

UNDER THE MOONS OF MARS

BY EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

CHAPTER XXVI—Continued

THERE was an extremely pathetic side to the surrender of these mighty fiends, the result of an age-old custom which demanded that surrender should be signified by the voluntary plunging to the earth of the commander of the vanquished vessel.

Not until the commander of the entire fleet took the fearful plunge, thus indicating the surrender of the remaining vessels, did the fighting cease and the useless sacrifice of brave men.

We now signaled the flagship of Helium's navy to approach, and when she was within hailing distance I called out that we had the Princess Dejah Thoris on board, and that we wished to transfer her to the flagship that she might be taken immediately to the city.

As the full import of my announcement bore in upon them a great cry rose from the decks of the flagship, and a moment later the colors of the Princess of Helium broke from a hundred points upon her upper works.

When the other vessels of the squadron caught the signal, the signals flashed and they took up the wild acclaim and unfurled her colors in the gleaming sunlight.

The flagship bore down upon us, and as she swung gracefully to the right, on the side a dozen officers sprang upon our decks. As their astonished gaze fell upon the hundreds of green warriors, who now came forth from the fighting shelters, they stopped abruptly, and in a moment Kan, who advanced to meet them, they came forward, crowding about him.

Dejah Thoris and I then advanced, and they had no doubt recognized us. "She received them gracefully, calling each by name, for they were men high in the esteem and service of her grandfather, and she knew them well.

"Lay your hands upon the shoulder of John Carter," she said to them, turning toward me, "the man to whom Helium owes her princess as well as her victory over her enemies."

They were very courteous to me, and said many kind and complimentary things, but what seemed to impress them most was that I had won the victory over the Thors in my campaign for the liberation of Dejah Thoris and the relief of Helium.

"You owe your thanks more to another man than me," I said, "and here he is. Meet one of Barsoom's greatest soldiers and statesmen, Tars Tarkas, Jeddak of Thark."

With the same polished courtesy that had marked their manner toward me, they extended their greetings to the great Thark, nor, to my surprise, was he much behind them in ease of bearing or in courtesy of speech.

Dejah Thoris went aboard the flagship, and as she did so she turned and waved her hand to me, and I explained to her, the battle was put partly won, we still had the land forces to account for, and I would not leave Tars Tarkas until that had been accomplished.

The commander of the naval forces of Helium promised to arrange to have the armies of Helium attack the city in company with the Thors, and the vessels separated, and Dejah Thoris was borne in triumph back to the court of her grandfather, Tardos Mors, Jeddak of Helium.

In the distance lay our feet of transports, with the throats of the green warriors, where they had remained during the battle. Without landing signs, they were a dim, distant, and unlovely mass of beasts upon the open plain; but there was nothing else to see, and so we put out for a point about ten miles from the city, and began the task.

It was necessary to lower the animals to the ground in slings, and this work occupied the remainder of the day and half the night. Twice we were attacked by parties of the Thors, but with little loss, however, and after darkness shut down they withdrew.

As soon as the last boat was unloaded Tars Tarkas gave the command to advance, and in three parties the Thors, the Zodangans and the Helians moved to the south and the east.

About a mile from the main camp we encountered their outposts, and as had been prearranged, the Thors, the Zodangans and the Helians, with wild, ferocious cries and amid the wild squealing of battle-engaged throats we tore down upon the Zodangans.

He did not catch them napping, but found a well-entrenched battle line confronting us. Time after time we were repulsed until, toward noon, I began to fear for the result of the battle.

may lay his hand on the shoulder of a friend, and ally in a far greater boon." Jeddak of Helium," returned Tars Tarkas, "it has remained for a man of another world to teach the green warriors of Barsoom the meaning of friendship."

We were these presents to Mors Kakaj, Jed of lesser Helium and father of Dejah Thoris. He had followed close behind Tardos Mors, and seemed even more affected by the meeting than had his father.

