

READY MADE WIFE

BY CORALIE STANTON

Chapter 49

LAURIE'S MESSAGE

WHERE was Rex Moore, then? Did he hear a charmed life, or was he dead?

So the madness worked on that brilliant, unbalanced brain. Until, on the fifth day after Rex Moore had been reported missing, Mark Albery was found unconscious on the floor of his study in his Chelsea flat.

When he recovered from the stroke, his mind was affected, and he babbed nonsense about having sent Rex Moore to his death in a plane that had been tampered with. Nobody believed it, of course. His doctors sent him into a nursing home for such cases, and declared that it was only a temporary breakdown and that he would recover his reason very soon.

It was on the following day that Laurie received a wire from a doctor in a remote French village, asking her to come at once, as her husband was laid up there with a broken ankle.

The journey was like a dream to her. She flew to Chamounix, and from there hired a motor car that took her up into the mountains.

And there she found Rex, under the shadow of Mont Blanc, the snowy giant on whose icy slopes he might so easily have found his grave.

He was bruised and shaken by the crash, but had no worse injury than the simple fracture of his ankle. He had been delirious for three days, from the results of exposure in a high valley, where a party of guides had found him, hence the delay in letting anybody know of his plight.

They met in a simple room, with varnished wooden walls and scrubbed floor. From the balcony one looked on the tall, solemn pines and the eternal snows, under the blazing sapphire arch of the August sky.

Laurie walked slowly to his long chair. Then, she suddenly knelt down beside it.

"Oh, Rex—Rex—I've found you at last!"

"I had to send for you, Laurie," he answered in a strangely solemn voice. "I didn't want to. I knew you wouldn't want to come—but you would come, because you think you owe me something."

"Oh, Rex, how did it happen?"

"That's what I felt I must tell you. Albery tried to kill me."

"I knew it," she whispered. And she told him what had happened at the London station.

"He tried before," Rex went on. "That time when you were going up with me. You remember, I couldn't find my usual mechanic. He must have told the strange man to fill my tanks with the new fuel. Lookily, I had warning from the engine in time, and had a parachute."

"And this time?" she asked fearfully.

"This time the plane had been tampered with. You wouldn't understand. It was done by an expert. Nobody could have discovered it—until the plane fell to pieces in the air. I was lucky again. I started off the day before I intended to, and the job wasn't quite finished. So I escaped with my life. I had to tell you, Laurie. I couldn't bear the thought that you were going to marry a murderer."

"I knew it, Rex. And I'm not going to marry him." She was distracted.

"And I think he's gone mad. They've put him into a home." But here there seemed to be no comfort, either. Rex Moore was still so far away, so remote. His face was set; his eyes had that inhuman, snowy look; his mouth was angry and stern.

"I knew that day at the station that I couldn't marry him," she went on. "Not for anything in the world, not even for—". She stopped abruptly.

"Not even for what, Laurie? Why were you going to marry him? For his money, for his position—for what else?"

"No—no!" She broke down. He was all she wanted in the world. He was her happiness; he was her man. Nothing mattered but that he should know the truth.

"Rex, he forced me to say I would marry him. He found out about us; I didn't tell him. I had to lie to you. And he threatened to ruin your career if I didn't marry him. He said he could. He wouldn't help you any more, he wouldn't let anybody else help you. He said he had the power, and I believed him."

She looked at him in an agony of fear lest he should not believe her. His arms closed around her and he held her with a fierce tenderness.

"Laurie, you did that for me! How could I be so blind? Of course, Albery could have ruined me in my job. Then, you do love me? You love me as much as that?"

Their lips met. They were one to that tremendous and awesome rapture that is both violence and peace. A long time passed before they spoke again.

Then Laurie said: "But your career will be ruined. Mr. Albery will never forgive us. You don't mind now, but later on you will be unhappy. Can I make up for that?"

"You would make up for anything, my sweet, my wonderful Laurie!" he told her. "But I'm no longer a penniless beggar, thanks to Wanda Steele."

