

# Nora Lee & Elenore Meherin

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"Big Spree"

## CHAPTER LIX

It was 1 o'clock Saturday. In all the big office buildings, the dressing rooms were crowded with girls dolling for the afternoon off. They were impatient, filled with plans. They wore neckpieces or fur coats and cream-colored gloves. Grant avenue, expecting these fervid weekly shoppers and eager to welcome them, struck a festive, dressed-up holiday note.

Nora Lee and Virginia Day were out for a "big spree." They were they were dining "dutch treat" at the St. Francis.

Virginia had arranged the affair. Walking together, the one so dark, the other palely fair, they had arrested attention because of the youth, brilliant and eager in both their faces.

Virginia wore a one-piece dress of dark wine color, a soft, fluffy fox of cinnamon and a hat to match. Under its deep brim her white-gold hair and dark eyes gave the madonna face the appeal of a dreamy child's. Virginia had arisen hours earlier in the morning. She summoned all her beauty believing this day a crisis in her life.

### BUSINESS INTRIGUES

But she, assumed a gay, airy manner though she listened but vaguely to the exuberant confidences Nora Lee was now pouring into her ears. Oh, advertising was really a thrilling game, and Maud Bresnon was a perfect wonder!

"Think of it—she's the head of that whole staff and they say her salary is almost \$20,000 a year. My mind staggers before five figures in money. How about you, Virge? But still she told me today—what do you think, Virge, she's to let me write some ad copy."

Virginia smiled remotely. Entering the hotel she became alert and took the lead, winding through tables, going swiftly to the center of the room. She became excited, finding a table to her liking, unoccupied.

Ida Burnett, directly opposite, bowed to Nora Lee. Ida was with a foreign looking man, with a dark olive face, black mustache and flashing red lips. Ida had a look of belittling gaiety. She made these sporadic attempts to lose herself and her unhappiness in daring intrigues.

Virginia very deliberately took off her gloves and studied the menu. "Do you see many people that you know, Nora Lee?"

"I don't want to stare around. You know, I've been here twice or thrice, and I prefer an attitude of languid boredom. That was Ida Burnett."

### 'KEEP ON LOVING'

"I know. I wonder where Milo is, and what Ida's up to?" Virginia sighed. "It's terrible—so many girls are unhappy today, aren't they?"

Nora Lee threw a sharp, questioning glance at her companion. Virginia had this baffling way of saying things entirely unexpected in a little pluck and white Saint Cecilia.

Virginia covered the remark with a soft, evasive laugh. "I mean so many women are like Ida Burnett—keep on loving after the men have stopped. Men get over love so much quicker than women do. We're just about reaching the crazy stage over them when they're coming back to their senses about us."

"I suppose if that's true now it was true always."

"It's worse today, because everything is so unsettled and there doesn't seem to be any certainty even about what is right and what is wrong."

"There never was—there never will be as long as we continue to grovel. Don't you remember what Browning says about a man's thought must always outreach his grasp? What's right today may be considered a sin a thousand years from now if we get to be better."

Virginia laughed unselfishly: "You mean what is sin today will be delight tomorrow! That's the way we're going, Nora Lee, and that's why it's hard for girls now. We can do what was forbidden our mothers."

**WILLOW CAMP "EDEN."**  
"Well, you may not believe it, but I know dozens that do and they get away with it. It's all bunk about the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Why, I went over to Willow Camp once and you'd think it was Rome gone wild. Girls of 10—well—so it's being done all right!"

Virginia pushed the soft fur from her throat: "It's being done, but it's not making people happy. Men can do things and get away with it. Girls can't as yet. Do you think they ever will get callous, Nora Lee? Will girls ever get so that they give and not care?"

Virginia spoke in a low, tremulous voice.

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## PRETTY FORGER FINDS DREAM FADED

By BESS CARROLL

Singed by the flame of a candle that always burns—yet allures—a pretty little moth, her wings folded and broken, is waiting in the city jail for release from the bars that have stopped her career of crime.

Though the glitter of gold that might have been hers for the asking held no allure for her eyes, she followed the glow of the candle—the false light of stolen treasure—because unhappiness had hidden the real gold of life from her reach. And now, in the gloom of a cell, she has neither the wealth of love and happiness that might have been, nor the tinsel of "Poo's Gold."

### BROKEN HEART.

A broken heart and a ruined romance are the cause of the plight of the pretty 17-year-old forger who was arrested here Saturday by Detective T. H. Fox, according to her own story. Of a wealthy Fort Worth family, lacking nothing that she might have wished, her case presented one of the most puzzling tales on the criminal records of Texas. Strangers who read her story compared her with Eve, who coveted the forbidden fruit of Eden.

But it was not the lure of adventure nor the desire for forbidden things that caused the girl forger to transgress, according to the tale she tells—a tale of love, that, denied and cheated, broke her heart and made her indifferent to all consequences.

### DIDN'T CARE.

"I didn't care," she said, as her wide sky-blue eyes filled with tears. "You know, it's pretty hard to care sometimes, when you have been hurt so much."

