THE DEBT

Copyright, 1918, by Edgar Rice Burrougha Usanga's eyes went wide. "He flew here through the sky?" he asked.

LIEUTENANT SMITH-OLDWICK.

of the Royal Air Service, was on a reconnaissance flight. A hardly credible rumor had come to the British headquarters in German East Africa that the enemy had landed in force on the west coast and were marching to the sky? The asked.

"Yes," said Numabo," in a great thing which resembled a bird he flew down out of the sky. The thing is still there where it came down close to the four trees near the second bend in the river. We left it there because, not knowing what it was, we were afraid to touch it; it is still there if it has not flown away again."

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the west coast and were marching to re-enforce their colonial troops. The new army was supposed to be no more than ten or twelve days' march to the west.

Therefore Lieutenant Harold Percy Smith-Oldwick flew low toward the west, searching with keen eyes for signs of the rumored Hun army. Vast.

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"He will fit no nonce, said Numbo.

dense foresta in which a German army corps might have lain concealed annoled beneath him.

Always beging that he might discover some sign of their passage, he continued farther and farther west ward until well into the afternoon, above a tree-dotted plain through the center of which flowed a winding river, he determined to turn about and start for camp. It would take straight flying at top speed to cover the distance before dark; but as he had ample gaseline and a trastworthy machine, there

tered into three bands which, partly surrounding him, came simultaneously toward him from different directions; and though he emptied his pistol with good effect, they reached him at last. They seemed to know that his ammunition was exhausted, for they circled close about him now, with the evident intention of taking him alive. For two or three minutes they circled about him until at a word from Numabo they closed in simultaneously, and though the slender young licatenant struck out to right and left, he was soon overwhelmed by superior

and though the sienner young neuten-ant struck out to right and left, he was soon overwhelmed by superior numbers and beaten down.

He was all but unconscious when they finally dragged him to his feet, and after securing his hands behind his back, pushed him roughly along whend of them toward the jungle. They had and was a sound the center of an excited mab whose intent seemed to be dispatch him as quickly as possible. The women were more venomous than the men, striking and scratching him whenever they could reach him, until at last Numabo was obliged to interfere to save his prisoner for whatever purpose he was destined. As the warriors pushed the crowd back, opening a space through which white man was led toward a hut. Smith-Oldwick saw coming from the west cond of the village a number of negroes wearing odds and ends of German uniforms. He was not a little surprised at this, and his first thought was that he had at last come in contact with some portion of the army which was rumored to be crossing from the west const, and as this more than the first had been a safe place in which to sleep, and that you have learned how to provide yourself with food and clothing. This village is made to the constant with some portion of the army which was rumored to be crossing from the west const, and as this more than the more than the more than the series of the surprised at this, and his first thought was a hat he had at last come in contact with some portion of the army which was rumored to be crossing from the region the British which the universal of the provide and the prov

which was rumored to be crossing from the west coast.

Among the partly uniformed blacks was a huge fellow in the tunic of a sergeant, and as this man's eyes fell upon the British officer, a loud cry of exultation broke from his lips, and im-mediately his followers took up the cry and pressed forward to balt the pris-Tarzau shrugged his broad shoulders. The conversation seemed profitless, and it was further distanteful to him for the reason that it was carried on in German, a tongue which he detested as much as he disliked the people who spoke it. Then it occurred to him that as he had seen her in disguise in the British camp carrying on her nefarious work as a German say, she probably did speak English, and so he asked her. "Of course I speak English!" she exclaimed. "But I did not know that you did."

Where did you get the English

The Thrilling Tale of How TARZAN, the Untamed, Is Saved From the Stake by a German Woman

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brandishing his spear and uttering savage ware-cries which soon had their effect upon his fellows, so that soon all of them were taking part in a wide her prisoner. It was then that she had show of savagery which would beister their waning courage and presently spur them on to another attack.

The second charge brought them closer to the Englishman, and though he dropped another with his pistol, it was not before two or three spears had been launched at him. He now had five shots remaining—and there were still eighteen warriors to be accounted.

Now they were longer in initiating a new rush, but when they did so, it was more skillfully ordered, for they scattered into three bands which, partly surrounding him, came simultaneously toward him from different directions; and though he empticed his pistol with good effect, they reached him at last. They seemed to know that his ammunition was exhausted, for they circled close about him now, with the clutches of the lion and had and escaped for the sound had now with the butt of her pistol and escaped. That he night seed her prisoner. It was not before two or three spears had been evidenced in Withelmstal on the light when he had kept the great along the had been evidenced without the form the second of the sound show you how you may make your him show you have you had show yo how you have you had so not a would so went a make your hills after Lam gone.

