

WHISPERING SAGE

CHAPTER I
BODINE BUYS A RANCH.

The scorching rays of the noontday sun beat down upon the Nevada desert. Across the waste two tiny specks moved. Back horses and men were gray with dust. The men's throats were hoarse with the heat, and the falling of the sun on the backs of the men. A ranchman was on his feet, a gun in his hand, ready to start. He had seen a strange sight, a herd of reindeer, the country of the little Washoe burst upon them. Paradise Valley spread out in a gigantic horseshoe. A range of the Santa Rosas, lank three sides of it, the never-falling willows marking where Rebel Creek came tumbling out of the hills at the apex of the horseshoe.

Tired and thirsty as he was, the tall man stopped for a brief second to admire that wonderful valley. "It's a beautiful country," he murmured to the short-haired man, and of a sudden he was looking at a woman, who rode beside him. She was the girl he had met at the fair in the valley. Her eyes were as blue as the sky, and her hair was as dark as the night. He had never seen her before, but he felt that he had met her in another life. He had seen her in a dream, and now she was before him, looking at him with those eyes that were as deep as the valley.

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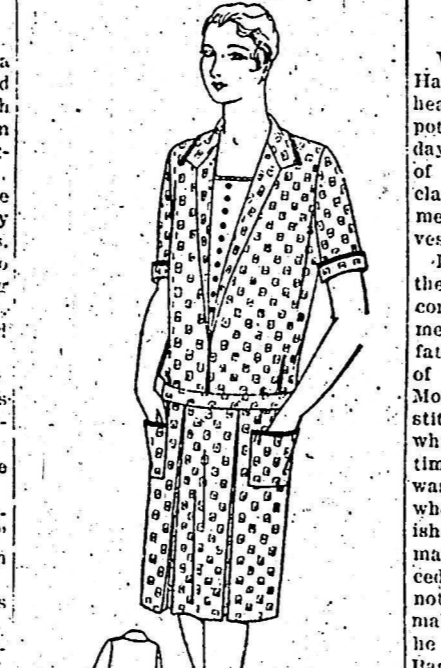
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Kurdish Chief Claims \$200,000 From Britain

Asks Compensation for His Estate on the Tigris—Suit Involves King Feisal Also



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With the arrival in London of Hamid Beg Baban, the surviving head of the Baban dynasty of Mesopotamia, power and wealth in the days of the Crusades, the High Court of Chancery will be asked to settle a claim against the British Government for \$200,000, which also involves King Feisal of Iraq.

In the middle of the last century the vast estates of the Babans were confiscated by the Turkish Government and a suit was thrown to the father of Hamid Beg in the shape of the Government of the vilayets of Mosul, Bagdad and Basra, which constituted the exact territory over which the Babans had ruled at the time of the Crusades, while the son was kept as a hostage in Stamboul, where he was brought up as a Turkish gentleman and every effort was made to have him forget his antecedents. Agents of his father did not permit this, and in 1911, after making many pledges to the Porte, he received permission to reside in Bagdad, his father, by that time, being dead.

In Bagdad Hamid Beg purchased 20,000 acres of land on the right bank of the Tigris, opposite the city. Here he raised fine fruits and sold part of the land to the Bagdad Railway Company at a great profit. It was said that he possessed the secret of irrigation known to his ancestors in the Garden of Paradise.

Just before the British took over the region in 1914 he had secured from Stamboul, Bagdad, a fall title to the land, with a map showing its situation. He had intended to have the land transferred to the name of the British Government at that time.

It was the belief that Hamid Beg's tax was not paid, and that the British Government had not paid the tax, which was the cause of the suit. The British Government had not paid the tax, and the British Government had not paid the tax.

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Storing Apples for Christmas

Good eating apples are always particularly welcome at Christmas time, and the possessor of even one or two trees of late-keeping varieties would be wise to store the fruit until December or January, when prices are well on the upgrade.

A cellar, when available, may be utilized most successfully as a fruit room, the temperature being low, and the atmosphere not too dry. The apples may be stored two or three layers deep on straw on the floor, except the choice varieties, which should be arranged in single rows. They should be looked over occasionally, and particularly in this necessary for the first few weeks so that the bruised and frost-bitten fruit may be thrown out. In frosty weather a covering of straw is advisable.

