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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.

Helen Holmes undertakes to frustrate the moves of a band of raiders who invade the community and offices of the K. and W. railroad. She is assisted by the investigator Webb, who fights the gang under the leadership of one Burke and his able Marshal and Masters. Roy Wilson, who succeeds to the presidency of the road after the death of his father, rallies his forces to clean out the men who are doing all in their power to ruin the prestige of the company. The Raiders attempt his life several times, but he is saved each time by the quick action of Helen. Burke and his confederate Desmond plan to put a spur through to a copper mine for a rival road. Roy and Helen, with the help of a professional checkbook, substitute their own contract for that of the rival company.

## THIRTEENTH EPISODE The Road Wreckers.

Roy Wilson lost no time in making new dispositions at the office. He himself took Desmond's place; he promoted Helen, gave Webb the claim department and installed a new stenographer.

Desmond and Burke, angry and revengeful, went directly over to the offices of the Eastern. Rosedale showed Desmond a telegram from the Eastern head of the Raiders' conspiracy:

No Kay stock on the market. Harsher methods necessary to kill public confidence. Must recall Desmond unless shows better results.

"If you don't get busy," remarked Rosedale as Desmond studied the message, "you'll lose your head."

Desmond looked at Burke: "Don't worry; we'll give them something to think about now."

Repairing to the Raiders' quarters with Burke, Desmond found Marshall and Masters busy at the small printing press; he was told they were manipulating tickets for a ball game. But Desmond had other affairs in mind. He asked Burke for a bottle of acid, Burke, in handling this awkwardly, spilled a little of the acid on his hand. Before he could find a towel his hand was badly burned and a white scar remained. Desmond taking the acid now explained his idea to the Raiders and in an auto, with Desmond at the wheel, the party drove to a small station—Workman—on the Kay. There, watching their opportunity, they poured acid on the semaphore wires and hurried away.

The semaphore was set at danger. Passengers waiting for the train noticed the danger signal, but shortly afterward as the acid ate through the wire the semaphore dropped to clear. The train ran through Workman. The agent tried to flag it but was too late. He hurried in and wired Roy:

Number Ten ran past Workman with semaphore at danger.

MORRILL, Agent.

At Blackton station the raiders again poured acid on the semaphore wires and got away unobserved. Number 10 ran through this station. The agent rushed outside and looking at the semaphore found that while he had set it at danger, it now indicated clear. Hastening into the station he examined his levers. One of the wires was broken. He wired Roy:

Number Ten ran past Blackton account semaphore wires broken.

By this time a passenger at Workman noticed the semaphore was set at clear. Morrill examining the levers found a broken wire and at once notified Roy.

Greatly disturbed, Roy talked to Webb and as soon as No. 10 pulled in, he summoned the train and engine crews. But their stories were all straight and Roy could only dismiss them.

Menafine graver reports were coming. At Hubert Crossing two railroad tracks intersect, almost at right angles, not far from the tower. On the morning of the raiders' work, the Cannonball freight train ran by its semaphore. It should have stopped. The Eastern limited was unobscured due at the same time at the crossing. While the astonished townswoman saw the passenger train run by its stop signal, the Cannonball freight also passed the semaphore at which it should have stopped. Amazed and helpless, both townswomen now saw the two trains heading at right angles for each other. The engineer of the limited saw the freight engine shoot over crossing frogs ahead and struggled to avert a catastrophe. He threw his engine into reverse but could not hold his heavy train. He checked heavily with the emergency air—it was useless. The great passenger engine smashed head-on into the middle of the freight train. A crash like a roar of artillery shook the solid earth. The townswoman, dropping to the ground, started for the ghastly wreck. As he ran, he tripped and fell on the broken semaphore wire. One end of the wire whipped him across the hand; it left a white scar such as that on the hand of Burke.

The appalling results of their crime disturbed even the raiders, watching at a distance. They hurried away as the passenger conductor ran to the telephone in the tower. At headquarters an operator rushed in to Roy with a message:

Cannonball wrecked by Eastern Limited at Hubert Crossing. Accident due to broken semaphore wires. Send wrecking gang.

LEONARD, Conductor.

Somach Troubles.

If you have trouble with your stomach you should try Chamberlain's Tablets. So many have been restored to health by the use of these tablets and their cost is so little, 25 cents, that it is worth while to give them a trial.—Adv.

Roy ran into the outside office. He gave the message to Webb and Helen and orders were promptly issued to get out the wrecking crew.

A drastic investigation next day failed to fix responsibility for the wreck. While Webb and Helen were conducting the inquiry, in which the townswoman showed his gold-burned hand, Webb went in to speak to Roy. Roy showed him a morning paper.

