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CHARLES RAY AT STAR TOMORROW

"Sudden Jim", the new Triangle play starring Charles Ray, is a dramatization of the story of the same name by Clarence Budington Kelland, which was read as one of the best novels of the year. This picture will be shown at the Star Theatre on Thursday and Friday. Following is a brief synopsis of the play: Charles Ray has the role of Jim Ashe, the son of a wealthy clothes pin manufacturer, who is told by his father that he can have his choice of fifty thousand dollars or the clothes pin business. He takes the business and starts for the factory in a small lumbering town in Michigan. The first thing he does is to fire the grafting foreman, and from the speed with which he does it he earns the nickname of "Sudden Jim". The modern methods of Jim threaten the failure of the clothes pin trust in which Moran is heavily interested; and Moran does everything he can to interfere with the young man's success. Finally Moran uses his influence on the company that supplies the raw material to Jim's factory, and refuses to give him trains to carry the timber. Things look bad for Jim until he discovers a clause in the contract which gives him authority to put his own crew at work at the hardwood plant and operate the trains. The action which follows, involving a pretty school teacher, with whom Jim is in love, a tremendous fight, a blown-up railroad trestle, and some more things, affords Ray opportunity to show himself at his best, and to carry Jimmy triumphantly through his difficulties.

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The Railroad Raiders

By Frank H. Spearman

Adapted From the Motion Picture Version Produced by Signal Film Corporation and Featuring Helen Holmes

SYNOPSIS.

Arnold, discharged station agent, forms a band of robbers and by use of a double robe the Deer Head station. The agent and father of Helen Holmes is convicted of theft.

SECOND EPISODE

A Double Steal.

"You are sending up an innocent man," declared David Holmes to Morton Webb, the chief special agent, when leaving to serve his sentence for the Deer Head express robbery. "All that I ask of you, Webb, and this I have a right to ask, is that you provide a position for my daughter Helen, where she can earn her living until my innocence is proved."

Webb, very doubtful himself of Holmes' guilt, but forced by circumstances to prosecute him, gave his promise to look after Holmes' daughter. He took Helen into his own office as his secretary, and here her frank, honest ways made friends for her on every hand. Capable man though he was, Webb's weakness for whisky at times fatally impaired his efficiency. On the very day that Helen took up her new duties her chief came back from luncheon tipsy. The office force seemed to take it as a joke. Helen, greatly shocked, was urging the unfortunate man to go home when the telegraph instrument sounded his call. Helen took the message. It was from headquarters, notifying Webb that Lord Melrose and party would cross the division that night on a special. Webb was asked to detail a good man to accompany them. The unsteady chief glanced at the pink message, and

after some confused thinking asked Burke, his assistant, to go west to meet them. Webb, himself, went home.

While Holmes was being tried for a crime he had no knowledge of, Arnold had been heading his railroad raiders with continued success. From his camp he one day watched a train crew use an emergency telephone kit and saw how the device might be utilized for further depredations on his part. Camp was struck. The gang headed for the outskirts of Mountain Springs. They rented an old house adjoining the railroad track. Under Arnold's direction they ran a wire from the railroad telegraph and telephone lines into its second story and installed apparatus by which he could take every railroad message. Masters, Holmes' double, remained Arnold's chief confederate. It was in this way that the ex-railroad agent intercepted the Melrose message. "Melrose," he explained to Masters, "is governor of Cantu islands and he packs his jewelry over the road every year."

Preparations were speedily made to get possession of these valuables, and under Arnold's directions, Masters procured in town chemicals for preparing explosives.

But a second plot was under way for the very same purpose. Burke, Webb's assistant, was, in fact, a former crook and only waited his opportunity to make a new stake. When detailed for the Melrose train he hurried to a pawnshop. With the pawnbroker he looked over a book of well-known family jewels. Reaching the Melrose collection, he spoke:

"Duplicate these. I want them tonight. I've a trick that will set us up for life."

The pawnbroker worked fast, and that night as Burke boarded the west-bound train, he smuggled the paste jewels into his hand. Helen, the same evening, walked into a Mountain Springs drug store for a magazine. A man, passing out, looked strangely familiar. In a moment she realized that this man was her father's double. The thought flashed over her that he might be connected with her father's tragedy. She followed him. He swung aboard a passing street car, but Helen stopped a motorcar and gave chase. She trailed him to the quarters of the railroad raiders.

