

THE SACRED DAGGER

by Rita Mohr Hansen

Chapter 34 Surprise From Blaze

"SORRY, Diana," Blaze said, "but I'm afraid you don't understand. It happens the same way. It happens the same way here. This disputed territory of the Bekkan Bula massif has been ceded to Shani Lun and is not subject to concessions granted by the Chinese government. You still possess the dig at Willow Camp and that is all."

"I don't believe you," she cried. "Nevertheless it's true," he retorted. "I heard the report just before the Nagaras wrecked the radio that morning."

"What report?"

"That the treaty had been signed. Mackey can verify my words. He heard the message too. They all turned to Mackey. 'That's right,' he said, avoiding Anne's eyes.

"Pete," she exclaimed accusingly. "—"

Sherwood looked at her and she stopped. Then he spoke to her father. "Dr. Willard, Shani Lun has no intention of robbing you of this find. Paxmore has set you at liberty. Shani Lun offers you the job of directing operation here. You will be given a free hand and whole-hearted support from my department of the government."

The older man was beginning to recover himself. "Have you the power to make such an offer?" he asked. Sherwood handed over his credentials. Anne had moved back and sat down quickly. The earth was rocking. Mackey muttered at her side. "Your charm, my luck, but not my brains. You certainly let me misjudge him all right, all right." She flushed and asked bewilderedly, "But what has Blaze been trying to do?"

"Fix it so he'll be welcome in the Willard family, I guess," Sherwood was saying to Diana. "That promise I gave you the other night still holds good. A visit to the court of Shani Lun will always be something special to remember, and something to talk about when you get back to New York. You don't belong here. You'll thank me for this some day."

Man Who Never Loses

SHE lifted her eyes to his with a spark of defiance and honor. "Aren't you repeating yourself, Blaze? You said those same words to me the night I was married."

"Did I?" he asked, looking momentarily disconcerted. Then he added, "I mean it. I mean it both times. Your talent belongs in society, not in science."

"That gal's getting off too easy," Mackey growled in a low voice. "If I were Blaze, I'd make her smart for her meanness."

"Perhaps," suggested Anne wearily, "a man who never loses doesn't need to carry grudges."

Suddenly she noticed that the little lama had risen and was striding across the square to the rival wall. She sprang up and followed, catching him at the entrance to a foot bridge beyond the ramp.

"Doddap," he halted, startled, as if she had shaken him from some profound meditation. "Doddap, where are you going?"

"I go to my monastery beyond the mountain," he answered simply. "Tonight? And without bidding us goodby? We'll miss you; you've become part of our lives."

"There is no goodbye. I have only to think of you to see you." "But we're not that wise," she reminded him.

His little black eyes began to twinkle. "You are learning. Some day you will know things without being told. Our master claims you."

A hand was laid on the shoulder of each. "What's this?" asked Sherwood, "a conspiracy?"

She looked up coloring and answered confusedly. "Doddap says — says he's leaving. At night. Imagine."

The two men regarded each other. "Clear and still," remarked Sherwood. "A good time to travel. We'll miss you, brother." He drew the little fellow closer into the circle of their embrace. Though he smelled to high heaven of goat's cheese, they didn't care. They knew that his heart was sweet as a rose.

"Will you visit us again some day?" asked Sherwood.

"Some day," the lama promised. A moment later he started across the bridge.

On The Pyramid

SHERWOOD'S hand slid down and clasped Anne's fingers. "Let's climb to the top of the pyramid and watch him for a while."

The sun was sinking beyond the distant snow peaks when they arrived at the head of the ramp. Doddap was hidden somewhere from sight among the irrigated orchards and gardens.

Sherwood turned to Anne and drew her to a seat on the central platform where the ancients had studied the stars. An odd light shone from the sky. A pair of paws caused by the time of day and the atmospheric conditions, but it affected Anne with a queer apprehensiveness. She saw shadows and planes upon his clear-cut features that she had never seen before. He was like a stranger, remote, and yet somehow terrifyingly intimate as if he were a thought form of her own creation rather than an objective reality.

