

Clyde turned away. It was a sible. He kept the crowd back, nasty business. turned to look at them. Jack Chase seemed the calmest.

ace. You may thank me for your invitation-I think you weren't wanted. But I couldn't afford to let Van Hassek think I'm running too much at large. You'll go, of course? At eight."

Benning hesitated while he searched the possible ramifications of such an adventure. His mind fixed upon Captain Fincke's disclosure of the operations map in Van Hassek's desk. Finally he nodded acceptance.

CHAPTER V

In his regal suite in the Palacio Nacional the next night, Van Hassek had replaced his khaki field uniform with peacock military habiliments.

Benning found discomfort in the presence of Colonel Bravot, alias Sergeant Gaujos. But Bravot was to remain only a few minutes, his departure made the occasion of a puzzling ceremony.

Van Hassek, from the moment of the French girl's arrival, had centered his attentions upon Mlle. Ducos. Benning promptly suspected that she was the real motive for this Van Hassek party, a show to turn her head.

But the Benning interest had centered upon a scowling Bavarian lieutenant who sat in Van Hassek's adjoining military room, shut off by thick draperies. The Bavarian's erect posture suggested that he was present on a purely duty status It was obvious that the object of his vigil was the Van Hassek blackwood desk.

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With patient caution Benning waited his time. The hour was close to midnight when he chose his opportunity to strike. He stalked into the military room in the manner of a man who has been drinking too much. The Bavarian sat at his job. stiff as a ramrod.

"A command for you, Lieutenant!" Benning blurted at him in German. "You will report at once to Excellency's junior aide-de-camp in the bar. See to it that you lose no time!"

The Bavarian looked up with a questioning scowl, then sprang to his feet under the habit of obedience to a superior officer. He hesitated for a moment, and stalked through the heavy portieres and headed toward the bar.

As the portieres rippled behind the guardian of Van Hassek's desk, Benning turned the key in the top drawer. His steady hand extracted the one document that he found there, a folded linen map.

Benning's face went taut as his hand thrust it open and he saw the legend of arrows superimposed on a map of the United States and upper Mexico. A glance told him that the arrows pointed to vulnerable points of possible invasion. Behind each arrow that pointed across the Mexican border toward the United States A folded linen map.

were flushed and heavy veins welled at neck and forehead. The Bavarian strode to a colonel of the staff and whispered avidly. The colonel hurried over to Van Hassek.

Mlle. Ducos picked up in Benning's face some hint of his suspense. She left Van Hassek, now pawing drunk, and crossed the room. "Something has gone wrong, monsieur," she whispered anxiously. "You have been up to mischief in Van Hassek's room.

"Concealed in my tunic," Benning answered at once, "I have Van Hassek's operations map-the most dangerous secret in Mexico. You must drop me at once."

"Let me have the map, monsieur," she whispered.

"I took a desperate gamble," Benning coolly rejoined. "If I've lost. it's my funeral, not yours."

With a quick decisiveness the French girl threw her arms about Benning's neck and kissed him to screen the deft movement in which she stripped the map from under his tunic. She stood close to him while she concealed the document in her dress. Then she stepped back, spat at him, and angrily slapped his

face. "Very well!" she raged, in a voice that reached through the room. "If that's the way you feel about me, you can go to the devil!"

Van Hassek slowly drew himself erect and his face went livid as he received the alarm from his staff colonel. One moment Van Hassek was drunk, the next monient coolly sober.

"No one will leave my quarters, Colonel," Van Hassek calmly instructed. "With the help of my aides you will search everyone present, including our own officers, until you find the spy and recover my map At once!"

Outer doors were promptly locked, windows put under guard. All were required to assemble in the ballroom, thence to be taken one at a time to Van Hassek's bedroom for examination.

Benning was taken first. The colonel sharply demanded explanation. Why had he sent the Bavarian officer away from his post of duty? Benning confessed bad judgment, for which he offered apology. His only thought had been that the Bavarian was a neglected guest who should be given a drink. He insisted that

he be searched immediately. The Van Hassek guests had been jolted into sobriety. One by one they were taken for search. Van Hassek stood to one side, smoking a cigar, his face grimly contained as if he waited in supreme confidence on the unmasking of a spy. Benning's thoughts were inter-

NEXT WEEK

Another Absorbing Installment

cific, behind them no legends. One blood pressure.

pointed to Seattle, a second at the tic side, groups of red arrows point- ing to their wide build. ed at critical points from Boston to New Orleans. Here, again, there were no figures.

Benning handed his reproduction of Van Hassek's key map to Mlle. Ducos. He saw the blood drain from her face as she studied it. She looked up at him with startled, staring eyes.

"Mon Dieu, monsieur!" she gasped. "This means the very worst is to happen! Such attack upon you will set the whole world in flames!" Benning got up and put on his cap.

