## THE BLUE BOMB

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## SYNOPSIS

Ned Gafford, who has been unjustly accused of treason when at West Poliot, and gone to Japan, has become ag opium slave. While in an opium dream, he overhears a conversation between two Japannese who want a war against the U. S. for the sake of selling their "Blue Bombs," which are an invention of Karloff, a Russian Nihilist.

was accused.

She urges him to regain his manhood for the sake of his country, so with the help of "White Kate" he overcomes his drug habit.

While he is kept imprisoned, Shiela is abducted by Oshitu." White Kate" hears of it, and sends Gafford to her rescue.

He gains the confidence of Karloff, who turns against Oshitu when he learns that the bombs were to be used against the U. S. instead of Russia, and agrees to help rescue Shiela.

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It attracted: Gafford's attention for two reasons. First, there foated above if the sun-ray flag; of Japan. Secondly, it was the only structure leasting any attenut at ornamentar the sun-ray shole grim place. He home of the commandant or superintendent, of the works. With a leap of the heart he wondered if it might be the prison of Shiela McRae of a bugle came faintly to his ears. The great gate of the prisoners' compount opeded; and a line of human forms began to creep out of it and agrees they space to the factory buildings.

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They maked with a swaying rhythm, and beside them at intervals walked guards carrying guns. They disappeared among the smoke-bething buildings, but Cafford saw other lines of men returning from their night of toil. It was then that he witnessed a peculiar phenomenon. The sun had creat sufficiently buildings and their lines of men returning from their night of toil. It was then that he witnessed a peculiar phenomenon. The sun had creat sufficiently buildings and their lines of men returning from the seene upon which he looked turned real the was as that he men fooded with a crimson film. The great buildings, the twering stacks, the compound of the prison, the rawling lines of men returning from their labors, even to the men fooded with a crimson film. The great buildings, the twering stacks, the compound of the prison, the rawling line of men returning from their labors, even to the labor of the labor of

transparent blue, like that of the sky! that moment Galford knew that he was looking at the blue bombs and knew all that Oshitu had meant. Here they were finanched meant there they were finanched to the sky of the sky of

of body and wing and skid might easily be mistaken for a rift in any cloud they crossed.

The property of the property of the property of the press tank they might mean. Sent against a fleet or an army, they could hover abo : the doomed with never a sign.

Not until from a seemingly clear sky came the flash of their explosion and their death burst over the heads unsuspecting, would the realized that they were there. The flendish him. The horror of their potential power gripped his jereath in his threat. At the same time he realized that the circular structure was a magazine in which they were seed.

shored against the time of their The sight of the roll of the wingled back from the lip of the wingled back from the lip of the content and the second the

bombs were flown and directed by wireless power! He no lenger doubt-ed that they were exploded by the same force. Now he knew what Oshitu must have meant by the secret of the firing device.

He trembled and quivered. Before the firing device.

He trembled and quivered. Before the mind of the matter. Impulse urged him to creep out and kill the evil genius, and so put an end to the affair. Yet some inner woice prompted cuttion. There was no read to the affair of the manufacture of use of the bombs. Oshitu had said they had all the plans, save those of the firing devices. Might these not now he installed and so obtainable by he installed and so obtainable by he installed and so obtainable the him the second of the bombs. Oshitu had said they had all the plans, save those of the firing devices. Might these not now he installed and so obtainable by he installed and so obtainable by he installed and so obtainable the him the second of the him the second of the him as he can be seen to the plant had leaked out.

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Such thoughts held him as he can be not the plant and keep him from his attempt to rescue Shiela McRae. His hutt of Yamata's revolver, loosened its grip, and at that moment Karloff came out of the hut.

He stool far a moment with face raised to the sky, lifted his hands north, and dronvel them to his sides. Then, without warning, he turned and began to walk along the brook-hand directly toward the spot where Cafford courbed. He moved the second of the hushes, he pushed out into full view.

Karloff litted his head in startled saurprise and surveyed him in sallence. "Good morning, worthy Karloff," he said in greeting, changing the identification. "Thou art Karloff," at thou not." Said the man of the hut. "But who art thou? How dost thou knew war and the sur hou of the said in greeting, changing the identification. "Thou art Karloff," at thou not." Said the man of the hut. "But who art thou? How dost thou

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just haling in froit of the wireless hut. Karloff lifted a hand and with the first hut. Karloff lifted a hand and with the first hut. When he reached he limbeding with the reached he limbeding heside the driver and sunk his bearded thin on his breast above his folded strms. The machine swung around and vanished down the road the receding iar had died, then slipped down with great caution and inspected the hut through a window. So far as he could see it was an any and the lever which the receding iar had died, then slipped down with great caution and inspected the hut through a window. So far as he could see it was an applied to the control of the same of the lever which the first wheel into great, the dynamo which furnished the current for the park, the table of the operator, with its roils and switches, nodded in satisfied and sipped sway in the direction of his cave on the ledge. He had deded the satisfied in the ledge and sipped sway in the direction of his cave on the ledge. He had deded the search of the ledge and from that point with the least chance of being accidentally observed.

He reached the cave without Incident and at a little of his food. Then after repairing the hare spot weeds on the lip of the ledge and focused his glasses? on the spene below.

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BUSINESS LETTERS.

A man conspleinably successful in business renuarised, the other day that he found-sleved the Knowledge of how to write a business letter one of the most ilmoritant accomplishments that a working girl can possess.

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