

SERIAL STORY
BY OREN ARNOLD

LOVE POWER

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YESTERDAY, Leana has made her preparations well. During her ride with Bob and Carolyn, she pretends friendship, and Carolyn definitely worried. Later, Leana comes to the Tyler cottage, tells Carolyn that Bob wants to see her in the shaft at 6 o'clock. She is a technician while Carolyn walks around the mountain, harkens to her transmitter. After waiting 20 minutes, she presses a switch.

WHEN X-999 EXPLODES—
CHAPTER XXIII
KNOWLEDGE of her power at this moment, and of the vengeance she was about to wreak on the Tyler girl, gave Leana Sormi's face a wild look of exhilaration. She threw her transmitter switch as if the act were a definite little game.

And finale it was! Not even Leana Sormi, brilliant scientist, had known the extreme potency of X-999!!!

Simultaneously with her touch of that switch, all of hellfire itself belched over the universe.

The earth shook in a staccato of doom. Tonto Mountain, it appeared, was lifted skyward. A great spreading bulk blacked out the light of day, extended eastward over a full five miles, then came pelting—roaring—crashing down in an all-consuming bombardment.

The top half of Mummy Ridge itself was blown square off and a minute later it and all its area there to the east were buried under countless tons of debris. The very physiography of a mountain range was being altered. And nobody—no living soul—heard Leana Sormi give her long, hysterical scream.

had showed at the peak to form a landmark for centuries. But in nature's own eruptions eons ago she had loosened and stirred the eastern half of Tonto, upending its strata and piling there loose boulders, smaller rocks and soils. It was this loose deposit which gave way under the force of X-999's explosion.

That loose half of Tonto became shrapnel, spreading out fan-wise. The granite half stood firm, merely shaken by the recoil.

The circumstance proved to be extremely fortunate for puny human beings who had dared endorse themselves in nature's bosom here. It was as if nature had kept a benign hand over them and their little huts. Not that the huts escaped damage—every window in the scientists' village was broken, and every china dish, every bit of glass equipment in the laboratory. Rock chimneys were toppled over. One cabin was moved quite off its foundation. The stables, flimsy structures at best, were flattened and three of the horses killed. A dozen major or minor avalanches were started on neighboring mountains, and their rolling, pelting rocks were still an echoing thunder 10 minutes after the actual explosion.

Most of the village people, as Leana Sormi had mentioned to Carolyn, were at dinner. When the great shock and noise came, they were stupefied. Ears were deafened, muscles numbed. The story of all that was destined to make good telling for generations after.

ciently attentive to Leana anyway, and this little before-dinner jaunt was easy.

He didn't rush because there was abundant time, but he did take his car immediately and head off down the old road from the mine. It swung south and west from Tonto Mountain, winding in picturesque way.

He was still thinking of the girls. Somehow, despite his avowed desire to serve her, he hadn't exactly liked Leana Sormi today. For no reason that he could set a finger on, he had resented her manner while on the ride.

He forced that thought aside as unfair, senseless. The car on the mountain curves took all his attention. And when he reached Blair he paused to chat a bit with the postmaster. Leana's parcel hadn't arrived, after all. She would be disappointed.

Vaguely he wondered why mere microscope lens, or whatever it was, could be so urgent. There were other microscopes in hand in the laboratory. But then a person gets used to a favorite one, he knew. He switched the talk to deer hunting.

"Shore thing, Dr. Hale," the postmaster was friendly, "it's deep as'll run right over you around here in autumn time! Shore you're born! Big bucks with 10' 20' points all up in that Tonto Mountain country. You stick here till October, you'll see. You got a good rifle?"

They went into the matter of guns, man talk. They were examining the postmaster's own 50-gauge when—

BROO-O-O-O-O-O-O!

THE earth trembled, shook them to their very teeth. Glass cracked and fell from the bursting shock of the explosion.

Bob's muscles froze.

The postmaster looked quickly at him in consternation. Neither spoke at first. Then both looked out.

The late sun-yellowed sky back toward Tonto was blossoming in a magnificent mass of black earth and rocks and shooting flame.

