

RAINBOW'S END

A NOVEL
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CHAPTER III.

The O'Reillys.

Age and easy living had caused Don Mario de Castano, the sugar merchant, to take on weight. He had, in truth, become so fat that he waddled like a penguin when he walked; and when he rode, the springs of his French victoria gave up in despair.

In disposition Don Mario was practical and unromantic; he boasted that he had never had an illusion, never an interest outside of his business. And yet, on the day this story opens, this prosaic personage, in spite of his bulging waistband and his taut neckband, in spite of his short breath and his prickly heat, was in a very whirl of pleasurable excitement.

Notwithstanding the riuvelts of perspiration that were coursing down every fold of his flesh, and regardless of the fact that the body of his victoria was tipped at a drunken angle, as if struggling to escape the burdens of his great weight, Don Mario felt a jaunty kind of body and of spirit almost like that of youth. He saw himself as a splendid prince riding toward the humble home of some obscure maiden whom he had graciously chosen to be his mate.

His arrival threw Donna Isabel into a flutter: the woman could scarcely contain her curiosity when she came to meet him, for he was not the sort of man to inconvenience himself by mere social visits. Their first formal greetings over, Don Mario surveyed the bare living room and remarked, lugubriously:

"I see many changes here." "No doubt," the widow agreed. "Times have been hard since poor Esteban's death."

"What a terrible calamity that was! I shudder when I think of it," said he. "A shocking affair, truly! and one I shall never get out of my mind."

"Shocking, yes. But what do you think of a rich man, like Esteban, who would leave his family destitute? Who would die without revealing the place where he had stored his treasure?"

Donna Isabel, it was plain, felt her wrongs keenly; she spoke with as much spirit as if her husband had permitted himself to be killed purely out of spite toward her.

"As if it were not enough to lose that treasure," the widow continued, stormily, "the government must free all our slaves. Tse! Tse! And now that there is no longer a profit in sugar, my plantations—"

"No profit in sugar? What are you saying?" queried the caller. "If your crops do not pay, then Pancho Cuetos is cheating you. Get rid of him. But I didn't come here to talk about Esteban's hidden treasure, nor his plantations, nor Pancho Cuetos. I came here to talk about your step-daughter, Rosa."

"Silly! She knows nothing about it." With a flirtatious sigh Rosa added: "That's what robs the affair of its chief pleasure. Since it does not bother her in the least, I think I will not allow you to come any more."

After judicious consideration, O'Reilly pretended to agree. "There's no fun in wreaking a horrible revenge, when your enemy isn't wise to it," he acknowledged. "Since it's your idea to irritate your stepmother, perhaps it would annoy her if I made love directly to her."

Rosa giggled, and then inquired, naively, "Can you make love, senator?" "Can I? It's the one ability an O'Reilly inherits. Listen to this now." Reaching forth, he took Rosa's fingers in his; "Wait!" he cried as she resisted. "Pretend that you're Mrs. Varona, your own stepmother, and that this is her dimpled hand I'm holding."

"Oh-h!" The girl allowed his grasp to remain. "But Isabel's hand isn't dimpled; it's thin and bony. I've felt it on my ears often enough."

"Don't interrupt," he told her. "Isabel, my little darling—" "Isabel!" exclaimed a voice, and the lovers started guiltily apart. They turned to find Esteban, Rosa's twin brother, staring at them oddly. "Isabel!" he repeated. "What's this?"

"You interrupted our theatricals. I was rehearsing an impassioned proposal to your beloved stepmother," O'Reilly explained, with a pretense of annoyance. "Yes, Senator O'Reilly believes he can infuriate Isabel by laying siege to her. He's a foolish person—"

Rosa's cheeks were faintly flushed and her color deepened at the amusement in Esteban's eyes. "He makes love wretchedly."

"What little I overheard wasn't bad," Esteban declared; then he took O'Reilly's hand. "Esteban was a handsome boy, straight, slim and manly, and his resemblance to Rosa was startling. With a look engaging in its frank directness, he said: 'Rosa told me about your meetings here and I came to apologize for our stepmother's discourtesy. I'm sorry we can't invite you into our house, but—do you understand? Rosa and I are not like her; we are quite liberal in our views; we are almost Americans, as you see. I dare say that what makes Isabel hate Americans so bitterly.'"

