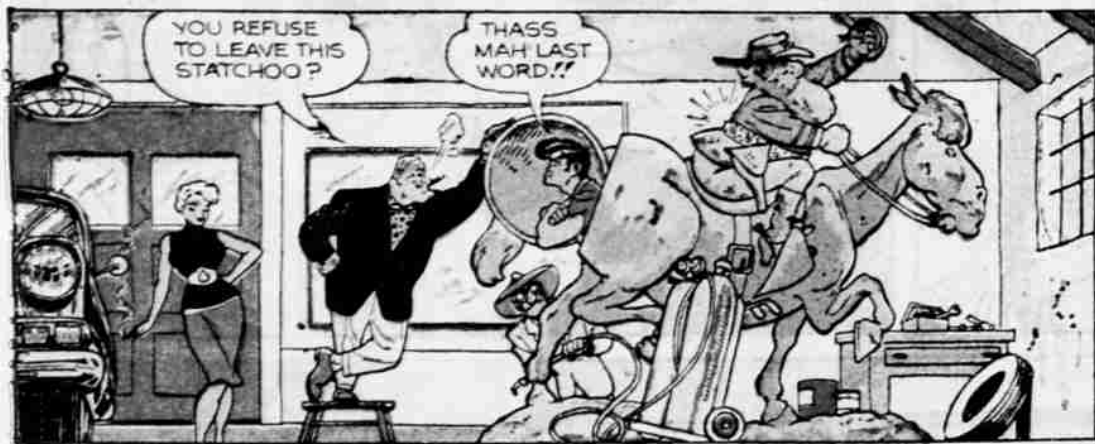


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Inside
General
Cornpone —

by **AL CAPP**



Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

by Harold R. Foster

Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT AND ALFRED LEAVE RESTORMEL AT DAWN AND RIDE WESTWARD TOWARD THE VERY HEART OF THE WAST TREACHERY AGAINST KING ARTHUR. THEN DOES ALFRED TELL OF WHAT HE HAS LEARNED AMONG THE SERVANTS:—

"THIS KING, OCH SYNWYN, IS A MONSTER WHO WIELDS GREAT POWER. HE HAS GATHERED AN ARMY OF RAIDERS AND ROBBERS, THE VICIOUS SCUM OF THE SEA. THEIR SHIPS PLUNDER THE COASTS AND RETURN WITH THEIR LOOT!"

"IT IS WHISPERED THAT, WHEN HE HAS RECRUITED SUFFICIENT STRENGTH, HE WILL MOVE TOWARD CAMELOT BY LAND AND SEA. OH, SIR, WE HAVE PROOF ENOUGH! LET US LEAVE THIS PERILOUS LAND OF CORNWALL!"

"WE KNOW TOO MUCH ALREADY. WE ARE WATCHED," ANSWERS VAL. "TO TURN BACK NOW WOULD BRAND US AS SPIES, AND WE WOULD BE HUNTED DOWN. WE MUST SEE IT THROUGH!"

RIDING THROUGH A LAND OF HUNGER AND FEAR, WHERE FARM AND VILLAGE HAVE BEEN STRIPPED AND LAID WASTE BY VIOLENT MEN, THEY COME AT LAST TO OCH SYNWYN'S STRONGHOLD AND SEE A LARGE FLEET AT ANCHOR AND A GREAT ENCAMPMENT.

THEY ENTER UNCHALLENGED AND ARE GIVEN A ROOM.

BEFORE HE CAN BE ADMITTED TO THE KING HE MUST REMOVE ALL ARMS AND ARMOR, EVEN HIS BROOCH, WHICH HAS A LONG PIN!

AND THE KING IS A HANDSOME, SMILING MAN, BUT FOR ONE THING..... HIS EYES ARE THE CRUEL, UNBLINKING EYES OF A SERPENT!

NEXT WEEK:— The Recruit.