

SERIAL STORY BORDER ADVENTURE BY OREN ARNOLD

LAST OF CHARACTERS BETTY MARY JORDAN—Pretty young Border Patrol service secretary. SHERIDAN STARR—Handsome Border Patrol officer. HOPE KILDARE—Starr's fellow officer, also a bachelor. LUIS BARRO—Mexican smuggler.

Yesterday: From a restaurant proprietor, Betty learns of Barro's ranch where he keeps smugglers, and of other plans. But she knows she might be killed at once if her identity is discovered.

CHAPTER XVI The morning daily from El Paso was as usual on the streets of Juarez at dawn, and as usual Betty Mary bought a copy when she came down to breakfast. She had even acquired a pet newswatch by now, a dirty but likable "muchacho" who came into the hotel dining room.

She left her grapefruit and milk untouched and read every word of the article, which ran more than two columns. About 6 p. m. the day before, as the story ran, two interiors in dirty overalls, carrying wrenches and other tools, had begun working on the railroad trestle near the Rio Grande river. The El Paso's snifter district. Apparently a section of track near the squalid abode home of one Ernesto Peralta needed repairing. Many cars passed on the highway there, trains roared over, life flowed on normally. The laborers kept busy into the night, lighting kerosene lamps and making general repairs.

At 10 p. m. one of the laborers, who was really Inspector Hope Kildare of the U. S. Border Patrol, serving temporarily on the customs force, told his fellow laborer, Inspector Sheridan Starr, that "something" was leaving the muddy waters of the Rio Grande river.

"It looks like a dog, or maybe a burly sack, Sherry see," Hope murmured, still wielding a large wrench.

"Sure as shootin'," Sherry agreed. "It just crawled out of the water, and it's slipping right up to Peralta's kitchen door!"

"Keep on acting, but let's edge down nearer the ground, maybe we can make a run for it."

In 10 minutes they were quietly tightening a bolt on one of the trestle standards, apparently deep in their work. But they were on the ground, several feet nearer the Peralta shack. Other people were constantly passing within a few feet of them on the road and sidewalk as usual in this industrial district of the city. Their presence could excite no suspicion.

"There's another one!" Sherry whispered presently. "Keep fooling with the bolt, though."

"It's a sack, all right," Hope agreed in a moment. "It's being pulled by a wire or something. Let's make a run for it, huh?"

"Okay," Sherry said for the bag. "I'll go to the front door."

In that instant they dropped their tools and ran.

Hope pounced on the muddy bag as would a dog. It was, indeed, a bulgy object, about two feet long and half as thick, and was dragged by a wire. It was lumpy and hard. Sheridan Starr burst into the front door of the shack with no ceremony.

"Manos arriba!" He commanded. "Los federates aqui!"

Four men in the Peralta kitchen dining room were on hands and knees. They turned to him in consternation.

Distantly one drew a pistol and fired it, but Sherry had kept in motion. He grabbed the first object at hand—a chair.

Crash!

It swung in a terrific arc, floored one man and knocked another cold. The pistol skittered across the floor.

shack, saw him operating his submarine. That's all."

"They had the cocaine sealed inside tin buckets, and these inside the burian bags. That right, Mr. Starr?"

"Yes. The bags were weighted with rocks, so they would slide on the river bottom. That way nobody had to show themselves. The bags could be pulled right to Peralta's door, from some bushes across the Rio. He's probably been doing it for months. Normally nobody would notice it, especially at night."

Why he was sending it across from the other side? The reporter asked.

"Well, probably Luis Barro. His dope is always wrapped in the same kind of little capsules, so it can be easily retailed. I'm sorry Barro wasn't in the bag himself."

Betty Mary read with so much interest that her coffee and her nut cake became cold. Then she hurriedly ate them, lest she arouse suspicion. When she had finished she took her sketching pad and pencils and went out on the street. She wanted to sit in the plaza sunshine and think.