"Wouldn't it please her to know that I'm becoming Cubanized as fast as ever I can?" ventured the caller. "Oh, she hates Cubans, too!" laughed the brother. "She's Spanish, you know. Well, it's fortunate you didn't see her today. Br-r! What a temper! She'll walk in her sleep tonight, if ever."

Rosa nodded soberly, and O'Reilly, suppressing some light reply that had sprung to his lips, inquired, curiously, "What do you mean by that?"

Brother and sister joined in explaining that Donna Isabel was given to peculiar actions, especially after periods of excitement or anger, and that one of her eccentricities had taken the form of somnambulistic wanderings. "Oh, she's crazy enough," Esteban concluded. "I believe it's her evil conscience."

O'Reilly scanned the speaker silently for a moment; then he said, with a gravity unusual in him, "I wonder if you know that you're suspected of working for the insurrecto cause?"

"Indeed! Do you think I'm so ugly nobody would have me? The richest man in Matanzas has asked for my hand this very afternoon."

"Who? Mario de Castano?"

"Yes." O'Reilly laughed with relief, and though Rosa tried to look offended, she was forced to smile. "He's fat, I know," she admitted, "and he makes funny noises when he breathes; but he is richer than Croesus, and I adore rich men."

"I hate 'em!" announced O'Reilly. Then for a second time he took Rosa's dimpled hand, saying, earnestly: "My sure you know now why I make love so badly, dear. It's my Irish conscience. And you'll wait until I come back, won't you?"

"Will you be gone—very long?" she asked.

O'Reilly looked deeply now into the dark eyes turned to his, and found that at last there was no coquetry in them

anywhere—nothing but a lonesome, hungry yearning—and with a glad, incoherent exclamation he held out his arms. Rosa Varona crept into them; then with a sigh she upturned her lips to his.

"I'll wait forever," she said.

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MORE BOYS OF OREGON ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 20.—Three ships sailed into New York harbor Wednesday in drenching rain and debarbed a wet, laughing lot of troops who were able to smile at arriving home, in spite of the weather and the long tedious trip.

Mexican Bandits Lose Big Battle

JAUREZ, Mexico, March 21.—Jaurez today celebrated the news of General Zuazua's reported victory over Villa's command under Martin Lopez Wednesday at Boquilla del Marquesote, 75 miles south of the New Mexican border.

New York to London Talk is Possible

LONDON, March 22.—"Within three months, you, from your hotel room in London, will be able to call any New York telephone number and get it inside of 15 minutes," then talk for three minutes for 85 cents.

ANTON SOVINSKI OF HIGHLAND ARRESTED FOR SETTING FIRES

Anton Sovinski of the Highland country, was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Wilson, Deputy Joyner, Constable Fortune and Fire Warden Ferguson and brought before Judge Sievers. He was charged with setting a forest fire some time ago which the fire warden claims it cost \$250 to put out.

A short time ago Constable Fortune went out to arrest the man and was driven away with a gun and Tuesday the four men slipped up on Sovinski and when they spoke to him he turned around and was confronted with four guns. He made no effort to fight or escape and was handcuffed and brought to the city.

Owing to his wife being in poor health the man was given the smallest fine possible, \$5, and costs, but he at first refused to pay this and his bonds were fixed at \$50. He did not understand this and refused to produce the bonds. After many attempts it was explained to him and he paid the fine and costs.

On one occasion when officers tried to arrest him he denied being the man wanted and the fire warden was taken along Tuesday to identify him.

Lieutenant Winton Long In Service

Lieutenant and Mrs. H. R. Winton, who have been guests of Mrs. Winton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes of Gladstone, left Sunday afternoon for Hartsville, Alabama, where they are to make their future home.

MANY TAKING UP CLUB WORK IN CLACKAMAS

At the recent meeting held at Stone, when County Agent R. G. Scott and Miss Marie Anthony, home demonstrator, presided, much interest was taken by the residents of that place, having taken up this work, and the various subjects to be handled in that section are as follows:

"Rodent Control," Frank Hattin; "Canada Thistle Control," F. L. Peake; "Labor Saving Devices," Mrs. R. L. Peake; "Home Nursing," Mrs. George Dallas; "Boys' and Girls' Club Leader," Miss Madgo Byers.