Within a few weeks' time she is alleged to have passed forged checks amounting to more than \$2000 in Fort Worth, some time ago. Feeling that he could not curb his daughter's weakness, the father of the girl is said to have refused to make good the amount of her checks.

When the young woman was arrested and tried, she is said to have been judged insane. She was sentenced to the San Antonio State hospital, and was paroled to her relatives after two weeks.

### DREAM FADES.

The girl went to live with San Antonio relatives. Almost at once she is alleged to have resumed her forging activities. She is believed to have passed more than nineteen worthless checks here, for sums ranging from \$5 to \$50, before she was apprehended.

It was for clothes to adorn her graceful young beauty that the girl wrote her forged checks.

And now, a poor little rich girl—shorn of the things that might have been hers, has found herself a Cinderella after the stroke of midnight—her golden clothes the rags of reality, her Fairy Prince forever vanished.

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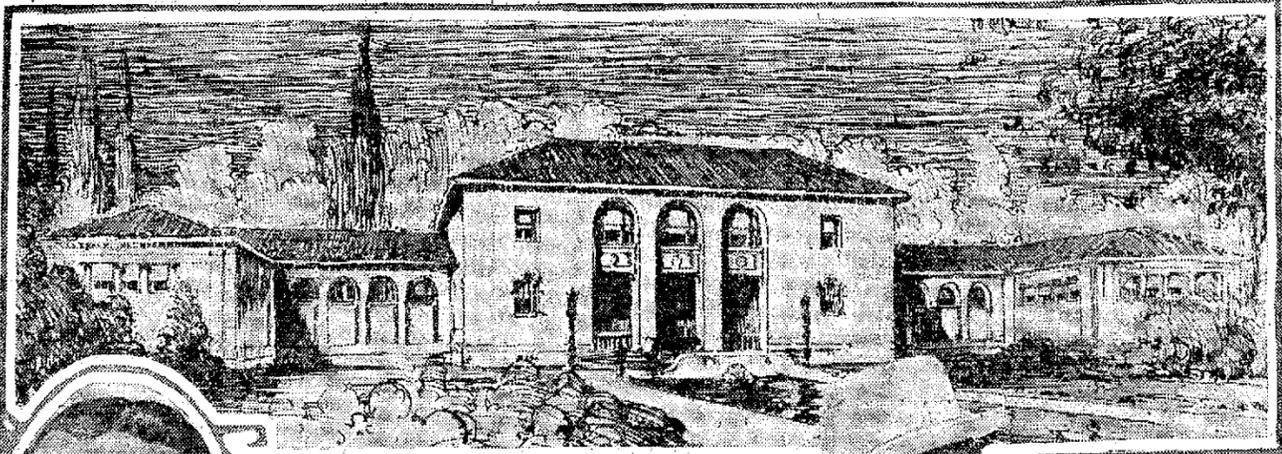
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GENERAL NEWS  
The average temperature for San Antonio yesterday, Sept. 21, was 84 degrees

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## Mayor Breaks Ground for First Unit of San Antonio's \$100,000 Art Museum as Initial Contract Is Awarded



## TEXAS FARMERS CAN PRODUCE ANYTHING

Basking in the warm Texas sun on the dividing line between the coastal plains and the hill country, giving farmers a wide variety of soils, San Antonio, Bexar county and the surrounding territory can produce an equally wide variety of crops.

According to the agricultural department of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Alamo City is the nucleus of a belt that produces the largest variety of agricultural products of any section in the whole United States, Canada and Mexico.

Corn takes its place in the first rank among the grains that thrive in this section. Others which measure up to high degrees of satisfaction are wheat, oats, rye, barley and rice, the department points out.

### GROW RICE.

Sorghums, including kafir corn, milo maize, begari, feterita, Egyptian wheat, sudan grass and others, also flourish in the rich soil.

Irrigation farms near Medina lake have succeeded in cultivating rice in medium quantities, which promises to be one of the leading products.

Broom corn and flax also are grown at the federal experiment station on the Corpus Christi road near here.

Fruits which ordinarily grow only in the Great Lake regions and in tropical countries have been brought here and cultivated, according to the agricultural department.

### GATHER DATES.

The long list of fruits includes: Peaches, plums, apricots, pears, figs, grapes, dewberries, blackberries, strawberries and jugs, a variety of Japanese apple and date palms.

Hundreds of pounds of dates are gathered from the city parks each year.

Bananas also have been cultivated by residents and in the municipal parks.

There is no limit to the production of vegetables. Give San Antonio the seeds and its soil and climate will do the rest.

And, too, gardens can be boasted all the year 'round.

**PECAN CROP LARGE.**  
Citrus fruits—oranges, lemons and grapefruit—thrive in the rich soil of the valley just south of San Antonio.

The dairy and beef cattle raising industries also go hand in hand with conditions here. Sheep and goat raising as well, is carried on profitably.