For one thing, she was discovering more and more that Washington headquarters could not possibly realize what tremendous odds were faced by the federal officers along the Mexican frontier. Even with the friendly Mexican government co-operating as best it could with Uncle Sam, such elusive, clever swindlers and smugglers as Luis Barro could function virtually unimpeded. The boundary is too long, with too few men to guard it. Topography, climate, and general circumstances are utterly foreign to Washington's knowledge and way of thinking.

Betty Mary told herself now. However, could she have thought vaguely to recommend that two courageous officers be discharged, just because they had been unable to capture a picturesque criminal who had perhaps dozens of henchmen, and who himself never ventured onto their side the international line?

Toward midnight she went to The Place of the Sleeping Monk. It was the hour when most likely to be free of customers, and her fat and rosy friend Pablo could talk to his heart's content. He was excited when she arrived, but fortunately not suspicious.

"They break up the submarine!" he declared hoarsely to her. "You have seen the paper, senator?"

"You have seen?" Don Luis—he is black with anger, that one. He comes here and snags at everybody. He is danger when it is so."

"Goodness! Betty Mary was truly alarmed.

It was made him most money of all, that submarine. He will surely have that Peralta killed when he leaves the American jail. Peralta he got the great head? He makes money, so he show off, huh! Luis federates, they watch everything. They see him. Now Don Luis fix. He may have the officers kill too, for his revenge. You will see."

"Don Luis is very angry about it," she probed sympathetically.

"Si, senator! You alone might comfort him, who can say. But he is very rash. He have the big business, and it grows—well! Pablo indicated, with spreading arms, that it was expanding, whatever the business was."

"Betty much bigger, no doubt!" Betty Mary tried not to appear too interested, but she was striving also for every tiny detail.

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smart, he is change to estantero main. You see, senator? Is smart man. First one, then the other one. Keeps his federates on the quick jump. He is outsmart them, huh!"

"We must help him with this—uh—next big job," she encouraged.

"Si. He is black angry today. Now he is make the small army of his own. He would like to kill his federates with his own hands." (To be continued)

WAGE-HOUR LAW RULING ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The labor department ruled today employees are not required, under the wage-hour law, to compensate employes for time spent on study outside working hours even when the employer pays the tuition for the courses.

George A. McNulty, general counsel of wage-hour division, issued the ruling to clarify a recent bulletin which said that time spent by employes at meetings or lectures should be considered working time, subject to compensation, if attendance was not voluntary or if the meeting or lecture was directly related to the employe's work.

McNulty said "no hard and fast rule will provide the solution in every case."

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And these evidences of aviation progress in one generation, the air corps announced its second world record this week. A "Flying Fortress" yesterday left Wright field, at Dayton, O., and streaked 625 miles at 259.385 miles an hour carrying a load of 11,023 pounds.

Earlier, a similar plane reached an altitude of 8,200 feet with a payload of 121 tons.

The record-breaking craft is being developed in the \$300,000,000 air corps expansion program. Today the army could send out squadrons of airplanes over American cities and towns from nine air stations.

YONCALLA

YONCALLA, Aug. 2.—Mrs. E. W. Davis of Albany is visiting at the Sam Waldenshaw home for a few days.

Mrs. Phil Keck and daughter, Mrs. Charlie Klose, of Los Angeles, are visiting at the McClarnon and Elmer Daugherty homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherry and family of Attunwa, Iowa, are visiting at the Sherry homes for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Raymond Waters of Laurin, Mont., is visiting at the Homer Kruse and Sumner Brown homes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Patrick returned home Wednesday from a two weeks visit with their son, Paul, and family, at Blachly, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley of Salem and Robert Cooley of Clearwater, Nebraska, are visiting at the George Cooley home in Hayburst.

Mrs. Kressen of Hood River visited her mother, Mrs. Lillie Brown, this week en route home from San Francisco.

Postmaster Kelso made a business trip to Roseburg Thursday.

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Dr. Shell and Amil Mattson have moved to Los Angeles, Calif. They formerly resided in Los Angeles until about a year ago when they purchased what is called the George Hall farm. Mr. and Mrs. James Henry and daughter from Canada have purchased the farm and are remodeling the house by building on a bath room.

Frank Albro spent the week-end with his family in Teomile. Mr. Albro is employed in a logging camp at Allegheny.

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