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was sufficient unto himself. Long years of semisolitude among creatures whose powers of oral expression are extremely limited had thrown him almost entirely upon his own resources for entertainment.

His active mind was never idle, but because his unigle mates could neither follow nor grasp the vivid train of imaginings that his man-uniad wrought, he had long since learned to keep them.

imaginings that his man-mind wrought, he had long since learned to keep them to himself, and so now he found no need for confiling them to others. This fact, linked with that of his didlike for the girl, was sufficient to seal his lips for other than necessary conversation, and so they worked on together in comparative silence.

With the waning of her fears, however, she became sufficiently emboldened to question libra and so she asked him what he intended doing after the hut and bonia were completed.

'I am going to the west coast, where I was born," replied Targan, "I do

not bring you here. Would one of your men accord any better treatment of an enemy woman?"

"Yes." she exclaimed, "they certainly would! No man of my race would leave a defenseless white woman alone in this horrible place."

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Tarzan looked his wonderment, but made no comment.

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Again they worked on in silence upon the boma, which was now nearly completed, the girl helping the man to the best of her small ability. Tarzan could not but note with grudging approval the spirit of helpfulness she manifested in the ofttimes painful labor of gathering and arranging the thorn-bushes

He walked with her as far as the bona and when she had entered, he closed the gap with thorn-bushes and curned away toward the forest.

I Horta, the boar, for of all the jung'e animals he doubted if any would prove more palatable to the white woman, but though his keen nostrils were ever on the alert, he traveled far without being rewarded with even the faintest scent spoor of the game he sought. Keeping close to the river, where he hoped to find Bara or Horta approaching or Wamabo village, and being ever featy to pay his hereditary enemies an undesired visit, he swang into a detour and came up in the rear of the village. From a tree which overhung the pull-sade he looked down into the street, where he saw the preparations going on which his experience told him indicated the approach of one of these cated the approach of one of those frightful feasts the piece de resistance of which is human flesh.

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Tarzan's view was circumscribed by
the dense foliage of the tree in which
he sat, and so that he might obtain a
better view, he climbed farther aloft and moved cautiously out upon a slen-der branch. Outwardly it appeared strong and healthy, and Tarzan could not know that close to the stem a bur-rowing insect had eaten away half the heart of the solid wood beneath the

And so when he reached a point far And so when he reached a point tan out upon the limb, it snapped close to the bole of the tree without warning. Below him were no larger branches that he might clutch, and as he lunged downward, his foot caught in a looped

A noticed that his cyclids were mov-A noticed that his eyelids were moving. Slowly they opened, and a pair of gray eyes looked blankly about. With returning consciousness the eyes assumed their natural expression of keen intelligence, and a moment later, with an effort, the prisoner railed over upon his side and drew himself to a sitting position. He was facing the Englishman, and as his eyes took in the bound ankles and the arms drawn tightly behind the other's back, a slow smile lighted the handsome features.

"Is there no escape?" asked the Englishman.
"I have escaped them before," replied Tarzan. "and I have seen others escape them. I have seen a man taken away from the stake after a dozen spear thrusts had pierced his body and the fire had been lighted about his feet."

feet."
Smith-Oldwick shuddered. "Lord!"
he exclaimed "I hope I don't have to
face that. I believe I could stand anything but the thought of the fire. I
should hate like the devil to go into a
funk before the devils at the last moment."

ment."
Tarzan laughed. "Roll over here,"
he said, "where I can get at yoursbonds
with my teeth." The Englishman did
as he was bid, and presently Tarzan as he was bid, and presently Tarzan was working at the thongs with his strong white teeth. He felt them giving slowly beneath his efforts. In another moment they would part, and then it would be a comparatively simple thing for the Englishman to remove the remaining bonds from Tarzan and himself.

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It was then that one or the entered the hut. In an instant he saw what the new prisoner was doing, and raising his spear, he struck the apeman raising his spear, he struck the apeman areas the head with its raising his spear, he struck the apeman a vicious blow across the head with its haft. Then he called in the other guards, and together they fell upon the luckless men, kicking and beating them unmercifully. Then they bound the Euglishman more securely than before and tied both men fast on opposite sides of the hut. When they had gone, Taraan looked across at his configation in misery.