"I am leaving Mexico at once, mademoiselle," he said calmly. "You are welcome to come along with me if you don't mind taking some chances with a pilot who's somewhat out of practice."

She answered gravely: "My mstructions require me to remain in Mexico, monsieur. But it's important for you to reach your government as quickly as possible! I learned from Boggio today that he can't see me tomorrow. All leaves of absence are being suspended, which means you'll not have long to

wait for Van Hassek's attack. Au revoir, monsieur, and bon voyage."

CHAPTER VI

The sun was moving over the jagged Washington skyline on the second morning thereafter when Benning was put down at Bolling Field by a fast observation plane from Kelly Field. After his landing at Randolph Field from Mexico City the day before, he had passed the alarm to Eighth Corps Area Headquarters and sent a code report of details by wire to Colonel Flagwill. A military car was waiting for him at the airport. It sped him to the War Department where Flagwill was waiting in the G-2 office. The colonel showed the effects of

strain and sleeplessness, but was gravely contained. "A fine bombshell you've exploded

in the War Department, Benning,' Flagwill said solemnly. "I've reported only what I learned.

sir," Benning answered. "Of course, the final appraisal of my information is up to the General Staff." "General Hague took your report

at once to the President," Flagwill said. "As a result the President had an ultimatum sent to Ruiz yesterday by the State Department. Our ambassador at Mexico City was instructed to say that Mexico must explain fully its European army within forty-eight hours, and give our military attaches at the embassy full authority to visit all troop concentrations to view first-hand what is going on."

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mouth of the Columbia River, a uals is not to allow themselves to third just north of San Francisco, a become overweight, because their Capons Require Special fourth at San Diego. On the Atlan- blood pressure is naturally high ow-

> **Asthmatics Should** Study Make-Up

TODAY, while the cause of some cases of asthma is unknown, a cause for the majority of cases can er, such as that afforded by a good be found if diligent search be made. range shelter, is ideal. Research workers are now agreed that asthma is not a disease but a before marketing, it will pay to feed group of symptoms with not one but a wet mash twice a day consisting a number of causes.

Drs. P. De Bersaques and A. Berat, in Archives of Medicine-Surgery, Paris, stress the importance underlying cause of asthma and be realized only when the complex problem of the makeup or constitution of the asthmatic is clearly understood.

A study of 40 cases showed that there were three factors in the cause of asthma all of equal importance: (1) The respiratory (nose, throat. to a clean range. lungs) factor, (2) the instability (easily upset) of the nerves controlling the organs of the chest and

abdomen, and (3) the liver factor. Having these three causes in mind they proceed to treat asthma from he three different standpoints. For the respiratory (breathing) they use pinephrine (adrenalin) and ephe-

irine; for that part of the nervous system controlling lungs, heart and ligestion, they use a "quieting" lrug such as beladonna and phenoparbital; for the liver or hepatic system they recommend diet methds and liver preparations.

In cases where the asthmatic is llergic or sensitive to certain substances, tests for these substances are made. Among the new methods of treatment are the breathing exercises-blowing all air slowly from the lungs-and the use of short-wave treatments.

Remember, the patient's general makeup, obstructions of nose and sensitiveness of various substances, can each and all be the cause of asthmatic attacks.

QUESTION BOX

Q .- Will iron (marked ferrous sulfate), taken in vitamin capsules injure or have any ill effect on the teeth? How often should vitamin capsules be taken and may they be taken without advice of a doctor?

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A .- I'm sorry but I try not to prescribe or suggest doses for any particular case. If you have a family physician a telephone call will give you the information. If you have no family physician, one visit to a physician would tell whether or not you really need the vitamins.

tural colleges, and farmers' organiagainst soil exhaustion gives promise of final victory.

Care Before Marketing Where capons are being fattened until the police get here." for market they should be fed a

regular growing ration and plenty of whole grain, which should be hopper fed. Clean quarters and range are important. Close confinement should be avoided. A clean open field with protection from the weath-

During the last couple of weeks of growing mash and milk or whole grain soaked in milk in addi-

tion to the usual ration. Such feeding will improve the quality of the of the "constitutional" factor as an birds, but actual poundage is made by keeping them on a full and comshow that effective treatment can plete growing ration throughout the summer and fall months.

Worms should be strictly guarded against, tapeworms in particular, since wormy capons simply refuse to get fat. If the birds are wormy, they should be treated without fail. After which, they should be removed

Mulch of Pine Needles

Reforests Eroded Field Pine needle mulch can sometime: be used to reforest old fields or clay gall areas, recent experiments at the Southern Piedmont Soil Conservation Experiment station at Athens, Ga. show

Seeking an economical way of seeding eroded areas, the station mulched four clay-galled plots with 800 pounds of pine-needle litter from adjacent woods. In five months a healthy mixed vegetation developed, including more than 1,600 shortleaf seedlings-an average of two seedlings from each pound of mulch.

