

# LOVE BRAVES AN ATOM BOMB

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WHEN X-999 EXPLODES— XVII

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 finale.

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.

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

ent until 7. Be a pleasure."

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.

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 a mere microscope lens, or whatever it was, could be so urgent. There were other microscopes at 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 deer 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 30-30 when— BROO-O-O-O-O-OM!

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 blooming 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)

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## Traffic Fatalities Rates Increasing

Oregon's traffic death rate for the first eight months of 1945 was 10 fatalities per one hundred million miles of travel, according to Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state.

This compares to a rate of nine for the same period a year ago. The death rate for the month of August this year was nine, compared to a rate of eight for August of 1944.

Farrell said the death rate, showing the number of persons killed in relation to the mileage recorded on Oregon highways and streets, is a better indication of the relative safety of traffic than the actual number of deaths. Thus, the death rate this year indicates a need for increased care in driving and walking, the secretary of state said.

## 14 Pound Baby Born

TILLAMOOK, Oct. 8 (UP)—Mrs. A. Munsell and her 14-pound daughter were doing well today after the infant's birth last Saturday at the Tillamook General hospital. The girl, named Georgiana Dale, is the third born to Mrs. Munsell.

## Official Records

Water turned off, October 5: Mrs. E. Ricker, 905 D. 1st St. street; Mrs. George Beldin 2710 Third street.

Water turned on: Mrs. Everett Gilmore, 1812 Pennsylvania avenue.

The true Mohammedan eats no food after dark for one month of each year.

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## Washington

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and a fair airing.

From the Arab point of view, Palestine was 95 percent Moslem in 1918. Today it has taken in 750,000 Jewish immigrant refugees and is now only two-thirds Zionist political movement which aims to make Palestine a Jewish home land and commonwealth. Until Zionism surrenders these political ambitions, the Arab league will oppose more European-Jewish refugee migration. Beyond that the league is committed to a policy of achieving complete independence through the removal of all foreign domination in predominantly Arab-populated parts of the world.

With the Moslem league in India, the Arab league of the middle east has religious ties, though no formal political relationship.

Eight million in Missouri have converted their eight-of-eight sanctuaries for birds and animals.

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## Answer to Previous Puzzle