"I have something to tell you, Anne," he said. He stared at him with his coat upon it. He tells me since, that he and I talked of his plans after he killed the native, but I do not remember it."

"I know," she admitted. "The drug did things to your memory. The explanation came to me this afternoon like a flash of light. I apologize."

"And," he interrupted, "I have not taken unfair advantage of anyone." He nudged up her chin. "Look at me." She obeyed. Her eyes were shining.

"Blaze, it's the most wonderful thing in the world to be proud of the man you love."

He smiled and kissed her. "That's the way for a wife to talk."

They watched the orange sunset change to lemon yellow and darkened into violet. Pale stars pricked the sky.

"Look," he directed, pointing to the south. Doddap moved alone, far out on the plain.

THE END

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Where to find them on the dial
KEX, 1190, Portland; KFI, 640 Los Angeles; KGA, 1510, Spokane; KGO, 810, San Francisco; KGW, 670, Portland; KJR, 1000, Seattle; KLN, 1970, Los Angeles; KOA, 550, Denver; KOIN, 970, Portland; KOMO, 850, Seattle; KPO, 620 San Francisco; KSL, 1160, Salt Lake.

Time shown is PST

Thursday.
5:00 p. m.—Music Hall, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Major Bowes' Amateur Hour, KNX, KOIN, KSL, Tommy Dorsey's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR.

5:30 p. m.—Drama Behind the News, KGO, KJR, KEX.
6:00 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL, Cugat Rumba Revue, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Rudy Vallee, KEX, KGO, KJR.

6:30 p. m.—Richard Himber's Orch., KPL, Ahead of the Headlines, KGO, KJR, Something to Think About, KEX, Quiz of Two Cities, KOMO, KOW.

7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN, Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Elizabeth Russell, KGO, KEX, Concert Trio, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Spotlight, KNX, KSL, KOIN, Clark Dennis, KJR, KEX, Panay Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Dinner at Omar's, KGO.

8:00 p. m.—Easy Aces, KGO, KEX, KJR, Giv Deak, KOIN, KSL, Aldrich Family, KPO, KOMO, KGW, 8:30 p. m.—Tommy Riggs, KPO, KJR, Dick Jurgens' Orch., KSL, KOIN, Fellow Sportsmen, KGO, Baseball Game, KEX, Tonight's Best Buys, KNX.
9:00 p. m.—Paul Sullivan, KNX, KOIN, Comedy, KPO, Jim Blade's Orch., KGO, KJR, Comedy, Faithful Stradivari, KGO, Musical Quintella, KOMO, Saltair Orch., KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Neil Bondhu's Orch., KOMO, Dancing with Clancy, KGO, By the Way, KNX, KOIN, News, KJR, KSL, Good Neighbors, KOW.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KJR, Dick Jurgens' Orch., KSL, KNX, News, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Bob Saunders' Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR, Ed Stocker and Music, KOW, Masterworks of Music, KNX, State Traffic, KOIN, Industry and Defense, KOMO.

11:00 p. m.—Chuck Foster's Orch., KPO, KOMO, This Moving World, KEX, News, KGO, KGW, Fishing News, KJR, Knox Manning, KNX.

Friday.
5:00 p. m.—Freddie Nagel's Orch., KNX, Janet Jordan, KGO, KJR, Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Quiz, KEX, Eyes of the World, KOIN, Americana, KSL.

5:30 p. m.—Drama Behind the News, KGO, KJR, Uncle Walters

Dog House, KPO, KOW, KOMO, Accordion Club, KEX.
6:00 p. m.—Hollywood Premiere, KSL, KNX, KOIN, Romance and Rhythm, KGO, KEX, Wings of Destiny, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Scandinavian News, KJR.
6:30 p. m.—Listen America, KPO, KGW, Penthouse Party, KNX, KSL, KOIN, First Piano Quartet, KGO, KEX, KJR, Comedy, KOMO.

