BY PAUL De LANEY.

Author of "Lord of the Desert." "Oregon Sketches." and other Pacific Coast Stories.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Ringwold and Seadog.

"Where is Hazel, wife?"

"She has gone to the bail." "Did Captain Budlong go?"

"Yes, he went with our Hazel." "It is good. They would make a fine match, wife. I would like to see Hazel | this morning! marry well. I would dislike to have her marry a common fisherman. Wife, I am not feeling well tonight. I fear that a moment and then exclaimed; the young militia surgeon does not

poisoning is setting in." Thus spoke old Seadog to his wife. Strong as was the constitution of the ing!" fairly hissed the old man. powerful man it had begun to yield and nervous sensation took possession of him ped across his body in a hysterical fit. At times he could not distinguish the real from the imaginary. Seadog was a very to a neighbor and sent him to the ball

Several times that night he had sunk into spasmodic slumber. He could hear the dashing of the waves, the creaking of oars in their locks, the shouts of the fishermen and the crack of rifles. Then he would start with a groan as the hot blood burned itself against the fevered The story of Seadog's relapse, the sendparticles which were gradually decaying ing for old Ringwold, and the dying about the wound in his body. Then the condition of the two men had reached life-fluid would rush forth to the heart the public ear. Stories of mysterious furnace for purification, when it would disclosures were also being told and the be sent out more sluggish than ever to people were wrought up to unusual exfeed a burning system.

The heart beats increased, the fever lirum. It was then that his tongue lawyer had been sent for. spoke words that sounded strange to his wife's ears.

you! I swore falsely, but I won! You papers to the Seadog home. side! Some one is prodding me with a thize with Charles Seadog. hot iron! Help, Help!"

and rubbed them violently.

"You have grown worse. You said such strange things."

wife."

"Nelson Saarella! I have not uttered

the name for 20 years." A gloom settled about the room that by.

caused the man to ask why the light was so dim. A deadness in his limbs hand. Dan Lapham stood at the foot caused him to suspect that he was grow- of Ringwold's bed. Captain Budlong ing worse. The sullen flow of his blood was at the door to answer the questions told him that unless a change came his of the curious. hours were few on this earth.

for old Ringwold and he shall tell me whether or not I am receiving proper treatment."

One of the boys was sent to request the aged man to come. It was the first looked up the boy. I had located you time in his life of nearly 20 years in the long before. When I got the papers village that he had been invited to the arranged I persuaded him to come with Seadog home.

inquired of his wife:

Saarela and a will?"

plied Mrs. Seadog. The old man looked about the room vessel. The surgeon of the craft made in bewilderment for a few moments and out a birth certificate and Bumboo has it

then dropped into a semi-conscious there. I took it from the hands of the state. His tongue began to give utter-child's mother as the ship went down ance to strange things again. He spoke of the ship which had

stradded upon the island nearly twenty his share of the property. The other try. He spoke of some papers which he Bumboo has them. Do justice, Seadog. had found abroad the wreck.

"I know he was lost!" he muttered.

now to do him justice." arrival of Ringwold. The feeble old poisoning and no power on earth could druggist was conducted to the bedside now save him. Of this, he was fully inof the sick man, and sat upon the bed formed. While the fact that he was from sheer exhaustion. In the faint about to face the final tribunal where gloom of the light he looked more like a man is called upon to give an accountghost than a human being. His long ling, may have had something to do with gray hair and beard concealed his feat-softening Seadog's heart, he was con ures. But his sharp, keen eyes glist- fronted with the evidence of his wrongs

ened with unusual brightness, The old man placed his trembling He told the story of how he had fingers upon Seadog's wrist. Then he wronged Sankala's father; how he had moved his hand to the sick man's breast | willfully caused Ringwold's exile to Siand placed it over his heart. A fiend- beria and how he had fled to America ish smile lit up his face as he felt the with his ill-gotten gains. Of his accufluttering and spasmodic beating of the mulations here, his auditors already

his pocket and filled it with a fluid, old country and had found their names Then he injected it into Seadog's arm. on the ship's register, and knowing that Several minutes of silence followed, they were dead, and having no know-Ringwold kept his seat on the side of ledge of the birth of Sankala, thought the bed. He finally broke the silence all trouble from that source had ended,

"Bring the lamp," he said. and the wife looked on with anxiety, be, he was completely exausted, but the Ringwold shook the sick man. He merciless attorney insisted on a further Will buy 10 a pushed back the eyelids and exposed statement.

"He died in Siberia and his brother | are you not?" vent down at sea!" muttered Seadog.