He tried a dozen times to express his gratitude to me; but his voice choked with emotion, and he could not speak; a reputation for ferocity and fearlessness as a fighter that was remarkable even upon warlike Barsoom.

In common with all Helium, he worshipped his ancestors, and he was so proud of what she had escaped without deep emotion.

CHAPTER XXVII "The Light Flickers" FOR ten days the horde of Thark and their wild allies were feasted and entertained; and then, loaded with costly presents and escorted by 10,000 soldiers of Helium commanded by Mors Kakaj, they started on the return journey to their own lands.

The Jod of lesser Helium, with a small party of nobles, accompanied them all the way to Thark to cement more closely the new bonds of peace and friendship.

Sola also accompanied Tarkas, her father, who before all his chieftains had acknowledged her as his daughter.

Three weeks later Mors Kakaj and his officers, accompanied by Tars Tarkas and Sola, returned to the city of Helium, and were dispatched to Thark to fetch them in time for the ceremony which made Dejah Thoris and John Carter one.

For nine years served in the council and in the army of Helium as a prince of the house of Tardos Mors. The people seemed never to tire of hearing honors upon me, and no day passed without bringing some new proof of their love for my princess, the incomparable Dejah Thoris.

In a golden incubator upon the roof of our palace lay a snow-white egg. For many days it lay in the arms of the Jeddak's Guards had constantly stood over it, and not a day passed when I was not standing hand in hand before our little shrine planning for the future, when the delicate shell should break.

Vivid in my memory is the picture of the last night as we sat there, talking in low tones of the strange romance which had begun together, and of the new wonder which was coming to augment our happiness and round out our hopes and aspirations.

In the distance we saw the bright white light of an approaching airship, but we attached no special significance to so common a sight.

Like a bolt of lightning it raced to the ground, and until its very speed bespoke the unusual.

Flashing the signals which proclaimed it a dispatch-bearer for the Jeddak, it circled impatiently, awaiting the tardy palanquin, which must convey it to the palace docks.

Ten minutes after it touched at the palace a message called me to the council chamber, which I found filling with the members of the royal family.

On the raised platform of the throne was Tardos Mors, pacing back and forth with tense-drawn face. When all were there, the king turned toward me, and said: "This morning, I was eached the several governments of Barsoom that"

Philip Loeb, Graduate of Central High and U. of P., to Support E. H. Sothorn in "If I Were King"

A young Philadelphian, who decided a year ago to prepare for a career on the stage, has succeeded so well that he has been engaged by E. H. Sothorn and will make his professional debut tonight at the Shubert Theatre, New York, when Mr. Sothorn opens a new York engagement.

the keeper of the atmosphere plant had made no wireless report for two days. Jeddak of Helium," returned Tars Tarkas, "it has remained for a man of another world to teach the green warriors of Barsoom the meaning of friendship."

The ambassadors of the other nations asked us to witness the report for two days. The assistant keeper to the plant. All day a thousand cruisers have been searching for him, until his dead body of them returns, bearing his just body, which was put in the public house, his house horribly mutilated by some assassin.

"I do not need to tell you what this means to Barsoom. It will take months to penetrate these mighty walls; in fact, the work has already commenced, and there would be little to fear were the engine of the pumping plant to run as it should and as they all have for hundreds of years; but the worst, we fear, has happened.

"The instruments show a rapidly decreasing air pressure on all parts of Barsoom—its engine, its pumps, its fans, its generators," he concluded, "we have at best three days to live."

There was absolute silence for several minutes, and then a young noble rose, and with his hand raised high above his head, addressed Tardos Mors: "The men of Helium have prided themselves that they have ever shown Barsoom how a nation of red men should live; now is our opportunity to show them how they should die. Let us go about our duties as though a thousand useful years still lay before us."

The chamber rang with applause, and, as there was no other speaker to do this to allay the fears of the people by our example, we went our ways with smiles upon our faces and sorrow gnawing at our hearts.

