Bess, Queen of Strategists

By RUTH SANTELLE

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The bushes at the top of the steep bank parted, and a girl dashed down the faintly worn path, landing with a light spring on the narrow strip of pebbly beach. Without a breath of hesitation she seized the prow of the little steel boat, gave a vigorous push, a practiced leap and stood poling swiftly over the shallows with one oar. The blue line of deep water reached, she dropped into the seat and rowed with long, strong strokes. Half across the arm of the lake, that lay between the mainland and the little island toward which she was pulling, she rested on her oars.

"Hm—m!" This in a tone of mild surprise. "The bloodthirsty pursuer doesn't seem to be gaining very rapidly. Not a sign of him yet. Guess I'll give him a little chance. I've excuse enough for wanting to remodel myself, goodness knows!"

And she raised her arms, bared to the elbow and brown against the white of her gown, to a mass of tawny hair, very bewitchingly disheveled from the precipitousness of her launching.

"I'm morally certain he saw me, too," she reflected, braiding the heavy coils into a shining rope that more than reached the floor of the boat as she sat, "for he came around the corner of the piazza just as I crossed the road into the thicket. I should think he'd want to say goodby after—after—everything. But I don't care! I said I'd never speak to him again, and I shan't!" She seized the oars and pulled the remaining half mile with vicious, snappy strokes.

It would have been much cooler back in the evergreens, but she disposed herself on the open sand with the pillows, book and parasol which formed part of the boat's furnishings. The bright scarlet sunshade was thus unmistakably visible from the mainland.

The warm discomfort of her vigil was at length rewarded by the outputting of a boat with a single white flanneled occupant. The scarlet parasol swung around and presented a broadside view to the water. When the oncoming boat was half across, the girl, her back persistently toward it, gathered up her belongings and betook herself calmly to the friendly shadows a few yards away.

The novel must have been intensely interesting, for she had apparently not taken her eyes from its pages during all the time that an athletic looking fellow was beaching a boat, crossing the sand and throwing himself on the ground at her feet.

"I came over to say goodby, Bess," he volunteered to the back of the book.

No answer.

"And to ask you to forgive me."

Continued silence.

"Won't you forgive me, Bess?" with quiet earnestness.

Over the top of the book he was given an instant's burning glance of scornful eyes.

"Oh, I know you told me never to speak to you again, and I don't suppose you'll answer me either. I was a fool not to get at least your forgiveness last night, but some way I was too—too stunned, I guess. But whether you'll speak to me or not I must have the privilege of saying a few things that I want you to know. If—if you'd just put the book down and let me know that you're hearing, Bess!" he pleaded.

The leaves of the novel only turned the faster.

"I'm going on the 5 o'clock train," he said tentatively. "It seemed the only thing to do to make it easier for—for both of us after—after—everything. But probably you heard that I am going. I was simply thinking that as we'll presumably never see each other again it wouldn't do any harm and would be so much more satisfactory if you'd just let me explain."

"Explain!" she flashed, unaware, then bit her lip and turned another page.

He smiled in spite of himself, though her anger was far from being an amusing thing to him.

"Yes, explain," he continued, evidently encouraged. "The first thing I should want to do if I knew I had your permission" (he paused for the response that was not vouchsafed), "is to tell you that so far this has been the happiest summer of my life and to thank you for it. I've had such a good time, Bess. I'm working pretty hard, you know, since they made me a partner, and wasn't intending to take any vacation. But when your aunt's note came asking me for the house party I was so ridiculously glad to come a trip for the unhappiness. Because I knew, you know, I thought you had

(Continued next week.)

OIL OYSTERS FOR YAQUINA

[illegible] Oregon, April 19.—Pioneer oyster [illegible] Yesterday [illegible] Bay, and they were very succeessful. The oysters not only grew rapidly and became fully developed, but they have the fine flavor of the best article from the Atlantic Coast. Those which were sent to the coast yesterday were the property of Dr. M. M. Davis, of Newport, who, with some others, owns several acres of the finest oyster beds on the Oregon coast.

While yesterday's carload will plant but two acres of this bed, a like amount will be planted each year, until the entire tract is supplied. As it takes four or five years for the young oysters to fully mature and be ready for market, this system will have fresh oysters coming on every year when once they become marketable. The men are going into oyster propagation as a business proposition and are confident of success.

In addition to the Atlantic Coast Oyster, Dr. Davis is preparing to plant a small bed of the big Heroshimo oyster from the Japanese Coast. The conditions of the Pacific Coast are more like those of Japan than of the Atlantic seaboard, and it is possible that the big Japanese oyster will do even be ter than the Old Point Comfort variety.