Another smile lit up the countenance of Ringwold. He placed his hand over the heart of Seadog again. He played with the man as would a cat play with a mouse. But the feeble little fellow looked more like the mouse and the prostrate form of the wealthy fisherman resembled that of a giant, in com-

"Old Ringwold has his eyes, but he s not the man. No, he is not the spoke out Seadog in plain words. Again the grizzeled old man smiled

almost to a stage villian's chuckle' Mrs. Seadog turned pale. Young Seadog was mysitfied.

Ringwold slowly bent his body until he could place his mouth near Seadog's ear. He spoke in an ordinary tone of voice:

"Charlie, you neglected to sweep ou Seadog opened his eyes as if by magic

He gazed into the face of Ringwold for "Nelse Saarela, druggist to the czar! "Yes, and back from Siberia and or know the truth. I believe that blood

to America that he might compel Charles Seadog to render an account The meeting was too much for the he was first to detect it. His blood strength of either. Seadog fell into a burned in its channels. A weakening, silent relapse and old Ringwold drop-It was then that young Seadog called

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room for aid.

A Final Accounting

With the dawning of morning there were many rumors affoat in the village

It was known that Captain Budlong rose higher and higher. Old Seadog felt had remained at the place all night; his senses falling. The real became that Sankala was there and that the more fanciful and the imaginary became militia surgeon had been kept busy and more realastic. He finally fell into de- that about daylight old Bumbo, the

Sankala and Dan Lapham had also been seen to visit the Ringwold cabin, "Yes, Nelson Saarela, I won out over and they had taken a large bundle

were sent to Siberia and I gained the The interior of the Seadog home preczar's favor. I also won in the con- sented an interesting picture. On a tested will case and brought the money bed lay old Seadog calm and weak, He to America where I have invested it was breathing easily and his physical well. You were druggist to the czar, suffering had been lulled by heroic but the apprentice in the great estab- scientific treatment. But the agony lishment drew the winning card. I which racked his brain is indescribable came near to losing it though. Those It is only those who have suffered with hateful southsiders! But Sankala! She a guilty conscience while looking death is a brave girl. This burning in my in the face that could properly sympa-

On another bed in the same room lay "Husband! Husband!" cried Mrs.Sea- the aged Ringwold. He had undergone dog. She seized her companion's hands a complete change. The feeble old form which had for so many years res "What has happened?" inquired the ponded to the appeals of life and raised itself up as though coming from the grave, had reclined to rise no more. His work was over. His mission was "What did I say? I fear my condition, about performed. Yet his brain was as clear as a bell; his eyes as bright as

Seadog's family hovered about him. The sergeon stood at his bedside. Bumboo, the lawyer, sat at a table near

Sankala held her aged protector's

"Tell the whole truth, Charles, tell it "Wife, send for old Ringwold. After all. I have proved to you that Sankala all he knows more about medicine than is his child. She is entitled to his interall of the doctors in this country. Send est in the property. Do fair by her up-

on your soul! So spoke old Ringwold, feebly but

encouragingly to Scadog. "After my return from Siberia I me to America, but he had marrying on When left alone again the sick man the brain and would not come until the ccremony was preformed and his young "Did you say I mentioned Nelson bride was ready to come," continued Ringwold. "We were all poor in finan-"Yes, and you said something about ces and had to take the old sailboat, Siberia and America and money," re- The voyage was a long one and the child, Sankala, was born on board the

and have kept it ever since." "She is the only heir and entitled to years before, the one which had brought papers will show what this is. I re-Sankala and old Ringwold to the counceived the final documents yesterday.

do justice, upon your soul, tell it all!" Seadog's very moments were number "I know he was lost. It is too late ed. The wound which he had received in the last encounter with the southside He continued in this strain until the fishermen had developed a case of blood

on earth and of the just rights of others.

knew. He had learned of the sailing of he drew a hyperdermic syringe from Sankala's father and mother from the

When he had completed his story, While young Seadog held the lamp which was reduced to writing by Bum-

the pupils which were greatly enlarged. "Seadog, you are in your right senses,

"Yes," came the reply feebly. "You realize that the end is approach-

"I do," replied the dying man. "You make this statement as your lying declaration,"insisted the technical limb of the law.

man was drunk and didn't know what he was doing? You know there was no money paid and no consideration for deeding the property to you upon which deed in the property to you upon which deed in the property to you upon which deed in the property to you upon which are the property to you upon which deed in the property to you upon this town is built? You remember all of this, do you not, Seadog? Make a lean breast of it all, upon your soul, clean breast of it all, upon your soul,
Seadog! I have secured the parden of
the half-breed from the pen and he is
ready to testify to it all. It is true, is it
not, Seadog, upon your soul, upon your
soul!!

