

The Call of the Offshore Wind

By Ralph D. Paine

(Copyright, 1918, by Ralph D. Paine.)

(Continued From Our Last Issue.)

The deposed president was peeling another apple when Dudley left. The young man felt grateful for his sympathy, but the net result was bitter. He was ashamed to walk the streets of Spring Haven, a Fenwick discredited and unable to say with certainty when he could meet his obligations. Amos Runlett had outwitted him and perhaps the bank might refuse to accept the shares as collateral. Nor could he tell anyone what became of that \$800.

Restless, angry with himself, he rambled into an alley which twisted away from the shore and joined one of the small streets.

Startling was the glimpse of a crimson sweater and the figure of a girl who crossed. His vision would have been gone, but she glanced to look toward the glowing sunset and so spied the young man, who stood irresolute. She decided the problem for him by halting with a gay smile of recognition.

As he hastened to her, he was rather ruefully embarrassed, as if caught in the act of hiding from her, and she promptly accused him of the crime.

"Do you know, I have a suspicion that you were planning to dodge if you saw me first. Have you anything to say for yourself?"

"Nothing very convincing," replied Dudley, whose emotions were confused.

She became serious as she said:

HUTCHINSON-DONAHUE
Optical Company
Street Floor, Joshua Green Building

PROTECT YOUR EYES
THEY ARE PRICELESS

A superficial eye test is worse than no test at all. For your own good have a competent authority examine your eyes (not merely test your vision). If medical attention is needed, he should tell you. If glasses are needed, he will advise you. Your case is an individual one and should be so studied and analyzed.

325 PIKE STREET
NEAR FOURTH.

Registered Dentists
Our of the high rent district, personal service and moderate advertising enable me to make you this offer: Go to any dentist, get his price, then come to me and get 25 per cent cut from his figure, with careful, painless methods and personal attention.
Dr. J. Brown's New Office
ORPHEUM BUILDING
Third and Madison.

—ROOMS—
We are able to give you any kind of a room you desire. All our rooms are outside, with good light and air.
Rates \$3.50 per week and up.
Call now and get located.

Waldorf Hotel
Seventh and Pike Main 2507



What a Player Piano Would Mean to You

It would mean rest and relaxation.

It would mean entertainment and quiet enjoyment.

It would mean singing to those who like to sing—and dancing to those who care to dance.

It would mean musical advancement to those interested in music—and musical growth to those who are taking lessons.

It would mean unfolding the whole world of music to you—to those untrained fingers the Piano keyboard is mute.

It would mean HAPPINESS in the home, and that, after all, is what we are all striving for.

We offer a most varied line of Player instruments from \$695 upward. Our convenient payment terms make owning a Player Piano a very easy matter.

Sherman, Gray & Co.

Third Avenue at Pine
Seattle
Tacoma Spokane Portland

"I understand perfectly what the matter is, Mr. Fenwick. You are under the delusion that you have lost your friends, or some of them. What nonsense! Does Captain Elmer Gallant seem to think any less of you? Then why should you forfeit the respect of his niece? I can read your mind, you see."

She possessed the power of communicating her own clear-eyed, unfaltering courage. Fenwick was like a good steel blade, a little dulled by hacking at adversity. This girl could send him forth again all keen and ready to renew the conflict, and his smile came back, boyish, engaging, when he finally left her at her door.

CHAPTER VII. The Strategy of Captain Terry

Instead of spending another day in Spring Haven, Fenwick chose to return to his schooner and hold himself in readiness to finish the salvage transaction before sailing, if possible. Kate Eldredge had been kind, but he craved more than that. This may have influenced his decision somewhat.

His interview with Runlett was unsatisfactory, and no settlement was made. The certificates of transfer had to be signed by Miss Wetherell. Runlett said, and she had neglected the matter before leaving for Florida. Dudley had a feeling that it had never been brought to her attention, and his feeling became conviction when he learned that she had left Portland only the day before. The whole affair was assuming an aspect of the boldest sort of trickery.

Dudley, however, was caught in the grip of circumstances. There was nothing for him to do at this late date but take the Elizabeth out to sea. He had signed as skipper. Runlett had seen to that, and there would be an endless amount of litigation caused should he attempt to break his contract.

It was while Dudley was on this voyage that Captain Terry Cochran's business brought him to Portland. Captain Terry had no other thought than to look up the man whom he and Captain Joe Dabney had learned to admire during those trying Norfolk days.

In Spring Haven Cochran found Dudley gone, but there were plenty of hotel loafers to tell him all the gossip. It did not take him long to see how matters stood, and his impulsive Irish sympathies were enlisted with the struggles of the underdog. He left no stone unturned and even old Ellery H. Titus was lured into conversation when he entered the hotel for a chat with the landlord.

"Between the two of us, sir," insinuated Terry, at the proper moment, "would you recommend me to buy into the Wetherell fleet?"

