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THE TIGER GIRL

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The girl who was about to enter the room stood poised on the stair at sound of voices below. She heard her own name mentioned and waited. Her [illegible] in the window light, [illegible] was soft-tinted as a [illegible] golden lashes veiling her [illegible] black eyes glistened like sunny dewdrops. She stood calm, expectant [illegible] her the tiger-cat," her hostess [illegible] saying. "We had one once just like her, subtle, ever ready to stab with her hidden claws. Greedy for that which was—or was not her own. Claiming, by cunning or force, if might be. And yet, we could not part from the thing. It had an endearing manner of cuddling up to one, caressing with its yellow head or begging pardon with cushioned outstretched paws. That is Pauline. When I lose patience with her completely," Marion Dale smiled her confession, "Pauline is sure to [illegible] over me one way or another. [illegible] and conciliate women [illegible] on those occasions [illegible] her purpose."

The small person on the window seat turned so that the listener could see her face.

"Aren't you bitter, Marion?" she reproved.

"Bitter!" Mrs. Dale's tone expressed exasperation.

"[illegible] you who should be bitter, Nell, [illegible] woman taking Paul from [illegible] before your very eyes. And only for a passing whim to show her powers, not that a public exhibition is necessary, mercy knows; for the men follow her about for a smile or a frown.

"I do not think," Nell said slowly, "that Pauline will throw Paul over."

Nell paused between the door draperies.

"Maybe," she suggested, "it might be better, Marion, to try to tame the tiger."

The golden-haired girl on the stair scorned to move as the one whose lover she had taken, came wide-eyed toward her.

"You heard?" Nell asked in consternation. Pauline nodded. She held out her white fingers amusedly to the sunlight and studied their shining nails "The tiger's claws," she quoted.

The hall was silent and deserted. Nell sinking down upon a lower step smiled bravely up at the girl.

"Pauline," she sad, "tell me something of your earlier life in that far-away West. I think that you must have been brought up with people different from us. People living by a different code. To be so cynical one must be unhappy. It hurt me to hear you mock at sincerity. Now I believe in the good in every one—"

The tiger-girl gazed through her half-closed lids. "Even yet?" she asked insolently.

"Even yet," answered Nell.

Pauline leaned forward.

"And I could take your lover from you tomorrow," she declared.

"Take him, and keep him forever."

She laughed, impishly touching her pink finger tips to Nell's arm. "With my claws," she taunted.

"Unless," Nell quietly replied, "I think it best to clip your claws. I could—do that."

The golden girl's smile was incredulous.

"You?" she mocked.

"Knowing Paul," Nell went on calmly, "do you believe that he would still care for you if he knew that you had deceived not only himself but others more cruelly? Paul is not that kind. His sense of honor is strong and he must believe beyond all question in the woman he loves. Or else love would leave him.

"When the maid brought up our letters this morning one wrongly addressed was tossed into my lap. She had mistaken the name, and I, thinking of other things, tore open the envelope absently and began to read. There was no other beginning to the letter than the word "Dear." It was from a broken-hearted man, whom it seems you had long ago charmed for your school girl diversion. But when you had carried the episode to the point of a runaway marriage merely to prove your triumph, you returned immediately after the secret ceremony to your parents, with a desire that the marriage be annulled.

"This they were able to accomplish, because of your minority. But the man, it seems, continued true to his love and sends now a further plea after all the years. Some men might overlook such a letter, but to Paul it would be the condemning revelation of your nature."

"And you are going to show it to him?" Pauline asked fiercely. From the pocket of her gray frock little Nell drew the letter. With firm hands, she folded it into the hands of her rival. "No," she said. "I'm going to give the letter to you. I happen to believe, you see, in good in others. So I shall leave it to yourself to be true. You will have to find your own way."

The clock on the landing ticked loudly; then the tawny girl spoke. "You have tamed your tiger, my dear," she said, "and you shall have your precious Paul. I never wanted him, anyway." But when she reached the top of the stair she stood, her finger tips pressed to her eyes; when she looked at the shining nails they were wet with tears. Pauline smiled tremulously. "Clipped Miss Tiger," she whispered, "and clipped—forever."

CHAS. W. COOKE

Charles W. Cooke, of the state department, who has been designated as "officer in charge of ceremonies" during the arms conference.