They saw it bill. Saw it grow—billowing, spreading, roaring and echoing furiously now. It was greater than anything in their comprehension. It was reaching out over half the horizon, as if it meant to engulf all the universe!

"I know!" Bob rasped, from the deep frenzy now within him. "It—it—Carolyn's there! Carolyn's still there! ... Come on! ... Oh my God! ... Carolyn!"

The two men were running to Bob's car.

(To Be Concluded)

FROM other points of view, (as told countless times in the months and even years to follow) the explosion of Tonto Mountain was that of a volcano, no less. Except that this particular volcano spewed fire from only one side of its mouth, after first bursting out an opening.

The actual eruption was not straight up, but angled. The great force of the explosion naturally took the path of least resistance. The west half of Tonto Mountain was a bulwark of granite, virtually solid rock a mile thick at its base. A flat white face of that granite

WHEN Carolyn and Leana left him at the stables shortly after 5 o'clock, Bob Hale lingered to rub down his black gelding rather than give the task to a stable boy. Currying, brushing, patting and talking is the way to get acquainted with a horse, Bob knew; it can be genuine pleasure for both.

About 15 minutes later, though, Bob was called to the stable telephone. It was Leana.

"Robert, dear," she began, "is it too much to ask that you drive in to Blair for me, at once? There is some equipment—a microscope part—which I simply must have in the laboratory early tomorrow morning, and I really wanted it tonight. It was due on the mail stage today and the Blair post-office closes at 6. I—I wouldn't want to trust it to one of our clumsy workmen here, so—"

"Surely, Leana! I can drive right over now. Our group doesn't eat until 7. Be a pleasure."

He was earnest about it. He remembered that he hadn't been sufficiently attentive to Leana anyway, and this little before-dinner jaunt was easy.

It is not within the ability of, nor in the province of any man to express precisely the miracles of Motherhood, but each and all may, within their experience, pay tribute to the engrossing love of the one who has made it possible to enjoy so much of whatever is here beautiful and worthwhile.

Affection of the child, itself a reflex of mother-love, should be the ever expression of the most intimate tie that binds our experiences to the ideal, and should never be withheld.

Motherhood, an angelic ministrant, makes of earth a heaven. "Suffer little children to come unto me," is its silent orison; for it knows that of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The thought of Mother, objectified, is an evidence of things harmonious which are thus not only proved possible but seen to be part of a definite continuity.

Fatherhood is incidental and temporal, but the influence of Motherhood is spiritual and eternal. Motherhood is the highest expression of tri-unity of Body, Mind, and Spirit; and its pre-eminent belief is in the blessedness of the tri-unity of Father, Mother

"MOTHER"
By Charles Bobo

It was the worthiness of a mother Mary which gave to the child the eternal blessedness and merit of a son Jesus. Motherhood spans the heavens with myriad guiding stars. The son may achieve character and success in life of his activities, but it is the mother who makes it possible to achieve them.

Brooding over chaos and the wild, it is probable that the initial sea of the infinite was one of Motherhood; an idea from which was born so much of the good enjoyed by mankind.

Gifts to man are a manifestation of God. There is no need for extravagance in praise of Mother, for it is that possible. The facts speak for themselves and need only to be recalled. Motherhood is the vehicle by which, through some spiritual alchemy, the wholesome, gentle and other dominant and desirable characteristics are transmitted to posterity. In that respects in man whatever is of inherent good, Motherhood is one of the most beneficent, one of the greatest gifts made within the generosity of God.

and Child. Motherhood is a blending with God for the attainment of perfection; a clear channel through which the gifts of the Creator flow unceasingly to His creation.

"As for me and mine," affirms the Lord. "Thus motherhood, on behalf of its offspring, makes covenant with God which, it is the privileged duty of the children as to their part to fulfill. Mother has done her part. And if we would be worthy to utter the name Mother and call her Blessed, we should endeavor with every talent within our stewardship to hasten the day toward fulfillment of that promise during their sojourn here upon earth.

Love, an attribute of God and a synonym of God, is inseparable from Mother, as is purity. Truth and all the graces. That which, within the entire range of human experience is most sacred and brings us nearest the Divine, is not the disciplinary direction of Fatherhood, but the supreme tenderness, unstinted affection, ceaseless solicitude, self-sacrificing care and tireless protection of Motherhood.

