

VALIANT DUST

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SYNOPSIS: Margaret Mallory, distrustful of Jules, her husband, and frightened by the advances of Ralsul, son of the King of Morocco, receives an offer of help from Herr Schlicht. Ostensibly Schlicht represents Germany in an intrigue with the King against France. Jules and his father are the King's agents, but they secretly plot with Schlicht against him. The ancient Moorish attitude is a matter of intrigue, and Margaret is beautiful, and lonely in this barbarous land.

Chapter 28 JULES RETURNS

FRIGHTENED, unhappy and puzzled as Margaret was when she reached her room, her mental condition did not improve as she sat and waited for her husband and tried to come to a decision as to what it would be best to tell him. And should she say anything at all about her meeting with the German officer?

Perhaps it would be as well to make no reference to him, inasmuch as she had tacitly agreed to regard what he had said as confidential. It would be rather foolish and pointless to say to Jules, "I met Herr Schlicht and had a chat with him, but cannot repeat our conversation to you."



for drink, in all the years that you've known me?"

"No, I haven't, Jules, until we came to Morocco. You've been drinking far more than is good for you, for the last six months—it seems like six years. But I have not seen you drunk."

Gently shaking his head, Jules smiled reproachfully. "And you really did not get drunk last night, Jules?"

Jules again smiled reproachfully, and treated the question as unworthy of further answer. "Very well then," continued Margaret. "You must have been drugged deliberately—as I hoped and knew."

"You hoped and knew I should be drugged?"

"I didn't say that. On hearing that you were insensible, speechless, apparently dead drunk, I hoped that you had been drugged. I knew you had been drugged. I was certain you had not merely made a boast of yourself."

"Thank you," interrupted Jules Mallory with a hint of sarcasm. "Very kind of you."

"Well, kindness is a virtue," he continued, as Margaret, white-faced and big-eyed, watched him with intent anxiety, "and virtue is its own reward. You have it—for I exercised exactly the same virtue of

kindness toward you. Both of us kind, and both of us, rewarded."

"I was going to say you show your kindness in a curious manner, Jules, in leaving me alone here all night, but of course it wasn't your fault. It was my misfortune. But it mustn't happen again, Jules. You mustn't leave me alone again, while we're here. And we mustn't be here a day longer than is absolutely necessary for making preparations for the journey."

"Why this sudden fear of being alone, and this—unrest?"

"I should be afraid to be left alone again as I was last night—because of Ralsul."

"Ah!" observed Jules non-committally. "Look here, Jules, you know Ralsul proposed to me at Oxford the day after he first met me."

"And you know that he then professed to us desperately and madly in love with me."

"Yes." "He hasn't got over it; or he thinks he hasn't." "I'm sure he hasn't, my dear. Who would? And he and I are not the only ones, either, are we?" "Then since he hasn't, Jules—and you admit that he hasn't—you must surely understand..."

"Understand what?" "Understand why I won't be left alone again, and why I want to leave here at the earliest possible moment. Understand why I hoped you were drugged, and not drunk, last night?" "Oh, come, you exaggerate, my dear. Young Ralsul's call-love..." "Can be a great nuisance," interrupted Margaret. "Life is full of nuisances," shrugged Jules Mallory. "Well, my life was rather overfull of this particular nuisance last night."

ROOSEVELT GETS COMMENDATION

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—Heaps of mail and telegrams and numerous telephone calls brought evidence to the White House today

of the support President Roosevelt is receiving from the public in the banking emergency. From every section of the country came suggestions for restoring confidence. Pledges of support began last week when the holiday was first proclaimed and reached a peak last night after Mr. Roosevelt had made an appeal for confidence and courage. A few minutes after the president concluded the White House switchboard was deluged with telephone calls from all sections, each caller

Pope's Condolence To Stricken Area

VATICAN CITY, March 3.—(AP)—Pope Pius XI sent his condolences to the apostolic delegation at Washington today requesting they be forwarded to the California dioceses stricken by the earthquake.

SALEM BANK SHIPS LONG SAVED GOLD

SALEM, March 12.—(AP)—Over a quarter million dollars of reserve gold was shipped today to the federal re-

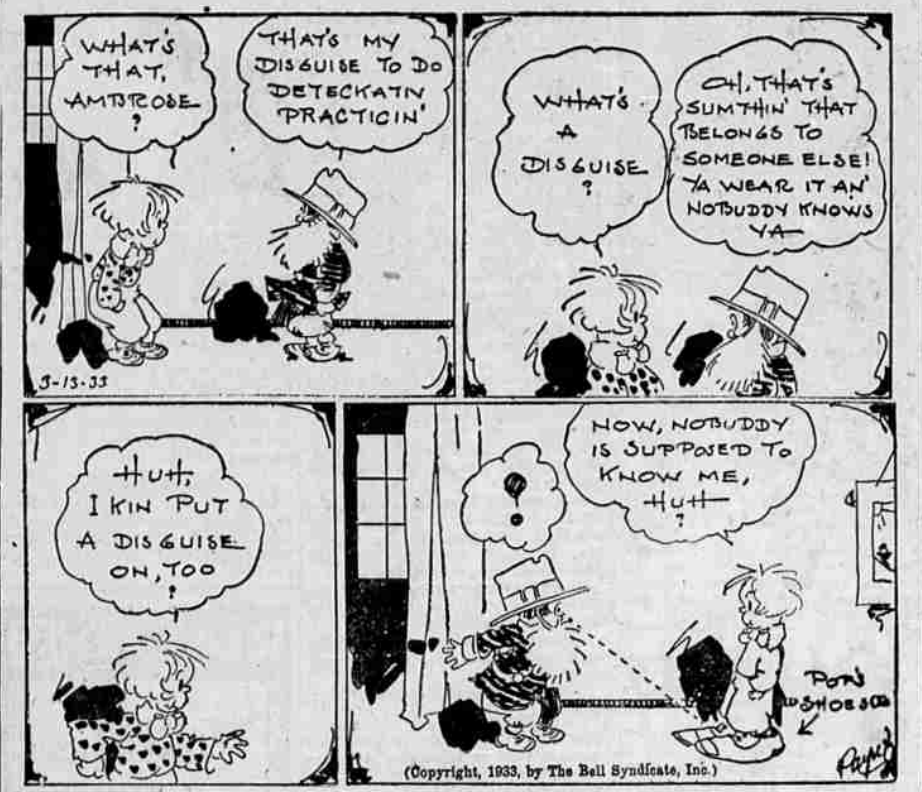
serve bank in Portland from the Ladd & Bush bank of Salem. An escort of state police accompanied the shipment of gold which had been held intact by the Ladd & Bush bank for more than 80 years as part of its specie and currency reserve held available for immediate use to carry on community business. It will be replaced by United States currency.

Car Loadings Show Upturn In Business

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—The American Railway Association announced today that carloadings for the week ended March 4 were 477,827 cars, an increase of 18,748 over the preceding week but 81,652 under the same week in 1932.

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ARCHDUKE AUTO WAITS MONARCHISTIC REVOLT

VIENNA, March 12.—(AP)—Humors from Berlin that Archduke Otto of Hapsburg is living at a monastery in Switzerland near the Austrian border, awaiting a monarchist outbreak which would enable him to regain the Austria throne have thrown Vienna into a state of excitement. Police refuse to comment beyond stating that they were busy seeking Otto's whereabouts.



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