At the meeting held at Molalla a number of chairmen of the various projects were appointed. These were with the subjects taken, as follows: "Hot School Lunches," Mrs. Orla Buxton; "Care and Feeding of Children," Mrs. M. J. Cockerell; "Home Nursing," Mrs. F. G. Havencarr; "Dairy Improvement," C. H. Marsh; "Rodent Control," S. A. Cordill; "Fertilizer Demonstration," O. R. Daugherty; "Drainage," George Daugherty.

At the Hazella meeting conducted by Mr. Scott and Miss Anthony, two subjects were discussed, and will be carried out. These are "Poultry," with George Wilson as chairman; "Cabbage Pest Control," H. Baker. "Rodent Control," was one of the subjects discussed at the Sandy meeting, and B. Nelson was chosen chairman; "Potato Demonstration," Joel Jarl; "Fertilizer Demonstration," J. G. DeShazer; "Poultry," Mrs. Anton Maler.

The Damascus meeting was also well attended, and the following subjects with their chairmen were chosen: "Rodent Control," John Hoffmeister; "Fertilizer Demonstration," E. A. Richards.

POLES OPPOSED

LONDON, March 24.—West Prussia has decided upon armed resistance if Poland attempts to annex West Prussian soil, according to information from that region today. The German cabinet has arrived at a complete agreement upon problems connected with the conclusion of peace.

Sergeant C. Moore Back from France

Sergeant Carl Moore, who has been with the 116th Engineers, and with the Medical department, has returned to Oregon City, looking the picture of health. Sergeant Moore has been in France, and has had many experiences to relate. Among these are the heroic deeds the American boys have done while in France, and the courage shown while in the hospital in which he was connected. Many of the boys, who were placed on the operating table on many occasions without the use of an anaesthetic. "Their grit was wonderful," says Sergeant Moore, who assisted in performing many operations near the battle field. Before entering the service Sergeant Moore was connected with the county clerk's office during the administration of Miss Iva Harrington.

MEMBER OF THE BRITISH ARMY HERE ON VISIT

Corporal M. T. Devereaux, who has visited in Oregon City on several occasions, and the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Nash, formerly of this city, but now of the East, is in Oregon City for a few days. Corporal Devereaux returned from France, December 23, 1918, after being in some of the heaviest battles, has had many exciting experiences while at the front. He has been wounded three times, and pieces of shrapnel are still in his body.

Corporal Devereaux is here in the interest of a brief history of the American Legion, of which he was a member. This is an attractive booklet, and those who have seen it, have helped the young soldier by purchasing one of these. This booklet was compiled by Corporal M. T. Devereaux and H. K. Goodwin. The booklet is filled with many interesting facts concerning the American Legion—the 221st Battalion while in France.

This American Legion was formed in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and was composed of young men of the United States, who enlisted with the Canadian forces at Sarcee Camp, Calgary, Alberta, in 1915 and 1916, and sent overseas shortly afterward.

It was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Sage of New York, afterwards being transferred to the Eighth C. R. T. under command of Lieutenant Colonel Cornwall of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

On account of suffering heavy losses during the first months of service in Belgium and France, the battalion was diminished in number, and being unable to further recruit American boys from the United States, it was necessary to disband. The majority of this American unit then formed into the Eighth Battalion, C. R. T. in which line of service it accomplished brilliant work, and was one of the first battalions to construct the light railroads in France and Belgium. This light railway did away with the use of mules, automobiles and man power, and the ammunition was sent by this means, and the wounded were transported from the lines to the first aid stations, resulting in many lives being saved. This Legion also constructed railway lines into Messines Ridge, Belgium, where the battle raged fiercely.

Corporal Devereaux has in his possession a letter from the mayor of Vancouver, Wash., commending the book gotten out by these soldiers, and of their noble deeds while in Belgium and France. The letter is also endorsed by Mayor H. L. Holman of this city.

Corporal Devereaux is meeting with success among his many friends and others interested in the boys in the service, and has sold many of the little booklets. They are illustrated, showing what has been done "over there." One of the illustrations is that of Flanders mud behind the lines at Somme. The boys were compelled to spend several months in the muddiest section and to wade into the mud up to their waist lines. The Somme will never be forgotten by the boys who were lucky enough to get out of that section alive.

