

## Legions of Lost

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the men slip from his head, sees in the forehead a little round bullet hole.

Now he understands the immobility and the silence. The men who man the walls of the fort are all dead . . .

Inside the fort he finds the corpse of the officer in command, murdered by one of his own men and holding in his hand a crumpled message written in English: "For fear any innocent person may be accused, I confess that I stole the 'Blue Water' sapphire from the home of Lady Brandon. Signed Michael Geste."

**FLASH** back again to the train where the Major is telling Colonel Lawrence of this mystery. But Colonel Lawrence knows of the theft of the famous "Blue Water" sapphire and knows that the three Gestes, Michael, Rigby, and John (Michael, trying to take the blame for the others) had left one by one and joined the legion.

Flash back to the house party of Lady Brandon at the time of the theft. One by one the Gestes have slipped away after the robbery.

Flash back to the headquarters of the Foreign Legion in Paris. One by one, unknown to themselves, each of the Gestes has joined the Legion.

**STEP** by step the story is built up again to the riddle of the fort and the dead man clutching the confession.

Query: Will he turn out to be really Michael Geste?

You are allowed only one guess.

## Amateur Gentlemen

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room of the studio sit three judges, who know the performers only by their numbers. At the end of the session they announce the prize-winner.

There is always the chance—remote though it sometimes seems—of discovering buried talent. Once or twice since the start of the sessions three months ago, performers have been rung up and offered an engagement by a listener.

**PERFORMERS** like the session, if numbers are a guide. At 2ZB they have a waiting list of 250, and there are full lists at the other stations as well.

The public seem to like it, too. On a Saturday night the lounge is full at the 2ZB station, and sometimes you will see a young man inside singing a pathetic ballad while the lounge is convulsed with laughter.

**"AND** the oddest competitor you have had?" I asked.

"He was an extraordinary person," said Kingi Tahiwī. "He came from somewhere in the Islands, and he gave a talk on pearl diving."

"He wore 'tails' with a blue braid and bright blue stripes down his trousers. He wore the ribbons of some unknown Orders across his shirt-front. He wanted to talk for five minutes."

It seemed that such enterprise deserved some reward.

"What happened to him?"

"We had to gong him," said Kingi Tahiwī.



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