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Moving Pictures of each installment of "Neal Of The Navy" will be shown every Friday night at the Dreamland Theatre SYNOPSIS.

On the day of the eruption of Mount Palee Capt. John Hardin of the stammer Princess rescues five-year-old Annette flington from an open hoat, but is forced to leave behind her father and his companion. Hington is assaulted by Hermodes and Ponto in a vain attempt to May appers which Hington has managed to May aboard the Princess with his daught, papers proving his title to and telling the whereabouts of the lost island of Chinabar. Hington's injury causes his mind to become a blank. Thirteen years clapse Hermandes, now an opium smuggler, with Ponto, Incs. a female accompile, and the mindless brute that once was Hington, come to Seaport, where the widow of Captain Hardin is living with her son Neal and Annette Hington, and plot to steal the papers left to Annette by her father. Neal tries for admission to the Naval academy, but through the conspirators get him in their power. In a struggle for possession of the map Hermandez. Annette sails on the Coronado in search of her father. In Martinique Annette and Neal are leath secure a portion. Annette sails on the Coronado in search of her father. In Martinique Annette and Neal are captured, but are rescued by a sponge diver. Incs forges kientification papers for herself as Annette. In an insurrection Neal and Annette are again captured, carried to the Sun City and Annette is offered as a marrince to the sun god. They are rescued by marrines from the Albany. Landed in Tortuse, Amette and Neal are captured and excapes on her way to Chantillo Annette is captured. Neal is promoted and leads a party of transferred men toward Chantillo, but is caught in a train wreck on the way. Hernandez and Incs present the false identification papers to Brother Anselme at Hanta Maria mission. Ponto is caught and killed in his own trap, set for Annette.

TWELFTH INSTALLMENT "BACKED BY THE U. S. N."

CHAPTER LII.

A Thorn in the Flesh.

It was late at night when Hernander and his two companions, Senorita Inex Castro and the Brute, crept to the outskirts of the village of Santa Maria, and stealthily approached the ramshackle old hotel For two days they had kept carefully out of sight.

They had left the dead Ponto to his tate. He had now become a cipher He was food for the jackals and they left him to the jackais.

"Then," said Inex, "it shall be Pon-

to's share for mine." Hernandez leered at her. "What does it matter," he returned; "what is mine is yours, fair Inez-Inez, mine

own." She crept to him, resting her shoulder against his breast.

"You mean that, Hernandez?" she queried, a jealous note tinging her tone. "There is no one-there never shall be one-save inez?"

Hernandez leered again. "Time and time have I not told you so?" he answered. "We are one-as in the past-so in the praent-so in the fu-

ture." Hernandez brushed her gently to one side and rose to his feet. "War first-love afterwards," he said. "Business now-and later, happiness. A whirl of happiness—of world-wide happiness. When I am king of a prin-

cipality—and you are queen. Come, let us on." Softly he crept to a secluded doorway of the hotel and knocked cautiously upon it. It was opened in due course. The frowzled head of a servant thrust itself forth.

"Ah," whispered Hernandez, "my good friend."

He slipped a goodly coin into the hand of his good friend-and the good friend became at once a better friend. "The Americanos?" queried Hernan-

dez. "Have they gone?" "Gone," returned the servant; "to-

day they went. Enter, senor. Hernandez, alert but satisfied of temporary safety, beckoned to his two companions and the three crowded into the dingy little closet of the por-

He turned back to the porter, "Tell to San Pedro and Los Angeles. Our

way lies north." Many hours later at Los Angeles, a coterie of Americans sat around a broad table in an unused courtroom in the post office building in Los An-

geles. Spread upon the table were a number of documents a trinket or two. Among them was a locket. Among them were a patched-together parchment

map and a Spanish grant. The admiral leaned toward the United States district attorney—the latter had come down from San Francisco to place the seal of his depart-

ment's approval upon the matter now in hand. "Are you satisfied?" queried the ad-

"Absolutely," said the district attorney, "the paper title is at present unassatlable, and as much to be recognized as though"—he bowed to Annette-"as though our fair daughter here were a sister republic. It remains for you, sir"-his glance bent upon the commander of the battleship Missouri-"to find out who may be in possession—and to oust them in favor of this paper title."

"I wonder whom we'll find?" mused

miral.

Annette, her eyes glowing. "Probably no one," returned the ad-

He returned the documentary evidence and the trinkets to his portfolio. "These," he said to the district

attorney, "I take with me," "Exactly," said the other, "we have photographs of all of them. The investigation has been of interest-a curious situation."

The district attorney placed before

Annette a bulky document. "You will be compensated for this Lost Island," he said, "and the government stands ready now to make you a substantial advance of money upon the signing of this paper."

Annette signed-and sighed with re-"That's done," she exclaimed.

The admiral bowed. All rose, "You are rendering our country a great service, Miss Hington," he said, "and your country will do its level best to protect you. Can we do more?"

Neal saluted. "I understand, sir," he said that I am to command the expedition."

"Yes," interposed the commander, "we've arranged all that with the captain of a steamer. He agrees that what you say shall go-and you'll say it, I feel sure."