QUAKES DAMAGE TOWNS IN UTAH

Salt Lake City.—Earthquake shocks continued at intervals during 24 hours at Elsinor and Monroe, 20 miles south of Salt Lake. Five distinct shocks were felt and a severe tremor completed the work of disaster in wrecking buildings damaged. It is estimated that 20 buildings at Elsinor and Monroe will have to be rebuilt.

At Richfield a near panic ensued when the shock struck there. People ran from their houses, stores and offices. Chimneys were thrown down, windows were broken and cracks appeared in several buildings. One man was injured by falling brick. At Elsinor two chimneys at the sugar factory toppled over.

At Monroe the hot springs sent forth water of almost blood red. The mountains to the east were shaken up and great rocks rolled down their sides.

STRIKE BALLOT COUNT ON

Possibility of Walkout By 800,000 Rail Men Looms.

Chicago.—Counting of the strike ballots of 259,000 members of four railroad unions began here Monday with the possibility of a general strike by more than 800,000 railway men in protest against the 12 per cent wage reduction recently ordered by the railroad labor board, depending somewhat on the result of the tabulation of these votes.

Two other railway organizations, the shop crafts and the trainmen, already have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike rather than accept the wage reduction, but their leaders have announced that there would be no walkout unless the other organizations joined in the strike.

Federal Money for Farmers.

Spokane, Wash. — The Spokane branch of the federal land bank was allotted $5,750,000 by the federal farm loan board, according to a dispatch received here from Washington. The money is to be loaned to farmers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Hard white $1.09; soft white and white club, $1.08; hard winter, $1.10; northern spring, $1.09; red Walla, $1.05.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, $26.50.

Corn—Whole, $36; cracked, $39.

Hay — Alfalfa, $15 per ton; valley timothy, $15@15.50; eastern Oregon timothy, $18@19.

Butter Fat—44@51c.

Eggs—Ranch, 36@47c.

Cattle — Choice steers, $5.50@5.75; medium to good, $5.25@5.50.

Sheep — East of mountain lambs, $6@6.50; best valley lambs, $6@6.50.

Hogs — Prime light, $10.50@11; smooth heavy, $9@10.

Seattle.

Wheat—Hard white and hard red winter, $1.10; soft white and white club, $1.09; soft red winter, $1.08; northern spring, $1.12; eastern red Walla, $1.06; Big Bend bluestem, $1.18.

Hay—Alfalfa, No. 1, $20; mixed hay, No. 1, $22; timothy, No. 1, $26; straw, $18.

Butter Fat—46@48c.

Eggs—Ranch, 48@50c.

Fleecy Forests.

It is a pretty idea that flowers and trees and leafy boughs are the source of the delicate fabric that we call today silk. Virgil speaks of the spinning of fleecy forests making them into a slender twine, and another writer, 200 years after Pliny says, "the Seres comb the variously colored flowers of the land to make their precious garments," while Pliny said "the Seres are famous for the 'wool' in their forests, and after steeping it in water, comb off the white down that adheres to the leaves and then give to their women the two-fold task of unraveling this fabric and weaving the threads."

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Two new business houses will open in Corvallis October 1.

Fire, which started in the City bakery, swept half a block of Hermiston's business buildings.

John M. Lippold, aged 50 years, was killed when he fell from a walnut tree on his premises at Salem.

The trolling launch Red Eagle was totally destroyed by fire off the mouth of the Columbia river.

Enrollment in the university of Oregon at Eugene this year is 1884, an increase of 384 over last year.

Third and fourth assistant postmasters, to the number of more than 75, held their annual convention at Salem.

The state will expend $20,000 this fall and winter in the construction of a fish hatchery on the Necanicum river.

Approximately 20,000,000 feet of lumber will be loaded at Columbia river mills for ports in the Orient by October 20.

Walter S. Gore, a hale and hearty resident of Medford, 69 years old, was the first white boy born in Jackson county.

Production at the Redmond juniper products mill, rebuilt since the fire which destroyed the first factory, began last week.

During the last three months Coos county has paid $276.67 in coyote bounties. The county pays $8 for males and $9 for females.

