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The VALE OF ARAGON

Romance here holds sway; romance in the spirit of Dumas, his dashing guardsmen, titled adventurers, infri-guing plots and exciting episodes. Loren Garde, of Norse and French ancestry, big and blond as a Viking, nimble of movement and with the sword thrust of D'Artagnan, is a hero of breathtaking interest? He tells his own enthralling story.

It is a story of hazard and exploit, desperate chances and romantic passion. Loren meets Dulce, fairest of Spain's daughters in the Western world, and finds his loyalty divided between her and the cause he is called upon to serve. In the wake of that conflict of devotions come duels and dangers, conspiracies and disguises, plot and counterplot. Surprise follows

on surprise, glory on despair. Loren Garde is a wildcat in fight, a tempest in love, and a mighty poor follower of any leader except the greatest. But the leader is at hand; no less a personage than Simon Boll-var, "the Liberator," the George Washington of South America. The indomitable Bolivar, who could

at will play the melody of love or the slaughter-song of hate upon the heartstrings of his people, is familiar to the annals of history but has never before appeared so vividly in fiction. The author has gone far beyond the name of this personage and brought to light the man.

CHAPTER I ---1----

Moon-Madness

I sat, one night, upon an iron bench and studied the Cabildo-to me the most imposing building in that historic city which lies, crescent-like, within the curving sweep of the Mississippi. Musing, I watched the scroll of history unroll before me. I saw De Bienville and those hardy followers of his who had erected the first house of the Crescent city; I saw the Spaniards pass-moving to the west and souththe Frenchmen come and go, and the Spaniard come again; and I heard the thunderous shouts from a thousand throats as Claiborne unfurled from the iron balcony of the old Cabildo the Stars and Stripes, emblem of the new republic.

"Ah, well," I said, half to myself. half to the vanishing shades of history, "the varying fortunes of Louisiana belong to the past; she is safe now within the fold. No more will she be ruled by kings and queens, courtlers and courtesans.'

Whereupon a sound broke into my reverie-the lilt of a woman's laugh, as clear as the note of a mocking bird. "But, your majesty," said the voice

in Spanish, "if we walk two more squares along this way we shall have passed the levee and cast ourselves Into the river."

"Name of G-d!" I gasped, leaping to my feet. There was something in that musical voice that touched a vibrant cord in my soul, and the young

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a hard and, I think, efficient fist; for a year of campaigning in that tatterdemalion army under General Jackson had given me many things, not the least of which was the healthy American knack of rough-and-tumble fighting. Under a blow that found his whiskered jaw his majesty went to his hands and knees, then he came swiftly to his fed, right hand seeking his hip, and the slim blade of a smallsword gleamed in the moonlight.

"Not so hasty, Adolfo," said the graceful courtier, whose face, I noticed, possessed so much of the high beauty of the face of the lady that I knew him for her brother; "you

must-" "A dog," Adolfo gasped. "Why should I not run him through? Did he not accost us; did he not stare at Carisima; did not the stupid clod lay violent hands upon a Fuentes?"

"But, Adolfo mio," said her majesty, 'he is uparmed." Ah, sweet angel! I was unarmed-

she had noticed it. I bent a worshiping head. "Your majesty is too kind; I was but a lonely being, who, dreaming on a bench in the moonlight, heard a voice coming out of the night, and a vision-"

"Loco!" cried Adolfo, emphasizing the charge of madness against me with a whistling sweep of his sword.



He Built Up a Gleaming Wall of Steel in Front of Me.

My moon-madness disappeared, my brain cleared, confidence was mine. And, as I laughed aloud from the sheer joy of the thing, our blades came together with a rasping whisper.

I felt of his wrist, and found an iron rigidity there; I tried a tentative tierce, and met a swift, efficient parry. No mean adversary, this powerful Spanlard in his regal raiment. We swept back and forth, our blades whipping the air in whining arcs, or hissing together in venomous slitherings, our labored breathing coming and going through set teeth, our feet tapping and sliding along the pavement, every muscle of our bodies tensed, every nerve alert, every glance searching-searching for an opening, and every fleeting thought building plans of attack and

parry. As we contended thus a circle of curious gathered - gathered silently from nowhere. They spoke in awed whispers, as though the spell of this night of madness lay upon them also. Polito came within my view as we circled and parried and offered riposte and swift counter-riposte. I smiled at him for Polito had too much of the beauty and grace of her majesty to gain any enmity from me. I was happy to find a friendly light in his eyes. Now I caught a glimpse of the lady, upon whose exquisite face lay the pallor of fear. A fear, no doubt. for the sturdy Spaniard who had called her Carisima . . . and she had called him mio. And here was I, mad with an inexplicable and overwhelming love. a love that was-because of its utter hopelessness-nothing short of sheer insanity. Whereupon I laughed wildly, and charging with reckless abandon, beat my adversary down with a furious attack that carried me near to victory.