"I'll say anything and do anything," returned Neal, "for my country and my-and Miss Annette Hington."

He said a good deal to her on the way back to her Los Angeles hotel and kept on saying it.

"But," he added at parting, "careful now. Don't take risks. This man Hernandez is a wonder. I take my hat off to him. He never knows when he's beaten."

"He's beaten now," returned Annette, "particularly if he knows all that has transpired.

He left her-still gravely worried. He would have been more than worried had be known that within a quarter of a mile of Annette's hostelry, in a secluded cafe, sat Hernandez, with his two companions, the Brute and Inez Castro. He would have been more than worried had he known that with them was another individual Joe Weicher, his own foster brother and Amette's. Welcher was there depressed, fearful, nervous-but drinking heavily. And he was still the model, shrinking tool, the cats-

'And what," queried Hernandez, "about the battleship Missouri?" Joe produced an extra-its head-

lines devoted to the navy and the impending Atlemantan war. "The Missouri," he announced, re-

ferring to the paper, "steams away tomorrow.

"Where does she steam?"

"To San Francisco." "Friend Welcher," went on Hernandez, "does this Neal-does he talkdo you get inside information?"

"There's none to get," said Joe, "if there was any. I'd get it."

Hernandez waved his hand. "When does the Missouri sail?" he queried. "This afternoon," said Joe.

"When she sails," went on Hernandez, "we'll get this girl. We need her. We want her evidence-but we want her, too-until-until we have no further need of her. What we shall run into at Lost Isle no man knows. I want her with us there. Listen, Wel- rons. Write or call King & Minnecher. You must arrange it. Our paths must cross this afternoon."

Welcher fumed. "I do all the dirty work." he said; "I'm through." Hernandez poured him another

drink, and handed it to him with a glance that ate into Joe's soul. The drink had just the wrong ef-

fect. Joe became angry-noisy-unmanageable.

"I'll be damned if I do your bidding any more," snarled Joe. Hernandez darted a glance toward

Inez. She returned it. "Leave him with me," she said.

Hernandez did as he was bid. He left her alone with Joe. And in the next fifteen minutes Inez Castro made love to Joe as she never had before. She overwhelmed him with enchant-

"Tonight," she whispered to him, tonight, Americano. But breathe not word to him-he will kill us both." Half an hour later Annette swung

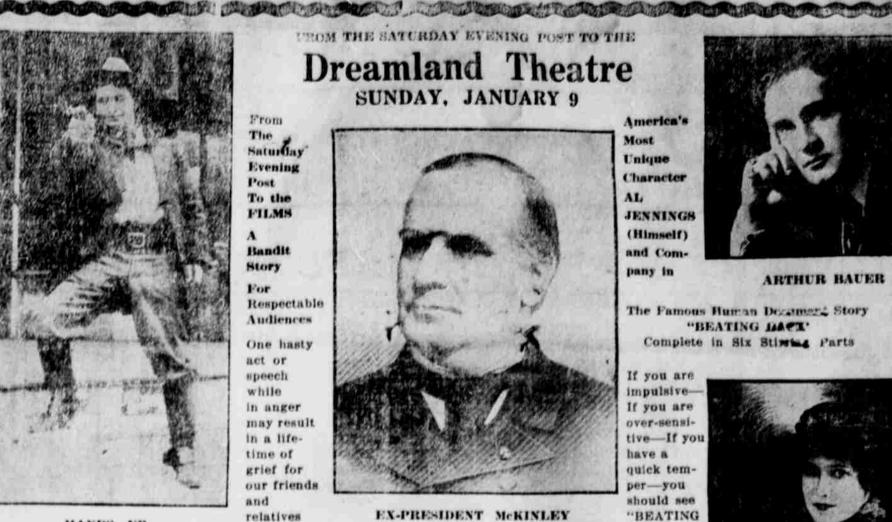
out of the hotel grounds, mounted on a wiry little pony.

She spied foe and drew in her steed. She noted hat Joe was unduly ex-"Joe," she exclaimed, "tell mother

Under certahe influences Joe's mind acted with unusual rapidity. Drink and the dark eyes of Ines Castro had set him well on edge. Without a moment's thought he stooped by the roadside and plucked a thorny burr. He straightened up again, with the thorny burr concealed within his hand. He did not answer Annette at first, but approached her and her steed.

"Good cow pony!" he exclaimed. He stroked the horse's nose, its neck, its flanks. And then he did another thing. Safe as they make 'em," he con-

And then he did the trick. His right hand stole gently up across the horse's back, behind Annette stole to (To be continued)



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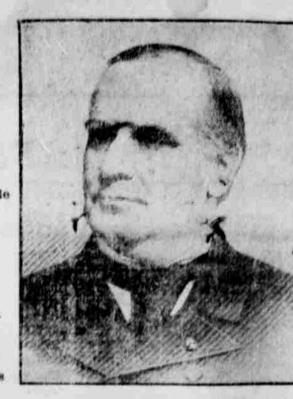
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