

UNLOCKING ADVENTURE

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Charles Courtney is the world's highest paid legal Jim. My Valentine. This is the true story of his many adventures unlocking safes around the earth and under the sea.

CHAPTER VI

DURING the winter of 1913-1914 my savings began to melt. Work was scarce; so I said to Mrs. Isaac, "Ma, I'm going to take \$10 and go to New York on an excursion and look around."

That night I slept on a bunk in the Mills Hotel. Next to me, an Irishman with a voice as deep as a buoy bell was talking to a man beside him, a little man, scrubby, with a two-day beard.

"If we had a buck-up, we could get a job tomorrow. They need riveting gangs at the Robins shipyards. You're a heater, ain't you, Jim?"

Touching the big Irishman on the shoulder, I said, "I'm a buck-up and I'm looking for a job."

"Done," he answered. "I'm Tom Delaney and this here's Jim Monahan. You look like a Frenchie to me but we ought to make out all right."

When we got to the shipyards, we glanced discouragedly at each other. There were already about 400 men in line. The foreman came out of his shack and looked us over, picking out a familiar face here and there. When he came to us, Tom told him that we were a riveting gang.

"Duck in," he said; so we went inside the high wire fence. We were put to work on an old boat from Liverpool, a general cargo vessel that was tough and weather-beaten, with leaky bulkheads and spreading seams.

By autumn the yard was humming with the grim excitement of war, and we were working full time and overtime, taking care of the British ships that limped in for repairs. For three years I worked under constantly increasing pressure, climbing around the hulls, doing zigzag patterns, setting diamond joints, and tightening angles. On Saturdays, when the pay envelopes came around, I took out of mine as high as \$75, more money than I had ever made. My savings account was growing fat, but by the autumn of 1916, in spite of my belief in my inexhaustible vitality, I was getting tired.

WHEN the drizzly season came and we could not work, I had a special reason for blessing the rain. On Oct. 15, I met a dark-eyed Brooklyn girl, Dorothy Bowman. The engagement ring on her finger should have discouraged me, but I managed to see her every day. The rain was my ally. On the 30th, it came down in torrents and I invited Dorothy to lunch, but before we lunched, we had a damp and splattered wedding at City Hall.

For a week we honeymooned; then I went to work at the Morse shipyards. I was a married man with responsibilities.

When the declaration of war did come, Dorothy and I thought that my place was in the marines, but at the recruiting office I was told that the government had plenty of soldiers but not enough ships. So back I went to the yards to patch up the damaged hulls that were going out again to play tag with submarines.

Every day the first person to whom we said good morning was Mr. E. P. Morse, the president. Iron-gray and stern, he seldom smiled, but he managed to know all about his men. It wasn't long before he knew that I was an ex-marine and had been a diver and a locksmith.

ONE morning when I was on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, working at the captain's door, I sniffed smoke. There was none in the passageway, so I went into a cabin and stuck my head out of a porthole. Yes, there was a distinct smell of fire, and while I looked over the hulls toward the buildings that lined the shore, a great cloud of black smoke came rolling across the ship from the opposite side. At the same moment the fire sirens began to hoot and the bells to make a great clangor as the engines bounced over the cobblestones. I ran toward the grand stairway and had reached the top step when I saw the head rearing on the landing, gesturing to me.

"Hi, Courtney, the boss wants you to open a lock," he panted.

"Quick!" Running back, I grabbed a few tools and a piece of wire and dashed after him. At the foot of the gangplank stood Mr. Morse, his face white and set. As we ran up the dock, he shouted above the noise, "The shed next to the riggers' room. It's full of dynamite."

The buildings behind the shed with the red flag on its roof were already going up in flames and the heat was blistering, but the firemen were drenching the shed with a full stream from the hose.

With slippery fingers I worked at the lock, picking it with the wire. It was a good lock, intended to keep the dynamite away from saboteurs, and the tumbler was so cleverly set that I could not guess at them. Behind me, just out of range of the water, I could feel the riggers standing, tense, boring me with their eyes, waiting to jump into the shed. In about five minutes, they told me, although I would have said it was many hours, the lock gave and I pulled open the door. A second later, the men were pulling over me to roll out the cans of dynamite. The head rigger threw a coat around my shoulders and pulled me out of the way.

"Put on something dry," he shouted, "before you get pneumonia. If it hadn't been for you, the whole business would have been blown to kingdom come."

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SALEM, Sept. 8 (AP) — The state supreme court, ending its two-months summer recess, opened its fall term Tuesday. The court is expected to announce two or three decisions tomorrow.

The court will open its fall term at Pendleton October 25. The Pendleton term will last only two or three days.

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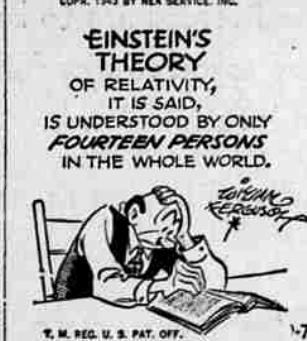
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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



The word "HYBRID" WAS USED ORIGINALLY BY ANCIENT ROMANS TO DESCRIBE PIGS WHOSE FATHERS WERE WILD BOARS AND WHOSE MOTHERS WERE DOMESTIC STOCK.



EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY, IT IS SAID, IS UNDERSTOOD BY ONLY FOURTEEN PERSONS IN THE WHOLE WORLD.



ANSWER: Sicily, on the slopes of Mt. Etna.

NEXT: Celestial transportation for Caesar.

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