

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Marked cards in a gambler's hand. Alex Peterson learns from Uncle Jerry that the money which had been hidden in the life of Peterson's brother as its stake. He returns to Uncle Jerry's office and accuses him. Uncle Jerry's bullet wounds Peterson. Peterson shoots Uncle Jerry in the head. In the spur of the moment, the shots are not heard and Peterson escapes unseen. He rushes to his mine intending to flee with Jerry, his brother. Jerry does not answer his calls and in the tunnel Peterson stumbles over his brother's body.

Chapter 41

THE FINAL GESTURE

I had expected some such climax as this, and as Jerry's voice faded out again we found ourselves looking at one another with melancholy eyes. He began again.

"Dad found a lot of rubble in one of his pockets. He struck another match and lighted the candle. As the match touched the ground fire erupted up and seized for a moment. Dad said he supposed a little powder had been spilled by one of the mine hands.

"Holding the candle, Dad knelt by the body. Uncle Jerry's face had a fierce, intent look on it. The wound was around the heart. Dad's other gold-mounted pistol lay beside the body. Near it was a copy of the Terridity newspaper.

"Dad turned the cylinder of the revolver. One cartridge had been discharged. He went to the door with the light. The key he had pushed under the door was where he had left it. He was quite sure what had happened. Uncle Jerry had concluded that he wouldn't be able to do anything for him and killed himself. His despondency had been natural but it hadn't occurred to Dad that he'd take his own life.

"Uncle Jerry was nearer to him than any one else—he hadn't any one else, then. Those few minutes by Uncle Jerry in that tunnel became the keystone of the life he'd got to live. He talked to the body as if Uncle Jerry were listening.

"Why did you do it, son? ... Didn't I tell you to get you out? Dad blamed himself for taking Uncle Jerry to Terridity. 'It wasn't any place for a kid like you. I failed you all along. ... I'm through, son. I'm pulling out tonight. Maybe some day I'll feel you've forgiven me.'

"He began to think about giving Uncle Jerry a funeral. But where should he put him? He could never bring himself to work the mine again and as Uncle Jerry had chosen to die in it why not make it his tomb? If Landy's heirs found the transfer, he'd negotiate for the property.

"Dad had started to get up when the light flashed the small blade of Uncle Jerry's knife. There was a stub of insoluble pencil beside it. The pencil suggested a note and he picked up the newspaper. There wasn't any writing on it, but he noticed that part of the top of the back sheet had been torn off. Dad went through Uncle Jerry's pockets, fully expecting to find the missing scrap of paper with some word for him on it.

"There was no scrap of writing either on the body or near it. But, utterly disappointed, he placed the knife, the pencil, and the other trifles on the newspaper.

"Dad got up, thinking of Dillon, Goner, his going off like that, he reflected. There was another question, too, that would be in Jerry's chest. Besides usually fired at their heads.

"Dismissing these thoughts, dad hurried outside. To do what he had in mind would take some little time and he hadn't a moment to spare. The town was still quiet. Dad looked up at the overhang. It was some 200 feet high, dad said, 100 feet wide and 29 thick at the bottom. The bottom of the fissure was 20 feet above the top of the mine floor and it was fairly accessible by a rough trail.

"Dad went into the powder house and lighted a candle lamp. There was plenty of dynamite. He began to transfer the stuff to the foot of the fissure trail, and then carried it into the fissure, a case at a time.

"The last case carried into the fissure, dad rushed back to the powder house and gathered six 100-lb. copper wire, a battery box, a screwdriver, a hammer, and

a pair of wire cutters and returned to the fissure. He forced the cases open, stuck faces into the overhang, and connected them to the battery box.

"He cut back to the building and looked in at the bunkhouse. None of his men were in and he made for the stable. Gunpowder, the gray, he whisked to him but he saw nothing out the wire. Picking up the battery box, he raced to a point about 150 yards north of the overhang. The noise ran out there and he connected them to the battery box.

"He dropped to his knees and repeated the Lord's prayer. The shouting began to boom in the tunnel. Dad peered up at the gold-mounted gun. But as he did the run into his holster a thought struck him and he drew it out again and placed it beside the body. It was just another of dad's impulses. A good soldier had a right to be buried with his weapon.

"A last look and he was ready for Gunpowder. He picked up the box and peered off towards Terridity. He could just see a fan-shaped shadow sweeping across the burned-out plain. They were after blood.

"The shadow swept on towards the mine. Dad shoved the plunger down. Gunpowder shot forward.

"Nothing happened for a split second or so, then Hell broke loose. He thought his eardrums had burst beneath the roar of the explosion. A fearful grinding, crunching, crashing sound followed the roar. Gravel and pebbles showered upon him and as they pelted Gunpowder's hunched the gray went on like a cannon ball. ...

"It was just down when dad got to the top of Pitchfork. As he looked down over the skull he felt as if he were tearing his fingers from his throat. He swung the gray around and faced the west. It was then that the name he had been looking for came to him.

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PRINCE TO BE 55 SUNDAY
LONDON June 21 (AP)—The Prince of Wales will pass another milestone on the age record Sunday when he will be 55 years old. He will spend his birthday quietly at his country estate of Sandringham where he has lived during the last week, driving over to Amble gaily for the races. No arrangements have been made for any special celebration but the prince will motor to Windsor castle to see the king and queen.

PRICE OF WHEAT WORRIES FARMER
With New Crop Soon to Move, Grower Puzzles Whether to Sell or Hold

By Frank I. Weller (Associated Press Farm Editor)
WASHINGTON (AP)—With a new harvest almost upon him, the wheat farmer is at a loss to know whether to hold or sell his grain. According to the government's May report, the price decline seemed to have been checked with all classes of wheat on about the same level as at the corresponding point in the 1928-29 season. Since then prices have dropped and they have risen. The June 15 report is expected to show whether the sporadic rise and fall has left the price level lower than originally anticipated. For weeks it has been hoped the market has reached the bottom and that the new crop would have a chance at a price somewhat above a dollar a bushel. Prospects of ending the season with an increased carry-over and another

good crop to be harvested has led to some talk of 50-cent wheat. Some increase in the world carry-over seems certain, but most of it will be in the United States. The prospects are for a fairly good yield of winter wheat, but the output of the world's crop is still uncertain. Average yields in some of the important producing countries would result in a crop sufficiently smaller than last year's to offset the increase in carry-over.

The wheat farmer, however, is annoyed by the fact that heavy harvesting of new wheat may depress the market while his grain is en route to it. He has limited storage facilities and wants to move all he can at a favorable price. It is a question whether prices will be better in December, January and February than in July, August and September. The farmer has to decide within the next few days what he wants to do and the present price situation is no help for his conclusion. Reports of prospects for the Canadian crop will be an important factor in determining the course of prices through the next few weeks. Indication that an average or less than average crop in Canada was fairly certain would raise the spring wheat price level for the beginning of the next season and strengthen the market for

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