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EVEN the most cursory study of the spending authorized by the past "economy" congress shows certain salient truths:

1. Despite the "economy" name and despite the fact that the congress definitely checked the president on his "spending" program, the $12,000,000,000 appropriated, is a greater sum than ever before appropriated in a year of peace time.

2. Many of the big increases are in fields where it will be extremely hard to reduce them without eliminating whole services and activities which are today a part of government, but which were not 10 years ago.

3. Interest on the public debt is now far higher than it was in 1930—$1,000,000,000 as against $660,000,000. It can no longer be said that carrying a larger debt is no more costly than carrying the former smaller one because interest rates are so much lower.

4. Without a definite and large increase in the national income, so that more taxes can be collected without taking a larger percentage of that national income, it is very hard to see any path out of the woods.

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Let's have a look at some of the expenditures for 1939-40 which did not occur at all in 1930. First, there is $1,753,000,000 for relief. There is nearly a billion for social security. There is nearly $500,000,000 for the CCC. Many will argue that the expenditures for these things ought to be reduced, but voices demanding that they be abolished are simply not heard at all in 1939. This means that while the amounts may be reduced somewhat, they will remain as substantial items on the annual budget which did not appear at all in 1930, no matter who is running the government.

Defense carried appropriations of $1,523,000,000, as compared with $598,000,000 in 1930. Nobody objects. Not until something is done about world conditions. It is hard to see how this cost will ever be reduced any—it is much more likely to double again in the next 10 years, as it has in the past 10.

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The farmers dragged down $1,275,000,000—incidentally the "economy" congress granted them $238,000,000 more than President Roosevelt asked—as compared to $152,000,000 in 1930. In 10 years the expenditures of the agriculture department are up a billion dollars.

So it goes. Everything hinges today, just as it always has, on business recovery. Only business recovery will provide the jobs that will lower that relief cost, increase consumption of those farm products, provide the added taxes that will enable the government to start whittling away the billion-dollar debt charge.

On that everyone, republican and democrat, communist and Townsendite, can agree. It is only when you ask "How shall we do it?" that disagreement begins.

CLINIC CLICKS FROM DOUGLAS HEALTH OFFICE

A pre-school round-up clinic was held in Yoncalla on August 2. All children entering school for the first time from the Hayhurst, Pleasant Valley, Scotts Valley, and Shoestring districts were urged to attend. Dr. A. N. Johnson, health officer, examined 17 many of whom went to their family physicians for corrective work. In addition to a physical examination 11 were vaccinated, 11 given toxoid, 3 Schick tested and 13 given the tuberculin test.

Much of the clinic organization was done by Mrs. B. F. Roberts. Those assisting Miss Moffat the day of the clinic were Miss Mildred Kruse, first grade teacher, Delores Sprinkel, Ruth Stoute and Virginia Wheeler.

On Friday, August 4, a typhoid clinic was conducted at Kellogg by Dr. A. N. Johnson. Seventy-three attended. This group consisted of infants, pre-school and school children, as well as adults. Mrs. Paula Anderson organized this clinic, which was sponsored by local groups. Mrs. Mary Barrett assisted Miss Moffat with clinic arrangements.

The second clinic was held on August 11, Mrs. Paula Anderson again assisting. Clerical assistance was given by Miss Evelyn Wiley, daughter of Earl Wiley, of Roseburg. Clinic attendance was one hundred four.

Miss Aileen Dyer, orthopedic nurse from the crippled children's division of the state public welfare commission, met with the staff of the health unit and John Diffendorfer Friday, August 11, to make local plans for the crippled children's clinic to be held at Roseburg on September 19. Miss Harriett Brenesstall, field advisor from the division of public health nursing, state board of health, was also present at this conference. Another such clinic will be held on March 20. Many of those who attended the October clinic have already been hospitalized and received medical attention.

On Wednesday, August 9, Dr. A. N. Johnson conducted a pre-school clinic at Canyonville, where ten children were examined. Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins, Mrs. Charles Young and Mrs. Albert Ransberg assisted Mrs. Barrett at the clinic.