The study will observe for several years the survival and height growth of the seedlings resulting from this simple and inexpensive scattering pine-needle litter over the bare area to a depth of about one inch. If only one-fourth of the existing seedlings live for five years, the area will be well planted.

Farm Notes

Onions and garlic were common in the diet of the ancient Egyptians. . . .

A total of 432,369 loans were made on stored wheat during 1940 by the Commodity Credit corporation.

Oats, straw, corn stover, bean pods, and the poorer grades of hay may provide most of the roughage for the idle horses.

"Go down and call the police, will you, Jack. And the rest of you please get back into the corridor. We don't want to disturb anything

It was fully a half hour before Inspector Oscar Bean and his chief aide, Bert Ross, arrived on the scene. They went immediately to Marie Leland's room. Minutes later they came back downstairs and confronted the scantily-clad guests

in the drawing room. And with them came Marie Leland, still pale, frightened looking. She flung herself on a divan and immediately broke into sobs. Homer Dunlap came and sat down beside her, and Marie clung to him.

Inspector Bean spoke to Clyde. 'You're Greene, aren't you?" "Yes."

"You'll save yourself a lot of trouble, Greene, and a lot for your guests, by answering my questions unrestrainedly. You understand what it will mean if I clear this thing up tonight?"

"Of course. Ask your questions." Bean glanced sidewise at Marie. "Was this man Lund in love with the girl?"

"I believe he was." "Did she love him?" Clyde looked uneasy, but Marie wasn't watching him.

"I don't think so." "Possibly she loved someone else,

and Lund was forcing himself on her?"

Clyde glanced meaningly toward the divan. Bean nodded and strode in that direction. He sat down, close by the girl, ignoring the threatening look with which Homer Dunlap regarded him.

"Miss Leland, will you please tell me exactly what happened?" The girl dabbed at her eyes. She

was holding Dunlap's hand, and when he looked at her reassuringly, she turned to Bean. "I don't know how long I'd been asleep. I was awakened by a noise. I looked up and saw a man's wrist watch glowing in the dark near the

door. I screamed. There was a flash, a loud report. The door opened and closed. I saw a figure dart into the corridor. Then I must have fainted."

"You didn't recognize the figure, have no idea who it was?"

"No." "Had Howard Lund been forcing his attentions on you?"

"Yes." She paused, seemed to consider, and went on. "We used to be engaged. It was a silly love affair. I soon got over it. Then I met Homer and fell in love with him. Howard kept hounding me."

"Hounding you?" "Yes. He said he'd discovered some things about my past, and unless I'd let him come to my room he'd tell Homer. He always said 'Jackson survives lustily.

Family Trouble Starts

Over Handling Finances Nothing causes more friction in the American family than the question of who shall handle the family's finances. Man is traditionally the provider, so of course, his selfesteem makes him unable to bear the thought of a woman telling him how to handle his money.

The thing to do, according to one expert on financial problems is to treat the problem as a business concern treats it. A business concern makes its purchasing agent the shrewdest bargainer it can dig up and to hire the best bookkeepers it can find for its auditing department. It doesn't give the purchasing job to a good contact or idea man, or the auditing jobs to a bunch of good salesmen.

Do the same thing in your home, the expert advises. Take stock of each partner-rule out the vanities and taboos-determine which of the two firm members is the better at stretching a dollar and keeping track of all the dollars that come in and go out, and then simply elect that partner chancellor of the home exchequer.

Run the business side of the family as a business, unemotionally and shrewdly and you will likely detour a lot of emotional upsets, not to mention a lot of inefficient use of

what money you have to use.

Why It's Stonewall Jackson Time: July 21, 1861. Place: Manassas, Prince William

county, Virginia. Dramatis Personae: Generals Thomas Jonathan Jackson and Bernard Elliott Bee, Federal and Con-

federate troops.

It was the first Battle of Bull Run. or as the South prefers to call it, Manassas.

Under the withering fire and irresistible charge of the Federals, the Confederate General Bee's brigade had broken and was on the verge of utter rout.

As from nowhere, appeared General Jackson with five of Virginia's crack regiments, who, though confronted by superior numbers, were holding their own, were indeed beginning to press forward.

"See, there is Jackson standing like a stone wall!" shouted Bee to discouraged soldiers.

Suiting their actions to his stirring

words, which passed from lips to

lips, the fast faltering troops re-

formed their ranks and put up such

a stiff fight as to contribute materi-

ally to shifting the tide of battle,

the Federals coming off second best.

fresh rally; but his sobriquet,

"Stonewall" for Thomas Jonathan

General Bee was killed leading the