Mother-Love a symbol of the love of God the Father, is an ideal by which, the expression of by humanity might safely and securely order its being. The impulsion of each moment an enervable compulsion to do right.

To make the ideal real is a debt to motherhood that must be discharged by all. This is the way of wisdom and honesty; a manner of discharging a liability so great that the utmost of accomplishment would not wipe out the half of it. And when the container of this precious boon is broken and the fountain of her life has subsided, her offspring should not alone rise up and call her blessed, but evidence the sincerity of the call by unselfish service to others, and in particular to those other mothers who, whether youthful or aged, are still with us.

Expressed in kindness to the living, and practical appreciation of those who have passed on, there should arise from all men, everywhere a prayer perfect, performance worthy the immeasurable boon to self-sacrificing motherhood.

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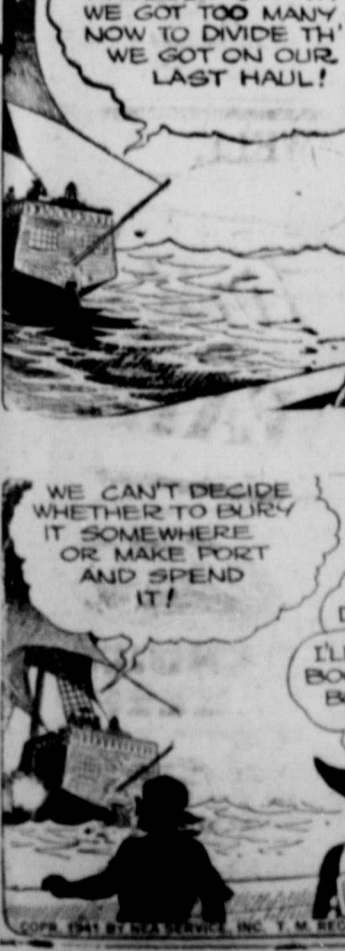
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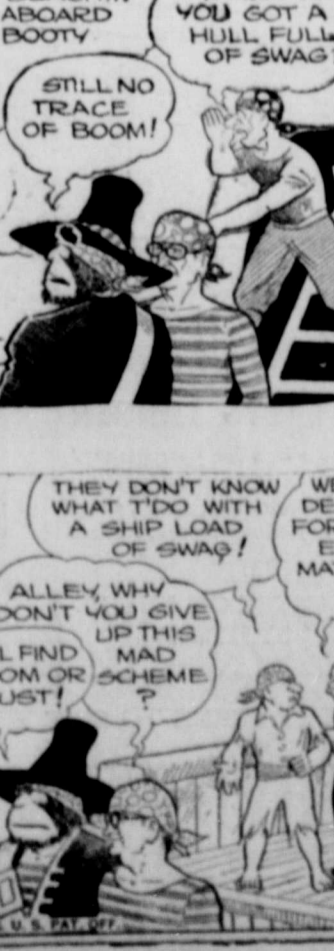
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BY HARMAN



THE TEXAS petroleum industry pays \$95,000,000 a year in State, local and Federal taxes, NOT counting the gasoline taxes paid by the individual motorist on the industry's principal product.

FRECKELS AND HIS FRIENDS



RED RYDER



By Hamlin



Few Late Bills In Legislature Receive Special Attention

AUSTIN, Texas — Legislation introduced during the late days of a session sometimes attracts little attention because members are concentrating on bills advanced on the calendar.

A recent day in the house of representatives, however, brought them three interesting propositions:

By Rep. G. H. Little of Amarillo—a constitutional amendment proposing to abolish the ad valorem tax for state purposes, and transferring all revenue from cigarette and tobacco sales to the available school fund to replace money now received from ad valorem taxes.

By Rep. James E. Taylor of Keren—to punish by fines up to \$300 or imprisonment up to six months any person wrongfully wearing the shoulder patch, arm brassard or collar ornament of the Texas Defense Guards. Such fraudulent use of defense guard identification may disrupt its organization and functioning, Taylor said.