"While there is life," be said, "there hope.' But he grinned broadly as e voiced the ancient truism. Smith-Oldwick returned the other's smile. "I fancy," he said, are getting short on both."

ZU-TAG hunted alone, far from the gani.

Zu-tag, Big-neck, was a young bull, but recently arrived at maturity. He was large, powerful and ferocious, and at the same time far above the average of his kind in intelligence. Already Golat saw in this young ape a possible contender for the lunrels of move away.

Seen among the lairs of the Gomangani. Golat grunted in disgust and turned away. "Let the white ape take care of himself," he said. "He is a great ape," said Zu-tag. "He came to live in peace with the Gomangani." Golat grunted again and continued to move away. "You faust not show your fear. You will be often surrounded by these apes. At such times you will be hafest. Before I leave you. I will give you the means of protecting yourself against them should one of them chance to turn upon you. If I were you. I would seek their society. Few are the animals of the jungle that dare attack the great apes when there are several of them its gether. If you let them know that you are afraid of them they will take advantage of it, and your life will be constantly menaced. The shee sepecially would attack you. I will let them know that you have the means of protecting yourself and of killing them."

Then they will respect and fear you."

"I will try," said the girl, "but I am afraid that it will be difficult. He is the most frightful creature I have tree seen."

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about to scream out a savage protest and a challenge, for he had recognized in the brown skinned Tarmangani the strange white ape who had come among

But Zu-lag's ferocity was tempered by a certain native cunning and cau-tion. Before he had voiced his protest, there formed in his mind the thought that he would like to save this won-derful white ape from the common enemy; the Gomangani, and so he screamed forth no challenge, wisely de-termining that more could be accom-plished by secrecy and stealth than by force of muscle and fang.

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At first he thought to enter the vil-lage alone and carry off the Tarinan-gani, but when he saw how numerous were the warriors, and that several sat directly before the entrance to the lair firectly before the entrance to the fair finto which the prisoner had been car-ried, it occured to him that this was work for many rather than one; and so, as silently as he had come, he slipped away through the foliage toward the north.

The tribe was still solvering the clearing where stood the hut that Tarzan and Bertha Kircher had built. The tribe was still loitering about Yarzan and Bertha Kircher had built. Some were idly searching for food just within the forest's edge, while others squatted beneath the shade of trees within the clearing. The girl had emerged from the hut, her tears dried. emerged from the hut, her tears dried, and was gazing anxiously toward the south into the jungle where Tarsan had disappeared. Occasionally she cast sus-picious glances in the direction of the

followers began screaming forth their fear-some challenge, the girl found herself trembling in terror, for of all the sounds of the jungle there is none more awe-inspiring than that of the great bull-ape when he issues his challenge or shrieks forth his victory cry.

If she had been terrified before the If she had been terrified before, she

If she had been terrified before, she was almost paralyzed with fear now as she saw Zu-tag and his apes turn toward the boma and approach her. With the agility of a cat, Zu-tag leaped completely over the protecting wall and stood before her. Valiantly she held her spear before her, pointing it at his breast. He began to jabber and gesticulate, and even with her scant acquaintance with the ways of the anthropoids, she realized that he was not menacing her, for there was

hinder or catch upon passing shrub-bery, she soon found that she could cling tightly to the back of the mighty bull, and when a moment later he took to the lower branches of the trees, she closed her eyes and clung to him in terror lest she be precipitated to the ground below.

and a challenge, for he had recognized in the brown-skinned Tarmangani the strange white ape who had come among them a night or two before in the midst of their Dum. Dum, and who by so easily mastering the greatest among them, had won the savage respect and admiration of this fierce young bull.

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Now the apes advanced slowly once more and with great caution, moving as noiselessly through the trees as the squirrels themselves until they had reached a point where they could easily overlook the palisade and the village street below.

south into the jurgle where Tarsan had disappeared. Occasionally she east suspicious glances in the direction of the huge shaggy authropoids about her.

IT WAS while she was occupied with these depressing thoughts that there dropped suddenly into the clearing from the trees upon the south the figure of a mighty young bull.

It was evident that the newcomer was filled with suppressed excitement. As the other apes saw him coming, many advanced to meet him, bristling and growling.

