

# DOUBLE TROUBLE

By WILLIAM HOBSON

Chapter 15  
 Turk took his jackknife from a pocket and began to cut away Jay's bloody shirt. Full consciousness was returning now, though his brain was deadened from shock and the terrible pain. Turk bent and looked at the bluish-colored hole and then took him by an arm and slipped a horny hand beneath his side.

"Easy now, boy. Grit your teeth. I've got to roll you over."

A groan burst from Jay as he went over on his face. Ellen twisted her head sideways and her hand stroked his face as she bent down close and kissed him. "Joe, forgive me," she whispered imploringly. "I was angry. I don't care what you've done or what you ever do, I still love you. Don't die, Joe. Don't die!"

"He won't," Turk said. "But that's shore some hole where the bullet came out in front. Here, hand me that pan of water."

His big hands, deft with a rope—and likely a running iron—were equally deft with the bandages. When he finished Jay lay on his back, stripped to the waist, his bandaged chest rising and falling with each tortured breath.

"Do you feel any better now, Joe?" Ellen Randall asked anxiously. She had not moved from where she sat by his head.

"Much," he got out. "I'll be all right."

Oh, Lord, he prayed, I hope I don't get fever and start babbling about Joe!

"We've got to get him to a doctor," Ellen said. "It's fifteen miles to the ranch and twenty-five more to town. That's an eighty-mile round trip and Doc Stannifer is too old to make it."

"We can't move him tonight," Turk replied. "He's too weak and full of shock from that big rifle bullet. But we can't risk a fever and I think tomorrow mornin' Harry an' me can rig a travois to haul him to the ranch. It's about as easy as a wagon an' we got plenty of blankets."

"Who do you think did it, Turk?" Harry asked.

"Well," Turk replied, scratching his red head thoughtfully, "I got a hunch it was—"

"Miguel," whispered Jay.

"Who's Miguel?" Ellen asked.

"Why, he's a sort of Mexican... He's Lucia's lover," Jay whispered again. "He was jealous because I danced with her."

He was glad of the lie. Swinner-ton had said that Peg Smith was waiting for Randall and Ellen had said it too, bitterly. Jay didn't want Randall to get on the rampage and get into trouble with Smith. The man would turn on him and shoot him in the back as he had boasted of doing to so many others.

"Shore," Turk agreed very quickly. "I reckon that's who it was." He turned to Ellen. "Seems to me, Miss Randall, you'd ought to be gettin' back to the ranch. A line cabin ain't no place for a couple of young ladies. Harry can stay here an' give me a hand."

"We'll do nothing of the kind," came two feminine voices. Ellen said, "I'm going to stay right here and all over him all night, Turk. I wouldn't leave him if the ranch was burning down."

"All right," Turk agreed reluctantly, scratching his shock of flaming hair again. "My bunk's kinda narrer fer two but you two kin sleep in it, takin' turns. Harry an' me will take a couple blankets an' bed down in the feed shed on the grain."

nodding to Harry.

"I feel so rotten, Mary," Ellen whispered so that the sound would not carry. "I rode up here all the way just to accuse him of lovin' that Spanish girl... and a few minutes later he was shot."

"You love him very much, don't you darling?" Mary asked.

He rose and picked up his rifle. "More than anything else in all this world. He quarrels with me, he's even slapped me, but there's something in his wild, untamed nature and that handsome face of his that goes through me like a knife every time I think of it. As soon as he gets well enough, I'm going to marry him and Dad can't

to hang."

"I think Harry understands perfectly. All the way out here on the train he could talk of nothing but you, seeing you again. He told Father he was going to ask you to marry him. But I'm sure he understands now."

Mary and Ellen got covered by the night vigil. They reached the windows with old newspapers and barred the door. Jay still lay silently, his smooth-muscled body motionless in the light of the lamp. He was either asleep or unconscious, Ellen thought.

As a matter of fact, he was wide awake. He heard them typing and talking in whispers, and presently Mary undressed and lay down on Turk's blankets. Ellen sat beside him as the night wore on. Some time in the early morning hours he dropped off to sleep for a period and the awoke with a groan, thirst burning his mouth. He saw Mary's anxious face over him and heard Ellen come up quickly from the bunk.

"What is it, darling?" she asked. "Water," he croaked.

She brought the glass and lifted his head while he drank with a groan, thirst burning his mouth. He saw Mary's anxious face over him and heard Ellen come up quickly from the bunk.

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630 NBC	870 CBS	1190 ABC	1380 NBC	1480 KC
5:00 Nanny Side	Knex Manning Little Show	Challenge of Yulon	H-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
5:15 News	Check Hunsley	Jack Armstrong	Tom Mix	Blitz Crosby
5:45 Elmer Peterson	Groucho Marx	Home Edition	W News	Business News
6:00 Your Life	Ring Crosby	Author Critic	Gabriel Heater	Candle Light
6:15 Your Life	Wing Crosby	Author Critic	W News	And Silver
6:30 Music Cocktail	Burns & Allen	Lone Ranger	Coast in Aut.	Pat O'Brien
6:45 Music Cocktail	Burns & Allen	Lone Ranger	Coast in Aut.	Musical Jambal
7:00 Big Story	Burns & Allen	Lone Ranger	Coast in Aut.	Great Sports
7:15 Big Story	Burns & Allen	Lone Ranger	Coast in Aut.	Track 1400
7:30 Current Time	Hollywood	Mr. Malone	Cisco Kid	Track 1400
7:45 Current Time	Hollywood	Mr. Malone	Cisco Kid	Track 1400
8:00 Minstra-Kirsten	Lowell Thomas	Sher. Holmes	Boke Karloff	Name of That
8:15 News of World	Jack Smith	Sher. Holmes	Boke Karloff	Song
8:30 Gildersleeve	Dr. Christian	Boke Karloff	Boke Karloff	Track 1400
8:45 Gildersleeve	Dr. Christian	Boke Karloff	Boke Karloff	Track 1400
9:00 Break the Bank	Frank Raso	Croupier	Newscast	Track 1400
9:15 Break the Bank	Frank Raso	Croupier	Newscast	Track 1400
9:30 Dist. Attorney	Club 15	Orchestra	Hambors	Track 1400
9:45 Dist. Attorney	Club 15	Orchestra	Hambors	Track 1400
10:00 Sam Hayes	Star Final	Behld. Reporter	Fulton Lewis	Track 1400
10:15 Current & Ch.	You, the World	Internews	Local News	Track 1400
10:30 Spis. Final	Air-It	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
10:45 Tex Williams	Orchestra	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
11:00 News	Serenade	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
11:15 Wax Museum	Orchestra	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
11:30 Wax Museum	Orchestra	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
11:45 Wax Museum	Orchestra	Concert Hour	Music	Track 1400
12:00 Sign Off	Silent	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

THURSDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 Hodge Fodge	News	Farm News	News	Timekeeper
6:15 News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	KOCC Klock
6:30 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	KOCC Klock
6:45 Sam Hayes	News	Boke Karloff	News	Tex Miller
7:00 Early Bird	KOIN Klock	Boke Karloff	News	News & Sports
7:15 Old Songs	News	Boke Karloff	News	Top of Morning
7:30 Sam Hayes	News	Boke Karloff	News	Track 1400
7:45 Sam Hayes	News	Boke Karloff	News	Track 1400
8:00 Smooth Music	News	Boke Karloff	News	Track 1400
8:15 Smooth Music	News	Boke Karloff	News	Track 1400
8:30 Jack Beesh	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Music	Track 1400
8:45 Jack Beesh	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Music	Track 1400
9:00 Second Cup	Wendy Warren	News	N. W. News	Track 1400
9:15 The Second Cup	Aunt Jenny	Stars of Today	Art Linklater	Track 1400
9:30 Homesteaders	Helen Trent	Art Linklater	Patricia Call	Track 1400
9:45 News	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
10:00 Dick Haynes	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
10:15 Easy Listening	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
10:30 Hostess House	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
10:45 Hostess House	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
11:00 Double or Nothing	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
11:15 Double or Nothing	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
11:30 Double or Nothing	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
11:45 Double or Nothing	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
12:00 Life Beautiful	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
12:15 Life Beautiful	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
12:30 Pepper Young	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
12:45 Happiness	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
1:00 Hucklebuck	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
1:15 Hucklebuck	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
1:30 Hucklebuck	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
1:45 Hucklebuck	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
2:00 A Girl Marries	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
2:15 A Girl Marries	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
2:30 A Girl Marries	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
2:45 A Girl Marries	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
3:00 Welcome Travel	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
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3:45 Welcome Travel	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
4:00 Woman's Secret	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
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4:30 Woman's Secret	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400
4:45 Woman's Secret	Bill Sister	Jack Norman	Glen Drake	Track 1400

### DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Wednesday P.M.—5:00, Children's Theater; 5:15, On the Upbeat; 5:30, 550 Sports Club; 6:00, News; 6:15, News; 6:30, News; 6:45, Invitation to Read; 7:00, Farmers' Union; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, Veteran's News Review; 8:15, Logger's Fire Weather Forecast; 8:30, Weather That Endures; 8:45, Evening Meditations; 9:00, Sign Off.

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### Monmouth Students Attend Colleges

Monmouth—Sixty percent of the members of the 1949 graduating class of the Monmouth high school have entered schools of higher learning this fall. Though the class was not the largest in numbers it does have the distinction of having the greatest percent of its members entering college.

Students attending college this year are: Don Gregg, Oregon State college; Sylvia Partlow, Cascade college, Portland; Helen Elkins, Northeast Christian college; Eugene; James Cornstock, Central Washington School of Bible, Thorp, Wash.; Peggy Neal, Mildred DeVos, Gladys Young, Bobbie May, Marilyn Miller, Clifford Menning and Oscar Groves, Oregon College of Education; Anita Westfall and LaVelle Breen, Capital Business College, Salem.

### Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Hair ointment; 2. Cutting wit; 3. Public speaker; 4. Soterianism; 5. Prong; 6. Nautical sea bird; 7. Temperate; 8. German city; 9. So. American monkey; 10. Palm fly; 11. Opposite of warbler; 12. While; 13. Symbol for; 14. Wild areas; 15. Measuring device; 16. Schools of whales; 17. Certain; 18. Incline; 19. Early immigration; 20. New Eng. land; 21. Pronoun; 22. Type measure; 23. Alack; 24. Turkish title; 25. Musical shake; 26. State in Brazil; 27. French author; 28. Public store-house; 29. Avoids; 30. Choice; 31. Dvorak; 32. Neck cover-

DOWN: 1. Edible tuber; 2. Source; 3. Neck cover-; 4. Devoured; 5. Performer; 6. Rubbery; 7. Behalf; 8. Explet; 9. Egyptian rodence; 10. Egyptian part; 11. Partin; 12. Whirlpools; 13. Utilities; 14. Component part; 15. To be expected; 16. Gamine; 17. Hindu garments; 18. Part; 19. Favorite; 20. Rolled; 21. Ruddy; 22. Envy; 23. Hocket; 24. Marble; 25. In no way; 26. Russian sea; 27. Puss; 28. Copy; 29. Out around; 30. Out of; 31. Brother of Odin

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