

White Python

By Mack Channing, Author of "King Cobra"

CHAPTER 3
GROUPEST STREKS

With a mental jolt almost painful in its intensity, Gray came back to the world of reality as a man awakened from a sound sleep comes back to reality at the ringing of a telephone bell. For a few moments, he neither moved nor replied. He was watching a pair of phosphorescent green eyes in the undergrowth some twenty yards away. They were the eyes of a wolf, he thought.

"As he spoke, they vanished. "I'm ready! . . . Just finished my daily meditation . . . A short spell of concentration helps me to fix my thoughts, I find. Ever tried it?" The Bengal shook his head vigorously. Gray looked at him sharply. In future he would tell K. B. What Samdad Chiema might telepathically say to him. Colin said: "You know the Librarian of Lunenburg, don't you?" "Yes. He is my good friend. Why do you ask?"

"I want to ask him certain questions about the papirus—and as soon as possible," he said, rising to his feet. "Most certainly he will answer you! He is most knowledgeable man. I shall arrange it!" He broke off and looked around him. "I have news," he said in low tones. "Most dominantly true news!" He paused. "Somebody was coming towards them."

"Hurriedly the Babu took his prayer-wheel from the bosom of his robe and began to twirl it busily. "Come, lama Tsong," he droned in Tibetan. "Let us go and join our Guru in evening prayer!" "But the footstep proved to be none of the old recluse. "Holy Ones," said the Ancient, deprecatingly, as he came towards them, "your servant tells me that they are going away. Is it true?" "Yes, it is true, Guru Rimpoche," answered K. B., thankfully putting away his prayer wheel.

"Then ye will be four, when ye leave?" responded the old man. "How four, Reverend Teacher? Count you my yak as a man?" asked K. B., smiling. "The old lama shook his head.

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The most trusted of his spies bent and touched the ground at his feet, and rising, ran quickly down the hill-side. . . .

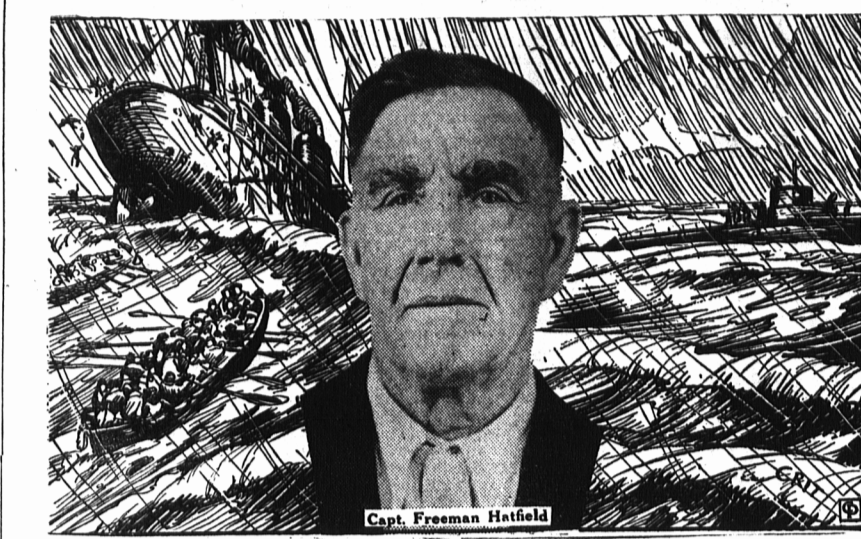
Lantse proved to be a biggish, walled town. On a low hill in the center of it stood the Lamasey, a collection of buildings clustered round a big central building which was surmounted by a loop-holed spire tower with sloping walls. This gampa housed something like two thousand lamas, K. B. said.

About half a mile this side of the heavy wooden gates leading into the town, a funeral procession approached them at a jog trot and with the jerky motions of its four carriers, the bamboo bier bumped up and down unpleasantly. . . .

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Aged Sea Captain's Story May Deprive Them Of Their Quarry

Capt. Freeman Hatfield claims that his ship was torpedoed off the Irish coast by a German submarine in July, 1915.



Capt. Freeman Hatfield

By J. LEO DERY
Central Press Canadian Correspondent

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 5.—A legal battle of wits between experts on international law is expected here when a hearing will be held on the extradition of Capt. Freeman Hatfield, 73-year-old retired seafarer, to Canada on a charge of defrauding the Canadian government of \$71,276.72.