"I am not at liberty to disclose my source of information," was the flattered response, "but Thurber & Gerish of Boston, plan to build a dozen steam colliers."

"Oh, they do! And who let that nonsense trickle into your left ear?" blurted Terry.
"Er—your figure of speech is more picturesque than elegant, young man," objected Ellery Titus, whose feelings were ruffled. "The information has been known among bankers and shipbrokers for some time. While it lacks confirmation—"
"Tis much more that it lacks," blazed Terry. "Thurber & Gerish can't build a steam hencoop. Thurber was in New York last month to try and place a blanket mortgage on the property, but he never got a look in. I heard all about it in Norfolk. My own company owns Thurber & Gerish stock. Amos Runlett doesn't know that. I can talk freely to you, Mr. Titus, for I know how much you love the man."

Terry Cochran was sorry for his rudeness and offered an impulsive apology. The president of the Spring Haven National, accused of the most stupid credulity, faltered after a struggle.

"Many pieces of Wetherell vessels are owned in this town. This was a matter of local concern. I interviewed Mr. Amos Runlett without delay. He confirmed the statement."

"Runlett confirmed it?" eagerly demanded Terry. "He knew the story was false. Trust him to run it down, for it was a vital matter. It would smash the market valuation of his own schooners, if true—And he confirmed it to you! And for what? We have stumbled on a woodpile that is full of niggers, Mr. Titus, and they don't hail from Norfolk."

The mind of Ellery Titus was laboriously putting two and two together.

"If Amos Runlett wishes to increase his holdings in the Wetherell fleet," said he abstractedly, "the cheapest way to acquire them is to frighten other people into selling them. I personally own \$40,000 in sixteenths and thirty-seconds, Mr. Cochran, and I am not a rich man."

"Hold on tight and keep smiling. Mr. Titus, for if Amos Runlett wants to get his hands on it, there's a reason. It looks so tempting to me that I intend to hock my watch and buy."

"You are an astounding young man," declared the banker. "How would you undertake to purchase without discovery—that is, on any considerable scale?"

"You will find me an honest shipbroker who wears gumshoes. Is there such a bird on the coast?"

"I think so. Captain Jonathan Harding has an office in Spring Haven. He once sailed for Amos Runlett and was set ashore in very peremptory style. He has not forgotten it. A reliable man, who can be trusted to obey instructions."

"So much for that, thank you kindly," said Terry. "We will now pay our respects to the affairs of my friend, Dudley Fenwick, who is still shy the \$20,000 in share of the Elizabeth Wetherell, I understand."

"Amos Runlett is to turn over the certificates when Dudley returns to Portland, so the boy wrote me."

"In my eye he will," was the skeptical comment. "If Amos Runlett does come across, then you slip the word to Dudley to hang fast to the shares. But it must not come from me."

"He tried to borrow on them and my bank refused to pass the loan. The fine hand of Amos Runlett, I presume."

"A reasonable guess," replied Terry. "How much cash did Fenwick have?"

"Only two thousand. I was not in a position to advance it personally. My own affairs are rather uncertain."

"Change your mind, if you please, Mr. Titus. I will send you a draft for the amount before I sail from Boston. You will carry the loan in your own name."

"While Fenwick waited at Norfolk for orders, two other Wetherell schooners came in, loaded, and sailed to the eastward, and I made the master of the Elizabeth no happier to watch them pass his anchorage. Daily he called at the towboat office in hopes of some word from Portland."

Finally Captain Joe Dabney announced one morning:

"A navy collier was due in today, Dudley, to fill up and proceed to Guantanamo. She is reported by wireless as disabled. There are no steamers available at shot's notice, and I reckon if you let it over to the navy yard you may be able to fix up a charter with Uncle Sam."

Dudley thanked him and sprinted for the ferry. The commandant was interested and notified Washington. Acceptance was received on the same day, at a price per ton which Amos Runlett approved by wire. It was so much better than a coastwise trip that Fenwick's spirits rebounded.

He sent his crew aboard and was about to jump into the tiny launch when a young man accosted him and asked to be taken out to the Elizabeth. They confronted each other in a recognition so amazing that Fenwick all but fell into the water.

(Continued in Our Next Issue.)

Wire Briels

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Flood waters damage property in Roosevelt dam area.

BREMERTON—U. S. navy tug Napa damaged in storm on way to San Diego.

CHICAGO—P. H. Biese loses 61 pounds of fat in operation. Weighs 251 pounds now.

EVERETT—Columbia college publicans meet in convention here March 10.

BERLIN—Ensign Von Hirschfeld on trial here, charged with trying to kill Minister Erzberger.

EVERETT—Columbia college building to be converted into hospital with 150 beds.

WENATCHEE—Celluloid knitting needle in fire explodes. Elmore, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Perry, burned to death.

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1920 Pacific Coast Automobile show is open here.

SAN FRANCISCO—Albert Mando, of police neutrality force, shot three times in duel with two Russians.