"Nearly," I cried, "nearly, Your Majesty !"

"Nearly," he answered, and his deep voice came almost in a gasping sob, "is never quite enough."

Now, when I heard the labored effort of his voice I knew that I had won. With the realization that I was his master my youthful pride offered a jibe or two: "Cannot a lonely being dream in the moonlight, Your Majesty, and conjure up the figures of the past, or look with favor upon a lady without the charge of madness being placed against him?"

With a frenzled burst of charges he built up a gleaming wall of steel in front of me. I moved back before that last attack. listening with fine satisfaction to the labored breath that whistled through his teeth, for he had nearly reached the end-and knew it. And when I felt a weakening of that iron wrist of his, and noted the diminishing power of his lunges, and saw the look of animal terror that leaped into his eyes, a deep disgust for the man entered my soul. I would let her see the terror in his eves. I would have her know the craven that he was, and if she chose to love him then. . I advanced in attack now with all the reserve force that I possessed Parrying wildly, he retreated before this final offensive. I think the fear of imminent death had touched his brain, for when I thrust, and felt the steel take hold, I heard him offer up a sigh almost of contentment,

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Hoover Moratorium Plan, With French Modifications, in Effect-Great Britain Calls Conference to Work Out Details.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

ings has been interpreted as indicat-

ing a desire on his part to avoid re-

nomination for the vice presidency

and to run for the Kansas senator

asked about his political plans, he re-

plied "They'll not get anything out

Senator Watson of Indiana, Repub-

is having a pleasanter time on his

European vacation than has fallen to

Mr. Stimson arrived at Naples Tues-

day on the steamship Conte Grande,

accompanied by Mrs. Stimson. He was

met by Ambassador Garrett, and, fol-

lowing a visit to Pompeli and Hercu-

laneum, went to Rome by automobile.

Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia and

later met him at a dinner given by

The secretary's European vacation

DR. JOSEPH L.

United States senator

from Maryland, evi-

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the Republican nomi-

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France, for mer

lican leader of the senate, also has

of me for at least three months."

MUTUAL conces- | versy over the board's wheat holdsions by the United States and France, obtained by clever negotiation, reulted in the acceptance of the Hoover moratorium plan in principle by the French government. All other important nations already had

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accepted, so President board, arguing for 92 cents, which is Julius Curtius said to be the average price paid by Hoover announced the stabilization corporation for its that the plan might

be considered as in effect as of date wheat, as the figure below which the board should not sell. Senator Wilof July 1. liam E. Borah, insurgent Republican Brefly summarized, the agreement provides that debtor governments of Idaho and chairman of the agricultural committee named at the shall be relieved of payments due between July 1, 1931, and July 1, 1932, "progressive conference" last March, has insisted that the board defer all aggregating approximately 800 millions of dollars. Germany will be resales until wheat goes to \$1.25. lieved of reparations payments to the former allied and associated govern-

SECRETARY OF STATE STIMSON ments totaling nearly 400 millions of dollars. Great Britain, France, Italy, Belthe lot of Secretary of the Treasury glum, and other debtors will be re-Mellon. Starting too late to get mixed lieved of war debt payments approxiup in the moratorium negotiations,

mating 400 millions The greatest sacrifice will be made by the United States, which will forego war debt receipts totaling 260 milllons.

Beginning July 1, 1933, the deferred reparations and war debt payments Thurday evening he called on Premier will be paid in installments during a ten-year period, in addition to the regular current payments.

the American embassy. In Mr. Stim-Payment by Germany of conditional son's honor the ruins of the ancient reparations totaling 243 -millions will Roman Forum, just beyond the Capitoline hill, were brilliantly lighted up be unreservedly suspended. Germany will be required, however, to pay the at night. unconditional reparations, amounting to \$130,600,000, with the understandwill last two months and he will deing that this amount in full will be vote considerable time to an investigation of conditions on the continent. loaned back to Germany.

A loan of about 25 millions will be made to Central European countries if necessary by the federal reserve banks of the United States and European central banks.

The accord reached was entirely satisfactory to both the Americans and the French. President Hoover gained his chief point, the gist of the whole plan, for Germany does not have to pay any international debts characterized by the Italian press as a return to the medieval conceptions about the respective authority of the church and state. Copies of the document were not only distributed in the churches of Rome, but also were sent out of the country by special couriers -which action drew Fascist ridicule.

