

# GUNMAN'S BLUFF

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Margaret Laffere, engaged to be married to Luke Maddison, is with him when he encounters Gunner Hayes, an American crook, in a London hotel lobby. Danton Morell, a friend of Margaret's brother, Rex, is watching them, and wonders if Gunner recognizes him after seven years. That night Rex is found dead and by his side a note addressed to his sister saying that he had been ruined by taking Luke Maddison's advice. Morell tells Maddison later that Rex had cashed a check for \$18,000 signed by Maddison.

Margaret does not know that her father is a forger. Her love for Maddison turns to hate and she keeps her promise to marry him.

After the wedding Margaret asks that the wedding journey be postponed, and that Luke leave her for two days, claiming that she is going to have a nervous breakdown.

In the meantime, Luke finds that he is short a sum of money at the bank, and rings up his wife to ask her to let him draw it. He is amazed to be refused, and by Margaret saying she will keep it in revenge for his ruining her brother. Luke is unable to reply, and leaves her. He wanders to the Thames embankment, trying to guess what the trouble is.

Luke regains consciousness two weeks later in a hospital, with nothing to indicate his identity. He has a heavy beard and the hospital people call him Smith, a name which he decides to keep and see what happens. The nurse comes into his room with the announcement that a friend wishes to see him.

A messenger from Connors calls at the hospital, gives him \$25.00 and the address of a Mrs. Fraser, with whom he is to take rooms.

Margaret in the meantime has a telegram from Paris signed "Luke," which she doubts as genuine. Danton Morell calls on her to try to get some money. She tells him that she has given all the money back to her husband's firm, which is allowing her an allowance to live on. She believes that Luke has gone to his favorite resort in Spain and intends to join him there.

While Morell and Margaret are talking Gunner Hayes is announced. He admits that he is a jewel thief and just out of prison, but Luke had once tried to do him a favor and he wants to return it if possible. He asks if Danton Morell is a friend of hers, and also why her husband has left her.

Margaret sees Luke driving in a car with a fair haired girl. She does not recognize her husband, but she overhears someone say that the girl is Jean Gerley, the cleverest crook in London. Luke drives her to the front of a jewelry store and waits at the curb until she comes out. She rushes from the store with a man at her heels. They get away and next day Luke is amazed to read in the papers that Jean has robbed the store of a diamond necklace and has been driven away in a car with a bearded man. He unwittingly has been made an accomplice of thieves, and considers fleeing to Spain, but realizes that he has no passport.

Luke, learning that the police are looking for a man with a beard who drove the car in the jewel robbery, shaves all off except his mustache. He also learns from his landlady that Danton Morell is well known to the underworld as a crook. Before he gets over his surprise at this discovery, two men burst in on him both members of Connors' gang. A fight follows and Luke throws both men out into the street.

Luke finds out by telephone that his old bachelor quarters are still untenanted, and enters them by the fire escape. The police become suspicious and call on Margaret for a key to the flat. The detectives find Luke and take a gun from his pocket. He is also suspected in being concerned in the jewel robbery, but to not recognize him as Maddison. He manages to escape down the fire ladder and jumps into a passing taxi. Now go on with the story.

"Paddington," he said, and swung himself deftly inside.

Evidently the driver was in some doubt as to whether he should continue. He went about two blocks and then pulled the car up by the side of the curb.

"Where have you come from?" he asked. "I can't take you, gov'nor. You look as if you were running away from somebody."

"I was," said Luke. "It was not a moment to argue. He threw a two shilling piece into the man's hand, turned down a narrow street conveniently near, and doubling back, reached the main road. Here he found a taxi moving at leisure, and a driver who did not question him."

The cab drew up at the entrance of Scotland Yard and Luke went down the declivity and into the gloomy entrance hall. A police officer on duty stopped him and asked his business.

"Mr. Bird's been gone for two hours, sir, I think he has gone to the country. Would you like to see anybody else?"

Luke shook his head. He came out on the Thames Embankment at one end of the Yard as Gorton came in at the other. Turning left, he walked towards Waterloo Bridge. At the Charing Cross station he made another attempt to get in touch with the Sparrow. There was a chance that Bird was still in town. He went to the telephone directory,

but there were so many Birds that it was impossible to tell which was which. And then he remembered one of his initials was a "Z." He scanned the book again and going into the booth gave a number.

"Yes, this is Mr. Bird's house, but he is out of town. Who is it speaking?"

"It is vitally necessary that I should get in touch with him as soon as possible," said Luke. "Can you tell me where I can find him?"

"Who are you?"

"Will you tell him it's Mr. Maddison speaking? I have been to Scotland Yard."

He felt a sudden draught. The door of the booth was ajar; an unconcerned man was standing near by, and apparently had no interest either in him or his conversation. Luke shut the door again, and to his annoyance found that the person to whom he was speaking had hung up her receiver. Still, it was a start. He felt a sense of relief as he came out.

He had not gone twenty yards before two men, walking quickly, overtook him and fell in one on each side.

"Hello, Smith! Connor wants to see you."

He had never seen the man before. His tone was offensive and peremptory.

"And who might Mr. Connor be? My name is not Smith, it is Maddison."

"That's all right, sir, but Mr. Connor does want to see you badly."

"Where is he?" asked Luke.

"At the top of Savoy Hill—there goes the Squad."

A car, flashed by at that moment; the red light disappeared along the Embankment.

"They call them buses and they are busy," said the second man.

They did not go up Savoy Hill but turned aside, passed one entrance to the Savoy hotel and up a steep and narrow street. They turned again to the right.

"Where is Connor?"

"I'll tell you in a minute when I've got a light for my fag," said one of the men.

