

# BELOW ZERO

## A Romance of the North Woods



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I got under his skin, I guess. I didn't see him afterwards."

"That's right. You told me that before. You don't want to write a letter to the insurance company, then?"

Gorbel cleared his throat.

"No, I don't. But if they'll make an investigation, I'll tell them what I know, of course."

"But you didn't see him drinking, did you?"

"See him! Sure! He was just emptying a bottle out by our gasoline cache when I caught him!"

"I see." The sheriff sighed and stretched. As he leaned back, quick alarm rode in Paul Gorbel's eyes.

"Well, get along, I guess. I'll tell this lodge to make their own investigation, then."

So far Bradshaw, whose wits were no match for Paul Gorbel's agile mind, had made no betraying blunders. He had led his man on, a step at a time as John had planned he should do, and had gained one tiny step this afternoon. But he did the wrong thing next. He drove slowly away, not towards Shoestring, but down towards the mill. He stopped his team again and walked across the street and Gorbel, from his office window, watched.

An hour later when McWethy, the mill foreman, came in with his daily report, Gorbel met him in the hallway.

"What was Bradshaw prowling around the mill for?" he asked.

"Oh, nothing, I guess. He stopped in to chin a minute and went on out."

"Didn't talk to anybody else?"

"No. . . . Oh, yes. . . . He did go over and visit a minute with young Belknap."

Gorbel turned abruptly into his office and stood beside his desk, biting a lip, frowning. The office workers were going out. Then footsteps, and Marie opened the door.

"Going to dance tonight?" she asked. He whirled on her, raging.

"Good lord, Marie, do you think all I've got to do is dance? No! I've got the evening full!"

She bridled at his tone.

"Well, you needn't be so rough about it!"

"And you needn't nag day after day!"

"Sa-a-y!" She closed the door. "Needn't nag, need I?"—approaching.

"I suppose you have got a full evening. Going to take a little drive, cutie? Going to drive over to Shoestring for the evening?"

"I haven't been in Shoestring for a month!"

"You lie!"

"Don't you tell—"

"You lie!" she cried again, cutting him off. "You were over Wednesday night and tried to see this Richards girl and got a door slammed in your face! Now laugh that off, you big bum!"

"Well, what of it?" he demanded.

"I'll see, what of it! I've been lied to and double-crossed and strung along about long enough! I'm"—voice dropping to a curiously controlled level—"I'm about done."

"Any time you're through, then, just say the word!"

She turned and went out, slamming the door.

### CHAPTER IX

John Belknap did not go toward with the rest of the crew. He turned in the other direction and followed the road past the last lighted habitation. The sheriff was there, driving his team slowly up and down, waiting.

"Get in," he said gruffly, and lifted the robe to make room beside him.

Settled there beside the hulking figure, John listened attentively while the sheriff told what he had to tell.

"It ain't so much," he said, "but he admitted he was out by their gasoline drum with this fellow. Cases have hung on smaller things than that. When we get the stomach analysis we'll know whether he's lyin' about the man's bein' boozed up or not."

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Methodist Church**  
George F. Gordon, Pastor

"What May I Believe?" A subject much discussed; a question often asked. Are you more interested in the paper box in which you find a precious gem than you are the gem? If the wrapper is more attractive than the gift therein beware. Is the husk about the ear of corn worth more than the grain? What is the outstanding value of the Scriptures? Are you an idol worshipper? Many people are. The bible may be an idol and is to many. Do you stumble over the vehicle in which beautiful truths are present-

ed? This subject will be presented Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and you are cordially invited to be present. This message will interest you and help you.

If you are interested in a church home give us a chance to prove the value of our church and services. If you want basic truths presented and developed in a modern way this is the place you are looking for. We seek the truth and are interested in having others know it. You will find us to be a cordial group and will make you feel at home. Come and bring the children. Make the church once more a vital institution to you. Make her message the message of your heart. Revive again the spirit of evangelism and devotion. Set an altar once more in your heart and home. Make God once more the beacon light directing your ways. Do this and life will be worth much more to you and your household.

### Nazarene Church

Rev. Willard P. Andersen, Pastor

"From one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me," saith the Lord. I wonder if this is so to-day. How long since you have been in the house of prayer to worship God? How much better to worship him now willingly and in love than to await the day of his wrath when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

You will find the spirit of our services a real uplift to your soul.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.; Morning worship at 11:00 A. M.; N. Y. P. S. at 7:00 P. M. Evening

service at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday Prayer and Praise at 8:00 P. M.

### Church of Christ

Rev. G. W. Springer

Sunday School is at 9:45 o'clock. At our recent council meeting the observance of Father's Day was discussed with final arrangement left to the superintendent.

Next Sunday evening the young peoples society of the Christian Endeavor have charge of the evening meeting with the exception of the preaching. These are always exceptional programs.

There will be regular church services.

### Congregational Church

Rev. Charles F. Clarke, Pastor

Well Friends: The way we spend our time not only determines but reveals the quality of our souls, when we think of the way we spend our time are we proud of our souls?

It will be a fine thing to go to church next Sunday. We think our services will be uplifting. At 11 A. M. the pastor's subject will be "Sifting a Soul" and at 8:00 P. M. "Spilt Milk". The Bible school helps parents develop the finer instincts of childhood and is one of the greatest formative powers in the child's life. Do not neglect it. Bring your children at 9:45, the Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:00 o'clock and mid-week meeting will be held Wednesday at 8:00 P. M.

Doy Gray has been appointed administrator of the C. E. Hedge estate.

### Hints for Homemakers

By Jane Rogers



HOUSEWIVES can help to relieve unemployment distress by putting up, along with their own preserves, a number of extra jars for distribution to needy families next winter. Preserves are a valuable form of relief food, their fruits or vegetables furnishing vitamins and their sugar content providing an unexcelled source of energy.

White spots on the table top or other furniture can usually be removed by rubbing, first with wood alcohol, and then with a piece of flannel moistened with camphorated oil.

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*Dearborn, Mich.*

May 22, 1933

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The "drive away" is not new; often I have driven cars from Detroit to towns in Ohio or Indiana or Michigan to make delivery.

There were no good roads in those days, and the people where I drove had never seen a motor car before.

My first really enthusiastic customers were Country Doctors. They were the first to realize the value of dependable transportation to a widely scattered practice.

Even today I occasionally hear from some of those first Ford users. We had to teach local mechanics how to care for the cars. That is how Ford Service began, which is now found everywhere in the world.

We believed from the beginning that a sale does not complete our transaction with our customer — it creates upon us an obligation to see that our customer's car gives him service. Ford Dealers know their duty to the public in this respect.

I can say of Ford Dealers generally that they have been and are men of character and standing in their communities. Most of them have been with us many years, which indicates that we agree on basic business principles. The Company provides that the methods used to sell the Ford car are consistent with the self-respect of the Dealers who handle it.

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*Henry Ford*

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