When I returned to my palace I found that the rumors had reached Dejah Thoris, so I told her all that I had heard. "We have been very happy, John Carter," she said, "and I thank whatever fate overrules us that it permits us to die together."

The next two days brought no noticeable change in the supply of air, but on the morning of the third day breathing became difficult at the higher altitudes of the rooftops. The avenues and plazas of Helium were filled with people. All business had ceased. For the most part the people looked bravely into the face of their unalterable fate, and there, however, women wept quietly.

Toward the middle of the day many of the weaker commenced to succumb, and within an hour the people of Barsoom were sinking by thousands into the unconsciousness which precedes death by asphyxiation.

Dejah Thoris and I, with the other members of the royal family, had collected in a garden within an inner courtyard of the palace. We conversed in low tones, when we conversed at all, as the awe of the grim shadow of death crept over us.

The little incubator had been brought from the roof of our palace at the request of Dejah Thoris, and she sat gazing longingly upon the unknown little life that now she would never know.

As it was becoming perceptibly difficult to breathe, Tardos Mors arose, saying: "Let us bid each other farewell. The days of the greatness of Barsoom are over. Tomorrow's sun will look down upon a dead world, which through all eternity must go swinging through the heavens, peopled not even by memories. It is the end."

He stooped and kissed the women of his family, and laid his strong hand upon the shoulders of the men.

As I turned sadly from him my eyes fell upon Dejah Thoris. Her head was drooping upon her breast, with a cry I sprang to her and raised her in my arms. Her eyes opened and looked into mine.

"I love you," she murmured, "I love you, I love you, I love you, that was starting upon a life of love and happiness."

CONCLUDED MONDAY

PHILADELPHIA TO TAKE LEADING PART IN BIBLE SOCIETY'S CENTENARY

Special Sermons Will Be Preached Next Sunday. 109,926,214 Copies Distributed

6,406,323 LAST YEAR

Hundreds of Philadelphia clergymen will join in the observance of the centennial anniversary celebration of the American Bible Society, on Sunday, May 7. Special sermons on the Bible are being prepared and appropriate programs of music and addresses will be given.

The observance is of special interest to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, as the Pennsylvania Bible Society, which is now affiliated with the American Bible Society, was organized eight years earlier than the latter organization. Since it became a part of the American Bible Society, the Pennsylvania Bible Society has been extended to include the States of New Jersey and Delaware and has been renamed the Atlantic Agency of the American Bible Society.

For many years it has occupied its quaint and historic building at 7th and Walnut streets, and many hundreds of thousands of Bibles in many languages have been sent out from that place.

The general secretary of the Atlantic Agency during the last 10 years has been Rev. Walter H. Waygood, who has been field secretary for about four years and Miss Beadle H. Wood has long been the local manager. The present general secretary of the organization, Rev. E. Eckard, was for more than 13 years pastor of the Brainerd Presbyterian Church at Easton, and for 17 years before going to the Capitol at 2:30 o'clock and will adjourn at 4:30 p. m.

Doctor Eckard has sent out thousands of letters to clergymen throughout his district of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, asking them to take part in the centennial observance and hundreds have responded.

He will go to Washington to participate in the official celebration of the American Bible Society, which is to take place in the Memorial Hall, Washington, D. C., on May 7. President Wilson and other distinguished men will address the meeting.

MANY BIBLES DISTRIBUTED. The local branch has for a long time distributed between 200,000 and 300,000 volumes of the Bible each year in the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Last year 219,000 were sent out from the headquarters at 7th and Walnut streets, there being 30,000 less than had been anticipated owing to the European war stopping immigration.

With the exception of Germany, the centennial of the organization will be observed in virtually every civilized country in the world on May 7, as the society has translated the Bible into 117 languages, carried on in 150 languages, through nine home and 12 foreign agencies. During the last 99 years it has issued 109,926,214 volumes. Last year 6,406,323 Bibles were sent out. In China 1,155,117 volumes were sent out. The total expense for the year was \$764,960.10.