It is not always realized that apples may be successfully "climbed" like potatoes, in the open ground, which often proves a solution of the storage problem.

The apples should be bedded upon straw, well covered with it, and left there for about three weeks until "sweating" is over. All bruised and bad specimens can then be removed, and the sound ones recovered in straw, six inches of soil being added, and a few inches of straw left at the intervals along the top of the mound for ventilation.

Apples will remain in good condition for months when stored in this manner.

When only a small quantity of choice keeping varieties of apples is grown, each one may be wrapped in paper and stored in a cool place. They should be perfectly sound, unbruised and unaged specimens, however, should be chosen for this method of storage.

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Teas of finer quality are unchanged in price. An avalanche of the cheaper grades has made possible a slight reduction in that class of tea.



They Did Not Look

In view of the widespread attention that has been directed to the matter of motor accidents during the past season, it is interesting to note that out of 864 deaths so caused during the year 1927, only a total of eighty, or nine per cent, occurred at railway crossings. While the number is depressed, as being too many, there is reason for encouragement in the fact that government reports recently issued note a marked tendency towards a decrease in this percentage of crossing fatalities.

The year's total of 864 motor accidents compares with 606 during 1926, the increase largely reflecting the tremendous increase in the number of motor cars travelling on Canadian roads. Despite this fact, the railway crossing fatalities for the two years were exactly the same, numbering 87. Thus, while the percentage of such fatalities in 1927 was nine per cent, it was over thirteen per cent in 1926. It is interesting to note that the total death rate in Canada from motor accidents in 1927 was 81 per cent of the population, and in 1926 it was 83. In the United States the death rate in 1927 was 77. It is interesting to note that the total number of deaths in Canada from motor accidents in 1927 was 864, and in 1926 it was 606.

Forest Officer in India Relates an Exciting Experience

An extraordinary encounter with a tigress, which had an unofficial visit to a forest officer in the Nalbari district of Madras, is described in the current issue of the Indian Forest Ranger.

While on a tour in the jungle, A. Winbush, Conservator of Forests for Madras Presidency, along with another conservator and two district forest officers, was staying in the little forest rest house.

One evening, after sundown, when some of the party were enjoying their bath, Mr. Winbush was informed by a villager that a large striped animal had just jumped on to the veranda.

"Thinking that it could be nothing more than a pig-dog, he was amazed to find a tigress seated comfortably in one of the rooms under the table, on which a petrol lamp was burning!

Retreating for his rifle, he raised the alarm, and a shot was fired through the open door.

Norway Wins Fight to Get Blue Whales

\$2,500,000 Research Expedition Financed by British

London—Norway has applied to England in a bid for the \$2,500,000 whaling industry in the Antarctic. British disapproval of the application has been so strong that the government will probably be asked to contribute to the expedition.