Eastern limited wrecked. Defective semaphore wires on Kay & W. railroad and criminal neglect of a Kay & W. townswoman precipitates one of the worst disasters in our railroad history.

"Slowly but surely we are losing ground," declared Roy as Webb finished reading. "When I mention our road, people laugh."

But Desmond, reporting to Rosedale, was complimentary on his success! And the investigation was almost ended, when Helen, taking the signatures of the men to their testimony, noticed the scar on the townswoman's hand. She questioned him and he told her how it came there; but she knew the wire alone could not have left that kind of a scar.

Roy and Webb went into the general office just as Burke entered the room. He handed Helen a note.

Kindly allow bearer to get my personal effects. DESMOND.

Helen asked Burke to wait a moment and as he sat down, she noticed the acid scar on his hand. When Roy had finished with the trainmen and dismissed them, Burke was allowed to go in for Desmond's effects. When he left the room, Helen told Roy of the two scars and resolving to follow Burke's window to the ground and get into a taxi. There she waited while Burke, getting into his own machine without seeing her, headed toward Helen's taxi. Helen, starting, kept just ahead of him.

Marshall and Masters, after seeking a drug peddler, had returned to their headquarters. When Burke got within walking distance of the raiders' rooms he left his car and dodging up a stairway, joined them. Helen, however, did not lose him.

Once inside, Burke showed his confederates the wreck clipping. While they were making merry, Helen stole up to their door. But within the room an indicator on the wall began to vibrate. Burke saw it and signaling to his confederates to continue talking, so a listener would not take alarm, he armed himself with a blackjack. Helen's weight as she stood on a mat outside the door had completed a hidden electric circuit which operated the indicator. Burke opened the door, not to strike down anyone there. Not a soul was in sight; he looked up and down the hall. The listener was gone.

But Marshall, craftiest of the raiders, was not deceived: "I'll get whoever it is," he muttered, and taking a gun, walked through two connecting rooms and stepped suddenly into the hall, his gun poised to shoot.

He had calculated too well. Helen, following an instinct of alarm—which she could not have explained, as she stood outside the door of the Raiders listening to their mutterings—had slipped down the hall and stood near a door in hiding. But Marshall had come into the hall behind her and with murder in his heart, drew the gun on her and was about to pull the trigger when Helen saw his reflection in the porcelain doorknob at her hand. He fired. She dropped to the floor, and thinking her wounded, Marshall lowered his gun to make his escape. But Helen had dropped too quickly for his bullet, and, springing to her feet, she caught up a rug. Before Marshall could fire again, she had beaten him vigorously over the head with her improvised weapon, and it served her well.

Blinded by the dust that filled his eyes, and taken completely off his guard, Marshall shook himself free. But before he could cover her and fire again, Helen, dashing down the stairs, got out of the building.

Within the room the gang, waiting in suspense, heard Marshall's shot and ran out to see what had happened. They found Marshall profanely gasping for breath and his plight was so ridiculous that Masters burst into a roar of laughter. Marshall was in no mood to be laughed at. Hot words passed between the two thieves, and without hesitation, Marshall, a powerful man, knocked the old confidence man down.

As he did so, and in his wrath was about to do more, the shrill sound of a police whistle rang through the corridor from the street below. The other gangsters realized that this was no time to carry on any personal warfare among themselves. Satisfied that it was Helen signaling for an officer, they ran again into their rooms and, jumping through an upstairs window, started across the adjoining roofs. In the street an officer was hurrying to Helen. While she was explaining, three other policemen joined them, and with Helen leading, ran pell-mell up the stairs to capture the Raiders.

(END OF THIRTEENTH EPISODE.)

Merely a Starting Point.

"Do you believe," inquired the soulful maiden, "that marriages are made in heaven?"

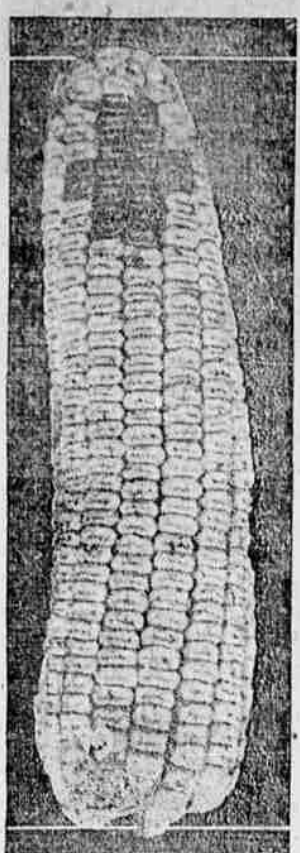
"They may be," responded the confirmed cynic, "but, according to my observation, they usually wind up elsewhere."