The work in and about Roseburg has consisted of finding children who will enter school for the first time this fall and urging parents to have these children examined by the family physician or come to the health office for a check-up and recommendations by Dr. Johnson. Tuesday afternoons have been set aside for this purpose. At this time also diphtheria toxoid, smallpox vaccination, the Schick test, and the tuberculin test will be given when desired. It is most important that all children about to enter school should be carefully checked by a physician and a dentist and all defects corrected if possible. The adjustment of the child to his school work and to the many new situations in which he finds himself are more easily made if he is in the best possible health.

Calls have been made on the forty school children who were found to have a loss of hearing in one or both ears at the time of the audiometer testing in the spring. Many of these are laboring under a real handicap. Parents have been urged to seek medical advice and many have done so.

Dr. A. Edward Bostrom, assistant state health officer, and Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, director of the division of maternal and child health of the state board of health, were visitors at the health unit Thursday and Friday.

LOCAL NEWS

Attends to Business—Robert Miele, of Umpqua, was in town attending to business Friday.

Attends to Business—W. R. Swift, of Oakland, spent yesterday in this city attending to business.

Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zenor and family have arrived here from Medford to visit relatives and friends.

Here Friday—Mrs. G. R. Bates and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Myrtle Creek, spent Friday in this city visiting friends and shopping.

Leaves For Salem—Miss Doris Chaplar left today for Salem to spend the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Carl Chaplar, who is there visiting relatives.

Spend Friday Here—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Tison and daughter, Miss Claire, and son, Bill, of Dixonville, spent Friday in this city attending to business.

Return to Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Connors and son have returned to Roseburg to make their home during the school term. Mr. Connors is a local high school teacher.

Goes to Portland—Miss Mary Julia Miller, of Sacramento, Calif., who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past few weeks, left Friday for Portland to visit friends.

To Enjoy Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Helliwell, of this city, are leaving tonight for the Rice camp on Rock creek to spend a week enjoying a vacation. Mr. Helliwell is employed at Hemker's on Winchester street.

Visiting at Schwartz Home—Mrs. Victor Petterson and daughter, Miss Nancy, of Stockton, Calif., who have been visiting in Eugene and Portland, have arrived in Roseburg to spend a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz. The Petterson family formerly resided here.

Return to Corvallis—Mrs. Leo Young and baby son, Ronald Isaac, left today for their home in Corvallis, following a two weeks' stay in this city visiting the former's uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Baker, on East Cass street. Mrs. Young was formerly Miss Ethola Kinney of Roseburg.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

RECREATION NEWS

Douglas County Conditions Summarized in Forestry Service Bulletin.

With the pall of smoke which has overhung the forest for the past ten days now partially dissipated, prospects are brighter for pleasant recreational conditions in the Umpqua area. Thirteen improved forest camps are open to the free use of the public in the four districts of this forest. These camps have tables, benches, camp stoves, running water, and, in several cases, swimming pools. All are located in attractive surroundings, and a number are centered in choice fishing locations.

Diamond Lake District

Fishing: Diamond lake fishing is reported to be fair. Most successful flies are the bucktail and royal coachman. Dying caddice and a bucktail fly with yellow body. Bait fishermen are having good results with egg clusters, and for trolling the Andy Kesker and trout oreno are good. Some fishermen have reported successful catches with the use of worms on flashers. Stream fishing is still holding its own, especially in the more inaccessible places.

Roads: All roads are open and in fair condition, although somewhat rough and dusty.

Ride: Moonlight horseback rides are proving to be an attraction at Diamond lake. Saddle horses are available for hire.

Pests: The mosquito nuisance is no longer one to daunt those with tender skins. The pests are practically gone.

South Umpqua District

Fishing: Fresh Fish and Buckeye lakes come reports of fair fishing. Streams are low and fishing poor. The state game commission has been planting Utah rainbow trout and steelhead fingerlings in the South Umpqua river and Elk creek. To date 40,000 steelhead and 15,000 rainbows have been planted in this district.