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Ore
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act for the sale of timber lands in the states
of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public
land states by act of August 4, 1892,
PERED URBAN

"Yes," came a faint voice.

as you value your chances of pardon in

pered "My mission is performed and ustice dofte at last."

The deathly silence of the room was only broken by the sobs of the griefstricken girl, as old Ringwold passed nto the sleep that knows no waking.

Within another hour Charles Seadog's oul had also departed from the body, and such a spirit of gloom hung over the the little fishing villiage as had never visited it before.

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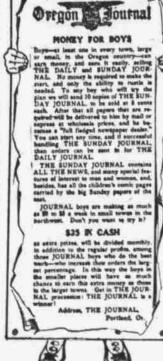
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imb of the law.

"I do."

"Well one moment more, Seadog.

There is still more left undone. You might as make a clean breast of it while you are at it. You remember the deed Dan Lapham's father signed? Well, I have the evidence ready to bring action to have it set aside. You know the old to have it set aside. You know the old prepared to the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server and the set aside. You know the old green was a server as a s

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"Yes," came a faint voice.

"Then sign your statement here, your dying declaration, sign it here, Seadog, as you value your chances of pardon in the next world."

Seadog touched the pen already thrust into his limp hand by the persistent attorney, who also wrote his mame and called upon the captain and surgeon to witness the signature.

"God be praised!" The faint voice of Ringwold was heard, as he made a superhuman effort to raise himself, and clasping Sankala in his arms, he whispered "My mission is performed and office of the said and some and called on the signature.

"God be praised!" The faint voice of Ringwold was heard, as he made a superhuman effort to raise himself, and clasping Sankala in his arms, he whispered "My mission is performed and office of the said and and some and called on the said and say of March, 1905.

"The Maynoka, county of Woods, Territory of Oklahoma, has on April 12, 1994, fled in this office his sworn statement No. 2288, for the parchase of the SE, 8W & and tot 4 of Section No. 7, in Township No. 1 North, Range No. 11 E., W. M., and will offer proof to show that he land sought is more valuable for its limber of some tian for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Geo. T. Prather, U. 8. Commissioner, at his office in Hood Hiver, Oregon, o. 1 the 2d day of March, 1995.

He names as witnesses. Arthur R. French. Albert M. Caldwell and Bert I. Wooley, all of Waynoka, Oklahoma, Edward March, 1905.

Any and all gersons cliffing and the fore Geo. T. Prather, U. 8. Commissioner, at his office in Hood Hiver, Oregon, o. 1 the 2d day of March, 1905.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Nov.1, 1881.—Notice is hereby given that in compilance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, CHARLES A, HOY

Land States, by act of August 4, 1882, CHARLES A. HOY of Portland, county of Multinomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworm statement No. 2195, for the purchase of of the lots 3 & 4, section 18 and lot 10 of section No. 7, in township No. 1 morth, range No. 9 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his ciaim to said land before Geo. T. Prather, U. S. commissioner at his office in Hood River, Oregon, on the 3d day of February 1905.

The names as witnesses: Lewis E. Morse, Charles Castner, Isase C. Nealeigh, William F. Rand, all of Hood River, oregom.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said ad day of February, 1905. 1 day of February, 1965, n94 jps MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

[Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.] NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, October 27, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, CARRIE J. CLARK
of Hood River, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 323 for the purchase of the lots 3 and 5 and 8E½, NW¼ and NE½SW½ section No.6, in township No. 2 north, range No. 10 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her U. S. Commissioner at his office at Hood fliver, Oregon, on the 3d day of February, 1908.

She names as witnesses: Judson H. Fergu-

Never, Oregon, on the 3d day of February, 1956.
She names as witnesses: Judson H. Fergussen, James Ingails, Lewis W. Clark, Charles L. Rogers, all of Hood River, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to flic their claims in this office on or before the said 3d day of February, 1905.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878; NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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United States Land office, The Dailes, ore gon, Nov 11, 1901.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the net of congress of June 3, 1578, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public Land States by act of Angust 4, 1802.

JAIRUS W. CRANE of Portland, county of Multinomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 244, for the purchase of the lots 3 and 4 and Ni₂SWi₃ of section No. 33, in township 2 morth, range? E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before (leonge T. Prather, United States Commissioner at his office at Hood River, Oregon, on the 20 day of February 1905.

He names as witnesses: Gien Fabrick, Isaac C. Nealeigh, Lewis E. Morse and Willian F. Rand all of Hood River, Oregon.

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