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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP) A \$300,000 emergency relief fund for unemployment was approved by the chairman of the Multnomah county tax supervising and conservation commission for the first time in the history of the county. The city of Portland was allowed \$200,000 of this amount. An item of \$50,000 usually allowed the city council for emergency snow removal was put into the unemployment relief fund. The tax levy was increased 1.2 mills.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP) Inauguration of a five-day week program in local industries was advocated as relief to unemployment at a general meeting called here by Mayor H. E. Wilder. More than 100 business men, labor leaders, welfare workers and employees attended the session.

A five-day week program would give work to about one-sixth more persons than are employed at the present time, H. C. Farley, labor leader who advanced the proposition, pointed out.

Meteorological Report

December 11, 1930. Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Friday unsettled with rain; normal temperature. Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday; rains west and local rains and snow east portion; normal temperature.

Local Data	Yesterday	Today
Temperature (degrees).....	41	35
Highest (last 12 hrs.).....	42	42
Lowest (last 12 hrs.).....	32	35
Rel. humidity (pct.).....	99	100
Precipitation (inches).....	.28	.14
State of weather.....	Rainy	Foggy
Lowest temperature this morning, 34 degrees.		
Total precipitation since September 1, 1930, 4.57 inches.		
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 51; lowest, 36.		
Sunset today, 4:40 p. m. Sunrise Friday, 7:39 a. m. Sunset Friday, 4:40 p. m.		
Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 120th Meridian Time		

CITY	High Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Weather
Baker City.....	32	26	Snow
Bismarck.....	42	26	Cloudy
Bosco.....	32	26	Snow
Denver.....	54	30	Cloudy
Des Moines.....	48	38	Clear
Fresno.....	62	38	Clear
Helena.....	42	28	Cloudy
Los Angeles.....	70	46	Clear
Marshfield.....	52	42	Cloudy
Phoenix.....	58	42	Clear
Portland.....	48	42	Cloudy
Red Bluff.....	52	46	Cloudy
Roseburg.....	48	42	Clear
Salt Lake.....	28	18	Clear
San Francisco.....	60	52	Cloudy
Santa Fe.....	44	24	P. Cdy.
Seattle.....	54	44	P. Cdy.
Spokane.....	38	34	Snow
Wallu Wallu.....	32	28	Snow
Winnipeg.....	26	22	Cloudy

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WILD BEAUTY

by MATEEL HOWE FARNHAM

SYNOPSIS: David Frost's mother is a fortune teller. He marries Fanny Frost. Mrs. Frost considers Fanny unworthy of entry into the Frost-Brownbeck clan, aristocrats of a little Pennsylvania town. Grieved by his mother's unpopularity to his bride, David takes her to a separate home of their own. He also leaves his job to his uncle's bank, then plans to move out West. But the illness of Sheila, their daughter, balks their plans. David, much as he detests it, is forced to bring back his wife to his mother's house and resume his old job. Fanny finds life under the domination of her mother-in-law a burden. David, preoccupied with business and inclined to stand up for his mother, fails to provide the sympathetic understanding Fanny needs.

Chapter 14
A PRINCESS ARRIVES
THAT winter Fanny learned the power of her beauty, the scope of her ability to please. David had a third or fourth or fifth cousin (Fanny never got the family conanguinities quite straightened out). Juliette la Principesse della Balderini, nee Brownbeck and christened Juliette, whom Fanny had never met.

This cousin was the daughter of the ex-ambassador, the family pride. The Brownbecks would have died before they would have boasted to outsiders about Cousin Josiah, but it gave each one a real satisfaction, a sense of belonging to the great outside world of affairs, to talk of him among themselves.

Little was known of Juliette's mother except that she was half Russian, half English and untitled and had died young. But it was certain that if she looked like her daughter she had not been a beauty. Juliette had first been brought to America and presented to the Brownbecks as an awkward overgrown 14-year-old who rebuffed all advances.

At 19 she married her Alessandro and obediently retired from the world for four or five years while she bore him three children. When the youngest was a few months old something happened—the family never quite found out what, though it was variously rumored that she had gone off with a traveling circus, had been seen climbing the Matterhorn with a young university student, had eloped with a dashing Italian officer.

But whatever it was, it caused a great commotion, and sent Cousin Josiah scurrying from the Baltic Sea to Tuscanry in midsummer. Cousin Josiah fixed it up—bought Alessandro off probably—for Juliette went back to him, but not to the ancestral acres; and she had no more children.

During the war she had established and run a hospital close behind the Italian lines, but with the end of the war suddenly decided to come to America and live in Washington.

She had known Lella abroad and suddenly came to visit her, telegraphing one day, arriving the next and leaving the day following. Lella barely had time to gather the family for a dinner in Juliette's honor. But as much to Fanny's surprise as anyone else's she invited Fanny to go back to Washington with her.

Fanny's first sight of the new cousin was acutely disappointing. She had not expected her to be beautiful, but had pictured her as a sort of tiger woman, alive with a strange power that drew men as a magnet draws bits of steel.

Fanny was waiting in Lella's drawing room with the rest of the cousins and aunts and uncles of varying degree, when she heard a rattle and turned to find a plain dark woman of uncertain age standing in the doorway. She was dressed simply in well-cut black satin, and carried a black lace shawl, her only ornaments long ovals and diamond earrings. She was tall and well built, but her skin was coarse, she wore no rouge and her strongly masculine features were accentuated by a short manish hair cut.

Immediately dinner was over she came across the room and drew Fanny aside into a bay window.

"I've been wanting to talk to you all evening," she said and smiled. Her voice was low and rarely musical. "Bob Daniels told me about you. It was all he did talk about this week he visited me in July."

Fanny flushed. "Oh, how is Bob? Lella is crazy to have him home suppose it won't be long now."

That would solve a great many problems, don't you think?" "I—why, I don't know." Juliette smiled.

"It he comes back it will be on your account—not for his children. Bob's rather a pig when you come right down to it. That's why I advised him to stay abroad."

Fanny was aghast. Not even to herself had she admitted frankly that Bob Daniels had been in love with her, and here was this Juliette speaking of it openly, practically in his wife's hearing, calling him a pig in his own house!

"It isn't his house," Juliette answered Fanny's half thought, "and I call him a pig to his face. Most men are, you know."

"David isn't," said Fanny faintly, then blushed. Never had she felt so gauche, young, inexperienced. Juliette laughed and Fanny realized that she had found out what she wanted.

"You are very fortunate," said Juliette, "and now bring your paragon over to me. I want to talk to him."

For a quarter of an hour Fanny watched David and Juliette while they argued animatedly. They looked at her repeatedly. Mrs. Frost also was watching the two and her face was grim.

Fanny said that David was beckoning to her.

"Juliette has invited you to spend a month with her in Washington," said David, "and I have told her that I cannot answer for you."

"Oh," said Fanny, and caught her breath quickly. Amelia and various cousins frequently visited in Washington during the season and returned with glowing tales of their Aladdin-like good times.

Fanny had never dreamed of such felicity happening to her. And to go to Washington as the guest of this Juliette, the daughter of the famous Cousin Josiah, the familiar or kings, Juliette of the sleepy eyes and the incredibly romantic past!

And of all the cousins Juliette had chosen her—Fanny the outsider! She turned to David a rapacious face and saw instantly that he expected her to say no, would be hurt if she did not say no. The life went out of her, she had to blink the tears back. And as she struggled for self-control her mother-in-law could no longer stand it and rose and came over to them.

"What are you three conspiring about?" she asked bluntly.

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