PROBATE COURT

Otto C. Hanson filed Thursday for letters of administration in the estate of the late Peter Hanson, who died in this county September 14, 1916. The estate consists of real property in Clackamas valued at \$1,000.

Petitioner in the above also filed for letters of administration in the estate of the late Johanna Hanson, who died in this county December 1, 1918. This estate consists of a claim against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the value of which the petitioner does not know.

G. E. Heatherman filed Tuesday for letters of administration in the estate of the late Lewis A. Heatherman, who died January 15, 1919. The estate consists of personal property in Jefferson and Clackamas counties valued at \$4,000 and there are several heirs.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born to the wife of John Osborne, a nine-pound son, March 22, at the maternity hospital.

Born, February 28, at the maternity hospital to the wife of David Hard Maple Lane, a daughter, weight, seven and one-half pounds.

CZECHS ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK AUSTRIANS

COPENHAGEN, March 26.—The Czech-Slovaks are mobilizing an army at Ostrava (150 miles north of Budapest), to march against the Hungarians, a Vienna dispatch reported today. The army will be commanded by the Italian general Piccini.

LONDON, March 26.—A news agency dispatch from Prague today said reports had been received there that Count Karolyi, former head of the Hungarian government, had been assassinated.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna said Karolyi had been arrested by the communists.

CHESTER STAFFORD IS ACCUSED BY WIFE OF CRUEL TREATMENT

Cruel and inhuman treatment alleged in the divorce suit of Ethel Stafford against Chester Stafford, filed here Tuesday.

They were married at Dorington September 12, 1912, and she alleges he is extremely jealous and cruel to her many times in the presence of others. She also claims he falsely accused her of paying too much attention to other men.

She says that for the past five months she has made her own living and during this time he has failed to contribute to her support. She asks the right to resume her maiden name of Ethel Mercer.

FORMER RESIDENT OF OREGON CITY PASSES AWAY MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. J. L. Vosberg, a former resident of Oregon City, and later of Old Grove, died at the family home at Warren, Oregon, Monday evening after a brief illness.

Mrs. Vosberg was well known in Oregon City, having resided on the Abernethy on the Vosberg farm for some time. She was a member of the Episcopal church while here, and was active in church work.

Mrs. Vosberg moved to Warren from Oak Grove, having resided in the latter place for a number of years. The deceased is survived by her husband and a son, Charles Volcott of Warren; also by six grandchildren of Warren.

HULT BROS. SUEDE

L. D. Atkins and O. L. Adams, long business as Atkins Brothers, entered suit Wednesday against Hult, Julius and Philip Hult, known as Hult Brothers, of Colton, to collect \$1,422.19. This amount is alleged to be due the plaintiffs for logging performed for the Defendants when 226 feet of saw logs were logged. Plaintiffs allege this work was performed between December 12 and March 20, 1919. They ask for a judgment for the full amount and 8 percent interest and costs of the case.



"You May Name Your Own Reward," edly ventured the stepmother.

Don Mario broke out, testily: "Naturally; so have we all. Now let us speak plainly. You know me. I am a person of importance. I am rich enough to afford what I want, and I pay well. You understand? Well, then, you are Rosa's guardian and you can bend her to your desires."



In 1848 Sir Arthur Garrod pointed that in gout (also true in rheumatism) there is deficient elimination of uric acid within or not thrown off.

Prof. H. Straus attributes a gout attack to the heaping up of uric acid where there is an abundance of uric acid which is precipitated in the joints and sheaths, setting up inflammation. Before the attack of gout or rheumatism there is sometimes headache or what is thought to be rheumatism, rheumatic conditions, such as pain in the back of the neck, or other parts of the body.

"Annie" (anti-uric) is a powerful remedy for Dr. Pierce's uric acid, for Dr. Pierce's uric acid is so hot, it dissolves every uric acid as hot tea dissolves every

POLK'S GAZETTEER

A Business Directory of each City, Town and Village in Oregon and Washington, giving a Descriptive List of each place, Location, Shipping Facilities and a Classified Directory of each Business and Profession.

MINERS STRIKE

CARDIFF, Wales, March 24.—Six thousand Welsh miners went on strike today as a protest against the action of the coal inquiry commission in not making a favorable report on all of their demands.