Badly Taught.

"Ethel," said her mother, "have you been at my preserves again?"

Ethel at once became very busy arranging her doll's hair. "Mother," she replied, "when you were a little girl didn't grandma teach you, same's you have me, not to be 'quisitive'?"—Ladies Home Journal.

## MOTHER NATURE AIDS RED CROSS



Old Mother Nature has come to bat with a boost for the Red Cross—right in the middle of the big Red Cross campaign. She sent her message of approval on an ear of corn, found at a husking bee in Somerset, Ky. The light yellow ear bore red grains in the form of an almost perfect cross. The ear was placed on exhibition and attracted much attention, adding considerably to the town's Red Cross subscription.

## WAR MILLIONAIRES' DAYS OVER IN JAPAN

(United Press.)

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—(By Mail.)—The day of the marikin, the mushroom millionaire born with the war boom, is past in Japan. With him have gone the 1000 yen goldfish apnea, the flowing sake bowl and the rest of the gay life which enthralled Europe brought to Nippon for the first time.

The government's ordinance for the control of shipping, American's embargo on the export of steel and gold, and the impossibility of importing Indian cotton, are among the principal causes for the depression which has set in here during the last few months.

The slump in the money market which had been prevailing for some few weeks became almost panicky in the early days of November. Shares of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the country's largest steamship line, had fallen from \$200 to just half that quotation.

Unless the situation improves, it is feared that it will have grave consequences when the settlement is made in the financial world at the end of the year.

## ELGIN NEWS

ELGIN, Ore., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Elgin band gave a masquerade dance Monday evening. Mr. Guy Patten and Mrs. Lee Tuttle were

## HURRY COAT FOILS JANUARY SHIVERS



This coat is of taupe duvetyn and the fur trimming which is so vastly popular this year is applied in unique manner—broad bands on the collar and down the front and four narrow bands encircling the hem. There is no fur on the sleeve and the heavy silk cord makes both for ornament and lightness. The hat is of the same fur, moleskin, and there is an odd trimming of chenille and feathers.

**Bevo**  
—the home drink

Besides its popularity at drug stores, fountains and restaurants, Bevo has found a welcome place in the home. A family beverage—a guest offering—a table drink that goes perfectly with all food.

As a suggestion for Sunday supper—Sweet red or green peppers stuffed with cream cheese and chopped nuts or olives, served on lettuce leaves. French dressing. Cold meat. Toasted crackers. Bevo for everyone. A beverage that tastes like no other soft drink. Pure, wholesome and nutritious.

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awarded prizes for the best dressed couple.

Mrs. Lee Tuttle returned Monday morning from Hot Lake where she visited her brother, Mr. Shirley.

Word was received last week of the death of Mr. R. B. Hendricks who was a former resident of Elgin. Mr. Hendricks did a great deal to build up and forward Elgin. Friends extend kind sympathies.

## ALSACE-LORRAINE IS TOPIC AT CONFERENCE

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—It is reported that German delegates to the peace conference have privately agreed to a plebiscite to determine the future disposition of Alsace-Lorraine. This concession was not made in the formal announcement but is regarded here as further evidence that there is some ground for the belief in general peace. In general the Czerin reply has caused a good impression here.

## "PAY ME."

## LOCALS

And Advertising in Brief

Notice of An Estray Animal.

Notice is hereby given that the following estray animal trespassed upon my premises and was taken up as an stray on or about August 10, 1917.

One bay Gelding, weight about 1500 pounds, branded JI or JM, connected, on the right shoulder; small star in forehead; right hind fetlock white.

The above described animal was taken as an stray on my place at Starkey, Oregon.

Dated December 27, 1917.  
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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at the hour of two o'clock, P. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1918, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before said meeting.

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Railroad or stage fare paid up to \$10.00, for all students enrolling between the above date and January 15, 1918, who enroll for four months or more, paying in advance. Terms: either Bookkeeping or Short-hand Course, six months for \$50.00; combined course, six months \$65.00. Write us about our monthly payment plan.

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A few pretty patterns in Ladies shopping bags something better than the ordinary at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-tf.

All kinds of school and general tablets you will find them at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-tf

In order to reduce stock, these standard reprint novels, usually sold at 75c will be sold at 25c to 50c for one week. See them at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-tf.

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Away From Home—

If you were away from home on the sea or in the trenches, wouldn't you like to get a copy of your home paper from your home town.

To remind you the first of the year is the time to renew your bookkeeping outfits and files. Our stock was never so complete. Newlin Book & Stationery Co. 12-28-tf.

Mavis (perfume). Mavis has been called the "Harmony of Flowers." It is delightful. Displayed at Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 10-12-tf.

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