

The RAILROAD RAIDERS

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

SYNOPSIS.

The Raiders imitate the jewels of one Melrose and exchange the packets on his train. A hitch causes the jewels to fall into other hands. Helen recovers them and gives them to Division Officer Webb, who is kidnapped with the jewels.

THIRD EPISODE Inside Treachery.

The keenest disappointment to Helen of that eventful night was that Buck Masters and Arnold, after their struggle with the police in the quarters of the gang, should in the end escape. To be told by Melrose that the jewels she had recovered were spurious was a minor trial. But she now returned to the deserted house of the raiders where she dismantled and removed the whole wire-tapping apparatus they had feloniously installed. When she came down stairs with this in her handbag the special had gone and she started for a street car. It was already, however, three o'clock in the morning and she was obliged to wait for one a long time.

Webb, all night, had been carousing. With a boisterous party he left a midnight cafe for a gambling house and there was soon engaged in roulette, when, taking hold accidentally of the coat lapel of a new acquaintance he discovered underneath it a badge of an officer. Realizing that to be caught in such company would cost him his position he called for his overcoat and was about to leave when a raiding squad surrounded the place. The plain clothes men in the room drew guns. Webb, hands up, backed to the wall. His hand touched a light switch. He turned off the lights and in the confusion jumped from the nearest window into a motorcar in the driveway below. The chauffeur whirled him away from the house, but the police in a second car gave chase.

Webb's driver, an expert, gave the officers a long run and doubling on them at the first opportunity threw them completely off the trail. Unfortunately the adroit chauffeur in looking back to make sure he was no longer pursued, ran squarely into an early morning huckster's cart. No one was hurt, but the wrecked wagon obstructed an approaching street car, the first of the morning, downtown. Within it, was Helen on her way home. In the machine she saw Webb and realizing his condition she quickly got in beside him to take the helpless man home. At his home she found, with Webb's baby, his poor wife, who had been waiting all night her husband's return. The dispatcher, she told him, had been phoning for hours but Webb, despite her remonstrance and Helen's, went to bed. Helen returned to the office alone.

At the station, the iceman was sweeping out his cart when he discovered the package of jewelry that Burke had unwittingly dropped into it the night before. He was about to throw the gems away, believing the glittering baubles worthless, when he determined to give them to his children, and putting them in his pocket, went on with his work.

Earlier in the night, Frost, general superintendent, had been called from his bed by the dispatcher who first reported the Melrose robbery. This was bad enough, but he then complained he could not locate Morton Webb. Frost himself, very angry, listened to the dispatcher's office only to meet Melrose whom he found in a furious temper over the night's happenings. To have his train held up with the threat of his party's being blown up with dynamite was enough to rattle the governor's temple. But the loss of his wife's diamond coronet and necklaces was too much. Frost tried to calm him. He was only partly appeased by the promise that if he would come back to headquarters that afternoon everything possible should be done in the interval to recover the jewelry.

Masters and Arnold, escaping in the fight the fate of their followers, who were captured, had sneaked down into that dilapidated quarter of Mountain Springs, known as Chinatown, to hide. Burke, satisfied that the pawnbroker, Lowenstein, had secured the Melrose plunder, walked confidently over to his shop in the morning to secure the loot. When Lowenstein declared no diamonds had been dropped from the car window to him there was an angry scene. Burke insisted he had let the package fall, as agreed, while Lowenstein paced the platform. The pawnbroker excitedly denied Burke had dropped even so much as a remark in his direction and explained how long and patiently he had stood in position awaiting the shock that never came. Mutual recrimination followed, each rogue accusing the other of trickery. Hot words flew until Burke finally whipping out his revolver threateningly demanded the truth. The unfortunate pawnbroker could only insist that he had seen nothing of the jewels and Burke, deeply chagrined, returned to the office.

At noon, Helen went out into the sunshine to eat her lunch. About the same time, the iceman's little boy was bringing from home his father's dinner bucket and the Italian, choosing a sunny spot on the platform sat down to enjoy his meal. Remembering the jewels for his children he now gave them to the boy. The latter, playing a moment with the new toys, espied his friend, Helen Holmes, further down the platform. In great excitement he told his father he was going to give Helen a ring. The father had no objection and the little fellow ran to Helen, ring in hand. After much urging she took it, thinking only that poor families ought not to waste their money at five and ten-cent counters. It never occurred to her to associate the gift with the Melrose jewels until she noticed the necklace that the boy was wearing. As she looked at its glittering brilliants, her eyes opened wide. She slowly realized what she had stumbled on and hastening to the iceman, asked where he got them.

Quite innocently the man explained how he had found them that morning in his cart. When Helen offered to buy them from him for a five dollar bill he almost collapsed. The trade was hurriedly consummated, lunch was forgotten, and Helen, wrapping up her amazing find was just starting with it for the office when she saw Webb coming down the platform. It was the work of a moment to call him aside, show him what she had and tell him how he still might save his position by returning these to Frost himself and saying nothing about her part in the transaction. Webb, though feeling pretty blue, was too much of a man to take credit to himself for Helen's accidental good fortune. But Helen would not listen to his protestations. She told him he must do as she said, if for no other reason than for his wife's sake.

It was this plan that at last overcame Webb's reluctance. Helen likewise declared she would bring him the wire-tapping apparatus. Unluckily, just as she put the stolen coronet into Webb's hands, Burke passing along the platform caught sight of the two and saw what was going on. Confident these jewels were the originals for which he had taken so desperate a chance, he hastened to a telephone and called up the pawnbroker:

"I've found the jewels. Get some roughnecks down to the station quick. We may get them back."

The pawnbroker rushed out for a posse. Among others he picked up



She Slowly Realized What She Had Stumbled On.

Buck Masters and the party left for the station. Webb, waiting for Helen to return with the wire apparatus, was nervously pacing the freight platform. The pawnbroker's worthies were already trailing him. They waited until he neared the open door of a boxcar and climbing inside through the opposite door they flung a rope around Webb's neck and before he could free himself dragged him into the car. Pressed for time, they had not succeeded in finding the package on him when a truck drove up to unload the very car they were in. The thugs dropped Webb into a big empty box and disappeared. The truckmen soon reached Webb. In the box, upended him and deposited him on the truck. Gagged and bound, he could not attract their attention, but to the amusement of the teamsters, Masters and his companions jumped up to the driver's seat while others of the gang named the running boards and prepared to steal the truck.

Helen, anxious over the outcome of her innocent plot to save her chief, looking from the office window saw the bold move of the raiders. She reached the scene at the moment the truck was about to be driven off by the conspirators. Stepping in front of it she ordered them to stop, but instead of obeying, Masters' foot sunk on the accelerator, the truck leaped ahead, knocked Helen down and the heavy car passed over her. Needless of the result, Masters putting on all speed, made away. Helen, almost miraculously unhurt, scrambled to her feet and hailed a policeman. Pressing an auto, he gave chase, but Helen, fearing he could not overtake the thieves, sprang to a yard engine and summoning a bevy of switchmen, opened the throttle and dashed down the yard to cut the truck off if possible at the railroad crossing.

(END OF THIRD EPISODE.)

Willing to Bear It.
"Well, dearest, I have just asked your father for your hand."
"What did he say?"
"He asked me if I felt capable of assuming a heavy burden."
"And what did you tell him?"
"I told him I would take care of all he would give us."

Coming Events

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Nov. 5.—Vice-President Marshall visits La Grande.
Dec. 25—Christmas.
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(United Press.)
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(United Press.)
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MARKET NEWS

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