He saw that she did not understand, and told her of Wanda's tragic death and of his inheritance. She felt a little pang of jealousy that another woman could do so much for him, so much more than she ever could, even though she was dead. But, of course, she had to be glad.

Laurie stayed in the little village until Rex Moore could get about. Then they went to Geneva, and were married by the British Consul.

"So now you're really Mrs. Rex Moore!" he said teasingly the next day, as they strolled by the lake.

"And how does it feel to be married to a poor devil you started out hating?"

"I never hated you!" she laughed happily. "And it feels too wonderful for words! And life is wonderful—and you are wonderful! And, what's more, it's real!"

They went back to England to pick up Gladys. Rex agreed with Laurie that they could not leave the girl alone.

And all the outside world ever knew was that Mrs. Rex Moore had gone to Switzerland to be with her famous husband after his accident, and the devoted couple spent months ago, where the strman had recently inherited a beautiful estate.

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THE END.

3 NEW TEACHERS FOR APPLIGATE

BIG APPLIGATE, Aug. 30.—(Sp.)—Schools of the Appligate valley will open the first and second week in September with last year's teachers in charge again, with the exception

of three. The new teachers are Mrs. Opal Mooter of Medford, who will teach at Ruch; Mrs. Wallace Hazins, recently of Pekin, Ill., at Beaver creek; and Miss Mary Beatty of Ashland, primary room at Appligate. The remaining force of teachers include Mrs. Ina Purcell of this community, Waskins; Miss Eleanor Maule of Portland, Uniontown; Mrs. George Brownlee of Jacksonville, Seaside; Carl Ayres of Portland, Little Appligate; Wm. Ludwig of the community, Appligate upper grade room; and Miss June Rudd, Thompson creek.

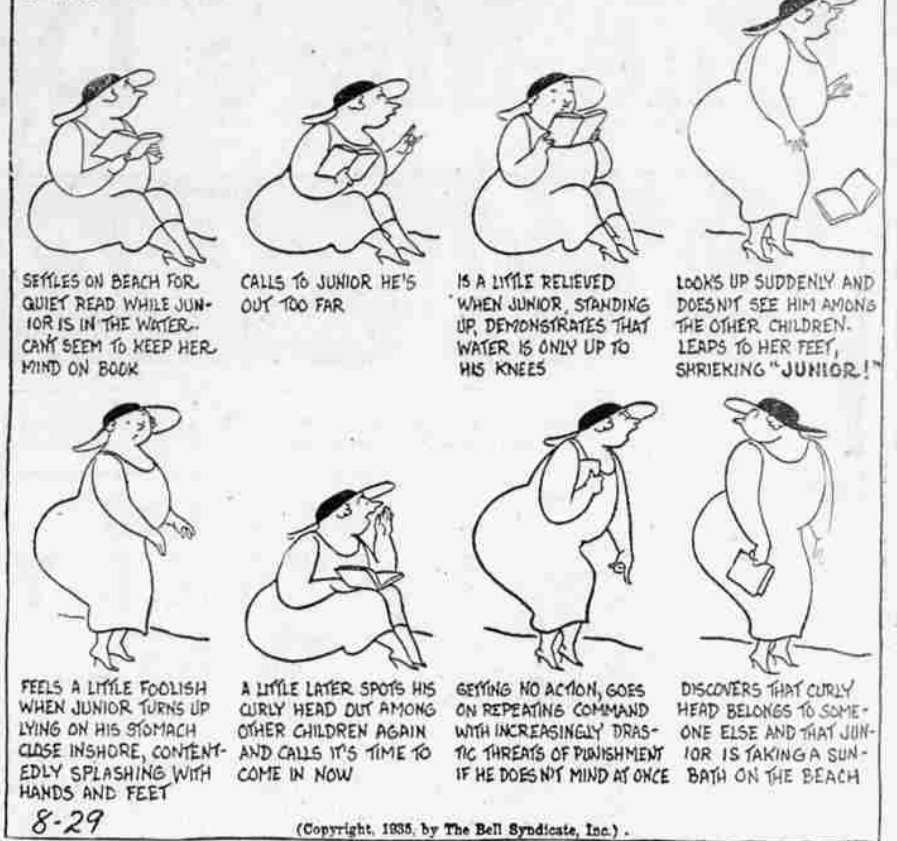
Blackboards are being resurfaced, floors oiled and cleaned, and other preparations made about the buildings for opening of the new term.

