

Lena Hates Men

by MARGOT NEVILLE

CHAPTER XXXIV

AT ABOUT seven o'clock, every one gathered in the drawing room for drinks. They put up a fairly good front at being casual, though Hurst—a bit of a foot-tapper and finger-drummer at the best of times—kept up a ceaseless tattoo, and Nugent was empty gay. Felix poured drinks feverishly.

"It's going to be hot again tomorrow,"

"Shouldn't wonder."

"I see in tonight's paper that the rainfall for this half year—"

"Sorry, Cyril—what were you saying?"

This is unbearable, Eileen was thinking. Everyone was pretending to be normal, and they weren't—not an atom. They were watchful—Denise looking strangely aside at Joyce. Nugent with a glint in his eye watching Felix pour a drink. Brenda foolishly leaning a flower to pieces, her eyes never leaving Nugent's face and Hurst's fingers tapping, tapping.

A footstep sounded on the veranda.

Bill spoke sharply. "Who's that?"

It was Ruth. He appeared in the French doorway and stood looking into the room, blinking his eyes.

"The Johns have found something," he said hoarsely.

"Found something?"

"Yes, they found a bit of sack—there's blood on it."

Like white masks, every face jerked around toward him, no expression on any one of them.

"I heard them talking just now," Ruth went on. "They found it down by the water somewhere."

"Where?" It was Felix who asked the question.

"I dunno—one of the jetties. I dunno which one."

Ruth made a queer movement with his hands, then turned and disappeared.

"MICHAEL" Eileen whispered. "Michael dead, too. He stepped out of that window last night and—"

The others remained silent.

"No, no!" Eileen cried. "It can't be! People don't go on killing others like this."

"Oh, yes, they do," Nugent said grimly. "Remember Landru disposed of quite a number of wives before they got him."

Bill faced them all as though he were going to make a speech.

"Well, may I say right here and now—if anyone has any designs on me—that I hear nothing. I see nothing. And if I did know anything I wouldn't tell it. I'd be far too scared."

At that moment, the heavy solid form of the constable called Mac appeared in the doorway. His glance went around the room and came to rest on Nugent.

"Dr. Nugent, will you come with me, please? The inspector wants a word with you."

"Certainly."

The doctor seemed to be making a big effort to act as though the request were the pleasantest in the world, but his glass rattled on the table as he put it down, and his face was pale as he followed the constable out.

"You keep the key of your boat. I suppose, doctor?"

"Of course, Yes, naturally. I mean—"

"You mean somebody else has another one?"

Nugent hesitated a second.

"Yes, Miss Wheatley has another key."

"Does she take the boat out alone sometimes?"

"She sometimes brings it around to one of the other bays and meets me there."

"I see, O.K."

The inspector walked off and left Nugent standing there.

(To be continued.)

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9:30 p. m.—Jack Carson, CBS; Soldiers With Wings, MBS; Spotlight Band, BN.

9:45 p. m.—Harry Wismer, sports, BN.

10:00 p. m.—Kay Kyser's Kollege, NBC; Moments in Music, CBS; John B. Hughes, MBS; Raymond Gram Swing, BN.

10:15 p. m.—Pulton Outrider, MBS.

10:30 p. m.—Lone Ranger, MBS.

10:45 p. m.—Fred Waring, NBC; Paul Neilson, news, BN; I Love a Mystery, CBS; Main Line, MBS.

11:00 p. m.—Fleetwood Lawton, commentator, NBC; Lum and Abner, BN; Harry James Orch., CBS.

11:15 p. m.—Beat the Band, NBC; Battle of Sexes, BN; Dr. Christian, CBS; Bulldog Drummond, MBS.

11:30 p. m.—Joseph C. Harsch, CBS.

11:45 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. North, NBC; Sammy Kaye Orch., CBS; News, MBS.

12:00 p. m.—Scramby Amby, NBC; General Malone, MBS.

12:15 p. m.—Pulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.

12:30 p. m.—News, NBC.

12:45 p. m.—William Winter, CBS.

1:00 p. m.—Ted Powell Orch., CBS.

1:15 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Eddy Howard Orch., MBS.

1:30 p. m.—Biltmore Hotel Orch., NBC; Halls of Montezuma, MBS; This Moving World, BN.

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11:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, NBC; I Love a Mystery, CBS.

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12:00 p. m.—Ellery Queen Mysteries, NBC; Mayor of the Town, CBS.

12:15 p. m.—Art Baker, BN; Pulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.

12:30 p. m.—News Flashes, NBC.

