

# Virginia OF THE Air Lanes

A ROMANCE OF FLYING

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**SYNOPSIS.**

**CHAPTER I**—Theodore Carson, owner of an airship, rescues from a fugitive flying machine called a leopter, a beautiful young girl. **I and III**—Carson is infatuated with her and takes her where she can amuse with her friends. **V**—Carson visits the Roc, a giant ship owned by Shayne, uncle of Virginia Suarez, the girl he rescued, being coldly received, leaps in the Roc, at a great height, in a parachute. **VI and VII**—He lands in the hands of the Slatery Institute for bribes, where he makes a friend one Craighead, who plans to raise a rival to manufacture the new style ship Carson has invented. Thus he hopes to rival Shayne, who controls the airship industry. **VIII**—Mr. Waddy decides conditionally to capitalize the Carson-Craighead project. **X**—Carson goes to Florida to complete a sample airship to exhibit Mr. Waddy, and he finds Virginia. **XI**—He is in love with Virginia. Waddy, a rival inventor, conspires to ruin Carson. **XII, XIII and XIV**—Waddy builds a submarine in a sensational manner almost accomplishes the capture of Carson and Virginia and destruction of the airship, a case "devilish versus bird." Virginia escapes from Carson in the Roc.

he was too probably of kin to have turned her away. And he would land in Shayne's Hold if it were the last act of his life.

With the ancient instinct of the surreptitious lover he made for the angle between two dark wings of the great house. Glimmers of light from two windows were their sole sign of occupancy, the center of human concourse being about that core of light in the court. The wings seemed like low adjuncts for conservatories or billiard rooms, and the angle between, with its light mottlings, looked like a flower sprinkled lawn on which Carson felt confident of placing the Virginia gently and with no disturbance. With a slow soaring motion the aeroplane came into the angle like a steamer into her slip—and found, instead of a lawn, a gravelled court cluttered with tables and chairs as if for the serving of refreshments. Among these the Virginia nosed in, dumped some chairs into the court and settled down amid crackling furniture and crashing pottery.

The Roc had reached Shayne's Hold just in time to escape the storm, and the weary Virginia had retired, sick of the harping of her aunt upon the disgrace of her sojourn with "Uncle Theodore," weary of telling how innocent it had been. With a book close to the light she was composing her mind to sleep, when into the dreamy solitude came a purring that was so unmistakably the voice of the aeroplane that Virginia rose, with her hand to her heart, in an amazement not all unpleasant, wondering where her namesake might alight and what Shayne's hired constabulary might do with Theodore, when from the roof came a scraping, chairs and tables went over the parapet with a crash, and the voices of Craighead and Carson came in at the window, low, hurried and agitated.

Virginia turned out the dim light. "Well," said she, in answer to her maid's tap, "what is it, Fanny?" "I heard an awful noise," said Fanny. "It seemed to come from 'ere, miss."

"Some things fell into the court," replied Virginia. "Please tell the servants and say that things must not be piled upon the parapet. That's all, Fanny."

Virginia walked to the window. There lay the dear little airship that she and Theodore had planned campaign for and conquered the world with. Theodore was passing the other way now, peering into every bearing and gearing for signs of damage.

"It's a miracle," said Theodore at last, "but she's all right and ready to rise at a touch."

"Thank God!" said Virginia. "Did you find a way down?" asked Carson of Craighead, all unconscious of the nearness of what he sought.

"Only the old way by which I came off the back stoop of the emporium," replied Craighead, who had been skirting along the edge of the parapet. "It's a matter of specific gravity. As to getting back, unless you brought your specific levity with you I really don't see, old chap, how it's going to be managed."

"Once down I can force my way up," said Theodore, raising his voice in his intensity. "Do you think I'll go back without seeing her? No! You stay here, and—"

"Mr. Craighead!" The voice came from the darkness of the house, cool and calm.

"Present!" answered Craighead. "But don't shoot! I'm a starving man, in charge of a maniac!"

"Please come here," said the voice. "Virginia!" cried Carson.

"Please tell your friend," said the voice, "that if he presumes to address any person except yourself this window will be closed!"

Craighead approached the glimmer of white drapery, and Virginia gave him her hand, which he gallantly kissed.

"You may tell your friend," said Miss Suarez, "that his coming here is a foolhardy thing and quite uncalled for. No one here either can see him or would if she could."

"You hear, old man?" queried Craighead. "The imprisoned damsel saith it's all a mistake. She don't want no knight. This balcony business lacks appeal, being backneyed and overworked. It's no go, colonel—except for you."

"You may tell him," went on Virginia, "that his movements have been reported and the Aerostatic Power company is about taking legal steps—I don't know what—to contest with him—I don't know what!"

"That's in my department," replied Craighead. "And tell your friend that we shall be with him in the courts."

A murmur of voices arose from the court, and lights flashed out, illuminating the roof.

"I can't go," said Carson. "I must speak. I was wrong not to tell you of your mistake, but I loved you from the moment I picked you up from the sand and carried you into the cabin. I couldn't say you had no place to go. I wanted you, and I didn't think of anything that—that could remind me of—of—of your reputation!"

"Mr. Craighead, tell your friend," went on Virginia, and her voice now faltered, "that I shall consider what he says and that I shall cease to be angry by ceasing to remember him. And now go!"

"We are here for no bad purpose," said Theodore firmly, "and we shall not fly!"

"Foolish boy!" cried Virginia. "They will confine you at their pleasure through officers that can act legally and study the airship and steal your creation. Go, I beg of you—go!"

There were a knocking at the door and loud voices demanding admittance. Virginia extended her hands imploringly as she spoke, and Theodore seized them.

(To Be Continued.)

## GERMANY TO GET JAP TRADE

Rumor That Germans and Japanese Are to Conclude Trade Agreement Substantiated by Visit of the Director.

HONG KONG, Aug. 24.—Substantiating the rumor that Germany and Japan were about to conclude an agreement whereby Germany gains a close grip on Oriental trade, Director Heineken of the North German Lloyd Steamship company today is en route from Hong Kong to Nagasaki. He arrived in Hong Kong unexpectedly and after a brief conference with his company's manager proceeded toward Japan. The sudden visit has caused the keenest interest among commercial and shipping men.

It is believed that special significance attaches to the Japanese trip of the steamship official, in view of the departure from San Francisco yesterday of the representatives of the associated chambers of commerce of the Pacific coast. These men are going to China and Japan to study trade conditions and to establish more amiable relations with the Orient. It is believed that the German official is hurrying to the Orient in order to forestall the Americans.

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The victory of the Nicaraguan insurgents is highly gratifying to diplomats here, who believe that it paves the way for the restoration of diplomatic relations with the Central American state and to the re-establishment of order in Nicaragua.

### BELIEVE YAMAGUCHI IS NOW IN IDAHO

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 24.—Captain of Detectives Peterson has received information from W. G. Jagau electrician and baggagemaster on the overland run from Oakland to Ogden, that Henry Yamaguchi, wanted in connection with the mysterious murder of the Kendall family near Casadero, is now in northern Idaho. Jagau states positively

that a Japanese whom he believes to be Yamaguchi traveled from a central California point accompanied by a strikingly beautiful American woman. The couple left the Overland Limited at Ogden, buying tickets to Gooding, Idaho.

Sheriff Smith of Sonoma county, in which the Kendall murders were committed, has been notified. Telegrams also have been sent to Idaho requesting the officers there to keep a sharp outlook for the Japanese and his companion.

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