CITY WELL FOR CONDON

Condon Globe.

A contract for drilling the new city well was signed up last Saturday between Mayor Reisacher and Recorder Goodwin acting for the city and James W. Green, an experienced well driller of Portland. The contract calls for a well 10 inches in diameter not to exceed 1000 feet in depth, except by special agreement, the city to have the right to stop drilling at any time that a sufficient amount of water is obtained. The price agreed upon is to be $6 00 per foot to a depth of 500 feet, $3800 for 600 feet, $4700 for 700 feet, $5700 for 800 feet, $6700 for 900 and $8000 for 1000 feet

If the well is less than 500 feet deep when completed the city agrees to pay transportation charges on the drilling machinery from Portland to Condon but if the well exceeds that depth the contractor stands that expense. Work is to begin at the earliest possible momet but must not be later than May 15, 1905.

Mr. Green's machine has a capacity of 20 o feet and it is the intention of the city to keep going down until an ample supply for all city needs is secured.

AFGHANISTAN IN DANGER

BOMAY, April 25.—The Times, commenting on the recent liberal opposition in the British house of commons to the strengthening of the northwestern frontier of India, says that the opposition does not realize the importance of the matter. It asserts that a Russian army 200,000 strong is concentrated in Central Asia, that the Russian force is within striking distance of Herat, Afghanistan, which it could capture in a week.

The Afghan army is degenerated into a mere rabble, the whole country is losing the cohesion it possessed under the late ameer. The hold of Habibullah Khan, the present ameer, upon Afghanistan is steadily weakening.

The completion of the Russian-Orenburg railroad has revolutionized the whole situation. The Russian central Asian army could walk over unsupported Afghanistan without the slightest difficulty. The need for watchful preparedness on the Indian frontier was never greater than now.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

First Sunday, morning and evening. Free Methodists—Rev E. M. Mortimore, pastor.

Second Sunday, morning and evening. Mennonite Brethren—Rev. H. Pontius, pastor.

Third Sunday. Morning: M. E. class, led by H. F. Borden. Evening: First Baptist Church, Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor.

Fourth Sunday. morning and evening, M. E. Church—Rev. C. E. Coons, pastor.

Fifth Sunday, morning and evening, First Baptist Church—Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday. H. H. Curtis superintendent.

METHODIST HILL DISTRICT.

German M. E. Church, Rev. E. J. Fraglio, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m., John Hoffman, Sr., superintendent. Preaching services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. German school and Catechism conducted by pastor Saturday at 2.00 p. m. Everyone welcome.

CULVER DISTRICT.

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m. by O. W. Triplett, of Prineville.

AGENCY PLAINS DISTRICT.

William Branstetter, superintendent of Sunday school. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Preaching by Rev. W. E. Culgan and others at irregular periods.

NORTH END DISTRICT.

Sunday school here at Rev. Bell's on Sundays in North Annex Cabin. Rev. [illegible] superintendent. Preaching [illegible]

LODGE DIRECTORY

Madras Camp, M. W. A., No. 8,826.—Meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month at 8 p. m. Frank J. Brooks, Consul C. W. H. Snook, Clerk. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.

Lela Camp, Royal Neighbors of A.—Meets every second and fourth Friday of each month at 8 p.m. M. E. Snook, Oracle. L. M. Hahn, Recorder. Visiting neighbors welcome.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 10, 1905, viz:

Zachary T. McHargue,

of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 13,093, for the sw¼ se¼ sec 33, tp 11 s, r 14 e, and Lots 1, 2, 3 sec 4, tp 12 s, r 14 e, w m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

C N Banta, W R Cook, H Cook, A S Phillips, all of Madras, Oregon.

a27-j1 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register

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Department of the Interior.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final commutation proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 9, 1905, viz:

Susie O. Anderson,

of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 13,130, for the e½ ne¼ sec 23, and w½ nw¼ sec 24, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

E M Smith, F O Hutchinson, C R Hayes, M T Pratt, all of Madras, Oregon.

a27-j1 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that

John G. Bolter,

of Antelope, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 438, for the sw¼ sw¼ sec 17, tp 9 s, r 15 e, w m, before Max Lueddemann, U. S. Commissioner, at Antelope, Oregon, on the 7th day of June, 1905.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

H Leslie Priday, of Antelope, Oregon, Robert O Carland, of Haystack, Oregon, Edward G Bolter, Sanford Shultz, of Antelope, Oregon.

a27-j1 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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James C. Stoner,

of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 12,899, for the sw¼ sec 12, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

F M Melton, S P Loving, Miles Fox, Charles Hayes, all of Madras, Oregon.