By Rep. Marvin Simpson Jr. of Fort Worth—permitting mayors of unincorporated towns to perform marriage rites. Small-town mayors now have no authority to marry couples, although mayors of incorporated towns may do so.



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As you read these words, a new \$21,000,000 Ford airplane engine plant, started only last fall, is nearly completed. A new magnesium alloy plant, one of the few in the country, is already in production on lightweight airplane engine castings. Work is right now under way on a new \$18,000,000 plant for mass production of big bomber assemblies. Orders have been filled for military vehicles of several types, including army reconnaissance cars, army staff cars and bomb service trucks.

In the midst of this activity for National Defense, building the 29 millionth Ford car is simply one part of the day's work.

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It is good to be producing the things America needs, and to be setting records on the way!

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Society Notes

Ruth Class to Meet
The Ruth Class of the First Baptist Church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. T. L. Dupree. All members are urged to attend.

Hodges Oak Park P. T. A. to Meet
The Hodges Oak Park Parent-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at the school. This will be the last meeting of the year and the installation of officers will be held. A very interesting program has been arranged after which a social hour will be enjoyed. Members are especially urged to attend.

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Members attending the meeting were: Mmes. Odell Cole, Roy McCleskey, Carl Heinlin, T. J. Powell, Omie Littlefield, R. L. Allen, Schooley, Roberts, E. F. Latham, Staton, Finis King, L. J. Kincaid, Davis, T. L. Dupree, J. D. Johnson, J. W. Harrison, Z. R. Morgan, Edwin George, Jr., Wayne Peterson, Squires and Cole.

Gleaners Class Has Business And Social Meeting

The monthly business and social meeting of the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church was held Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Herman Kelley. Mrs. Kelley was assisted by Mrs. E. H. Jenkins and Mrs. K. F. Kirk. At the close of the delightful social hour refreshments were served to the following:

Mmes. H. L. Landtroop, H. L. Baskin, E. J. Sneed, A. N. Bradford, G. W. Warden, E. N. Varner, J. N. Graham, Nath Pirklie, John Tibbs, Wesley Franklin, H. B. Baker, C. O. Ringold, A. L. Stiles, Carl Page, H. B. Groce and Miss Ann McEver.

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Minerals Have Played Big Part In Past 10 Years

AUSTIN, Texas—Minerals, including oil and gas, within the last decade have swung Texas from an agricultural to an industrial state.

While income from agriculture for 1940—tabulated by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, the state's chief statistical fact-finding agency on Texas agriculture, commerce and industry—is but slightly below that of 1929, the value of minerals has jumped 75 per cent.

This bureau—one of four University research bureaus linked under the Texas Commercial and Industrial Research Council to encourage and aid development of Texas resources—recently prepared a chart revealing that the mineral industry last year accounted for \$800,000,000 of the State's 1940 income, or about 49 per cent more than was derived from agriculture.

While about 90 per cent of the mineral revenue comes from oil and gas, other minerals constitute a \$50,000,000 industry—"hot hay," as one University research man put it.

What is the University of Texas doing to expand this industry?

First of all, it is making an extended search for "strategic" minerals—those urgently required by the Federal Government for its war chest. These governmental defines as "those materials essential to the national defense for the supply of which in war dependence must be placed in whole, or in part, on sources outside the continental limits of the United States, and for which strict conservation and distribution control measures will be necessary."

The University's Bureau of Economic Geology is now engaged in scouring the Central Mineral Region of Texas—an area about 100 miles by 50 miles in the Llano region—to determine what Texas can yield for the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller of Fort Worth, formerly of Ranger, visited in Ranger, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Agnew are spending the week-end in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Latham and son, Dick, and Mrs. Alice Davenport are spending the week-end in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Fullwood and children, Ben Edward and Nina Louise, of Gladewater, are visiting relatives in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Chastain spent Saturday in Fort Worth.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Eastland City officials stated Saturday that since Saturday came on the tenth of the month, the last day on which monthly water bills might be paid without penalty, and since the City Hall would be closed Saturday at noon as usual, monthly water bills might be paid as late as 12:00 o'clock noon Monday, May 12th without penalty.

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