

Montana Kid

A RAPID-FIRE ROMANCE BY EVAN EVANS.

SYNOPSIS: In order to force Montana, called El Kid in Mexico, to see this Mexico with him, Mateo Rubiz plans to run him out of the land. Mateo wants Montana to help him recover the emerald crown of Our Lady, stolen by the governor of his province. Montana, after various posturings, agrees to marry Ruth Lavery, daughter of a wealthy ranch owner. But Ruth's father, after Montana breaks his promise not to ride the wild mare, Rally, has no faith in his prospective son-in-law.

Chapter Seven
WEDDING DAY

SUNDAY morning on the Lavery ranch found the Montana Kid moving about in his room with a slight limp, but whistling at the work of increasing his long body and his strong shoulders in white shirt and collar, in socks of black silk, and in a fine blue-black serge, at last.

Even as he knotted his necktie on his wedding day, he kept flexing his feet a little in the softness of his fine calf boots because he could not tell what gams might look at him before this day was ended. It was what he most disliked—an advertised appearance; and there were plenty of men in the world who might want to take advantage of it.

His stay on the Lavery ranch had been a quiet back-water, a pause in the hurry of the current that was headed towards some wild and unknown sea. Now that he was dressed, he looked quizzically at the brown face in the mirror and found that the blue-bright eyes were alert for danger rather than for happiness.

Gray-headed Ransome, the foreman, poured tight and helpless into Sunday clothes, smoked a cigaret and watched his friend. "It'll be a great day," said Ransome.

"A long day," corrected the Kid. "Any bozo might think," suggested Ransome, "that you wasn't



gunna step out with a beauty that had a couple millions to float her." "Might any bozo think that?" murmured Montana.

"Any bozo might think," went on Ransome, heavily frowning, "that you didn't give much of a damn about one of the prettiest girls in the world."

THE KID. Instead of answering, he looked at Ransome of eyes that had become the color of slate; then he picked up that pair of Colts with the extra long barrels and made them disappear inside his clothes with one of those swift, easy gestures which the eye could not follow very well. After that he went to Ransome and laid a light touch on his shoulder.

"Old Ransome!" he said. "Yeah, old Ransome be damned," said the foreman. "What about old Montana, I'm asking!"

Many other things were going on at the same time about the big Lavery house. There was Ruth Lavery in her room, being draped in silks of white. She smiled a good deal until the girl who was the best of her friends said to her, suddenly, whispering: "Ruth, are you smiling because you're happy, or just to please me?"

"I'm happy, of course," answered Ruth Lavery. "But I'm frightened. Something is going to happen!"

And in front of that house Richard Lavery senior was walking restlessly up and down, up and down, scanning the horizon from time to time as though he expected a sign

of changing weather to roll dazily up on the edge of the world.

He turned almost expectantly towards a sudden rattle of hoofs that beat on the lower trail and then revealed a rider on a sweating Mustang. It was a young fellow with a look of anxiety, as though wild Indians might be behind him. He threw himself out of the saddle and ran to Lavery.

"D'you know what's happened?" he gasped. "Jack Lascar—that yaller-faced feller called Lascar that showed up in town the other day—he's gone and nailed a notice on the bulletin-board in front of the post-office. I've copied it down!"

He pulled out a piece of paper and read aloud. Half the words were a gasping whisper and half were almost shouted.

MEAT, MILK, EGGS DUE TO ADVANCE CONSUMERS TOLD

Recent Trends in Wholesale Butter Markets Upward—Vegetables Unlikely to Move Either Direction

WASHINGTON — (AP) — For the near future, and possibly for the entire year, housewives can expect a rise in meat prices, the consumers' guide says. The guide is a publication issued by the consumers' counsel of AAA.

Meat prices, in their rise, will be doing an "about face." Between September and December they showed a more important drop than other foods. They were dropping from the high level established in the late summer when it became evident the drought damage would be severe. Those high levels could not be maintained.

The drop was hastened by the fact that farmers were forced to send their steers, hogs and lambs to market sooner due to low supplies of feed. As a result meat has been abundant on the markets.

Dairy products up, too. But the situation will not last, the guide says. Livestock economists foresee materially lower supplies for

early February. Higher prices are expected as a result. Dairy products and eggs also are expected to reflect the high price of feed.