MAYBE there will be another war in South America before long. Dispatches from Asuncion, Paraguay, said that Senor Guachalla, minister from Bolivia, sent a note to the foreign office declaring he had been ordered by his government to suspend diplomatic relations between the two nations. The Paraguayan government replied with the announcement that it had ordered its minister to Bolivia to return home. Don't ask what it's all about.

Peru has been having a little war ship which he formerly held. When of its own-government versus revolutionists. The other day the rebels were defeated at Huambutio and the city of Cuzco, their headquarters, was taken. The revolters thereupon fied to the jungle, and probably little more been trying to influence the farm will be heard of them.



 $M_{\rm with \ the \ Church}^{\rm EXICO'S \ quarrel}$ of Rome is now centered in the state of Vera Cruz and the prospects of a peaceful settlement are growing more and more remote. In protest against the recently enacted law of the state limiting the

BishopValencia number of priests. Rt. Rev. Rafael Guizar

Valencia, bishop of Vera Cruz, has instructed all Catholics of the state to abstain from attending dances theaters and other festivities until the conflict between the church and government is ended. The bishop also has instructed his priests to keep their churches open, even if the state forblds services conducted by priests.

TOSEF STALIN has made public J the new policy of Soviet Russia in dealing with the bourgeoisie and the kulaks of well-to-do farmers. These classes, hitherto suppressed, persecuted and exiled, are now to be conciliated to an extent if they will consent to co-operate with and labor for the Soviet regime. The rulers of Russia have discovered that the brains and skill of the old order are needed to meet the growing demands of agricultural and industrial development.

As part of the new order of things Stalin also presented a program entailing radical changes in the government's policy toward labor and Industry to insure the success of the fiveyear plan.

blood flamed through my veins. As I stood, trembling in this new emotion, three figures left the shadows of the Cabildo and, moving southward, crossed Chartres street, turned to the left and approached the point where I stood, three figures who might have | stepped from a Titian canvas. One was a slim graceful courtier with a scabbard that flashed in the moonlight with every movement of his left knee; the other two were a king and a queen of old Spain, bearing, each of them, all the trappings of royalty.

Speechless, I stared, wondering vaguely if, by some grotesque twist of fate this consciousness of mine could have been thrown back three centuries: yet, yonder stood the Cabildo. this was New Orleans, and the time-I felt certain-was the year of our Lord eighteen hundred twenty-one. But had she not said, "Your majesty," and did they not look like sovereigns of ancient Spain? Unheeding, I drank deep of the beauty of this modern Isabella.

She had all the regal dignity and poise of Spain's great queen; Titlan himself might have arranged the wavy blue-black hair. Her eyes in the moonlight seemed to hold purple shadows, her face was pale, her lips half parted; a fragile hand, inquiring and partly closed, pressed against the curve of cheek and chin.

His majesty, a sturdy man with heavy shoulders, square full beard and broad forehead, spoke deep in his massive chest: but, deaf and dumb and blind to all the world save the woman who stood before me, I paid no heed.

Except for the lovely, gracious lady who is my mother, woman had hardly touched my life; yet here was I, lost in the depths of a lady's eyes, a lady I had never seen until this night. Madness? Aye, a sudden and overwhelming madness, and no more to be explained than the alchemy of love Itself.

As I stood, dazed, faltering, his majesty's voice, which held a rasping. hostile note, beat into my conscious ness: "Have the amber wines of old Didier touched thy brain, dolt, or is stupidity the natural heritage of Yankees?"

"It may be that he cannot hear," the lady said kindly, "-cannot understand." Then in swift French to me: "Is it that you do not know the Spanish, Monsieur, cannot hear the voice?" I tried to smile-a sorry effort, for the past, as well as the spell of her beauty, still bore upon me. "We of to set eyes on Australia and the first New Orleans must know three lan-

guages, your majesty," I faltered; "and a voice that is like music-" "Carraca !" The magic of the night and the misty vaporings of my winemused mind gave way to grim realities of the moment, for the broad-

king advanced upon me threateningly. He tried to brush me aside with the turned poor and ill, wrote a "Vindisweep of a muscular arm, but I swung | cation," and lived to sail again on the

"Give him thy blade, Polito; must I waste the evening on a stupid ladrone?"

Polito, reading my face, found acquiescence there. He drew his sword, grasped the point with thumb and forefinger and, resting the gleaming steel across his left forearm, extended the hilt to me. I caught it in eager fingers, for she had called him "mio"; and that proprietary "Carisima" of his had kindled a fire of senseless jealousy within me. Polito's weapon balanced like a feather in my hand; a Toledo blade, in truth. I swung it in a tentative arc, and the air sang beneath that blow.

