

Montana Rides Again

A RAPID-FIRE ROMANCE BY EVAN EVANS

SYNOPSIS: The Montana Kid is approaching Jack Lascar slowly; it is a duel to the death with revolvers. It was to have been Montana's wedding day, but he put aside Ruth Lavery, his bride-to-be, to take on Lascar's challenge. Montana does not know that the challenge was a fake, concocted by Mateo Rubria to get Montana into Mexico, there to help Mateo recover the emerald crown of Our Lady, stolen from the church by the governor of Mateo's province. The sheriff is approaching on a steaming horse, to stop the duel.

Chapter Nine FLIGHT

A WOMAN screamed through the thick silence that covered the town: "It's gotta be stopped! It's murder! Two of God's creatures out there to murder—"

The voice was muffled. A man could be heard to say, distinctly: "Now, Mame, don't you go bein' a fool. The boys have gotta have their fun, don't they?"

The hoofbeats from the rear must have rounded a corner. They seemed suddenly nearer. It seemed to be a signal for Jack Lascar. The man seemed hungry for the battle as he jerked out a gun.

The Kid made his draw in midstep. He fired as his foot struck the ground. Jack Lascar fired one bullet into the air as he spun around. He fell neither forward nor back, but in a heap, and the dust washed up around him as though the earth were anxious to claim its own at once.

With the fall of Jack Lascar there came out of the watchers a deep, quick, animal sound. The lips of men and women and children grinned back suddenly as though there were something in the sight that filled them with a food of satisfaction, or of horror.

The Kid went up to the body of Lascar and put his foot brutally on the shoulder of the man, and pushed him back so that he sprawled face up. Then Montana could see that a trickle of blood was still running down the side of Lascar's head—sure proof that the fellow was not dead as yet. Well, if that bullet had glanced, it meant that there would be more trouble, great trouble, ahead of Montana.

There was something more to be considered, just now. That was the persistent beating of hoofs down the street and now rounding the last corner. So the Kid jumped nimbly, looking back as he jammed his feet into the stirrups. And he saw the sheriff come grandly around the next bend of the street with his mustang a-lash, the dust spilling out sidewise from the slashing hoofs, and the wind of the gallop furling back the brim of the sheriff's hat.

And as the sheriff saw the picture above the place where Jack Lascar lay, the man of the law shouted. His cry was like the hoarse bark of a sea lion as he went for his gun.

Montana did not try to get away down the street. Neither did he open fire on the sheriff, because it was not his habit to shoot at the law-abiding. Instead, he sent the mare swinging over a four-foot fence and then crashing through tall shrubbery that closed over man and horse like water.

The sheriff's bullets cracked through the brush; other bullets sang a smaller and a higher note around the ears of Montana. But now he had to swerve the mare onto a back lane, and sent her scolding. There was going to be plenty of trouble. He could hear the voice of it growl and howl through Bentonville.

THE lions had finished fighting, and now the spectators would take part in a lion-hunt. Horses began to snort and squeal under the spur as men mounted and drove away in the pursuit. Men yelled orders in voices that squeaked with excitement.

The Kid smiled a little. His eyes filled with reminiscent pleasure. From his position, the south trail was the best trail. He went straight for it, taking note how the mare carried her head high, moving it in observation, keeping her ears pricked. She was iron-hard. The run from the ranch had not weakened her hoofs with the least weariness.

The last house, the last barn, whirled away behind him. He was heading towards the beginning of the south trail with the tumult of Bentonville drawing to a single head behind him, when he saw a man on a black horse riding furiously down the northern slope to head him off.

There was still time to turn to the left down a broken ravine, but though he might avoid one enemy in this manner, he would leave himself

ORGANIZED LABOR WILL NOT ACCEPT AUTOMOBILE CODE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP) William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today organized labor would "not accept" the automobile code extended by President Roosevelt last night until June 15.

He made the statement to a senate judiciary committee considering the Black 30-hour week bill in these words: "We protest against this code. We will not accept it, recognize it, nor yield to it."

Green said the code had "absolutely failed" to spread work "because under it the workers are compelled or required to work almost unlimited hours at the discretion of the automobile manufacturers."

A recent ballot conducted among automobile workers by the national automobile labor board showed 90 per cent of workers voting in nine plants recorded themselves as not affiliated with any labor organization and slightly more than 5 per cent affiliated with A. F. of L. Votes cast numbered 46,211.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Captain Thomas A. Grant of the United States Coast Guard is reported today to have been taken to Los Angeles for medical attention, owners of the latter vessel reported.

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SAMSON ENLARGES STORE AND STOCK

Extensive remodeling at the F. Z. Samson store, 229 No. Riverside, was completed the end of the week in order to afford more space for the enlarged spring stock. Another front entrance door and attractive window displays are among the improvements.

Each spring since Mr. Samson opened his feed and seed business in 1929 it has been necessary to make changes and enlargements to supply the needs of an increasingly large number of customers. The past year is reported by Mr. Samson to be the most successful that he has experienced in Medford and he predicts that 1935 will bring a greater advancement.