Crews are now engaged in completing the six miles of new grade of the Mount Hood Loop highway on the northeast base of Mount Hood.

More than 21,720 tourists stopped in Roseburg during the last five months, according to figures compiled by the chamber of commerce.

Providing shipments of wheat come in fast enough, the Astoria Flouring Mills company will operate its plant 24 hours a day during October.

Wesley Butler, a farmer of the Eagle Point district in Jackson county, was killed when a car he was driving overturned at a curve on the Brownsboro road.

The mint distillery on the Caledonia marsh, near Klamath Falls, is in operation. The best of the mint crop is producing about 40 pounds of oil to the acre.

The Newberg city council has passed an ordinance abolishing all unlimited franchises granted by the city, making it necessary for concerns to apply for new charters.

Ashland will hold its annual winter fair from November 29 to December 2 this year. Elaborate preparations are being made for livestock, agricultural and fruit exhibits.

Crook county dairymen who recently purchased two carloads of Jersey cattle in Linn county were so well pleased that they are seeking four additional carloads.

As the result of what is believed to be the accidental discharge of a rifle, Warren Garrett, 16 years old, was killed instantly at La Grande, the bullet going through his heart.

Andrew West, a Finlander, at work in the Eel lake camp of the Buehner-Lumber company near Marshfield, was killed instantly when a dead limb from a tree fell and crushed his skull.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended the application for increased rates on the street-car lines of Salem, Eugene, West Linn and Astoria, until January 1 of next year.

The growers in Rogue river valley will receive more than $2,000,000 from their pears and apples this year, according to Mark Montgomery, agent for the Southern Pacific at Medford.

Up to date, 2831 ex-service men entitled to benefits under the so-called bonus law have filed applications for cash contributions, while 2682 applicants have expressed a preference for loans.

As the result of a tuition fee of $84 levied by the directors, farmers in the vicinity of Bend will make no effort to send their children to the Bend schools, claiming that the fee is exorbitant.

Pear shipments to date from the Hood River valley have reached 65 carloads. During the past week 24 carloads of apples were shipped, the Apple Growers' association leading with 10 cars.

The greatest volume of wheat ever shipped abroad from Portland during a single month was exported during September. The total for the month, which breaks all past records, was 4,730,280 bushels.

Because of the wholesome conditions in Oregon, with little discontent and a satisfied people, the Ku Klux Klan has made little progress in its efforts to perfect an organization, according to a telegram prepared by Governor Olcott and sent to Herbert Bayard Swope, executive editor of the New York World.

Announcement was made at Medford by Harry L. Walther, division manager of the California-Oregon Power company, that the home offices of the power company would be moved at an early date from San Francisco to Medford.

Prunes in the hands of growers in The Dalles district have been cleaned up for the first time in 18 months. All of the 1920 crop has been sold and the entire 1921 product has either been contracted for or delivered to purchasers

ROY GARDNER

Roy Gardner, the notorious bandit, who recently made a sensational escape from McNeil's island federal prison.

MAHONEY GUILTY OF WIFE MURDER

Seattle.—James E. Mahoney, 32, was found guilty of the murder on April 16 of his aged and wealthy bride of two months, Mrs. Kate M. Mahoney. The jury of eight men and four women returned their verdict after having been out six hours.

The verdict closes one of the strongest chapters of Washington's criminal circumstantial evidence cases ever held in the state.

The state had charged that Mahoney had on the night of April 16 drugged his wife, placed her body in a trunk, struck her on the head several times with a hammer and after having placed lime in the trunk with the body, roped it and sunk it in Lake Union.

Mahoney was arrested on May 8 on a charge of forging his wife's name to documents granting him access to her safe deposit boxes and to her property, estimated to be worth more than $100,000.

The trunk was found on August 8 last and the charge of murder was placed against Mahoney when its contents were identified.

Mahoney's lawyers made a bitter fight for the life of their client, claiming that the body found in the trunk was not that of the aged bride and hinting at a "plant" and "frame up" against Mahoney.

The penalty is death by hanging. The case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Packing plant employes throughout the country are to vote on the question of striking to prevent reduction in wages.

New York's first bread line since the beginning of the world war was in operation last Saturday at the Church of St. Mark, in the Bowery.

William Howard Taft, the new chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, opened the 1921-22 term of the court in Washington on Monday.

