

FORBIDDEN VALLEY

By William Byron Mowery

SYNOPSIS: Although George Peck is not the hero of the story, he is the man who must penetrate the land of the hostile Kioshees Indians. Curt's interest in her leads him to try to protect her. He with Paul St. Clair, is on the trail of Igor Karkhan, international crook. At a pass, the little party is attacked by the Kioshees, but escapes. Now Curt is standing unprotected at the edge of the water, trying to bring about a truce with the Indians, hidden across a narrow stretch of the river.

Chapter 23 COWARD'S SHOT

Curt saw a move or two yonder in the drift, but not an arrow came at him. Calling across to them in the Chinook jargon, he tried to work up a palaver. . . . His party came as friends. He was not after furs or the yellow gold of the creek beds. He intended to stay only a short moon in the Lilluar ranges. He had ordered his men not to lift the shoot-stick against the Kioshees. Why then should the Kioshees try to kill them? Would they send a man across to talk with him and learn that the strangers brought no harm? . . . The only answer he got was his



Curt looked over the lake.

own echo bouncing back from the wall of spruce. "Maybe they don't understand the jargon," he thought; and he called across again, using sign language and the few Dinnebb words he knew. Still no answer. Not a syllable. Piling up several flat rocks, he laid out an array of presents—to-bacco, six fine hunting knives which he had brought along for that purpose, and a big carton of sugar cubes, the best present of all, for most of the northern tribes he had known were badly sugar-starved. As he turned away, a little wisp of cloud-white puffed out from the drift; the sharp kri-ting of a rifle smacked across the water; a murderous bullet burned through the leather of his jacket, not three inches from his heart. He whirled around to run. Along the whole beach there was not a single boulder or drift-pile big enough to hide behind, and the nearest snag was more than two hundred yards away. He made a dash for it, weaving as he ran. He realized it was LeNoir, who had shot at him. The Kioshees had no rifles. Still in good range on the open beach, he expected every instant to hear that sharp-speaking rifle again. But nothing happened. Why wasn't the "breed trying to cut him down? To his own bewilderment he reached the snag and leaped behind it without another bullet coming his way. As he crouched behind the snag and looked across at the drift, he gradually saw through the queer incident. At so deadly a range LeNoir had felt sure of killing him with a single shot; and had whipped up his gun and fired. But his bullet had missed its mark, and before he could shoot again the Indians had seized his rifle and stopped him. In spite of that ugly hole through his sleeve, the incident seemed a good omen to Curt, and for the first time he really believed that he was going to win the Kioshees over. They were honest men, in their own primitive way, as old Paxton and Inspector Jamieson had said. With tact and patience he might make friends of them yet.

Tomorrow, a spy slips by in the dark.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES CONTINUING UPWARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The bureau of labor statistics said today that retail food prices continued their upward movement during the two weeks ended November 31. The index figure was given as 106.8, compared with the high point reached on September 6 of 1934. The bureau used 1913 as 100 in computing the index.

LIQUOR TAX FIXING LEFT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left to congress the fixing of the liquor tax, but told the congressional leaders he wanted it low enough to eliminate bootlegging. After a White House conference, Chairman Morrison of the senate finance committee estimated that the recommendation for \$2.60 would be trimmed considerably.

PEEK TO HEAD SPECIAL FOREIGN TRADE GROUP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 1933 bean crop in California has been valued at \$12,000,000.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



TRYING TO REMEMBER WHO SENT YOU THE CHRISTMAS CARDS YOU HAVE BEEN SAVING ALL YEAR TO USE OVER AGAIN - IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE YOU DONT SEND THEM BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SENDERS

S'MATTER POP—

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BRINGING UP FATHER

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GAS SALES DROP AS WINTER NEARS

SALEM, Dec. 12.—(AP)—October sale of gasoline in Oregon this year exceeded the 1932 October period by about 600,000 gallons, increasing the gasoline tax to the state by \$150,000. October sales however fell under the September records by 1,700,000 gallons, with a difference of \$58,000 in returns to the state. The secretary of state records today showed the total for the month at 14,614,237 gallons bringing in \$700,712 tax. The total for the first ten months of the year was 155,998 gallons for a tax of \$6,121,860. A robber, firing three shots at his intended victim, hit a button of a cash register in Seattle, Wash., and made it ring. He fled.

Pears Yesterday

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—(USDA)—Pear auction market opened easier, closed stronger. Nine cars arrived; 4 Washington cars, 3 Oregon, 1 California unloaded; 4 cars on track. Oregon Boxes, 1152 boxes extra fancy, \$1.88@2.00; average, \$1.98; 671 boxes, extra fancy and better, \$1.85@1.95; average, \$1.88; 1402 boxes fancy, \$1.75@2.05; average, \$1.88. Oregon Combs, 420 boxes, fancy, \$2.35@2.75; average, \$2.74. Oregon D'Anjous, 1838 boxes, extra fancy, \$1.85@2.50; average, \$2.16; 1959 boxes fancy, \$1.90@2.35; average, \$2.21. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(AP)—(USDA)—Pear auction market: 2 Oregon cars, 1 Washington arrived; 2 cars on track; 3 cars sold. Oregon Boxes: 890 boxes extra fancy, \$2@2.15; average, \$2.09; 1030 boxes fancy, \$1.90@2.05; average, \$2. Oregon D'Anjous, 520 boxes extra fancy, \$1.90@2.10; average, \$1.96.

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