Roads: All forest roads in this district are in good condition. It is no longer necessary to detour on the Tiller-Trail highway as the road is open throughout.

Berries: Huckleberries are beginning to ripen and should be at their best in about a week to ten days. Best picking in this district is in the vicinity of Huckleberry lake located on the Devils Knob road between Butter Butte and Abbott butte, approximately 20 miles from Tiller.

Bohemia District

Fishing: Streams are very low and fishing is poor.

Swim: The Rujada forest camp near the Layng creek ranger station offers a swimming pool which is proving to be quite an attraction. No campfire permit is required at this camp.

Roads: All roads are open and in fair condition.

North Umpqua District

Fishing: Steelhead fishing is very poor at this time, with even the most expert of Walltonites reporting their inability to take fish. One sportsman who has returned annually to the North Umpqua for many years states that he has never known the steelhead fishing to be so poor at this time of the year. A very few scattered fish have been caught between Rock creek and Archie creek. Trout fishing remains fair in the North Umpqua, but poor in the tributary streams. Little river is very low; water temperature 68° at Cavitt creek bridge. The state game commission has been releasing steelhead and trout fingerlings this week. To date the release from the Rock Creek hatchery has been 240,000 steelhead and 80,000 Hall rainbow trout. Total production at Rock creek this year will run well above 1,000,000 fry.

Roads: All roads in the district are open and in good condition.

Camps: Quite a number of parties are camping along the lower North Umpqua, but comparatively few in the improved camps above Steamboat. The North Umpqua lodge at Steamboat reports a full house. It should be noted that campfire permits are required at all camps below Williams creek and, of course, every other place in the forest with the exception of improved posted forest camps. Permits may be secured at Glide, Honey Creek, Steamboat and on Little river at Wolf creek.—Umpqua National Forest.

Progress of Civilization Startling To Ex-Convict

DETROIT LAKES, Minn., Aug. 19.—(AP)—A gray-haired, stooped Rip Van Winkle is awakening today in the little town of Richmond near here.

He's Dan Blue, 64, struggling to catch up on 41 years of history that swirled past while stone walls and bars kept him prisoner for murdering a fellow farm hand for his money.

Danny, an Indian, thought commutation of his life sentence was pretty nice. But he is startled by paved highways, automobiles that travel 60 miles an hour, airplanes, tractor and radio.

Stillwater prison officials brought him home by car to the cottage and 80-acre farm he bought by earning 50 cents a day making straw mattresses and counting vegetables from the prison farm.

He last remembered traveling 12 miles by buggy to the station here when folks from the east told of a motor-kite a fanatic named Langley invented. The 12-mile trip was an all-day affair over mud roads.

Danny since has seen planes over the prison. He heard they travelled 200 miles an hour. But 60 in a car—"Whew, it's too fast." He was sickened by fence posts flickering past.

"Wonderful thing, radio. I heard one once." Danny blurted it out, then turned his head. You get that way after watchful guards for two score years have forbidden conversation or even quick peeks at visitors.

"I never had one in my cell," he started again. "But when I left, they had drilled a hole to put in a radio. That can go to the next fellow. Think—to a radio, 19,000 miles is nothing."

