

SERIAL STORY

SECRET VOYAGE

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Yesterday: Jim Mallory and Curly Bates decide the only way to get into the hold of the sunken Sonora is to blast. After setting off a dynamite charge, Curly goes below and reports the forward hold is empty. A boat has been sighted in the distance the night before, and Jim decides not to call the Coast Guard but to maintain a double watch. The following day another boat approaches. It is Jeffery Hammond, Lois Hammond and Mary Larsen. Hammond asks if he has had any luck, and Jim replies: "No luck at all. Neither good or bad." He sees Mary Larsen gazing at him, laughter in her eyes.

SCUTTLED CHAPTER X

Jim Mallory still looked at Mary Larsen when Lois Hammond came and slipped her arm through his. He thought: "So she didn't become Eric Forbes' secretary." And he might have hoped Mary was now interested in the things he had said to her back home—were it not for his suspicions. Lois said, her voice soft. "It's good to see you again, Jim." And he looked from Mary to her. Lois' lips smiled but her eyes were dark and stormy. She had seen his too-long glance at the other girl, and she had read its meaning. She hadn't liked that glance at all. "It's good to see you again," he said. And, for the other girl's benefit, he lay his hand on Lois' hand and fondly squeezed it. That was a childish thing to do; he knew that instantly.

He turned to Jeffery Hammond. "I'd like to talk with you, sir, alone."

"Of course, Mallory. Come to my cabin."

In the cabin, Hammond faced him with evident embarrassment. His hands shook as he lighted a cigar. "Well, let's have it, Mallory."

"There's no ore in the Sonora's forward hold," Jim said. "I've a hunch there's none in the after holds. I want an explanation."

"Very well. I shall give you an explanation. I came here for that purpose. Back in Miami Beach, Mr. Forbes and I made you an offer. We wanted you to drop your plans for salvaging the Sonora. You wouldn't deal with us, and you threatened to do the job on your own. We couldn't afford to let you do that. I went into this thing with you merely to secure your secrecy."

"You didn't want me to report anything to the Coast Guard or to the Maritime Commission?"

"That is right. You know, of course, how the Sonora was sunk."

"By shellfire?"

"No. She was scuttled. The first mate, Halloran, opened the sea cocks. But she had been shelled. We didn't want her brought into port full of holes because of the excitement and scandal it would cause."

"Wasn't Halloran lost at sea?"

"He was wounded. The crew put him ashore at Cuba. He was in a hospital there for a month. That's the last I heard of him."

"I'm beginning to see what happened," Jim said. "But not why."

Hammond's face looked suddenly old and tired. "The Sonora carried oil and rubber out of South America, and not manganese. That is why the cargo was not insured. She sailed for European waters, had a rendezvous with a belligerent ship, and transferred the cargo. Rubber and oil are badly needed over there. Just as the rendezvous was ending, a British warship appeared in the dusk. The Sonora and the other ship ran for it, and the warship began firing. The Sonora was hit a dozen times, her captain killed and Halloran wounded, but she got away. Halloran brought her down into the Caribbean, for secrecy, but the Coast Guard had been tipped off to look for an unknown American ship that had been in the war zones in defiance of the neutrality law."

"And so," Jim said, "your ordered Halloran to scuttle her?"

"Exactly. Then you came along. We hadn't figured on the Sonora being found. You can see how much we had at stake. The reputation of the line, and a whole mess of trouble with the government."

Jim nodded. "But why did you take the risk in the first place?"

"The company has been in financial trouble since the war

started," Hammond replied, his voice burdened. "Most of our shipping was done in waters now forbidden to American ships by the neutrality act. Eric Forbes made a contact which led to the Sonora's sinking. I shan't put all the blame on Forbes, however, for I gave my consent. Forbes' contact paid well, and we took the risks."

"And so I was a meddling fool," Jim said. "I butted in, caused you a lot of grief, and you gave me enough rope—"

"Not exactly that, Mallory. You are a stubborn young man. I had to string along with you. Now I'm offering you a way out. Five thousand dollars above your expenses—for your silence."

"I don't go in for blackmail, Hammond."

"Then you'll report to the Coast Guard?"

"No. But if the Coast Guard comes asking me questions, I'll answer them."

"You've had a lot of expense. Let me pay that."

Jim shook his head. "No dice, Hammond," he said, and turned to the door. Hammond's voice halted him.

"What are your plans, then, Mallory?"

"I'm going to stiek around here. I'm not satisfied that the Sonora hasn't something to salvage. As I told you, someone else is interested in her—to the tune of 25 grand."

Hammond frowned; it was a worried frown. "I can't understand that. Who could know about the Sonora? What cargo could she have carried?"

"That's something you should ask the Sonora's first mate, Bert Halloran," Jim said, and went out.

He found Lois sitting in a deck chair under the after-deck awning. She wore a white dress of nautical design, its buttons tiny blue anchors. Her cool patrician beauty was a little awe-inspiring, but Jim Mallory knew by the way she looked at him that she wasn't beyond his reach.

"She said, her voice caressing. 'Sit beside me, darling, and tell me how your salvage work is coming.'"

"He pulled a chair up beside hers and sat down. 'There isn't any salvage, Lois. Here's a man on the verge of bankruptcy.'"

"You're joking, Jim."

"Not a little bit. What makes you think I'd joke about that."

"Oh, a little conversation I overheard before we sailed."

"Let me in on it," he said, regarding her curiously. He could see that her eyes had become strangely calculative.

"It was nothing, really. Just something Eric Forbes and father's secretary were discussing."

Jim tried to keep a poker face. He made a careful thing of lighting a cigarette. "Go on," he said.

He didn't notice the sly glance Lois gave him. "Forbes was trying to get our little Mary to go back to New York as his secretary and she was refusing. He wanted to know if you were the reason for her refusal. She said that you might be."

"And Forbes?"

"He said, 'Why, because you know Mallory is about to strike it rich?' So now, Jim, I know you were either joking or misleading me. You aren't close to bankruptcy, are you?"

"I think the sheriff is waiting for me back at Miami Beach."

Lois's bantering smile vanished, and a blazing fury was bright in

her eyes. "Well, I know when I'm being told off," she said bitterly. "And I have eyes in my head. You want that girl, and it doesn't matter to you that she would have preferred Eric Forbes if she couldn't count on your getting some money! The m e r c e n a r y little—" She jumped up from the chair, pale under her fury. "What a stupid fool you are! What a stupid fool I was to think a man like you worth bothering with!" (To Be Continued)

Funeral Held for Former Resident

Funeral services for Ora Babcock, 62, were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday from the Christian church in Waitsburg, Wash., according to a clipping from the Waitsburg newspaper. Mr. Babcock, who had been in ill health for the past 13 months, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, in Waitsburg.

A former resident of Bend, Mr. Babcock is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Babcock; a son, Milan Babcock, of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Chet, of Waitsburg, and a half brother, Bert Colwell, of Pomeroy, Wash.

MEETING DATE CHANGED—Prineville, Aug. 21 (Special)—Due to the fact that the last day of the Crook county fair coincides with the regular Pomona grange meeting date, the date for Pomona has been set ahead for September 6. The meeting will be held at Post.



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