BUENOS AIRES—British schooner Hillstone sunk in collision with another ship. Seven of crew missing.

Police Unearth Stolen Bicycles

Parts of more than nine bicycles several spot lights, search lights and other accessories were unearthed by the police in a raid on the house at 116 Nob Hill ave., Saturday, when four juveniles were arrested.

Prairie dogs occupy more than 100,000,000 acres of public and private lands.

FREDERICK & NELSON

FIFTH AVENUE AND PINE STREET

DOWNSTAIRS STORE



Modes Conspicuously Smart in

A New Collection of Georgette Blouses at \$10.00

THE short sleeves and the multiplicity of plaitings that distinguish current fashions are seen at their smartest in these new Blouses, which show us also that long sleeves have not been entirely abandoned and that fluffy laces are not to be wholly displaced by newer trimmings.

Notably good values, every one.

Three of the New Arrivals are Sketched

One a novel bolero-style Overblouse of flesh-color Georgette, crossed by tie-ends in in back and edged with accordion-plaitings at neck, bottom and cuffs. Price, \$10.00.

Another showing the effectiveness of heavy wool embroidery on sheer Georgette, introducing an unusual flaring cuff on the three-quarter sleeves and favoring the collarless neckline. Price \$10.00.

The third, in flesh-color Georgette, with square turnover of cross-tucked Georgette above the vestee, and lace-trimmed collar and cuffs featuring the same cross-tucking—\$10.00.

Other Spring details are the lacing of the front-closing with ribbon (a-la-middy), the double breasted effect suggested by vertical plaitings at side of front-panel and the vestees cut to a point at top and flaring away sharply to the waistline.

Lovely Delicate Colorings are Featured

—among them Tea Rose, Peach, Flesh-color, Orchid, Ash-rose, Apricot, also White.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

Unusually Good Values Offered in These

House Dresses at \$1.95



TWO especially good models are featured at this price—as pictured.

Black-and-white Checked Percal Dress, with white poplin trimming—well made and very attractive—\$1.95.

Dress of plain pink chambray, with trimming of pink and white checked gingham at collar, cuffs, belt and novel pockets—\$1.95.



—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

Men's Balbriggan Union Suits

(Slightly Imperfect)

\$1.65

KNIT from fine Egyptian Cotton are these Union Suits, priced so low because of slight imperfections.

They are of medium-weight in ankle length, with half sleeves.

Sizes 36 to 46. Unusually low-priced at \$1.65.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

Hair-Bow Ribbons at 35c Yard

PLAIN light and dark colorings, stripes, checks and floral effects are featured in Hair-bow Ribbons at this price—all of a firming quality that keeps its first freshness for some time. Widths 4½ and 5 inches. Priced at 35c yard.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

New Untrimmed Hats

Introducing Becoming, Irregular Contours

\$4.50 to \$7.50

THE Petal Hat pictured is an example of the smart and novel outlines featured in these Hats, and this tendency toward novelty is also illustrated in the tire-brim effects, the scalloped edge novelties, loop-banded effects and many others—



—all of glossy lisere braid, beautifully sewed, in plain and row-and-row style, and featured in Black, Brown, Navy and Sand.

The Shape sketched is \$6.50. The others mentioned are priced at \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50.

Suggested Trimmings for these Shapes: High-color Flowers, Fruits, Grasses and Wheat, Feather Cockades, Wreaths, Ribbons, Ornamental Pins—all featured in their newer forms, at modest prices, in this Section.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

The Foremost Tendencies of Spring Portrayed in New Suits



EVERY one of these new Suits is a direct invitation to make an early beginning of the new season—so expressive of Spring are they in their informal style and light-weight materials.

Braid bindings, rows of buttons, and shoestring belts are some of their style-traits, and they are modishly tailored from Serges, Tricotines, Poplins and Checked Velours.

Several moderately-priced groups within this price-range—

\$25.00 to \$67.50

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

Quaint Peg-top Rompers at \$2.50

A RECENT development in these most practical and becoming of play garments for little tots—these high-waisted, peg-top models in Rompers.

The one at left combines plain blue with brown - and - white striped gingham, and it may also be had in tan or orange gingham in combination with white rep. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Price \$2.50.



The Rompers at right of sketch combine pink, tan or blue chambray with white rep—pretty button-trimmed. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Price \$2.50.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.

Appealing Styles in Silk Camisoles at \$1.25



FINE Filet-pattern Insertions and Edges or Valenciennes laces are combined with pink satin and Crepe de Chine in the most attractive of Silk Camisoles at this price. All are shirred over elastic at waistline, and have ribbon shoulder straps. Priced at \$1.25.

SILK CAMISOLES AT \$1.50 are of pink Crepe de Chine, with Filet pattern laces and insertions and inserts of Georgette crepe.

SILK CAMISOLES AT \$1.75 are fashioned of pink Crepe de Chine, and feature clusters of fine tucking, laces and insertions.

—THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE.