years. The senior play coached by Mr. King is "Storm Before Sunset." The cast is as follows: Raymond Munson, Lyle Sanderson, Lynn Anderson, Carol Wagner, Mary Richeson, Winona Westenskow and Marjorie Perry.

The junior play is "Henry's Mail Order Wife." It is being coached by Miss Cannon. The cast follows: Delmer Fowler, Clyde Ott, Dick Howell, Bernice Johnston, Blanche Billings and Howard Wilson. Keith McKinnis promoter.

The sophomore play "A Star Falls" was written by the coach, Harry Johnson.

The freshman play is "Keeping Kitty Dances." The cast includes: Farrell Skillings, Garth Westenskow, Charles Noyes, Reta Hudson, Neta Wilson, Marjorie Howell and Ruth Conklin.

Prompter, Berta Lloyd; manager, Lenore Cole; artist, Wilda Cook; director, Benj. Raszkopf.

Mr. Weis, former teacher of sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Imbler, and Ruth Marquis of La Grande, had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Watson. After dinner the like band students of the eighth grade and last year's coming weekend. Miss White stayed over and had her tonsils removed on Monday.

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JOSEPH PERSONALS

(By Mrs. Maida Stevenson (Observer Correspondent))

JOSEPH (Special) — Grover Wright was very sick for several days but is much better now.

Waldo Chase and "Bud" Day left this week for National City, Cal., where they will spend the winter. They have spent the winters in the south for several years.

J. A. Wagner and daughter, Juanita, spent Tuesday in La Grande. Mr. Wagner attending to business and Juanita, shopping.

Mrs. J. P. Averill, of Enterprise, spent Thursday at Joseph with Mrs. Alvira Rupp and Mrs. Mollie Mays.

Hazel Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barton, of Imnaha, while riding through a thicket of brush was struck in the eye by a limb and a piece of it struck into the eye necessitating a trip to La Grande where a specialist was consulted and it was removed. She has returned home and is getting along very well.

Earl Childers, of Prairie Creek, is quite ill of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Scott have moved into the Frank Winston house from Prairie Creek where they lived during the summer.

Ward Graves, of Enterprise, is hauling wood from Prairie Creek for McCulley's that was cut on Mr. McCulley's land.

Several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Metzger surprised them last Tuesday evening to remind them of their seventh anniversary. Those present enjoyed the evening very much. Refreshments were served.

Kathryn White returned Tuesday evening from La Grande where she spent the week-end coming weekend. Miss White stayed over and had her tonsils removed on Monday.

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Domestic Wheat Futures Decline To Low Records

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 — Domestic wheat futures declined to new record low levels during the week ending Nov. 4, influenced principally by weakness in foreign markets and the lack of an export inquiry for the U. S. surplus, according to the weekly grain market review of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Unfavorable reports on crop conditions in western areas of the winter wheat belt, together with some strengthening in securities and in foreign grain markets, brought about a slight advance in wheat prices toward the close of the week. Cash grain, particularly winter wheat, did not follow the full decline in futures. Corn and other feed grains weakened, influenced by the lower wheat prices, but demand remained fairly active, and cash grains held generally steady. Rye fluctuated with wheat and reached the lowest point in the history of domestic markets. Flax declined under a slow crusher demand for current offerings.

The continued listings of foreign wheat by European importing countries and the pressure of new crop offerings from the southern hemisphere were the principal weakening factors in the wheat market situation during the week. Maintenance of tariff and milling regulations continues to restrict purchases of foreign wheat in Germany, Italy, France and other European countries. The tariff preference given dominion wheat by the United Kingdom has been limited to the English purchases under a governmental subsidy and up to a governmental subsidy of Italy, Netherlands, and Scandinavian and other countries, but tariff and milling regulations are being continued.

Canadian co-operatives are storing wheat under a governmental subsidy and up to Oct. 11 had contracted for storage for about 6,000,000 bushels. The British parliament has placed a levy on flour equivalent to present currency values to 31½¢ per barrel. The fund obtained from this levy are to be used to maintain a fixed price on domestic wheat, equal at the current rate of exchange to 80½¢ per bushel in United States currency.