His majesty shrugged out of the long cape and, point raised, advanced upon me. "Guard," said he.

I think the hissing cadence of my sword touched a cord of cowardice in his majesty; I think he must have realized that it was not a stupid clod who stood before him, and I'm sure such realization added nothing to his confidence.

"Not so fast, Senor," I cried; "do you not know that the road to hell is traveled in haste, while heaven is reached more slowly?" He swore in his beard, and I continued: "If I should hazard a guess as to your masquerade I would say that you are Charles the Fifth of Spain, a noble king who lived three hundred years ago; but your actions and your words belie your regal trappings."

"Guard, Senor !" he gasped. Now a devil of impudence perched

upon my tongue: "And your lady will be the gracious Eleanor, yet lovelier by far than the consort of your ancient namesake; aye, infinitely more beautiful than Spain's great queen herself, the splendid Isabella, whose charm has furnished through the centuries the motif for song and story." "He is mad," she breathed, "mad!"

And so I was, I think. "Must I run you through, dolt?"

Adolfo cried.

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Seaman Is Remembered as Rescuer of Crusoe

William Dampier is one of the most | famous voyage that thrilled the world extraordinary figures in the story of by the rescue of Alexander Selkirk. the sailor who was marconed on Juan exploration. He was a great navigator and a great explorer; but he was also Fernandez island and became immora buccaneer with a reputation for tal as Robinson Crusoe .-- Montreal cruelty. His name is remembered for Family Herald. two reasons. First, because he was undoubtedly the first English seaman explorer to do any hydrographical surnew maid's references before engagveys there. Secondly, while buccaing her. neering, he took part in some of the most amazing exploits of the so-called here?" she asked, after a while. "Re-Brethren of the Coast, crossed the isthmus of Darien and was present at member, you've left a good many situations." the sacking of Santa Marta, Twice

shouldered man who chose to ape a the government sent Dampier to the South seas. The second time he redidn't leave any of them voluntarily." -London Tit-Bits.

His sword, falling from nerveless fingers, clattered upon the cobbles; with a soft cry of "Carisima" he went to his knees, and then like a man who is very tired he crumpled slowly to the pavement. A passion of resentment, of disgust, still burned within me, "Charles the Fifth indeed," I said, casting my sword to the ground beside him; "bah-you should be called Charles the Last !"

I turned away, as her majesty dropped to her knees beside the fallen man, "Ah, 'Dolfo mlo," she cried, "Adolfo !"

"Carisima," he said again,

Polito laid a hand upon my arm. "We would apologize, Senor. "To me," I gasped; "you and-

and-?"

"Yes, Senor-my sister, the Senorita Lamartina. We have just lately come from a bal masque, where Adolfo has doubtless looked too often upon the bottom of an emptied wine glass. May I hope that you will let me offer our apologies?"

I laughed aloud in a sudden and unexplainable excess of happiness. Then she wasn't his wife! "The Senor and his sister will find me ever at their service," I said. "One never knows-a time may come-"

One Saving Grace

The mistress was looking over the

"Do you think you will settle down

"Yes, ma'am," she replied. "But I

The girl smiled confidently,

"You are kind, Senor, as well as a gentleman of high courage." (TO BE CONTINUED.)

accord calls for the moral support of the signatories in getting a private loan for France's central European friends, and lays upon Germany moral responsibility for not using her moratorium saving for armaments.

Foreign Secretary Julius Curtius Maryland. Very soon, it is expected, and Chancellor Bruening of Germany. he will make a tour through the grain of course, are pleased beyond expresstates of the West. sion, and the former paid warm tribute to the work accomplished in Paris paign under way are Jonathan Bourne, by Secretary Mellon. The German former senator from Oregon and head press, however, professes to be disof the Republican publicity bureau gusted with the compromise, several during the Wilson administration, and influential papers declaring that it Lyle Rader, who is described as "a wrecks the plan entirely. prominent New York chemist and Bi-

In concluding his announcement of ble speaker." the agreement, President Hoover in the West he will give his reasons touched on the question of world disarmament, which he considers the secfor seeking the Presidential nominaond festure of his program for retion and will discuss "the grave world storing economic prosperity. crisis and its remedy through the application of the principle of righteous-

ness to economic, social and interna-HAVING ably seconded Mr. Hoo-ver's effort to bring about the tional problems." moratorium, the British government BEFORE the convention of the Great Lakes-Hudson Waterways called a conference of the powers to work out the details of the plan. The premiers and foreign ministers are to association in Albany, N. Y., Senator meet in London, and it is expected Copeland and Representative Hamil-Secretary Stimson will participate as ton Fish of the Empire state and an official observer when he reaches various others attacked the proposed St. Lawrence ship canal and urged England.