RELIGIOUS BREVIETES. A meeting tomorrow night, under the auspices of the Linnell Mission, at the Y. M. C. A., will be held at 8 o'clock. The subject will be "The Psychology of the Resurrection." The speaker will be Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt.

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RICHMOND TRIERS MEET TO CONSIDER CHARGES

Court of Five Will Be Chosen by Lot for Final Disposition of Presentments

The final disposition of the charges against the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond will be made today by the diocesan triers. The remaining presentments have been consolidated into an indictment of 149 counts. These include specific charges of defamatory libel against Bishop Threlkeld and various members of the parish over which Mr. Richmond was rector before his recent suspension in the lengthy indictment are also counts of perjury, scurrilous letter-writing, violent ejection of worshippers from the church and intimidation.

The triers will assemble in the basement of St. Luke and the Epiphany and draw lots to decide the five who will pass upon the pending charges. Each side is allowed, under the chancellor's consolidation order, six peremptory challenges, and in event of less than five of the diocesan triers remaining unchallenged either peremptory or for cause, resort will be had to the Standing Committee for a new panel.

The diocesan triers who have been summoned for today are: The Rev. H. H. Gummy, D. D., rector of St. James Church, Downtown; the Rev. S. J. Joffen, rector of St. Paul's Church, Bristol; the Rev. G. W. Hodges, S. T. D., rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia; the Rev. H. A. F. Hoyt, D. D., rector of St. John's Church, Cynwyd; the Rev. C. S. Hutchinson, D. D., rector of St. Clement's, Philadelphia; the Rev. Robert Johnston, D. D., rector of the Church of the Holy Saviour; the Rev. A. J. McCurtis, treasurer of the General Clergy Relief Fund; the Rev. H. M. Medary, rector of the Church of the Advocate; the Rev. Edward Ritchie, rector of St. James the Less.

The 16th diocesan trier, the Rev. A. R. Van Meter, formerly rector of All Saints, Torresdale, was called last summer to be trier of the Cathedral in the Diocese of Erie, and is, therefore, ineligible as a trier.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OPENS \$10,000 CAMPAIGN. Hopes to Obtain Funds to Enlarge Present Edifice. The membership of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, Church, Thompson street east of 5th, which was established in 1835, has increased so much the workers in the church have started a campaign for \$10,000, with which they plan to enlarge and erect additions to the old chapel. Ground will be broken Monday.

"HOLY TRINITY NIGHT" AT INASMUCH MISSION. Summer Home of Drexel Biddle Classes Opens May 6. The "Holy Trinity night" will be observed at the Inasmuch Mission on Monday night. The ladies' class will provide the musical program, and the speakers will be from the men's brass. The public is cordially invited.

NEW HOME AT ST. TIMOTHY'S. Gift to Hospital Will Be Opened This Afternoon. The modernized home which has just been given to the St. Timothy Episcopal Hospital, at Roxborough, as the result of the will of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Merritt for retirement work, and a special training class, will be opened this afternoon. The home was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, the original donors of the site of St. Timothy's Hospital, on Ridge avenue. They left the house to Mrs. Catherine King, to use it as her home as long as she lived, and said it was to go to the hospital and St. Timothy's Church at her death.

11,000 AT BIBLE CLASSES. Gratifying Increase in Central Y. M. C. A. Attendance. Eleven thousand men and boys have attended the Bible classes held under the auspices of the Central Y. M. C. A., 1421 Arch street, during the last season, which comes to a close this week.

"King Wilson of the U. S." NEW YORK, April 29.—When John Barotti, a candidate for naturalization, was asked before Supreme Court Justice Platt in New York, who is the head of the United States Government, he replied: "King Wilson." This caused a laugh, in which Dana White, United States Government examiner, had to join.