Prices of native wheat held generally steady or were slightly advanced in most European countries. At

the close of the market Nov. 4 good milling wheat was quoted at Hamburg at \$1.32½, at Paris at \$1.10½, and at Genoa at \$1.15½ per bushel. Prices of foreign wheats did not share in the strength of native grain, under pressure of heavy offerings from Canada and of new crop grain from the southern hemisphere. Argentine shippers were offering new wheat freely for Jan.-Feb. shipment at 47½¢ CIF English markets, while Australian shippers were offering new wheat at 50½¢ on the same terms. No. 3 Manitoba for Nov. shipment from Vancouver was quoted at Liverpool at 50½¢ and No. 2 Manitoba from Atlantic ports at 52½¢. Argentine shipments during the week totaled only 557,000 bushels, but Australian shipments totaled 2,784,000 bushels and Russian shipments 1,536,000 bushels. Russian shipments were largely fulfillments of Oct. contracts.

Cash winter wheat markets were firmer than futures and cash prices at the principal markets closed slightly higher than a week ago as a result of an advance in premiums. Marketings were of only moderate volume and receipts at the principal central western and southwestern markets totaled 1,454 cars compared with 3,722 cars for the corresponding week last year. The protein of this season's wheat crop is materially higher than that of the 1931 crop. Inspectors for the crop year to the end of Oct. by the Kansas-Missouri inspection dept. show an average protein of 12.94 per cent compared with 11.84 per cent for the inspections during the corresponding period last year. Mill demand for winter wheat was rather active and current arrivals passed readily into consuming channels. At the close of the market Nov. 4 ordinary protein No. 2 hard winter wheat was quoted at Kansas City at 91½¢, 41½¢ and 13 per cent protein at 43¢, 44½¢ per bu. No. 2 hard winter, 11½ per cent protein, sold at Omaha at 40¢ per bushel and 10½ per cent protein at 39¢. Outside flour mills were active buyers of high protein wheat at the latter market. Mills at Fort Worth were paying 51½¢ per bushel for No. 1 hard winter up to 13 per cent protein and 4½¢ premium for each ½ per cent protein over 13 percent. Exporters were bidding 52½¢ for No. 1 hard winter but no premium for high protein. Hard winter wheat was scarce and wanted at St. Louis and sold at the best premiums of the season over the Chicago futures. No. 2 hard winter was quoted

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	44 1/4	44 1/4	44	44 1/4
May	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4
July	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	51 1/4

CHICAGO CORN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
May	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4
July	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/4

PORTLAND WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	43 1/4	44	42 3/4	44
May	47 1/4	49 1/4	47 1/4	49 1/4

at 46½¢ per bushel at the close of the week. No. 2 hard winter was quoted nominally at Chicago at 45¢ per bushel.

Pacific coast wheat markets were also weak and lower with cash grain relatively weaker than futures, reflecting the lack of export demand and dull local inquiry. Marketings by Washington and Oregon growers remain well below a year ago, with receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia river terminals totaling 535 cars for the week compared with 741 cars for the corresponding period last year. Some export inquiry was received from Ireland during the week but no sales were reported. Canadian shippers were still underselling domestic exporters in the United Kingdom and the Orient. Local mills and feed wheat buyers were taking most of the current offerings but considerable quantities were reported sold to California during the week.

The quality of the northwestern wheat crop is well below that of last season with October receipts at Portland showing 67 per cent grading No. 2 or better, compared with 80 per cent falling within these grades from the October, 1931 inspections. At the close of the market Nov. 4, western hard white was quoted at Portland at 52½¢, soft white at 43½¢, hard winter, northern spring, western white and western red at 42½¢ and 12 per cent protein hard winter at 50½¢ per bu., sacked, basis No. 1. Western white wheat was quoted at Seattle at 43½¢, western red at 41½¢, hard winter at 35½¢ and Baart hard

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WHAT CAUSES EPILEPSY? IS THERE A CURE?

New York, N. Y. A booklet containing the opinions of famous doctors on the subject "CAN EPILEPSY BE CURED?" has met with great interest throughout the country. Dr. Jose Valcarol of the medical faculty of the Central University of Madrid, and Dr. Frank Spitz, renowned specialist of Prague, Czechoslovakia, have contributed to this interesting discussion, which contains a great deal of information and advice on the subject. Any reader writing to Educational Division, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., Dept. 849 will receive a free copy of this booklet while they last. —Adv.

FRISCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7 (AP) — (State Market News Service) — Apples: California, Rome Beautys 50¢, 55¢; lug. Bellflowers 50¢, 65¢ per 40-lb. lug. Boxes—Newtown Pippins \$1.00 @ \$1.15, loose 60¢ @ 85¢.

Oregon: Spitzenburgs, xf \$1.40 @ \$1.50, fancy \$1.15 @ \$1.25, Orleys, xf \$1.30 @ \$1.00, Winter Bananas, xf \$1.30 @ \$1.60, fancy \$1.25 @ \$1.35.

Washington: Rome Beautys, fancy \$1.15 @ \$1.35, Delicious xf \$1.60 @ \$1.75, fancy \$1.40 @ \$1.50.

OREGON NEEDS HOOVER

We call your attention to the agitation now being carried on in foreign countries for lowering the American tariff. They want to share our Ninety Billion dollar market for American products, the richest market in all the world. With a Democratic administration the tariff wall will be lowered. Americans will be idle. Local factories will be closed to American labor. Foreign factories will be opened. Think it over, Voters.

Oregon's Workers, Farmers and Business Men Should Carry on With Hoover

- 1. THE TARIFF**
The Republican party believes in a high tariff, so that the American market may be preserved to the American producer, which in turn gives employment to the American workingman, and he is thereby a supporter of the corner grocery. The Republican tariff is an America-for-Americans policy. The Democratic party advocates a competitive tariff. That kind of a tariff was translated by Mr. Bert E. Haney, leading Oregon Democrat in a speech at Portland, when he said he was talking for Roosevelt and the party to be A LOW TARIFF. He said we could get along on no tariff, or at least 50% of the present tariff.
- 2. LUMBER**
Republican Oregon Senators and Republican Congressmen secured the tariff of \$4 a thousand on lumber that is now opening up our mills and putting men to work. Under Democratic rule, they will close again.
- 3. STOCK RAISING**
In the countries to the north and south of the United States there are hundreds of thousands of cattle looking over a tariff wall that keeps them out of the United States. Lower the tariff wall by voting the Democratic party into power and those cattle will take the American market.
- 4. WOOL**
Australian growers are holding their wool clip to see if Roosevelt is elected President and the Democratic party returned to power. In that case they expect the tariff to be taken off wool and they can come in here to undersell the American grower.
- 5. AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE**
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Northwest Grain Growers Corporation are arranging the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to China. It will be consumed as soon as possible, possibly by election day. Chinese eggs are now excluded from the American market by the tariff. Japanese and Italian cherries are barred from competition for the American market by the tariff. For the first time in years, the growers of cherries in the Willamette Valley this season shipped bared cherries at a profit.
- 6. THE FISHERIES**
Last week the president spoke to the people connected with the fisheries of Oregon, and he told them he had asked the Tariff Commission to raise the rate on the importation of Japanese salmon, which is laid down here for one-half the cost of salmon at the American canneries. IT WILL BE DONE.
- 7. RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION**
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation loaned the Hibernia Bank of Portland \$500,000 which enables that bank to open its doors and released the deposits of 15,000 Portland citizens. 1400 individual farmers in Oregon have received loans of from \$20 to \$400 each. The wool growers of Oregon have borrowed \$1,425,000 from the R. F. C. Dairymen of Oregon were loaned \$288,000. Grain growers co-operatives of Oregon borrowed \$1,745,000. More than a million has been loaned to cattlemen's associations. Vegetable growers borrowed \$72,000 and turkey growers \$60,000. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has aided a total of 4509 banks, trust companies, insurance companies, agricultural credit corporations and livestock corporations, having 30,900,177 individual members. Three thousand, two hundred and ninety-one of those institutions were located in towns of less than 5000 population. When Hoover put the credit of the U. S. treasury back of the R. F. C. he saved the banks, the depositors and the business of the entire nation.

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—12—Elizabeth E. Pettinger, Clackamas Co.
Lloyd R. Smith, Multnomah County
David S. Stearns, Multnomah County

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
—21—Frederick Steiner

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
—23—Robert R. Butler

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