7:00 p. m.—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW, Your Happy Birthday, KGO, KEX, KJR, Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN, Dance Time, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KPO, KGW, KOMO, Great Moments From Great Plays, KNX, KOIN, KSL, Ben Bernie's Army Game, KGO, KEX, KJR.

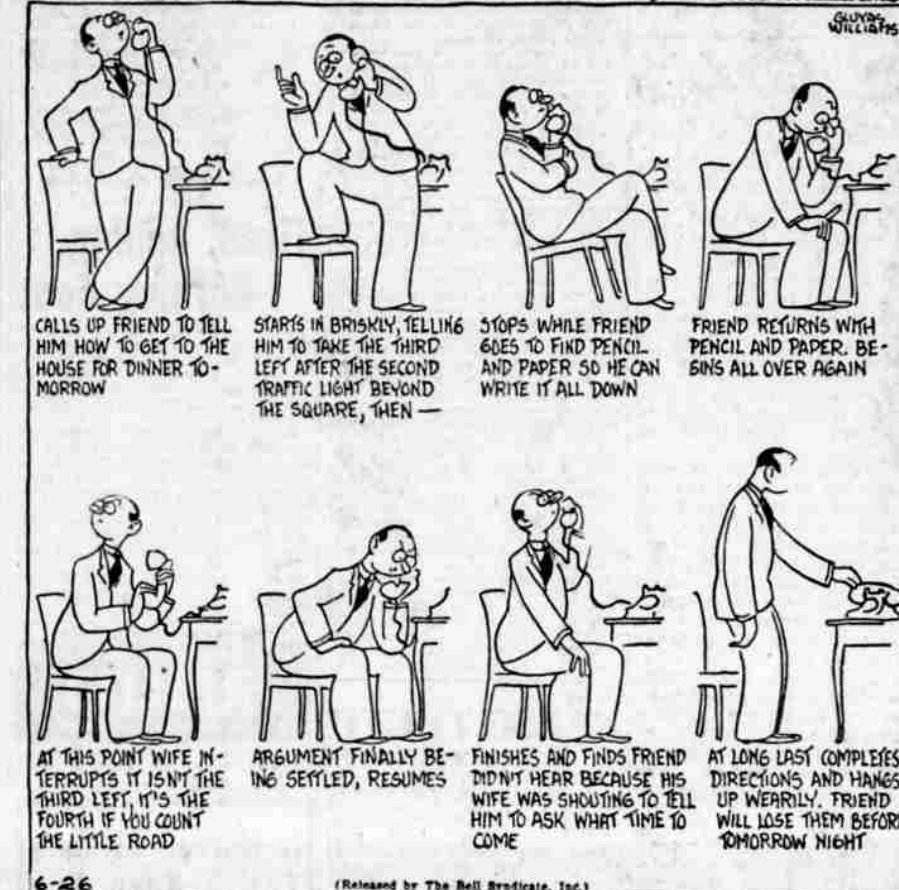
8:00 p. m.—Sammy Kaye's Orch., KPO, Grandpa and His Pals, KGO, KJR, KEX, Kate Smith Hour, KNX, KOIN, KSL, Richard Himber's Orch., KOW, Fish Finger, KOMO.

8:30 p. m.—Bob Strong's Orch., KGO, KJR, We're Building a House, KGO, You and Your Bank, KPO, Baseball Game, KEX, Port Lewis News, KGW, Port Lewis Life, KOMO.

9:00 p. m.—Ossie Nelson's Orch., KPO, Jay Wildden's Orch., KJR, Barron Elliott's Orch., KNX, Chuck Wagon Days, KGO, Paul Sullivan, KNX, Your Mayor Speaks, KGW, Leon F. Drews, KOIN, Highlight Hour, KOMO, Symphonic Serenade, KSL.

DIRECTIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



L'L ABNER—His Ideal



TAILSPIN TOMMY—Wings of Treachery!