Mr. Samson will spend several days in Portland this week to make arrangements for new equipment and stock so that he will be able to offer a more complete assortment of seeds and feeds for southern Oregon farmers and ranchers, and to give them exceptionally good service.

CALIFORNIANS WILL PLAY AT DREAMLAND
Fred Wolcott and his Californians will play at Dreamland next Friday night. Playing Mr. Wolcott's compositions and his modernistic arrangements of the popular hits of the day, this orchestra, which has never played in Medford, is ranked among America's finest, according to the Dreamland management.

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ACTIVE CLUB GROUP REPRESENT MEDFORD AT COAST CONCLAVE

Five members of Medford Active club left Friday afternoon for Longmeir, in Banier national park, Wash., where they are attending the mid-year Active club convention for the Pacific coast sponsored by the Tacoma club.

Those who made the trip are Glen Fabrick, district governor; William McAllister, member of the board of directors for the International; Kenneth G. Denman, president of the Medford club; Jack Butler, vice-president of Medford club, and John Niedermeyer. They will return Monday.

On Saturday morning the meeting was confined to club business. In the afternoon and on Sunday the delegates were to have witnessed the Olympic game ski race tryouts for 1936, held at Paradise Valley, near Longmeir. These races are the downhill events. The Medford delegates took their skiing equipment and expected to get in some good runs on the mountains surrounding Longmeir, with possibly some contests among themselves.

A banquet was to have been held Saturday night. During the entire meeting the Activists were attired in ski togs, appropriate for the convention.

MADRID, Feb. 2.—(AP)—A sloop carrying 21 men was reported lost today off Ferrol, Spain, a fortified seaport in the Bay of Biscayas, near Coruna.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN PICKING A MOVIE

FEELS JUST LIKE SEEING A GOOD MOVIE
DECIDES THAT TITLE OF FEATURE PICTURE AT FIRST THEATRE HE COMES TO SOUNDS REASONABLY ATTRACTIVE

BUY FEELS THAT HE'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S SHOWING AT OTHER THEATRES BEFORE MAKING UP HIS MIND
IS ATTRACTED BY STIRRING TITLE AT NEXT THEATRE BUT FINDS ON LOOKING OVER THE "SKILLS" IT'S ABOUT A GRAND MOTHER AND LITTLE CHILD

DETERMINES TO GO INTO NEXT THEATRE BUT FINDS AT BOX OFFICE THAT FEATURE PICTURE IS HALF WAY THROUGH
HURRIES ON TO NEXT ONE, BUT SEES LONG LINE OF PEOPLE AT BOX OFFICE AND IS SURE HE'D HAVE TO STAND

BEGINS TO BE ALARMED THAT HE'LL MISS A SHOW ALTOGETHER, AND DASHES BACK FOUR BLOCKS TO THE FIRST THEATRE
BUYS TICKET, THROWS COAT AWAY AND ENTERS, DISCOVERING PRESENTLY THAT HE'S SEEN THE PICTURE SOME WEEKS AGO

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Boy Scout Notes

Troop No. 5, Medford, by Armine Lewis. Fourth meeting of 1935 was held by troop No. 5 in the Washington school gym January 30. First on the program was bringing out of the colors, followed by roll call. Games were played until 8:05.

Troop No. 18, Eagle Point.—The regular scout meeting was held this week. Scoutmaster Walton in charge. The code was rehearsed and signalling practiced. Most of the scouts in the troop are working for their second class badges. The court of honor on February 4, was announced. Scouts who will appear from troop No. 18 are: Dale Throckmorton, John Woodrich and David Hamstad. They will all advance to the rank of second class.

BARNES HAS ROLE IN DRAMA AT STANFORD

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal.—Joseph Curtis Barnes of Medford, Oregon, has the part of Kimbrey in the production of the Russian drama "Felix," sponsored here by Stanford's dramatic society.

Troop No. 8, Medford, by Larry Schade, Jr.—The troop met January 29 with good attendance. 30 scouts being present. V. B. Marshall gave a talk on "Good Turns" and stated that

he is going to make up a chart on which to keep a record of all good turns done by scouts in the troop. Monty Dewey led in several songs and the meeting closed with the scout's evening song.

The troop then fell in and the colors were posted. The Scout Oath given and troop dismissed.

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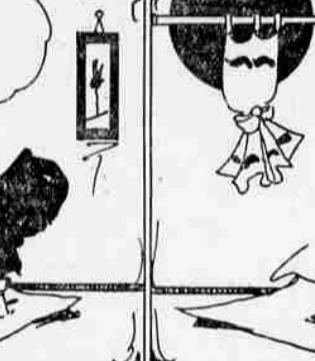
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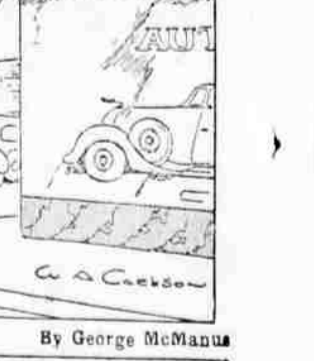
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