KRNR

Mutual Broadcasting System
1500 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY!
4:00—Chuck Foster's Orch., MBS.
4:30—Hawaii Calls, MBS.
4:45—Symphony.
5:00—Skagit River Project, MBS.
5:30—KRNR Children's Party.
6:00—Tonight's Tune.
6:05—News, Gilmore Corner.
6:10—News - Review News Flashes.
6:15—Dinner Dance.
6:30—Chicagoland Music Festival, MBS.
7:00—Betty Jane Rhoads, MBS.
7:15—Mutual Maestros.
7:30—Lew Breeze's Orch., MBS.
8:00—Shep Field's Orch., MBS.
8:30—Freddy Nagel's Orch., MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Garwood Van's Orch., MBS.
9:30—Paul Pendarvis' Orch., MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
8:00—To Be Announced.
8:15—Glad Tidings of the Air, Rev. Ira F. Rankin.
8:45—To Be Announced.
9:00—Voice of Prophecy Choir, MBS.
9:15—"True to Life," With Kay Brockser, MBS.
9:30—To Be Announced.
9:45—Symphony.
10:00—Palmer House Concert.
10:15—Romance of the Hi-Ways, Greyhound Lines, MBS.
10:30—Manhattters, MBS.
10:45—John Weiderhirn, Pianist, MBS.
11:00—Baptist Church Services.
12:00—Music From El Paseo, MBS.
12:30—Haven of Rest, MBS.
1:00—Nobody's Children, MBS.
1:30—Teddy Powell's Orch., MBS.
2:00—Summertime Concert, MBS.
2:30—Everett Hoagland's Orch., MBS.
3:00—Sunday Varieties.
3:45—Stan Lomax, MBS.
4:00—Design for Melody, MBS.
4:30—The Angelus Hour, Dr. C. A. Edwards.
5:00—Old Fashioned Revival, MBS.
6:00—Original Good Will Hour, Ironized Yeast, MBS.
7:00—Music by Faith, MBS.
7:30—Carl Ravazza's Orch., MBS.
8:00—Author, Author, MBS.
8:30—Johnny Davis' Orch., MBS.
9:00—News, MBS.
9:15—Dance Orch.
9:30—Sign Off.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
7:00—Stuff and Nonsense.
7:30—News-Review Newscast.
7:40—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
7:45—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."
7:50—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Sons of the Pioneers, MBS.
8:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
8:45—Joyce Trio, MBS.
9:00—Everett Hoagland's Orchestra, MBS.
9:30—Man About Town.
10:00—Freddy Nagel's Orchestra, MBS.
10:10—"Surprise Your Husband," Union Pacific.
10:15—Adventures of Uncle Jimmy, Copco.
10:30—Music From El Paseo, MBS.
10:45—Hollywood News Girl, MBS.
11:00—Marriage License Romances, MBS.
11:15—Concert Hall, MBS.
11:30—To Be Announced.
12:00—Dance Orchestra.
12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:35—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
12:45—News, Safeway Stores.
12:50—News-Review of the Air.
1:00—Henninger's Man on the Street.
1:15—Melody Matinee.
1:30—Richard Love's Orchestra, MBS.
1:45—At Your Command.
2:00—Let's Play Bridge, MBS.
2:15—Johnson Family, MBS.
2:30—Ma Perkins, Proctor and Gamble, MBS.
2:45—At Your Command.
3:00—Feminine Fancies, MBS.
3:30—Streamline Swing, MBS.
3:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
4:00—Chuck Foster's Orchestra, MBS.
4:30—Ace Brigode's Orchestra, MBS.
5:00—Paul Decker's Orchestra, MBS.
5:15—Shafter Parker, MBS.
5:30—Weber's Concert Review, MBS.
5:45—Phantom Pilot, MBS.
6:00—Tonight's Tune.
6:05—News, Gilmore Corner.
6:10—News-Review News Flashes.
6:15—Dinner Dance.
6:30—Pageant of Melody, MBS.
7:45—Mutual Maestros.
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
8:00—Harry James' Orchestra, MBS.
8:30—Earl Madrigueras's Orchestra, MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Johnny Davis' Orchestra, MBS.
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Daily Devotions
DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

The world never loves a quitter. We all get our defeats sooner or later, but it is glorious to try again. The one who succeeds best is the fellow who gets up from seeming defeat and goes at it again. The most thrilling successes are those that follow failures. Life's best and most glorious victories have been won amid scenes of previous defeat. Moses fled from Egypt a total failure and then returned to accomplish the Exodus. Elijah fled in shame from the threats of Jezebel and then was called back by the "still small voice," to anoint those who were to destroy the works of Jezebel. Savonarola failed in his first preaching and afterwards shook all Florence with his message. John Wesley failed in Georgia and afterward found the spiritual power that brought about the great Methodist church. Whatever has you down, whether sin or sorrow, or mistake, don't quit. Ask God for help and start again. We bring to Thee, our Father, the defeats of our lives, help us to make stepping stones of them rather than stumbling blocks. May we always believe there is a brighter tomorrow in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Local News

Apply for Bounty—C. A. Prock, of Brockway, applied to County Clerk Roy Agee yesterday for bounty on a coyote and Chester Howard, of Oakland, applied for bounty on a bob cat.