THE NEBBS—Safe at Last



U. S. Bomber Drops in Sea on Peruvian Coast

Lima, Peru, June 26.—(AP)—A United States light bomber was reported to have caught fire

Masterworks of Music, KNX

Portland Police, KOIN, Bill Henry, KOIN, Neil Bondhu's Orch., KGO, Frontiers of Industry, KGW, Dancer, KOMO, News, KJR, KSL.

between Supe and Barranca on the Peruvian coast today and plunged into the sea. An American army four-motored bomber and a squadron of Peruvian amphibians from the Ancon base started a search for it.

Italy is planning construction of a plant to recover magnesium and bromine from salt water, the U. S. department of commerce reports.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



POSTMASTER RECORD

At her retirement on June 30, 1940, Miss Mollie Stewart of Oxford, Md., was the oldest postmaster in point of continuous service in the U. S. She was appointed by Rutherford B. Hayes.

CASHIERED COMMANDER

Early in 1776 Essek Hopkins, commander-in-chief of the newly formed U. S. Navy, was ordered to "exterminate" the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay. Hopkins considered his five small ships inadequate and dodged the enemy! Although he captured Nassau in the Bahamas, he was promptly relieved of his command!

Tomorrow: Invisible Painting!

By AL CAPP



By HAL FORREST



By SOL HESS



MEDFORD BOYS WIN OFFICES IN BEAVER STATE GOVERNMENT

Corvallis, June 26.—(AP)—Youthful citizens of the Beaver Boys State prepared today to ballot in their state primary election after setting up three county governments yesterday.

The high school-aged youths, learning practical politics in the American Legion-sponsored camp, will follow standard administrative practices after the state system has been established.

Officers elected for the camp counties included:

Columbia—Glen Kennedy, Klamath Falls, county judge; Bob Holmes, Medford, sheriff; Jack Moffatt, Medford, clerk and recorder; Milton Burch, Lakeview, treasurer; Jack Caulkins, Roseburg, superintendent of schools.

Deschutes—Cato Wray, Medford, judge; Niel C. Allen, Grants Pass, sheriff; Jim Wamble, Walla Walla, assessor.

Willamette—Roy Strowbridge, Grants Pass, judge; Seely Hall, Medford, commissioner; Phil Ashton, Lebanon, assessor; Bob Baum, Union, treasurer.

PATRIOTIC REVIVAL ASKED BY ROOSEVELT

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged the American people today to dedicate themselves on the coming fourth of July to "defend and perpetuate those inalienable rights which found true expression" in the declaration of independence.

In a formal statement the chief executive asked the people to participate in a celebration on that day which is being planned by the office of civilian defense.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

PINK ELEPHANT FIELD NOW BEING INVADED BY HARD-DRINKING WOMEN

Spokane, Wash., June 26.—(AP)—One more field formerly occupied almost exclusively by men—that of being treated for alcoholic polyneuritis—has been invaded by women, Dr. Louis J. Karnosh of City hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, told 200 northwest physicians today.

Speaking to the opening session of the Washington Medical association's annual meeting, Dr. Karnosh said the affliction, known to laymen as "the shakes" and "D. T.'s," had become the most numerous as well as the "most interesting" form of polyneuritis seen.

Polyneuritis, he explained, is nerve starvation. In alcoholic polyneuritis the victim loses part of the sense of touch, has a knee jerk and in some cases has a form of delirium in which recent happenings are forgotten and replaced in the memory with occurrences several years back.

"Women are now beginning to show alcoholic polyneuritis where before it was noted almost exclusively in males," he said.

PRESIDENT OF SENATE GUIDES SHIP OF STATE

Salem, June 26.—(AP)—President of the Senate Dean H. Walker, Independence, who will be acting governor for three weeks beginning today, will spend much of his time at the capitol, and will fill several of Governor Charles A. Sprague's speaking engagements, the executive department said today.

Governor Sprague left last night for Boston, Mass., to attend the national conference of governors.

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