Recent trends in the wholesale butter market have been upward. This indicates consumers' prices may rise further. However, the guide expects to see butter imported from New Zealand and the price at New York goes any higher.

Egg prices usually drop at this time of year, but they may not drop as much this year as usual. This is because the number of laying birds has been reduced, and perhaps also because the feed ration has been cut rather drastically in many poultry producing areas.

While egg prices will drop some from now until spring, hen prices can be expected to rise. Vegetable prices lower.

In most of the other major foods the prices are expected to remain comparatively level, even in the classifications where the present price is a low one.

Fruit and vegetable prices are lower this year than last. Reasonable prices in certain food crops are due to the large supplies on hand. The potato crop is 54 per cent above the five year average from 1927 to 1933; sweet potatoes, 8 per cent up; pears, 5.1 per cent up; oranges, 25.7 per cent up; grapefruit, 35.2 per cent up.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Sir Graham Waddell, chairman of the Brazilian Wool Growers' council, addressing wool growers of the United States in convention here today took a thrust at price fixing and government regulation.

SALEM, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Issuance of \$250,000 of certificates of indebtedness against receipts from the liquor commission, was authorized late yesterday by the board of control

Optometrist Lee Opens Remodeled Office Tomorrow

Dr. Robert E. Lee, optometrist, will open his newly remodeled offices at 103 North Central tomorrow, presenting to the people of southern Oregon superior optical service in an attractive modernistic setting. Plans for improvements were made by Leslie Van Doren.

The front entrance has been completely reconstructed and black and silver used for the name plate and original design. Mulberry is the predominating color in the rugs and drapes, and modernistic wall paper adds interest to Dr. Lee's offices.

New equipment, a good ventilating system and fixtures have also been installed in the optical rooms. Dr. Lee's personal office adjoins the large reception hall, and an examining room, laboratory and two treatment rooms are included.

LITTLE GIRL SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS ON LEGS

BIG APPLGATE, Jan. 31.—(Sp.)—Although making a good recovery, Jean Hanscom, 5, is as yet unable to walk as a result of severe leg burns sustained Friday morning when her pajamas caught on fire as she stood by the fireplace. Burns extended from the ankle to the hip, although the flames were extinguished as soon as possible. Jean is the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hanscom.

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SUBURBAN HEIGHTS



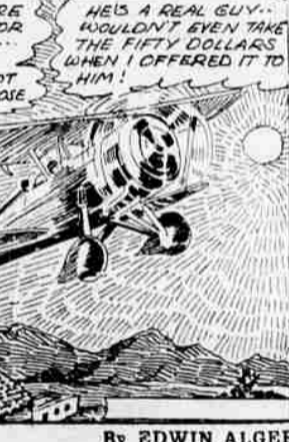
NONE OF THE COMMUTERS ON THE 5-15, WHO ARE ACCUSTOMED TO PARK IN THE LITTLE ALLEY ACROSS THE TRACKS, COULD GET THEIR CARS OUT WHEN FRED PERLEY, WHO HAD HAD AN UPSETTING DAY AT THE OFFICE, FOUND THAT INSTEAD OF THE KEY OF HIS CAR HE HAD THE KEY OF THE OFFICE SAFE

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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER



THE NEBBS



ECLIPSE OF SUN COMING SUNDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The far west will see a partial eclipse of the sun beginning at approximately 7:31 a. m. (P. S. T.) Sunday. In the San Francisco region it will be an eclipse of about 50 per cent and will reach 66 per cent at Seattle and 69 per cent in Salt Lake City. The shading will end at 8:29 a. m.

Earl G. Lindsay, chief astronomer at Chabot observatory in Oakland, Cal., said a partial eclipse of the sun occurs two weeks before and after a total lunar eclipse. A total lunar eclipse January 19 was preceded by a small solar eclipse January 5.

PATRIOT OATH FOR TEACHERS URGED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Portland city council, in a heated session today adopted a resolution favoring a statute which would make it compulsory for each public school teacher to take an oath to uphold and defend, if necessary, the constitution of the United States.

The resolution also recommended the dismissal of any Oregon teacher who advocates, publicly or privately, any radical thought toward overthrow of the United States government.

Mayor Carson and Commissioners Bean and Brey favored the resolution but they were opposed by Commissioners Bennett and Clyde.

BRINGING UP FATHER