He struck a match, and Luke's eyes instinctively went to it. That is all he remembered. He did not feel the pain of any blow, but dropped limply to the pavement under the impact of a rubber cosh.

His head was swimming when he came to his senses. He was lying on the hard floor of a jolting Ford truck bearing the name of a greengrocer. The two men were stining by his side and one was smoking.

"... That's what Connor told me," said one. "But then, Connor always said that this nut would squeal."

Luke lay motionless; his head was throbbing, but he felt no other discomfort. Apparently there was a bump as big as an egg on his skull, but the blow had not drawn blood.

The car stopped. There was the creak of a gate being opened, and then they went forward again; presently the car stopped and the engine shut off.

"Are you awake?"

"I'm awake, all right," said Luke. He was led into a room not only furnished but overfurnished.

Connor was sitting at a table shuffling a pack of cards. He looked up as Luke entered the room.

"Did you have to cosh him?" he asked pleasantly.

The man who held Luke's arm grinned.

"Sit down," Connor pointed to a sofa against the wall, and Luke was glad to accept the invitation.

"Tried to put up a squeal, did you, Smith?"

There was nothing unfriendly in Connor's tone, but he did not cease shuffling the cards as he spoke.

"I thought you were a man when you did that bust—yes, one of my lads saw you get into that flat, and saw you when you bolted. But you're nothing but a dirty squealer. Went to

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### REBEKAH LODGE PLANS PENNY CAFETERIA SOON

Members of the Rebekah lodge are busy planning for a Penny Cafeteria dinner to be given in the Odd Fellows hall on the evening of May 16. A short program is being prepared and will be given immediately after the dinner. The hall will then be turned into a carnival, featuring fish ponds, fortune telling booths, candy booths and others.

Mrs. Clarine Putnam is general chairman of the event. She is being assisted by a committee consisting of Amy Love, Stella Findley, Oswald Olson, Mrs. Carrie Jarrett, Dorothy Girard, and Doris Girard.

### "SARAH AND SON" AT McDONALD THIS WEEK

The voice which English dramatic critics acclaimed as the most perfect ever projected from a London talking screen will be heard the rest of this week at the Fox McDonald theatre, when the Paramount romance drama, "Sarah and Son" is shown here.

Gilbert Emery is the possessor of the voice. He made a notable talking debut in "Behind that Curtain," and now he is appearing in one of the main supporting roles in "Sarah and Son."

Frederic March supports Ruth Chatterton in the leading male romantic role. Others in the cast are Fuller Mellish, Doris Lloyd, William Stack and Philippe de Lacy.

Sunday brings Belle Baker, Broadway favorite, in "The Song of Love" to the Fox McDonald.

Plenty of familiar faces may be seen in "Free and Easy," which opens Friday for two days at the Fox Rex, for M. G. M. made liberal use of its stars, players and directors in casting this all-talking comedy extravaganza which is a laugh from start to finish.

Most of the action of the picture, which is a satire of Hollywood activities, takes place within the studio confines and the movie goer is given the unexpected treat of seeing his favorite actor portraying emotion before the camera and microphone while a well known director stands on the sidelines giving orders. Some of the players and directors who appear in the various sequences are Buster Keaton, who talks and sings for the first time on the screen and proves himself doubly funny in doing so; Anita Page, Robert Montgomery, Trizie Friganna, Dorothy Sebastian, Karl Dane, John Miljan, Gwen Lee, Lionel Barrymore, Fred Niblo and Cecil de Mille, William Haines and William Collier, Sr.

### NEW SERVICE MAN FOR POWER COMPANY HERE

H. A. Schaffenberg, of Dallas, arrived here Monday to assume the position of service man with the Mountain States Power company. He is taking the position left vacant by the resignation of Jack Henderer, who has associated himself with the Reo automobile agency in Eugene.

Mr. Schaffenberg is married and has two children. The family have located on F street, between Fifth and Sixth.

### Entertain at Summer Home

Mr. and Mrs. Larson Wright, Mrs. C. H. Phetteplace, and Harry Wright were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson at Weasquin, the Wilson summer home on Horse creek in the McKenzie country. Fishing was the major attraction for the guests.

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### MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, HAVE BANQUET TONIGHT

The annual Springfield high school mothers and daughters banquet will be held at the high school this evening under the direction of Mrs. William R. Baker, Girls' League advisor. A large number of the high school girls and their mothers are expected to attend the banquet, which is being prepared by Mrs. E. M. Peterson and the girls in her domestic science classes. The banquet room and the tables are to be attractively decorated for the meal, and a program will be given in Mrs. Baker's room following the dinner.

Jule Pollard is the general chairman of the arrangements for the affair. She is being assisted by a committee consisting of Junia May, program; Daisy Tomseth, decorations; and Myrna Bartholomew, finances.

The program will consist of an address of welcome by Mrs. Baker, and a response on behalf of the mothers by Mrs. Pollard. Faye Parsons will give a reading, and Bernice Burkhalter will give a piano solo.

Students and teachers of the high school motored to Vida last Friday, and attended the May Day exercises.

Born—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Loack, of Jasper, are the parents of a son born to them at their home on Friday, May 2, 1930.

Maria Dettie will sing a solo, Myrna Bartholomew will play a piano solo, and the girls' quartet will sing. The banquet will commence at 6:00 o'clock.

### Many Students Take Exams

There are forty-four students at the Lincoln school who will take the state eighth grade examinations this year, according to Laurence Moffitt, principal. Most of this number will take the examinations on May 14 and 15. They will then be excused from all classes for the rest of the term if they pass all subjects. Those who do not take the exams at that time will take them on June 5 and 6.

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