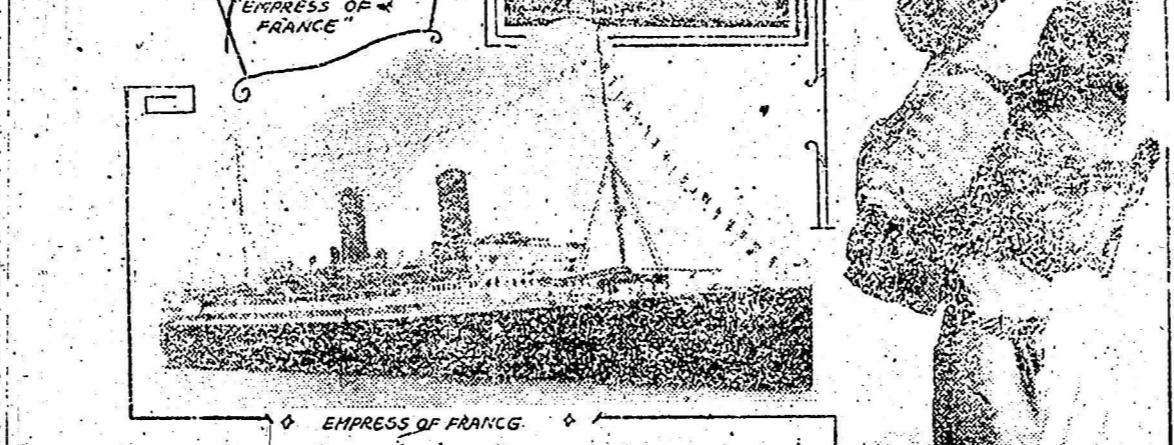
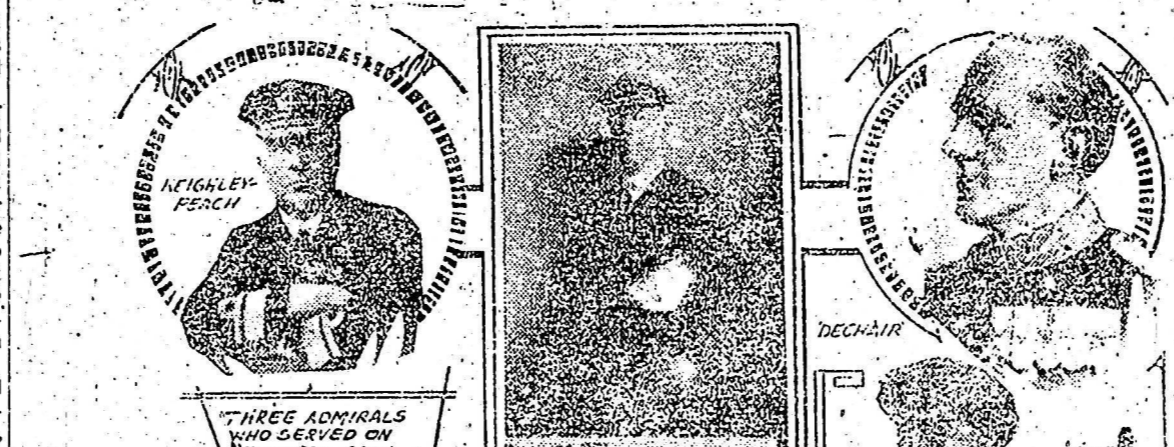
The public knows and cares little about business rivalry so far from home. But the business interests involved are resentful. Their deep motive is all the sharper because \$2,500,000 has been spent in trying to establish a profitable industry for England in the Antarctic. An elaborately equipped research expedition, for example, was sent to the south about the ship Discovery to investigate whaling and the habits of the blue whale and its habits. The expedition returned with a mass of scientific information, yet the expedition has not been able to locate a single whale in the Antarctic. The two British companies, now operating in the Antarctic, are now being outbid by the Norwegian whaling industry.

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Famous Atlantic Liner to Make Her Pacific Debut

The revenue for Canada for the first half of the current fiscal year ended September 30, 1928, totalled \$235,782,112, an increase over the corresponding six months of the previous year of more than \$14,000,000. The debt of Canada was reduced on October 15th by \$53,000,000 through the paying off in cash of 5 per cent bonds maturing on that date.



In this modern age, speed is of paramount importance, whether it be over land, on the sea, or in the air. Busy executives and perishable commodities must arrive at their destinations in as short a time as possible, and all modern science and human ingenuity have been devoted to this end. In this connection it is interesting to learn that the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of France," the fastest passenger vessel in regular service between Canada and Europe, has been transferred to the Pacific, where she will vie with the White Empresses for the speed record between Vancouver and the Orient.

During the World War the "Empress of France" was chosen because of her speed to be flagship of the 10th Auxiliary Cruiser Squadron of the British Navy. Under the command of Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair she intercepted nearly 10,000 vessels plying between Canada and Europe and prevented tons of contraband materials from falling into the hands of the enemy. Early this year the "Empress" made a cruise from New York to South America and Africa, touching

Holder for Draining Vegetables

One's hand when draining vegetables, a special kind of holder is now on sale in some of the shops, and can easily be made. One corner of the old-fashioned square holder is folded over to the middle and fastened down to the centre of the holder's with a snapper. Through the folded corner the thumb is slipped. The hand is then ready to lift the hot pan of draining the vegetables. When tipping the pan to pour off the boiling water, the thumb, although in its usual position on the edge of the pan is protected from the rising steam by the folded corner of the holder.

Tasty Recipes

Most of the recipes in this section are for various dishes, including breads, soups, and meats. The recipes are presented in a simple, step-by-step format, making them easy to follow for home cooks. Some of the recipes include "Hot Buttered Rolls," "Pineapple Souffle," and "Chicken and Rice." The recipes are designed to be quick and easy to prepare, and are suitable for a variety of occasions, from everyday meals to special occasions.