

BLOND GODDESS

A New Serial by Herbert Jensen

SYNOPSIS: Frank Graham has been saved from death at the hands of Don Rossi. Rossi is the son of a famous doctor. Frank suspects the same who tried to kidnap Janice Kent in Hollywood a short time before. Now Frank is searching for a clue to the disappearance of his sister friend Billie Linton, and Janice whom he loves but who has refused him. He has her seen to Mexico to make a film. Janice, a Mexican boy, just has agreed to go with Frank into the dangerous interior.

Mr. Greene regained something of his usual aggressiveness. He located Hogarth and the two camera-men, unceremoniously to finish, upon the rather thick tongue of invitation, the cool liquid that remained in a quart bottle upon the table. He bundled them into their seats upon the train.

The train whistled and puffed out of the station. Mr. Greene had arranged his party at the rear end of their coach and placed their boxes so that they separated them from the packed and chattering humanity further forward.

"There was no first class coach on this train. They say they have one they told me. Another funny thing: They have a flat-car behind us with about twenty soldiers on it and another one behind the engine with some more army."

"I'll have to ask their General if I can use them for extra. We'll need a couple of hundred for the yelling, howling, savages' scenes. They look too lazy to yell and howl much but maybe we can put a keg of beer on top of the flat-car and have 'em charge it."

The train rumbled along. Mr. Greene's voice rose and fell. Janice sat listlessly in her seat, smiling faintly as an occasional comment of Greene's amused her. Hogarth, and the two other men had produced a bottle with an odd label, and were parting it with the "sistant c...pres... and wry faces."

Mr. Greene was explaining to Hogarth and his companions the proper Mayan pronunciation of Chichen Itza, the location of the ruins where their pictures were to be taken. It was apparent that none of his listeners were particularly interested.

Mr. Green was proving that a guide-book could be articulate. He lifted his arm. He paused to draw a breath. Then, curiously, he half lifted in his seat. His expression was one of hurt and startled surprise. He toppled toward the aisle, and as he fell sprawling, broken glass crashed about him.

The train lurched as if it had struck a solid obstruction. The passengers were thrown forward. Their coach ground to a stop.

A WOMAN screamed piercingly; whereupon as by a signal other women took up her cry, and men shouted. Janice heard, above the noise within the coach, the crash of exploding firearms. Glass from the windows shattered about her, splinters flew from the woodwork.

Then as suddenly as it had begun, the sustained rattle of firing stopped. There was an occasional shot, then a small volley or two, but the firing was not directed toward the coach.

Janice looked at the other passengers. The natives huddled together or crouched near the floor. Their first excitement had ceased and she heard them talking together in low murmurs—the word "revolutionistas" was repeated often.

Hogarth and the two camera-men were down behind their seats. A Mexican was standing in the aisle cutting at the sleeve of another, and a woman was sitting close by, tearing at a white garment. Janice's glance dropped to the aisle near her. Mr. Greene was sprawled on his face, his bare, slightly bald head within a yard of her foot.

"Hogarth!" she cried. "Greene is hurt!"

Swiftly the girl knelt beside the lax body of Greene. With efficient strength she rolled him half upon his back. She cried sharply as she saw the mass of blood that stained his shirt front.

"Hogarth!" she exclaimed again. "Get some water from the cooler. A lot of it. I..." She sobbed a little with excitement. She pushed Greene's coat back from his shoulders. Her fingers fumbled at the buttons on the bloody shirt. "Oh, dear, a knife please, somebody give me a knife. Oh, poor Mr. Greene!"

Hogarth dashed a cup-full of water upon Greene's face. One of the camera-men knelt opposite Janice and began to rip with a pocket knife at the underwear beneath the shirt.

The man they were working or slaved deeply; his eyelids fluttered. "Ow," muttered Mr. Greene.

Another cup of water was dashed upon him. This time against his chest. The liquid slushed away the blood and showed a ragged red welt across the white skin. Greene struggled to sit erect.

"Lie still," commanded Janice softly. "You've been hurt."

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Tomorrow, a very bad penny turns up again.

MUSICAL NOVICE EARNS ACCLAIM WITH SYMPHONY

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Twenty-year-old Melvin Hansen, of Chehalis, Wash., who has had no musical training other than "some piano lessons," beamed, reddened and took some six curtain calls after the Portland Symphony Orchestra had played his "Symphony in C Minor" during the final matinee concert of the orchestra's season Sunday. An audience of about 3,000 applauded for more than ten minutes.

Sunday's performance was the first time Hansen's composition had ever been played in public. Back of the presentation is a story with Horatio Alger qualities.

Some two months ago, Hansen approached William van Hoogstraten, conductor of the orchestra, in his hotel. "I have a symphony I want you to hear," he said. The conductor questioned him, learned that he had obtained his musical education from piano lessons in Seattle, from talking to orchestra players and from listening to broadcasts. His only previous composition had been a piano concerto which he played with a Seattle high school orchestra in 1931.

Van Hoogstraten tried out the symphony at orchestra rehearsal, and decided it was worthy of presentation. "It is not a great composition," he said, "but it does show an unusual talent."

Young Hansen is now earning his

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the Algona Lumber company and eleven other companies on the Pacific coast to stop selling lumber and other products made from Ponderosa pine as California white pine.

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SUBURBAN HEIGHTS



FRED PERLEY, SHOVELING HIS DRIVEWAY AND ERNIE PLUMER, SHOVELING HIS FRONT WALK, WERE HAVING A PLEASANT TIME CHATTING AS THEY WORKED UNTIL FRED DISCOVERED THAT ERNIE WAS DUMPING ALL HIS SNOW ON FRED'S COAT WHICH HE HAD LAID CAREFULLY FOLDED ON THE SNOW BESIDE HIM

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