Recent trading in liberty bonds and victory notes on the stock exchange attained large proportions and created several new high records for the year.

A tentative plan for consolidation of all major American railroads into 19 competing systems has been announced by the interstate commerce commission.

The combination lock of the vault in the Fruitland State bank at Fruitland, Idaho, was blown off some time during the night and a number of safety deposit boxes broken open and rifled by yeggmen.

Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, film star, held for murder in San Francisco, was released on $5000 bail, the charge of the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe having been reduced to manslaughter after a six-day police court hearing.

Agricultural Interest Rate Fixed.

Washington.—The War Finance corporation fixed a rate of 5½ per cent on advances under the agricultural credit to banks, bankers and trust companies, provided the loans mature in six months and carry no privilege of renewal. The rate, according to announcement by the corporation, will apply also on loans to cattle loan companies for feeder purposes, but they likewise must not exceed six months in maturity.

The Lazy Man.

It is well to bear in mind that we owe much to lazy men. The lazy man usually works more scientifically than a so-called hustler. For the lazy man uses his head to avoid the squandering of needless effort. A lazy bricklayer makes the fewest number of unnecessary motions; a lazy waiter never brings a dish to the table without taking an empty one away to avoid making an extra trip. Keep an eye on the lazy men working for you. They are not unlikely to originate valuable labor-saving ideas. —The Nation's Business.

Badly Off.

He—I cannot offer you wealth, dearest; my brains are all the fortune I possess.

She—Oh, Jack, if you are as badly off as that, I'm afraid papa will never give his consent.

MUST BE TAKEN IN SHADE

Temperature Recorded in Full Rays of the Sun Cannot Be Regarded as Accurate.

Weather observations are even more important to an airship than to waterborne craft. Temperature has a great deal to do with the buoyancy of an airship. Here, however, is a paradox; for the aviator, prior to a flight, carefully shades his thermometer from the rays of the sun before reading it, although his airship is going to be exposed to full sunshine.

It is the same paradox that gives rise to indignation in the bosom of the average citizen, explains a writer in Popular Science Monthly, when, at the close of a broiling July day, he reads the official weather report, according to which the highest temperature was only 90. He feels positive it was at least a hundred—and so it was, over a sun-baked pavement.

The universal practice of taking air temperatures in the shade is not sheer perversity on the part of the weather man. He would like to be able to answer the question, "How hot is it in the sun?" Unfortunately, this question merely prompts another: "How hot is what in the sun?" A thermometer exposed to the sunshine registers the temperature of the glass and metal of which it is made, not the temperature of the air.

The shaded thermometer registers more or less accurately the temperature of the air, perhaps the most important factor of weather.

Increasing Demand for Bibles.

The largest budget in over a hundred years has just been announced by General Secretary Frank H. Mann for the American Bible society. It amounts to $1,222,367, and is called for by the very great demand for Bibles. The war has created a famine of Bibles in certain parts of the world, especially in Austria and central Europe. The adoption of the new phonetic script in China will provide millions of new readers in the next few years. Children can learn the new script in three or four hours, and illiterate men and women in as many weeks.

The American Bible society is 105 years old, and has issued 140,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in 150 languages and dialects.

Keeping the Birds Away.

The roof ridge of a Chinese house is usually decorated with an elaborate plaster ornament in the form of a design embodying the character "fu," signifying happiness. To prevent the ornament being damaged by birds the owner of the house sticks numerous ordinary sewing needles point outwards into the soft plaster.

NEW DEFENSE FOR HONOLULU

Big Guns to Be Rushed by Rail About Island of Oahu—Plan New Fort.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Two important announcements of further plans for the defense of Oahu, the island on which Honolulu is situated, were made recently by army headquarters here. One calls for formation of a railway artillery battalion and another contemplates the establishment of a new fort to command the entrance to Pearl harbor, the navy's great base six miles from this city.

Twelve-inch mortars will be used by the railway battalion and the tracks of the Oahu railroad will be utilized to transport them. To strategic points on the island not touched by the railways at present, spur tracks will be laid, so that, in case of emergency, heavy guns may be rushed to any section of the coast line as fast as locomotives can haul them. The railway mortars have a range of 15,000 yards.

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