Will Attend Tournament—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, of this city, plan to go to Marshfield Sunday to participate in the inter-club golf matches between Roseburg and Marshfield.

Expected Home Sunday—Mrs. Thomas Parkinson is expected to return to her home in this city tomorrow, following a week's stay in Portland visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sala.

Expected Here Tomorrow—J. J. Eastling and Clinton D. Burnett, both residents of this city, are expected to return to their homes tomorrow, following a week's vacation spent in fishing near Gold Beach.

Expected Here Sunday—H. L. Yearwood, of Portland, is expected to arrive here Sunday to visit at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Yearwood and family, on South Pine street.

Visiting Here—E. R. Applegate and daughter, Eulalee, of Los Angeles, Calif., are here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Virginia Applegate, and his sisters, Mrs. Cynthia Germond, of Roseburg, and Mrs. Thomas Scott, of Melrose.

Visiting Mother—Mrs. George Neuner, of McMinnville, arrived here this week to spend a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell has been ill for the past several months, but is reported to be steadily improving in health.

Leave on Trip—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Turner and children, Barbara Ann, Cynthia Sue and Howard Jr., left yesterday for San Francisco to attend the Golden Gate fair and for Los Angeles and San Diego to spend a vacation visiting relatives of Mr. Turner.

To Attend Conference—Lucille Lenox, Gene Mills, Nance Fitzsimmons, Ila Laubach and the latter's uncle, C. E. Mansfield, are leaving Sunday for Marshfield to attend the district conference of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's club.

Will Go to Meeting—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sinniger, of this city, will spend Sunday in Marshfield, where the latter will attend the district conference of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs. Mrs. Sinniger is president of the Roseburg B. P. W. C.

California Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of San Francisco, are in Roseburg visiting the latter's two sisters, Eula Carll and Mary Chapman, and brother, Claude Northcraft. Geraldine Morgan, who has been spending two months at the Mitchell home in San Francisco, accompanied the Mitchell family to Roseburg, and returned to her home here. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Carll and children, Gerry and Donald, took the Mitchells on a trip to Newport and back this week.

Arrive From California—Mrs. T. Floyd Bell and daughter, Patricia, and son, Tommy, of Oakland, Calif., have arrived here to join her daughter, Miss Mary, and to spend a couple of weeks visiting the former's mother, Mrs. S. J. Black, and other relatives and friends. They will be accompanied home by Mrs. Bell's niece, Mrs. A. B. Taylor, who will spend a month in Oakland taking care of the Bell children, while Dr. and Mrs. Bell spend a month in the east. Mrs. Bell was formerly Allie Black of this city.

Leave For Michigan—Mable A. Hafer and children, Robert, Chester, Alvia and Elizabeth Ann, and two friends, Eddlene Thomas and Richard Weir, who have been visiting here with the former's mother, Mrs. Paul M. Blaskey, since July 5th, left Wednesday for their home in Sturgis, Michigan, via the northern route. They stopped over in Eugene to visit Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lucas, and in Salem to go through the new capitol building. They plan to visit Yellowstone National park and various points of interest on their way home. They came to Roseburg via the southern route, stopping at points in the Grand Canyon, Long Beach, Calif., Boulder Dam and visited the Golden Gate fair in San Francisco and then made a trip through Yosemite park. Mrs. Hafer, nee Mable Shifflett, is well known here, having attended the local schools and she has many friends in Douglas county. She stated that she hoped to return to Oregon to live in the near future.

