

DOUBLE TROUBLE

By WILLIAM HOBSON

Chapter 25
Lucia came without a word, and went with him to the big rock cabin...

"None of that talk," he said sharply. "But what am I going to do?" "Well, think about that later, tonight you'll share this cabin with me. You can sleep in Mrs. Sanchez's bunk. Miguel will not want you in the morning..."

Early next morning a group of riders went to the corral and saddled fresh horses. The cavalcade started west and presently topped a rise and was gone, leaving only a faint dust haze to mark its passing. Miguel came by and there was a shiver, murderous fury in his black eyes as he looked at Jay and Lucia in the doorway. Jay sneered at him and slipped his arm around her slim waist. He bent down and kissed her.

Miguel's face whitened. He walked on, followed by his two black-faced companions. He went back into the kitchen and turned to face her. "You're safe from him now, Lucia. Just stay right to this cabin. I've ordered 'Andy' to tell them all that you're my woman, and that you belong to me now."

On Saturday morning fifteen riders left the settlement, led by Brad Morden. Twelve Americans and three Mexican vaqueros. They left behind them a dead settlement; a ghost town. The only sign of life was Lucia, standing alone and forlorn in the doorway of the rock cabin that had proved sanctuary to her.

The outlaws kept to the gullies and among the mesquites and off the skyline. By mid-afternoon they came from the ranch and swung down to loosen cinches. At sundown they tightened cinches, and mounted.

"Here's how we'll work it," Brad Morden called in a voice loud enough to fill the night air. "Me and Jay and Peg and Hank and Ace—five of us—will go forward to contact Joe. Peg and Hank will cover the house and not make any trouble unless they hear us. Joe's going to clean up the place and get ready to then go back to camp under guard of Ace. You boys wait till we trickle the herd down this far 'n' then fall in behind 'em. Don't push 'em till you're a sound of the ranch. That's all clear?"

There came several affirmative answers and the five men rode forward. Jay saw the outlines of the poplars forming the lane he'd ridden down so many times and he felt his stomach tighten inside. Morden was playing it clever. The outlaw knew that Joe was hot-headed. He knew that with Joe in his power, his cool-headed brother wouldn't try double-crossing.

He heard snoring and recognized Joe's voice as his brother joggled toward them. Joe pulled up and Jay saw his face in the night. "Cut it out, you fool!" Brad Morden murmured in a low voice. "They will hear you."

"They ought to," Joe grinned back at him. "They've heard it so much every night that the girls are trying to teach me some new songs. How are you, boy?" This to Jay. "Where's the other night guard?" Morden snapped.

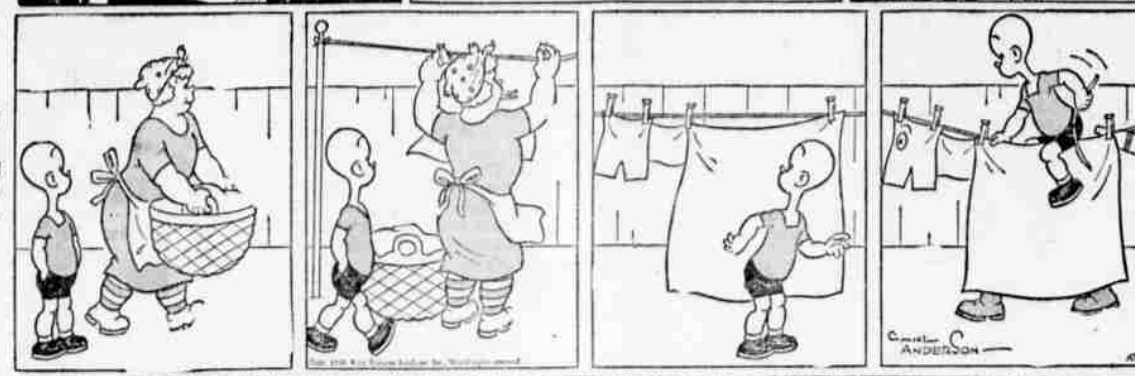


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5:15 News	News	Jack Armstrong's News	Tom Mix	Rhythm Bush
5:30 Voice of Patons	News	Headline Edit	Tom Mix	Ring Crosby
5:45 Voice of Patons	News	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Business News
6:00 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Candlelight & Stars
6:15 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	News
6:30 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Tropicana
6:45 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Pat O'Brien
7:00 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Man Jackpot
7:15 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Kevin Kaleb
7:30 Musical Soiree	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Tom Mix	Mon. Q'tback
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TUESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 Under Podes	News	Keep Smiling	News	Mus. Time/per	KOCC Klock
6:15 News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	March Time	KOCC Klock
6:30 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	March Time	KOCC Klock
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Color in Colorado
4. Adults
9. Guided
12. Postage
13. Howing tool
14. Name of a city
15. Blue
17. Exclamation
18. News comb.
19. Explained by
21. Go ashore
22. Allow
23. Tired out
27. Capital of Delaware
31. River in Scotland

DOWN
2. East Indian
3. Father
24. Hindu form
25. Sent to the wrong place
26. Name of a wrong place
28. Kind of macaroni
32. No Scotch
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Silverton Lions Hear Wilmer Lamb

Silverton—With a suggested thought-theme of "unselfishness and kindness as necessary qualities for this modern world," Wilmer Lamb of Salem as guest speaker of the Silverton Lions club, talked on the topic: "Little Douglas didn't get his Overcoat."

Gene Smith, president, was in charge of the business meeting, and named as his committee on plans for the November 16 annual Thanksgiving dinner and Ladies Night, Bob Miller, Wilson Johnson, Lloyd Timm, and Frank Powell to be assisted by the program chairman, Dr. A. L. V. Smith.

Special guests from Salem, were Joe Land, from West Salem, Dr. A. F. Goffrier and of Silverton, Ralph Gordon and Craig Clark.

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern