

SERIAL STORY

GHOST DETOUR

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
ROSELEE LALE and CHRISTINE PALMER—Two summer tourist ventures at Goldcrest.
DICK BANCRAFT and FRANK LIN LARAWAY—They also found an interest in Goldcrest.

Yesterday, Franklin checks fingerprints and finds those in the Goldcrest bank are those of Carl Quait, bank robber, ex-convict. Franklin hurries back to Goldcrest to warn his co-workers. He does not tell the sheriff of his discovery.

CHAPTER X

The wall would have been frightening if it had been heard on Broadway in daylight, but here in a 50-year-old ghost town by darkness it was positively terrifying.

"Ro-se-lee!" murmured Christine, tremulously, grasping her friend's arm.

Both girls sat tense for a long moment, listening, staring. The jail dungeon remained a black slouch on the hillside, but shortly after the wall came a new sort of noise. This time it was a thumping and a guttural melange of voices as of men laboring under stress.

"Clank! Something heavy struck the jail's metal bars. Somebody cursed.

"Dick's in there!" Roselee breathed. "Dick... In there!"

Of an accord the girls got to their feet and started toward the place, half walking, half running, fearfully, anxiously yet afraid.

"Split! Plip and thump and heave and groan—the sound now was distinctly that of men fighting. The girls stood as if spell-bound, peering inside the jail doorway, not daring to enter but unable to leave. They could see nothing in the darkness but the noises made a vivid picture themselves. For one thing Dick Bancraft's words began to become intelligible in snatches.

"O... kay... brother... you... unh!... you... asked for it... now... you're... gonna... GET IT!"

The "get" was punctuated by what must have been a hard slap. Instantly came a quick slap-slap-slap as of footsteps, and a crash into a wall. Iron grillwork rattled. Dust too was now floating even to the outer door of the jail.

It must have been Dick who had got in that hard blow. After the grillwork changed, comparative quiet reigned for several seconds. The girls could hear sounds of breathing, almost a gasping in fact. But the commotion at least was ended.

"Oohw, you're... breaking it!" This outcry was from a man obviously in intense pain. They did not recognize the voice.

"You bet I'll break it!" Dick exclaimed, then paused to breathe heavily again. "I'll break it... unless... you do as I... say. Whew!"

"Let... let me up." The other combatant really was suffering, his voice revealed.

Dick waited several seconds the better to catch his breath before answering. He could talk more distinctly then. "Not—not until I find out who you are, what's your name?"

No answer was heard, and then there was a sudden slap, hard, and another outcry.

"You tried scaring the wrong one, pal!" Dick spoke again. "You sounded like a ghost, but you don't feel like one. So you finally came for the money, eh?"

"No. What money?"

"What do you mean, 'what money?' I'm not dumb. Talk sense—or else!" Dick spoke again. "For the sake—uh-h-h—what do you want to know?"

"Everything. Talk, man, or I'll break it! Talk!"

ever come back here again I'll—well.

"Well, move along now," Dick finished. "And no monkey business if you want to live and do well."

There were sounds of bodies moving, and the two girls instinctively jumped back out of sight in the shadows beside a boulder. Dick and his adversary came out side. Dick grasping the other man's arm in a wrestler's hold.

"You mentioned money," the other man said. "I could pay you."

"Skip that," Dick answered. "I wasn't hinting about any bribe, mister. Yeah, you're Packman, I can see. But I wouldn't have thought it of you. Now start running, and when you stop you'd better be out of sight, forever."

(To be continued)

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The total covered \$490,014,692.25 already certified for payments to cooperating farmers, county association expenses, and materials furnished to farmers as grants-in-aid. For these purposes the department said payments remaining to be certified would amount to \$16,164,507.18.

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The Dalles is the "hub" for east-west and north-south highways, including the Columbia river highway, Old Oregon Trail highway, The Dalles-California highway and the new scenic highway to Grand Coulee dam. The city is located 93 miles from Portland, at the eastern portal of the Columbia gorge, the only water grade channel through the Cascade mountains to or from the coast.

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