This conference will meet from time to time for several months, it is understood, and may continue to function for several years. Before this body, toward the end of the one year Hoover moratorium, will come the question of the capacity of Germany to continue paying the Young plan reparations, the question of extending the Hoover debt holiday another year, and the question of revising repara-

tions and war debts downward. VICE PRESIDENT Curtis came out in the open in earnest opposition to the pollcies of the federal Ser.

THOUGH it is unthat Pope Plus and Premier Mussolini have both decided to avoid any precipitate action in their controversy, they continue to hammer at each other with encyclicals **Charles** Curtis and newspaper arti-

tic myth."

holdings. The two Kansans argued for cles. The pope steadhours that this wheat should not be lly maintains that the Mgr. Borgonput on the market until the price church is suffering reached 85 cents, but Mr. Stone repersecution at the fused to make any such pledge. He hands of the Fascist rulers of Italy, did state, however, that the board

but for the present at least he will not consider the withdrawal of the papal nuncio to Rome, Mgr. Borgoncinj-Duca. The nuncio, for his part, has been doing all he could to bring about a peaceful settlement of the quarrel.

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lion bushels a month for the next The pope's latest encyclical dealt severely with the Fascist position on Mr. Curtis' activity in the controthe education of youth, and was

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER celebrated his ninety-second birthday quietly at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y. The only event of the day was a family dinner attended by Mr. and Mrs. The doings began with a public meet-John D. Rockefeller, Jr., their maring at Mount Ararat farms, the docried daughter. Abbie, and her husband, David Milton, together with four other Rockefeller children. To the press Mr. Rockefeller said: "These occasions offer me a very welcome opportunity: first, to express my gratitude to the many, many friends who not only at this time but throughout the year have shown their kindly regard for me; and second, to wish them and theirs and all the world a large measure of health and contentment, which are the basis of real Doctor France says that on his trip happiness,"

> BILLY BURKE of Greenwich, Conn., professional golfer whose real name is Burkowski-he is a Pole-is the new open golf champion of the United States, wearing the crown which Bobby Jones laid aside. In the tournament on the Inverness



course at Toledo, Billy Burke Burke and George

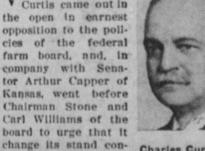
von Elm of Detroit tied for first place with cards of 292. Next day they undertook to play off the tie at 36 holes, and again tied. So on Monday the second play-off was staged and Burke won by a margin of one stroke, finishing the longest tourney in golf history. Burke had a total of 589 strokes for the 144 holes played in the five days of their battle, and Von Elm had 590. This was slightly over an average of 4 for each hole.

THOUGH Max Schmeling of Ger-many won a clean-cut victory over Willie Stribling in their battle in Cleveland, defending his heavyweight title, he is still out of favor with the New York state boxing commission. Chairman J. A. Farley of that body is quoted as saying: "Schmeling will never meet another boxer in New York as long as he refuses to meet Jack Sharkey again." The New York commission gave Schmeling the title when Sharkey fouled him, but, according to Farley, it does not consider him the champion.

NOTABLE among the deaths of the week was that of John Brisben Walker in Brooklyn. For many years he was often in the public eye as a soldier, business man, writer and editor and crusader for world peace.

The duke of Aosta, cousin of the king of Italy, also passed away, to the great sorrow of the Italian people. He won considerable fame in the World war.

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would not offer any of its wheat at

the present low prices. But he made

it plain that the board would abide

by its policy enunciated July 1, which

was that it would feel free to sell up

to a cumulative maximum of five mil-

cerning its wheat

year.

for one year. The French statesmen congratulate themselves because the

dency in 1932, Already he has started on his

tor's country estate in Cecil county,

Assisting France in getting his cam-

that congress begin as soon as possi-

ble the construction of all-American

waterways from the Great Lakes to

the Atlantic seaboard by way of the

Mohawk valley and the Hudson, as a

that the St. Lawrence canal was con-

sidered only because the farmers of

the Middle West wanted it for an

outlet for their surplus grain, and Mr.

Fish said the Russian wheat situa-

tion "now makes the building of a

ship canal through Canada a fantas-

It was declared by the speakers

means to relieve unemployment.

Dr. J. I. France summer campaign, and his many friends are

helping to the extent of their powers.