COUZENS CONDITION DISAPPOINTS MEDICS

ROCHESTER, Minn., Aug. 30.—(Sp.)—Senator James Couzens of Michigan was given a blood transfusion by Mayo clinic physicians, today. They admitted disappointment over the "progress he has made in the past two days."

BEACH PATROL

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



SEYLES ON BEACH FOR QUIET READ WHILE JUNIOR IS IN THE WATER. CAN'T SEEM TO KEEP HER MIND ON BOOK.

CALLS TO JUNIOR HE'S OUT TOO FAR.

IS A LITTLE RELIEVED WHEN JUNIOR, STANDING UP, DEMONSTRATES THAT WATER IS ONLY UP TO HIS KNEES.

LOOKS UP SUDDENLY AND DOESN'T SEE HIM AMONG THE OTHER CHILDREN. LEAPS TO HER FEET, SHRIEKING "JUNIOR!"

FEELS A LITTLE FOOLISH WHEN JUNIOR TURNS UP LYING ON HIS STOMACH CLOSE INSHORE, CONTENTEDLY SPLASHING WITH HANDS AND FEET.

A LITTLE LATER SPOTS HIS CURLY HEAD OUT AMONG OTHER CHILDREN AGAIN AND CALLS IT'S TIME TO COME IN NOW.

GETTING NO ACTION, GOES ON REPEATING COMMAND WITH INCREASINGLY DRAMATIC THREATS OF PUNISHMENT IF HE DOESN'T MIND AT ONCE.

DISCOVERS THAT CURLY HEAD BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE AND THAT JUNIOR IS TAKING A SUN-BATH ON THE BEACH.

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STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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THE WORD RIVER ALSO MEANS THE BANKS OF A RIVER.

SALLUSTIUS, of Rome, RETIRED WITH A FORTUNE MADE FROM OFFICIAL CORRUPTION. THEN SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE WRITING ESSAYS ON VIRTUE AND PURITY. 86 to 34 B.C.

JOCKEY STEVE DONOGHUE RODE IN 3 DIFFERENT NATIONS IN 40 HOURS... England, France, Belgium... 1935



THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE WAS SOUGHT FOR 400 YEARS BEFORE IT WAS DISCOVERED IN 1900... AND THEN IT WAS NEVER USED!

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For centuries navigators and explorers sought the northwest passage—a route by water westward across the northern reaches of the American continent, on into the Pacific and thence to the ports of the Orient.

Century after century they missed their goal—and it was not until a few years ago, in 1906, that the Northwest passage was actually discovered. Amundsen in the "Gjoa" was the first to complete the passage.

Strange as it seems, this waterway that men, for centuries, had given their lives to gain, proved worthless.

Cold and dangerous, its waters checked with treacherous ice, the Northwest passage is of absolutely no value to commercial shipping.

Search for this passage began not long after Columbus' first voyage, for it was soon discovered that he had not found India, but only a continent between. Explorers firmly believed that by sailing northward and westward they would discover a waterway to the Orient. First trips made with this definite purpose in mind began with the voyages of the Cabots in 1497 and continued from time to time by English expeditions until 1847 with the ill-fated Franklin expedition.

Many discoveries were made on these explorations, but never the Northwest passage. In 1903 to 1906, Amundsen made the trip by way of Lancaster and Peel sounds to King William Land, and then the coast to Bering Strait.

River comes from the Latin "ripa" meaning bank or shore. From this word also comes "riparian" pertaining to the land along a river. River, by dictionary definition, means the land along a watercourse as well as the watercourse itself.