Keen with suspicion, she climbed a tree and peering through an unguarded window saw, within, men mixing, as she believed, explosives. Hastening to police headquarters she enlisted a detail of officers to raid the place.

On board the special, Burke now was awaiting his chance. It came when the governor's party went into dinner. Entering the washroom, Burke slipped, Indianlike, through the window and climbed the rails to the governor's stateroom. Here it was only the work of a moment to steal the diamonds and leave the imitations—he was even able to re-enter the car undetected. As arranged, the pawnbroker was waiting on the platform at Mountain Springs for Burke's parcel. Burke saw him outside the car window, but was afraid to drop the diamonds; the governor's staff was pacing the platform.

He motioned his confederate to the other side of the car. All would then have gone well had not a car-tink pushing an ice cart passed the window just ahead of the pawnbroker. Where he sat Burke could see only the man's hat. It was, unluckily, a duplicate of the pawnbroker's, and Burke, unobserved by the ice man, incontinently

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dropped the box into the cart. The pawnbroker halted in turn under the window, but Burke had slipped back to his old seat. The perspiring confederate waited in vain for a falling parcel and the train pulled out, leaving the puzzled man at his post and with Burke satisfied that all was right.

But the Melrose troubles had only begun. Arnold and his raiders secreted themselves at a lonely spot outside Mountain Springs were waiting to waylay the special train. They had planted under the track a charge of dynamite. The special left Mountain Springs twenty minutes late. The night, though dark, was clear and the train was running very fast when, to the engineer's amazement, a tremendous explosion shook the track a mile ahead of him. A dull red glare lighted the sky, and jamming in the throttle he threw on the emergency air, and the shoes wrung a stream of fire from the burning wheels. The engineer then discerned men ahead flagging him down. The train stopped and the guards made ready to fight. They had already put out the car lights when a lantern crashed through a window of the observation car. A note was fastened to it and one of the men handed this to Melrose:

Your train has stopped over a mine. Turn on the lights and leave the car within thirty seconds or we shoot the charge.

The conductor peered out of the window. Consultation followed, but resistance was plainly useless. The lights were flashed on and the party, hands up, climbed, one after another, down from the car. Leaving them under the guns of the gang, Arnold sprang aboard, hurriedly searched the staterooms and came back carrying, as he believed, the prized diamonds. In reality, he had only the spurious coronet and necklaces that Burke had put in their place. Backing away from the angry and humiliated trainmen and their frightened guests, the gang scattered in the darkness.

Arnold was first to get back to the quarters. His followers joined him and all started pell-mell upstairs—Arnold leading, and all in high spirits. The ex-railroad man flung open the door and swaggered into the den, the others close at his heels.

Probably no party was ever more dumfounded than the raiders when, as



Arnold hurriedly searched the stateroom.

they were congratulating themselves, a detail of police sprang from various hiding places and covered them with their guns. Helen, with the officers, carried away by her excitement as her eyes fell on Masters, the personator of her father, sprang at him, reckless of danger. In the very thick of the melee the girl struggled with the scoundrel. To kill her, Masters tried to get his revolver into play. Before he could use it, Helen smashed his head against the wall. The gun fell from his hand, but just as the plucky girl thought she had him subdued, he writhed from her clutches and dashed away. Helen grabbed the revolver from the floor to give chase. Masters made for the stairs, Helen after him.

In the room, a desperate fight went on. Arnold dropped the Melrose box out of a window, and fighting his way through the mix-up, got to the stairs. Masters, too fleet for Helen, dashed from the house into the darkness, but not until the girl had fired a shot after him. Arnold, leaping down the stairs and dodging the gun-fire behind, ran round the house to pick up the box. Helen fired, and dropping the box, Arnold jumped away. Returning, he tried again to pick it up, but a second shot broke the dist close by, and Arnold took to his heels. The police, with two of the gang captured, came down, and Helen picked up the disputed box herself.

The special, unable to go ahead, had backed up until the track could be repaired. As it slowly approached the raiders' headquarters, Helen, lighting a piece of paper, ran forward. The engineer, seeing her signal, stopped. In the observation car, everyone expected another hold-up, but the conductor peering through the darkness saw Helen, and the car party put up their guns. As the train stopped, Melrose stepped down. Helen handed him the jewels and Melrose thanked her. But his wife examined them and whispered to her husband. She had discovered the substitution. Melrose looked at them again and turned to Helen: "These are excellent imitations," was all he said.

(END OF SECOND EPISODE.)

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