The Canadian government alleges that in so doing Hatfield committed a fraud on the grounds that his ship was not torpedoed, but sank during a storm. Captain Hatfield was paid for the loss of his vessel in 1931 from a fund provided for compensation of the victims of "illegal acts of warfare" by Germany during the world war. Accused by Hatfield in this alleged fraud is Senator Hance Logan of Parrsboro, N. S., a barrister who represented Hatfield in the submission of his claim.

Captain Hatfield maintains his ship was sunk by a German submarine, and gives the following description of the disaster on the morning of July 31, 1915: "As I came on deck," he said "the mite called my attention to a speck on the water, some distance off the port bow. We studied it for a second or two, and then saw that it looked like a periscope. We kept our eyes glued on it. Next thing we knew, we saw the white streak coming at us. That was the torpedo's wake. "She hit us a little way forward

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KENTVILLE, N.S., Feb. 5.—(C.P.)—Ten strokes of the lash were added to an eight-year penitentiary sentence imposed upon Fred Magee, 40, of Kentville, for a guilty in county court to three offences against his three daughters, two of whom are not yet 14 years old. Judge H. W. Sangster sentenced the prisoner to serve eight years on one charge and three years on each of the other two, terms to run concurrently. At the request of his counsel yesterday, Magee's departure for the Chester penitentiary was delayed to permit the settlement of his affairs here.

Halifax Port Arrivals

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Holland Society Marks 50th Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Holland Society of New York celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner at a hotel here. President Roosevelt, a trustee of the society, spoke by telephone from the White House to the 500 guests, amplifiers carrying his speech to the gathering. The society, founded in 1855 to perpetuate the memory of the early Dutch settlement of America, remained distinctly a men's organization until last year when women were invited to its annual dinner. The innovation was continued with the added novelty for Holland Society gatherings of dancing after dinner.

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"May, son, I count not a yak as a man! Though as we know, within an animal may be imprisoned a human soul!" He sighed. "Nay, I said ye will be four, because I go with ye in the evening." The Bengal looked at him in amazement. Gray frowned.

"I have been called!" went on the old man garrulously. "A voice spoke to me in my meditations. It said: 'Two will lead thee to a stream, on the other side of which is a dwelling of peace.' . . . Mayhap it is Tsarpa, the supreme liberation, to which ye are to lead me! . . . Yea, I go with ye!" The decision was first. "One day," he murmured looking steadily at Gray, "I will write down for you, Big Lama, that which is written in a certain verse of the Dhammapadam. Then you will understand!"

Argue with him as they would, he stubbornly refused to remain in his valley. As the moon rose, four men started for Lunenburg. One of them was laughing in crazed tones a quavering prayer to Sanje Gyalbo, The Lord of Death.

K. B. was able to give Gray much valuable information concerning the people and the country they were passing through. For Samdad Chiema, he had an evident respect. The Abbot, he said, was in great fear, lest the lamas of Himpang should be infected by the Chorjeff faction's anti-Buddhist propaganda. The party now only numbered three, K. B.'s servant having again been sent ahead at dawn, with a message to the Great Master of the Monastery.

"Remember," K. B. had said, setting his spectacles on his nose, so as to get a better view of the lad. "Remember! If anyone in Lunenburg asks you where your Master is or whether you have met a Very Big Lama, you will answer—what will you answer?" The sturdy young peasant smiled. "That I have come from the very highest hills and have not met even a little lama—let alone a big one!" K. B. smiled and patted the youngster's shoulder.

THE CHARGE

Briefly, the charge against Hatfield is that he collected more than left hand, naljorpa!" said Gray quietly, releasing him. "May you be reborn a louse!" shouted the naljorpa. "May the ten Tan-ma she devils rend your limb from limb!"

At that moment there came a sound of the cracking of heavy whips, and an ocean, with it as linked the world war. German submarines, a sea disaster, and a typical Royal Canadian Mounted Police man hunt by Corporal Walter Harviston, R. C. M. P.

"We hear that thou hast used false weights!" bellowed the Provost lama. "Is it true?" A high-pitched squeal, eloquent of frantic denial and abject terror rang out. The Gekhor lama gave another order. Six heavy hide whips rose, and whistling, fell. "Om Mane Padme Hum!" moaned the Ancient, hearing the man's shrieks.

When Gray looked for the black-hat sorcerer he was not to be seen. On the ground where he had been standing, lay something, the sight of which caused Gray's heart to miss a beat. Bending, he picked it up, blowing the dust from it. It was a tiny black-and-white enamel spangle. To the ring in its back, were attached two links a thin, almost threadlike, gold chain. (To Be Continued.)

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