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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

PAUL MARVE, an eccentric inventor and genius, perfects an implement of war so terrible that he imagines he has the world at his mercy.

Then, just as he was beginning to opine that the world was nothing less than a huge pit of despair, he had a feeling of hope. In order to give this every encouragement he mixed himself a stiff drink.

The Secretary for War made a characteristic outburst. "But Sir Robert, the situation is serious—so serious that I cannot possibly exaggerate it," he said.

Another great power, Ronstadt, has had his eye on Marve, and it commissions a well-known figure in the international underworld, PIERRE LAROCHE, to capture Marve at Dover.

Well, on one point he was determined. Until Susan was found—until he had reliable information as to her fate—he would devote himself exclusively to trying to solve this mystery.

"I'm afraid that nature does not concern herself with things of this sort—although I realize, as you say, that the matter is of the highest possible importance.

Their plight, however, has been observed by Ronstadt's sister, SUSAN, also in the Secret Service.

His drink finished, he looked towards the door. There seemed no point in staying up; his body, at least, would be rested in bed even if his mind remained in a tumult.

"Excuse me," she said, "but has anything happened to your sister, Mr. Renton?" "She's disappeared—some devil's got hold of her."

In the meantime the prisoners are rescued by RENE JACQUARD, a member of the French counter-espionage service, who has come on board disguised as MAJOR OSCAR VON ETALHEDIEN.

And then, shattering the silence like a bomb, the telephone rang. Susan! Perhaps she had managed to get to a telephone!

"If you'll excuse me, I'm afraid I shall have to go—there are many things waiting for me at my office."

The strain, however, has its effect on Marve, for when he is interviewed by the British Cabinet he loses his reason.

With a hand that shook he took off the receiver. And this is what he heard: "Peter!" It was a woman's voice—but whether it belonged to his sister he could not determine.

"Good morning, Miss Norris," he said and if his voice was curt, it merely reflected his thoughts.

When Peter Renton finds his sister is missing he is greatly alarmed, believing she has fallen into the hands of Laroche, but Jacquard, after explaining how he was able to outfit Laroche and free the prisoners, tells Renton that he thinks it is Horst and not Laroche who has captured the girl.

"Where are you? Where are you?" he shouted. Then another voice answered—this time it was a man's. "Is that Mr. Renton?"

"Good morning, Miss Norris," he said and if his voice was curt, it merely reflected his thoughts.

Jacquard had a magnetic personality, but now the man was gone, he had taken his magic with him; on sober reflection what did his sportsmanlike pledge of help actually amount to?

"The price is ten thousand pounds. Do you hear me? Ten thousand pounds." Before he could say anything to this astonishing statement the line had gone dead.

"You cannot tell me, then, anything about the particular invention which brought your uncle to London?" "I'm afraid I cannot, Sir Harker—and then her mind switched to another subject.

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Objects to Timmins Being Overlooked

Citizen of Timmins Thinks "Facts About Canada" Missed One Big Fact.

Timmins, Ont., Sept. 8th, 1936 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins. Dear Sir—After coming over the Ferguson highway a few days ago, I noticed the 1936 edition of "5000 Facts About Canada."

"Good morning, Renton—I'm afraid there's still no news of your sister." The girl looked up. Peter Renton, the man who had brought her over from Paris, was looking ten years older than his real age.

Timmins was not among those whose names appeared in this society column, although she was present and enjoyed Canadian hospitality throughout the year.

"I'm afraid it has," was the curt response. "You remember when we were imprisoned on that houseboat that someone signalled to me in Morse?" "Yes... oh, of course, you said it was your sister."

Governor-General Speaks on Need for Defence Here

Some Canadians showed a tendency to "fly off the handle" recently when Lord Elibank in a public address made incidental reference to the need for Canada to take some sensible measures to protect itself from attack in case another war came along.

Baron Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, speaking at Calgary to the Alberta Military Institute last week, spoke much along the same line as indicated by Lord Elibank.

"I take off my hat to the Canadian militia," said His Excellency. "Their patriotic spirit and efficiency gives me a feeling of greater security concerning this land of ours."

He referred to the "stupendous achievements" made by Canadians as the spearhead of the British army in the Great War.

Science Changes Everyone's Life

By Shakes Shortcuts from the practical side of new science: Plastics—those synthetic substances of which bakelite is probably the best known—have made tremendous inroads in the past year on other substances once used in construction of almost every kind.

Waterproof matches may soon be available to prospectors, campers and others in the North whose lives may depend on being able to light a fire. A man in Sweden has applied for a patent on a material used as a binder in the heads of matches to replace the present water-soluble binder.

The largest air line in the United States has now flown planes 100,000,000 miles and claims the honour of being the first concern to reach that total.

Efficiency and more efficiency is the cry of the construction industries. Latest addition to time and labour saving equipment is in the improvement of the old fashioned wheelbarrow. One now on the market weighs only 36 pounds, is equipped with an inflated rubber tire, and carries the usual four and a half cubic feet of earth, gravel or concrete.

Scientists keep playing with polarized light, that peculiar sort that vibrates only in one direction. Reduction of glare, not only from such things as automobile headlights, but even from a page of printed matter is now possible.

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D. B. Lawley on Visit to Timmins and the North

D. B. Lawley, field secretary for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, was a visitor to Timmins for the week-end. He conferred with the convener of the local committee of the Institute, Mrs. L. E. Dorway, and others interested in the work.



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