

HOPALONG CASSIDY

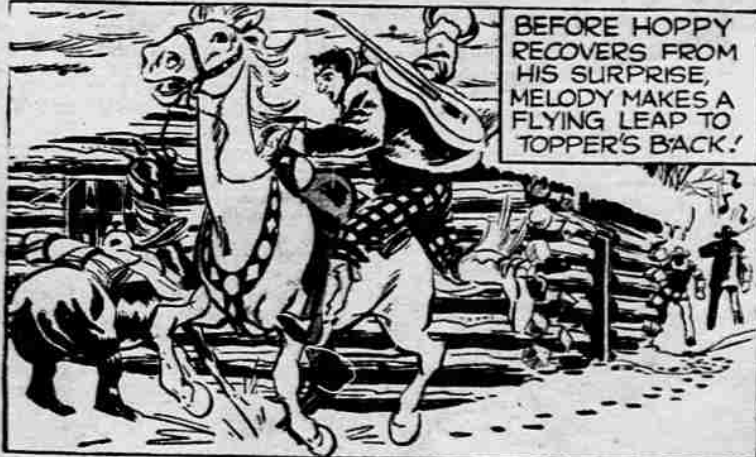
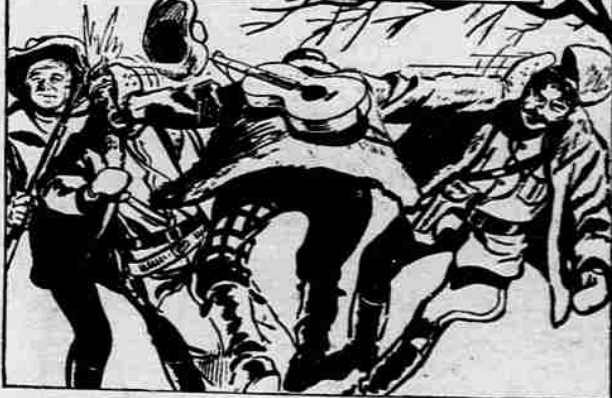
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WHILE I WAS SNOW-BLIND, I CAME UPON THIS MOUNTIE POST, MISTAKING IT FOR A TRAPPER'S SHACK. MELODY WAS HERE, STEALING A HORSE AND SOME GRUB. HE SLUGGED ME AND WAS ABOUT TO ESCAPE WHEN YOU TWO SHOWED UP.



SURE GLAD YOU CAN SEE AGAIN, HOPPY!

SUDDENLY, WHILE HOPPY IS TALKING, MELODY CARVER LASHES OUT....



BEFORE HOPPY RECOVERS FROM HIS SURPRISE, MELODY MAKES A FLYING LEAP TO TOPPER'S BACK!

BUT TOPPER HEARS HOPPY'S WHISTLE AND SENDS THE OUTLAW SPRAWLING!



NOTHING ON HIM.

THEN HE MUST HAVE HIDDEN OUR BAR-20 PAYROLL SOMEWHERE!



HE SURE DID!



THAT'S ALL WE WANTED, SERGEANT. WE'RE TURNIN' TH' LAST O' TH' CARVER BROTHERS OVER T' YOU.

LOOKS LIKE THE MOUNTIES GOT THEIR MAN, AFTER ALL.



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