Leave on Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Frear and son, Donald, left yesterday for San Francisco to enjoy a two weeks' vacation attending the Golden Gate fair.

At Easting Home—Miss Beth Winternute, of Corvallis, is spending a week in this city, as the guest of Miss Genevieve Eastling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eastling on East Lane street.

Returns Here Today — Mrs. Mary Ackerson, of Minnesota, who has been spending the past few days in Portland, returned to Roseburg today to resume her visit with her nephew, W. R. Anderson, and family, in West Roseburg.

Corn on Display—A sample of field corn of the Minnesota No. 13 variety, fully matured August 18, was brought to the chamber of commerce office for display purposes yesterday by Henry Oellers, who grew the corn on his place on the Curry estate.

Returns Home—Mrs. M. D. Brand has returned to her home in Portland, following a week's visit here with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brand and children, Barbara and Donald. During her stay, the Brand family took her to the beach for a three days' vacation.

Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hillis and daughter, Lorene, of Lynwood, Calif., and Miss Alice Marie Frazier, of Pebelo, Calif., have left for their home, following a visit here with Mrs. R. L. Hounshell. Mrs. Hillis and Mrs. Hounshell were girlhood friends in Oklahoma.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

COOK-PETTENGILL—Vivian T. Cook, Myrtle Point, and Ruth D. Pettengill, Coquille.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS

ROSS—Ray W. Ross against Verna E. Ross; married October 18, 1922, at Stevenson, Wash.; desertion.

FORMER CANYONVILLE MAN DEAD

Word was received here today of the death of Springfield Thursday of Edward Stewart, former resident of Canyonville. Burial services are to be held at the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Canyonville at 3 p. m. Monday.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfell thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Austin and family.

• SERIAL STORY
BORDER ADVENTURE
BY OREN ARNOLD

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CAST 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.

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Yesterday: Barro's aliens start to cross the river when the Border Patrol fires, calls halt. But from positions in the rear of Barro.

CHAPTER XXX

Barro's cavalcade of aliens passed within 20 feet of Sheridan Starr, who was crouched against a boulder.

It was Sherry who fired the rifle signal five minutes later and shouted the first command to halt—"ALTO!" His men in the border force repeated it. First duty always is to inform the enemy that he is under arrest, then take him peaceably if possible. Sherry realized that peaceful surrender tonight was almost a futile hope.

On the other hand, Luis Barro was too dumbfounded for a few seconds to understand what had happened. The shot and the commands had come from the rear. But they had come unmistakably from the U. S. Border Patrol. All at once he was indignant. The damned Americanos had dared to cross into Mexico itself!

"Who are you?" he shouted back, insolently. "We are Mexicans, on Mexican soil. You know the law. You dare not be here!"

"I know your voice, Barro!" Sheridan called, clearly and loud. "But there's something you do not know. You are not on Mexican soil! I command you to surrender, or be killed!"

"But—this is Mexico! The river—!"

"The Rio Grande is not the international line at this point. The old channel is, not the new one. The river has changed, but the two countries have not changed the line survey. You and your aliens are all on American soil and you are under legal arrest. Manos arriba!"

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An almost electric tenseness had gripped both groups during this brief exchange, then suddenly it broke.

A woman screamed; somebody groaned in sheer terror.

Horses sensed the excitement and began pitching. Luis Barro cursed. Then he jerked out his pistol and fired in the direction of Sheridan's voice.

His shot released a ragged volley from 20 or 30 rifles and pistols around him, but the officers held their fire until they could speak one more warning command—"HALT . . . ALTO!" the shooting only increased. Sheridan saw a fellow officer fall and writhe in agony.

"OKAY, LET 'EM HAVE IT!" Sheridan yelled then.

Luis Barro spurred his horse in that instant, guiding back westward toward the first opening he could see in the night shadows. But another horseman had spurred with him and came now to his side half stood on his own running horse and dived. Barro was grasped around the neck. Both men tumbled hard to the ground.