Tomorrow: Depresson Dollar.

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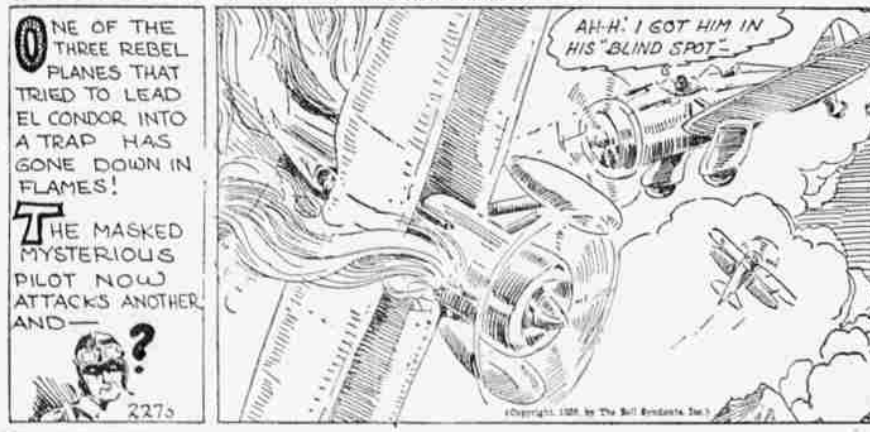
YOU FELLAHS WERE SUPPOSED TO KEEP TRYING TO BE GOOD!

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU KEEP ON TRYING?

OH, WE'RE JUST RESTIN'!

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TAILSPIN TOMMY—El Condor Downs Rebel Number Two!

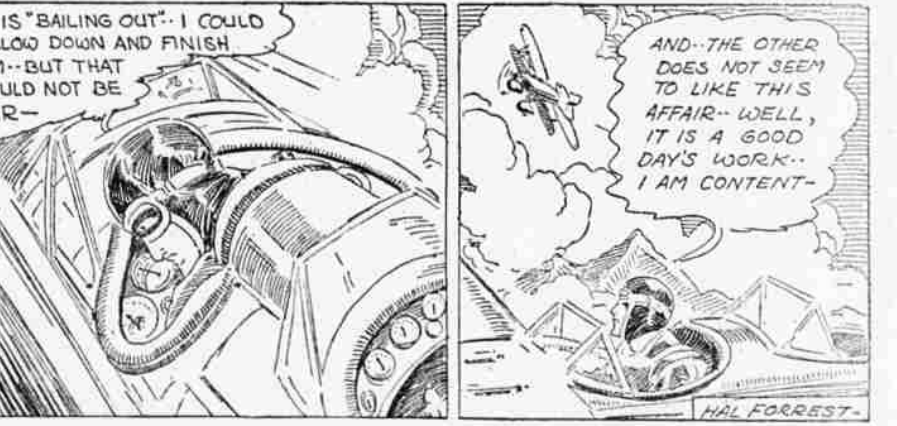


ONE OF THE THREE REBEL PLANES THAT TRIED TO LEAD EL CONDOR INTO A TRAP HAS GONE DOWN IN FLAMES!

THE MASKED MYSTERIOUS PILOT NOW ATTACKS ANOTHER AND...

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By Hal Forrest



HE IS "BAILING OUT"—I COULD FOLLOW DOWN AND FINISH HIM—BUT THAT WOULD NOT BE FAIR—

AND—THE OTHER DOES NOT SEEM TO LIKE THIS AFFAIR—WELL, IT IS A GOOD DAY'S WORK—I AM CONTENT—

HAL FORREST.

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Ben's Hunch



SCAT MY CATS! DID YOU GEE HIM LEAP THAT CORRAL?