12:45 p. m.—Chats About Dogs, CBS.

1:00 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Russ Smith Orch., MBS.

1:15 p. m.—This Moving World, BN; Henri Busse Orch., CBS; Hotel BN; Henry Busse Orch., CBS; Yankee House Party, MBS.

P-38 Crashes Into Salinas Barracks One Soldier Killed

Salinas, Cal., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A P-38 fighter plane crashed into a barracks at Salinas army air base today, killing Technician 5th Grade Frank Kaczmarek, 27, Cicero, Ill., and injuring Pfc. James Dean, Everman, Texas.

Ten other men sleeping in the barracks escaped injury.

Lt. Paul R. Cochran, 721 11th St., Hutchinson, Kas., pilot, and 2nd Lt. Leonard E. Randel, Hot Springs, Ark., "piggy-back" passenger in the plane, suffered only minor injuries.

The plane was engaged on a routine training flight when it went out of control, shot through the barracks roof and crashed on an adjoining field.

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FRANCOITES STAGE CONSULATE SCENE

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The state department revealed today that two members of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's falangist party invaded the United States consulate at Valencia, Spain, on Saturday, tore down photographs and harangued visitors there.

The report of the incident was received from the U. S. ambassador to Spain, Carlton J. H. Hayes. He said "appropriate representations" were being made both in Madrid and Valencia.

The report did not describe the photographs other than as being "press" pictures.

The falangists recently broke into the British consulate at Saragossa and abused the consul there.

EARL W. P. HARDING

Oregon City, Ore., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Funeral arrangements were pending today for Earl P. W. (Chauncey) Harding, 63, former professor and football coach at Oregon State College, who died yesterday. Harding was on the Oregon State faculty from 1908 to 1915, then moved to Portland to set up his own chemical laboratory.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Sword-Swingin' Jap Scared Americans Is Boast of Tokyo

By United Press

The Tokyo radio said today that Rear Adm. Kenji Shibasaki, commander of the Japanese garrison on Tarawa island, was killed along with all his troops in the battle for that mid-Pacific outpost last month.

The broadcast gave an imaginative account of the death of the Tarawa commander, although it acknowledged blandly that all communications with the island were broken long before the U. S. Marines completed their conquest.

"When he made his last stand," said one version broadcast to Japanese areas, "the rear admiral must have stood in front of

his men, and, waving his drawn sword, charged right into the midst of the enemy.

"He must have used his sword to the best of his ability and met a gallant death with his men in a manner that must have brought shivers to the spine of the enemy."

Ousted Penaranda Arrives in Arica

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Gen. Enrique Penaranda, Bolivian president who was overthrown yesterday by a revolution, arrived at Arica in northern Chile today.

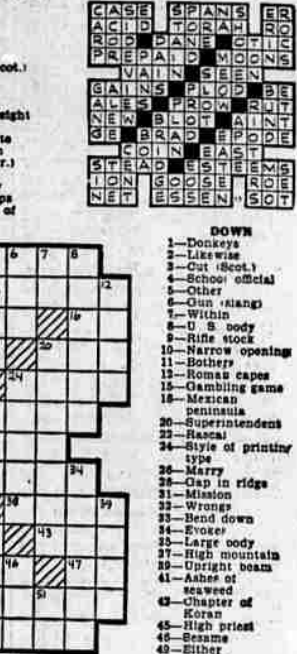
The deposed president was accompanied by his eldest brother, Eliseo. They came from La Paz by railroad.

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STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX



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BLONDIE—The Time of His Life.



HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Wrong Address?



LTL ABNER—Constable Concentrates.



THE NEBBES—Bad News.



"Top Man" Coming To Craterian



Termed a "natural" for downright entertaining vivacity, "Top Man" comes to the Craterian Sunday with a galaxy of popular players topped by Donald O'Connor, Susanna Foster and the vivacious Peggy Ryan.

"Dangerous Blondes" Coming

"Dangerous Blondes" with Allyn Joslyn and Evelyn Keyes tops an all-fun program starting Sunday at the Rialto, with "Always a Bridesmaid"—featuring the Andrews Sisters—sharing the bill. The second feature also stars Charlie Butterworth, Patric Knowles and Gracie McDonald in starring roles.



Yank Troops Charge Ashore Against Japs in New Britain Invasion



In this first photo of the recent New Britain invasion to reach this country, U. S. Army troops charge ashore at Arara to wrest more territory from the Japs. Photo by Tom Shafer. Acme Newsictures photographer for War Picture pool. Picture transmitted by U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio-Telephoto.