Border Patrol rifles barked rapidly now. Crack! Crack! Crack! Sheridan saw the aliens and smugglers break in a wild stampede. Those who had entered the water ran foolishly back into the fight. Most of the riders, having no saddles, jumped or fell off their mounts. All of them were hemmed in by a long arc of officers strung out toward the west, and by the river itself toward the east. Yelling, shooting, screaming, shouting, crying men and women lunged about in confusion everywhere. A tall bearded fellow loomed in the night and shot seemingly point blank at Sheridan Starr, but missed. Sherry dropped him with a pistol bullet, his own face distorted as if in acute pain; he hated above all things to have to kill.

"Don't shoot any women!" he yelled in command to the officers. "Just pick off the men. All right, Barro—had enough."

Barro didn't answer, but in a few minutes more the shooting subsided. An officer had thrown a bright flare into the midst of the aliens and it lighted the scene theatrically. Its startling brightness, although harmless, seemed to have the effect of a huge bomb. Foreigners were thrown in terror, stood now with their hands in the air. Five minutes more of this, and Sheridan again took verbal command.

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"Move up together, men!" he shouted, "and disarm 'em one by one. Bunch them together. Be careful, but don't shoot any more if you don't have to."

From his left then he heard a woman calling. And, strangely, calling him by name!

"Sheridan! Are you all right, Sheridan?"

Startled, the young officer paused for a second, standing with his pistol ready.

He stared into the darkness but could see no one. Then he heard someone running toward him.

"Who is it?" he barked. His mind refused to verify what he thought he knew. It didn't make sense!

"Sherry? Is it over? Are you hurt any? I'm coming!"

She came rushing to him then and he couldn't say a thing. He just put an arm around her and squeezed her and stared down at the top of her head, and felt her trembling and patting his back and murmuring, "Sherry . . . Sherry!" in little broken sobs.

"I told you to stay home!" he muttered at last. "Honey girl!"

"I couldn't!"

"No."

He said it matter-of-factly, as if he hadn't expected her to; as if he could understand.

"Nobody has slipped through. I'm sure of that," he said then. "The officers are rounding them up now. Closing in. Barro's in there somewhere sure as fate. Betty Mary! We've got him—thanks to you! There won't likely be any more shooting now. Stay behind me and come on."

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It was a battlefield, after the battle.

A dozen or more horses were down, dead or wounded. And the bright white light of the flare revealed several human bodies as well.

"First thing for you and me now, little girl, is to help the wounded men," Sheridan was saying as he walked. He turned to address her direct—"We can save lives by prompt—!" He halted. She wasn't there! She hadn't followed at his heels, as ordered.

But all at once she called to him again. Almost screamed.

"Sherry! Here's Hope . . . Hope . . . Oh Sherry!"

They stooped to touch him. Apparently a Mexican, really an American in disguise. The odd stooping position of his body slumped over another had first attracted Betty Mary, and even under extraordinary circumstance she had seen something familiar about the man. She and Sherry moved to lift him.

"There's Barro under Hope!" Sherry suddenly cried. "He's tied, hand and foot! With bridle reins. My god, Betty Mary! . . . Oh my god! . . . Hope captured Barro . . . then a wild bullet—! . . . Don't you see?"

Sherry's own youthful voice had broken into a sob as full realization came to him.

A full quarter hour later other officers came to take charge; quietly, efficiently doing what had to be done. They found big Sheridan sitting on the ground beside his teammate, head and arm on bent knees, crying in full abandon as only a strong man can. They saw Betty Mary, face strained and pale, encircled in one of Sheridan's arms and held tightly there.

They straightened out the body of Hope Kildare ever so gently and covered it, and then they locked handcuffs on Luis Barro's wrists and led the dazed smuggler away.

After the other prisoners were taken in charge and started toward El Paso, and first aid had been given the wounded men, an older officer and four others strode up to Hope and Betty. The older man knelt on one knee, but in his hand, reached out an arm and patted Sheridan on the shoulder.

"Son," he spoke tenderly, "It is very late now. These men will stay here. It is time for you and your lady to go home."

(THE END)