A LITTLE CHAFF EACH DAY WILL ADD TO YOUR HEALTH. By WILLIAM BRADY M. D. "OUR house we are afraid," writes a minister's better half, "that Doctor Brady is growing too serious. He used to mix a bit of chaff with the good things served up in our favorite newspaper. Now we go for days and days at a time without a smile. We trust this is only a temporary indisposition. We like health talks served with a dash of humor."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Strong Eyes Not From Eye Lotions. Please give me a good formula for an eye lot to strengthen the eyes. I have tried many eye lotions, but they do not seem to do much good. Answer—If you have some chronic trouble with the eyes it should be treated. If not, don't bathe the eyes with any medicament whatever. Certainly no such method will improve the eyesight. The tears supply all the eyewater normally necessary.

Whisky Worst Thing for Shock. A girl in our factory had her fingers crushed in a machine. The forearm pained a great deal of whisky down her throat and she presently became wildly intoxicated. It might do as much for shock or collapse from injury? Answer—The worst possible remedy. The forearm ought to be punished for its intoxication. It might do as much for shock or collapse from injury? Answer—The worst possible remedy. The forearm ought to be punished for its intoxication.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The human race is stretched between the future and the past. A weak and tattered ribbon blown before a rending blast. Well, I can only try each day to keep my part from giving way.

Stephen Fluke, Writer, Fluke, dramatist and once widely known as the "Journalist and writer correspondent," died here yesterday at the age of 78. He was born in New Brunswick, N. J., and after being graduated from Rutgers College in 1887 was admitted to the bar, but soon abandoned the law for journalism. He acted as war correspondent for the New York Herald during the Civil War and later became dramatic critic for that paper. Afterward he founded the New York Dramatic Mirror.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. ORGANIST AND CHOIR BUREAU. Churches supplied. Frederick R. Davis, M. P. Voice Culture, 1714 Chestnut st.

BAPTIST TEMPLE, Broad and Berks sts. Morning 10:30. Bible School 7:30. Music in the evening by Temple Chorus. Organ recital 7:15. W. C. F. C. CHESTNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. Chestnut st. west of 4th. Pastor, 8:45 a. m.—Brotherhood of A. and P. 10:30 a. m.—Bible School. Pastor, 2:30 p. m.—Bible School. Pastor, 7:45 p. m.—Worship and Sermon by Pastor.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH. 15th and Chestnut sts. T. E. WINTER, Pastor, 10:30, 2:30, 7, 8.

DR. ALGERNON S. CRAPSEY will speak on "The Psychology of the Resurrection," Broad Street Theatre, 11 a. m.

FRANKLIN HOME FOR THE REFORMATION OF INEBRIATES, 911-13 Locust st. Charles K. Gibbs, Superintendent. Special Masses.

AT THE FRIENDLY CHURCH. DANIEL E. WEGGIE, Pastor, will preach Sunday Morning 10:30. Services at 10:30. Epiphany, Harriet, 10:30. Organ, 10:30. Organ, 10:30. Organ, 10:30.

TABERNACLE, 59th and Spruce—Wm. J. Taylor, Jr., 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

PARK AVENUE CHURCH. PARK AVENUE and North Street. D. Minister, 10:30. "A WORKMAN THAT NEIDETH NOT THE SHIELD." AMERICA. METHODISM. Ashburton Centennial Service, 10:30. Harriet, 10:30. Organ, 10:30. Organ, 10:30.

COLUMBIA AVE. Rev. 25th and Rev. E. W. HAIT, D. D. Services 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

HARPER MEMORIAL, 29th and Spruce, ave.—Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt, 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

HOPE, 33d and Wharton sts. Minister, Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt, 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, 21st and Christian sts. Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt, 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, 34th st. above Chestnut. Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt, 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, 13th and Arch. Rev. Dr. J. B. Merritt, 10:30, 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30. P. M. 7:45, 8, 8:30, 9:30.

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