AND IT'S EIGHT FEET HIGH—

DURNED IF HE AIN'T A CHAMPEEN! AN' I'M A PRAIRIE DAWG WITH THE CHICKEN POX IF HE DIDN'T MAKE THAT JUMP IN JEST TWO ROUNDS—

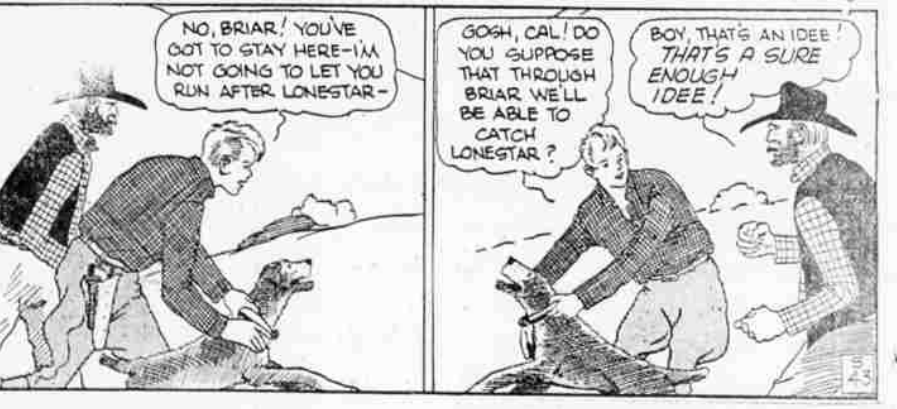
NO, BRIAR! YOU'VE GOT TO STAY HERE—I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU RUN AFTER LONESTAR—

GOSH, CAL! DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT THROUGH BRIAR WE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH LONESTAR?

BOY, THAT'S AN IDEA! THAT'S A SURE ENOUGH IDEA!

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By Edwin Alger



THE NEBBS—The Aftermath

WHAT WAS THE TROUBLE AT YOUR TABLE AT MAX'S OPENING LAST NIGHT?

EMMA RESERVED THE TABLE UNDER THE NAME OF MRS. VAN CORT, SO SHE'D GET A GOOD ONE—AND WHEN THEY FOUND IT WAS HER, THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE IT TO HER.

AND WHEN THE CHECK CAME SHE GAVE THE WAITER AN IOU—AND SHE SAID "TELL YOUR BOSS I WANT TO BE THE FIRST BAD DEBT HE GETS." GEE—WAS I MORTIFIED?

WE HAD THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE—AND DID WE HAVE FUN? LAUGH—WELL, MAY WENT BY THE TABLE, AND EMMA SAID "STRAIGHTEN UP—YOU AIN'T UNDER A TRUNK NOW."

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ROOSEVELT SIGNS BILL REPLACING RAILROAD PENSION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Legislation setting up a new railroad pension system to replace that killed by the supreme court was signed today by President Roosevelt. He also signed a bill levying taxes of 3 1/2 per cent each on railroad payrolls and rail workers' incomes to pay the benefits.

Pensions for retired employees of all railroads operating interstate are provided.

Those eligible for pensions:

1. Any employee or representative of employees 65 years of age or older.
2. Any employee or representative of employees more than 30 years old with 30 or more years of service.
3. Any employee with 30 or more years service retired because of mental or physical disability.

Monthly benefits are to be two per cent of the first \$50 of the employee's average monthly wage, and one and one-half per cent of the next \$100, and one per cent of the wage over \$150. The maximum monthly wage for purposes of the computation is \$800.

The legislation also provides for appointment of a retirement commission of three, and a joint congressional committee to study the

PLAN ORGANIZATION UNIONTOWN GRANGE

BIG APPLIGATE, Aug. 30.—(Sp.)—Receiving requests for another grange organization in the Appligate district, R. E. Nealon of Central Point, county grange deputy, has announced that a meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at the Uniontown school house to discuss possibilities of organizing that community.

Arthur Brown of Salem, state deputy, will be present with Mr. Nealon to explain the purpose and functions of the grange and to put out its numerous benefits to the farmers. The meeting will open at 8:00 p. m. and attendance is expected from Ruch, Big Appligate and Little Appligate sections. Mr. Nealon was in this community Tuesday interviewing farmers on the subject.

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