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There was a certain amount of preiminary circling, growling and sniffing,
stiff-legged and stiff-haired, before each
side discovered that the other had no
intention of initiating an attack; and
then Zu-tag told Golat what he had
seen among the lairs of the Gomangani.

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away. "Let the white ape take care of
himself," he said.

"He is a great ape," said Zu-tag,
"He came to live in peace with the
tribe of Golat. Let us save him from
the Gomangani."

Golat grunted again and continued to
move away.

"Zu-tag will go alone and get him,"
cried the young ape, "if Golat is afraid
of the Gomangani."

The king-ape wheeled in anger,
growling loudly and beating upon his
breast. "Golat is not afraid," he
screamed, "but he will not go, for the
white ape is not of his tribe! Go yourself and take the Tarmangani's she
with you if you wish so much to save
the white ape."

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ing, he cast his eyes inquiringly about at the other apes. "Who will go with Zu-tag to fight the Gomangani and bring away our brother?" he demanded.

Eight young buils in the full prime of their vigor pressed forward to Zu-tag's side, but the old buils, with the conservatism and caution of many years upon their gray shoulders, shook their heads and waddled away after Golat.

"Good!" cried Zu-tag. "We want no old shes to go with us to fight the Gomangani, for that is work for the fighters of the tribe."

A LL this time Bertha Kircher was a wide-eyed and terrified spectator to what, as she thought, could end only in a terrific battle between these frightful beasts, and when Zu-tag and his followers began screaming forth their fearsome, challenge, the girl found her-

TARZAN of the Apes and Lieutenant TARZAN of the Apes and Lieutenant Smith-Oldwick were bound securely to their respective stakes. Neither had spoken for some time. The Englishman turned his head so that he could see his companion in misery. Tarzan stood straight against his stake. His face was entirely expressionless in so far as either fear or anger was concerned. His countenance portrayed bored indifference, though both men knew that they were about to be tortured.

"Good-by, old ton." whistered the

fangs, came Zu-tag the young bun, and at his licels, emulating his example, at his licels, emulating his example, surged his hideous apes. Quickly they came through the old men and the women and children, for the girl led them straight toward Numabo and him the straight toward Numabo and him the straight toward Numabo and him the straight toward him the straight the straight toward him t

in another minute he had freed himself.

"Now unbind the Englishman," he cried, and, leaping forward, ran to join Zu-tag and his followers in their battle against the blacks. Numabo and his warriors, realizing now the relatively Street below.

Zu-tag squatted upon a great branch close to the bole of the tree, and by loosening the girl's arms from about his neck, indicated that she was to find a footing for herself; when she had one so, he turned toward her and done so, he turned toward her and gening the same sequence. a footing for herself; when she had that the battle must eventually go done so, he turned toward her and against the apes unless some means pointed repeatedly at the open door-could be found to break the morale of pointed repeatedly at the open doorway of a hut upon the opposite side of the street helow them. By various gestures he seemed to be trying to explain something to her, and at last she caught at the germ of his idea—that her white man was a prisoner there.

Beneath them was the roof of a hut a vessel of boiling water from one of the fires and hurled it full in the faces

of the warriors. Screaming with terror and pain, they fell back, though Numbabo urged them to rush forward.

Scarcely had the first caldron of boiling water spilled its contents upon them ere Tarzan deluged them with a second, but you was those say this contents. second; nor was there any third needed

By the time Tarzan had recovered his own weapons, the girl had released the young Englishman, and with the six remaining apes the three Europeass moved slowly toward the village gate, moved slowly toward the village gate, the aviator arming himself with a spear discarded by one of the scalded warriors. Numabo was unable to rally the now thoroughly terrified and painfully burned warriors; and so the rescued and rescuers passed out of the village and into the blackness of the jungle without further interference.

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Tarzan strode through the jungle in silence. Beside him walked Zu-tag the great ape, and behind them strung the surviving anthropoids, followed by Franciein Bertha Kircher and Lieutenant Smith-Oldwick, the latter a thoroughly astonished and mystified Englishman.

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In all his life Tarzan of, the Apes had been obliged to acknowledge but few obligations. He won his way through his savage world by the might of his own muscle, the superior keenness of his five senses and his Godgiven power to reason. Tonight the greatest of all obligations had been placed upon him—his life had been saved by another; and Tarzan shook his head and growled.