Nuts, especially pecans and walnuts, bear in large quantities. Locally grown pecans are of the thin, highly-valued paper-shell variety, the department points out.

### CITY TO CONTINUE WIDENING MARKET

A plan submitted by Mayor John W. Tobin to borrow money on assessment certificates levied against property owners on Market street, between Main plaza and St. Mary's street, in order to raise funds from completing the widening project on through Water street, was approved by the city commission Monday.

## ELEVATOR MAN LIVES LIFE OF UPS, DOWNS

Consider the elevator man. His life is just ups and downs.

He travels all day long but never gets anywhere.

He's always helping people to go up in the world and, when its otherwise, let's them down easily.

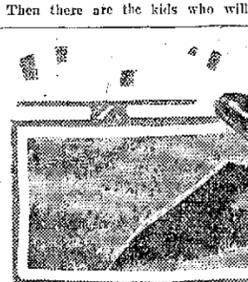
But while his life runs along smooth grooves he has his troubles.

"No I said number seven, not 11," exclaims an irate passenger who has been carried beyond his floor. "Pardon me, I'll bring you back to number seven," he courteously replies. "I thought you said 11."

"Oh, I wanted 'down' and you're going up," exclaims a young girl who had continued a brisk conversation with a girl friend as they stepped into the first cage that opened, not noticing which way the car was going.

"Is Blank, Blank and company's office in this building," asks a passenger, utterly oblivious of the fact the directory board of offices was within two feet of the elevator door. "No, sir, it's in the Travis building. I'll take you back down in a minute," replies the best directory in the city, or "Yes, sir it's on the ninth floor, down the hall to your left," as the case may be.

Then there are the kids who will



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## Two Other Buildings Will Be Added When Funds Become Available.

With Mayor John W. Tobin turning up the first spade full of earth, San Antonio has begun construction of the first unit of its \$100,000 museum which is to house this city's valuable art collections.

Contract for the first unit, which will cost approximately \$31,000, was awarded by the city commission Monday. It should be completed within six months.

Awfuling of the contract and the beginning of work brings to a successful climax efforts of a number of San Antonians who for a number of years have interested themselves in procuring for the city an adequate art museum.

### PLANS FREE.

The new building will be located at the intersection of North Flores street

## PAIR RIDE ALL NIGHT AND DODGE TAXI BILL; LAND IN VICE NET

"It always costs in the long run." This was the conclusion of a man and woman Tuesday morning after their arrest had been brought about by a service car driver.

The two hired the service car for the night and took "a long run," according to the driver.

At the completion of the ride, they refused to pay. The driver stood by and watched his fares register at a Commerce street hotel.

"You can catch them right now," he told Patrolman Galan and Emergency Officer Davis.

They took the driver at his word and caught them. They now face a vice charge, the minimum fine for which is more than twice the amount of the bill.

## S. A. FOLK SAVE 52 CENTS ON DAILY COST OF LIVING

Statistics Show Prices of  
Commodities Here  
Are Lower.

Did you lay aside 52 cents for the old savings account today? If you didn't, you are not collecting your premium for living in San Antonio.

Cost of living, of course, depends on how one lives, but for the average family figures show that it costs approximately 52 cents less to live here than in any of the larger cities of the country.

Food and housing—rent—are the two largest items in the cost of conducting a home, and in both of these, residents of San Antonio are fortunate. For food, the San Antonian pays approximately 3 per cent less than the average and while exact data is not available, rentals for residences are 12 to 14 per cent lower than the average.

### AVERAGE WAGE HIGH.

Data available indicates that the average wage earner receives \$134.23 per month of 26 days, but as he uses 30 or 31 days to spend this he must, in order to maintain his financial equilibrium, spend slower than he earns.

There are about one-fifth as many savings accounts as there are citizens in San Antonio, which means about one per family and these accounts are increased monthly about \$16 more than the average throughout the country.

So if you did not lay away that "ol' 50-bit piece" you did not do your full duty to yourself.

### COSTS INCREASE.

Statistics gathered by the United States from the larger cities of the country for the 12-year period ending June 30, show that all items entering into the cost of living have increased 73.5 per cent since 1913, but in San Antonio this increase has been but approximately 69 per cent for the same period. Cost of gas also has decreased appreciably during the past few years.

Government figures for the same period show increases as follows: food, 35 per cent; clothing, 70.6 per cent; housing, 67.4 per cent; fuel and light, 76.7 per cent; house furnishings, 114.3 per cent; miscellaneous necessities, 102.7 per cent. Of all items, electric current is the only one which consistently decreased, the total being 9.9 per cent.

Practically all items reached the peak in June, 1920, but rent, which then was 34.9 per cent more than in 1913 and this continued to show an increase until 1924, the December report showing the first tendency downward and this has continued to the present time.

"The so-called high cost of living is a misnomer," according to one man interviewed. "It really is the cost of high living. Take a loaf of bread, for instance. You can get it for a dime—just as good as you used to get for a nickel—at some stores, but the prevailing price is 9 cents and I know of one place where it retails for 6 cents."

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