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Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

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Mary H. Pitzer,

of Grizzly, Oregon, H. E. No. 7297, for the e½ nw¼, sw¼ ne¼, ne¼ sw¼ sec 10, tp 12 s, r 15 e, w. m.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Mansel Wheeler, George Dee, Mamie Dee, of Grizzly, Oregon; L E Douglas, of Hay Creek, Oregon.

a29-m25 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, June 8, 1905, viz:

Lafayette Douglass,

of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 10,555, for the nw¼ sec 20, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Frank Elkins, J E Campbell, William Branstetter and Mrs. Ellen Logan, all of Madras, Oregon.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at The Dalles, Oregon, on May 31, 1905, viz:

George W. Miller,

of Haystack, Oregon, H. E. No. 8242, for the e½ sw¼, w½ se¼ sec 2, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Isaac Hale, E A Jenkins, Edmund Healy, J Fulton Banta, all of Haystack, Oregon.

[illegible] MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersighed has been, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook county duly appointed administrator of the estate of John Hastings, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same duly verified, to said Administrator at the office of M. E. Brink, in Prineville, Ore., within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication of this notice Nov. 17, 1904. ED KUTCHER, Administrator of the Estate of John Hastings, deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 9, 1905, viz:

Harriet B. Marquis,

of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 12,937, for the ne¼ sec. 1, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w m.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

W R Cook, J B Brown, of Haystack, Oregon; Hans Nissen, C N Banta, of Madras, Oregon.

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" ..	2.25 p.m.	Gibsons	11.19 a.m.	"
" ..	2.39 p.m.	Sinks	11.10 a.m.	"
" ..	2.50 p.m.	Wasco	11.00 a.m.	"
" ..	3.12 p.m.	Klondyke	10.45 p.m.	"
" ..	3.18 p.m.	Summit	10.40 a.m.	"
" ..	3.35 p.m.	Hay Cr'k Jc	10.24 a.m.	"
" ..	3.38 p.m.	McDonalds	10.22 a.m.	"
" ..	3.48 p.m.	DeMoss	10.05 a.m.	"
" ..	3.59 p.m.	Moro	9.55 a.m.	"
" ..	4.08 p.m.	Erskinville	9.37 a.m.	"
" ..	4.29 p.m.	Gr'ss Vall'y	9.20 a.m.	"
" ..	4.55 p.m.	Bourbon	8.55 a.m.	"
" ..	5.11 p.m.	Kent	8.40 a.m.	"
" ..	5.21 p.m.	Wilcox	8.30 a.m.	"
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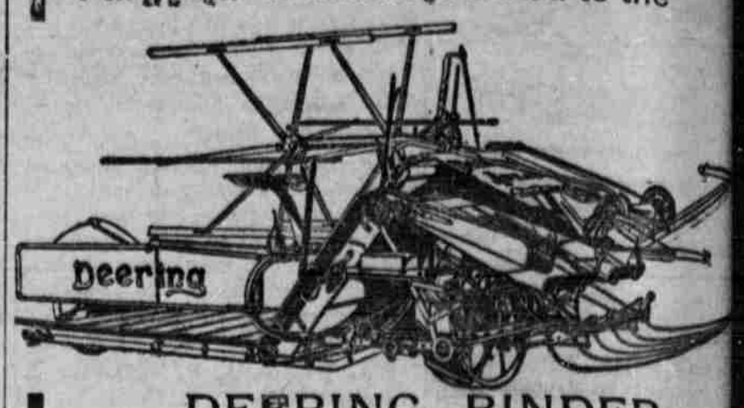

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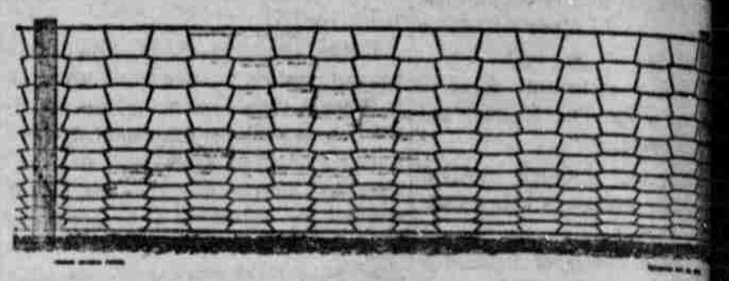

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