

# LOVE ON THE RANGE

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**The Story So Far**  
Under the name of Abe Streeter, quick-fire Ankrum takes a job on the troubled Rafter T ranch to help lovely Les Trone. Colonel Struthers and his daughter Betty come to visit and Ankrum recognizes Struthers as a gambler, Kelton Dren. Then Dren is mysteriously shot. Both Rafterford, the burly sheriff, and Claydell, a neighboring rancher, had also recognized the imposture. Trouble breaks in a new quarter when rustlers wipe the range clean.

## Chapter 16

### A Leak

"Them rustlin' polecats was on us boys before we could get from our blankets," the puncher continued breathlessly. "Blowed Charlie's lamp plumb out! Slammed Ed outen the saddle quick he never knowed what hit him! I riz up emplyin' my iron fist as I could work the trigger, grabbed Ed's horse as it come larrupin' by. I been slickin' leather ever since. Figgered you'd wanta know quick."

"Where'd they head for?" bel-lowed Rafterford.

"I didn't do no lingerin' on that lan'scape! If you wanta know, I'd suggest you fork a bronc right out there, mister."

"Where'n hell was Hackett?"

Leaving it then with trailing reins he went to the bunkhouse and left the corral to the puncher. When he emerged several moments later a belt and holster sagged about his waist. His spurs rang thinly as he crossed to where three mounted men awaited him beside the saddled buckskin. He climbed aboard and threw his glance against the man from the northwest line camp.

"Lead off," he said, "and don't wear these horses out. We may need 'em later on."

When Ankrum returned to the Rafter T's home ranch it was almost noon. After caring for his buckskin, Ankrum strode stiffly to the ranchhouse and, without knocking, quietly entered Trone's office. The old man looked up with a scowl.

"Back, eh? What did you find out?"

"You got any idea where these rustled cattle been goin'?" Ankrum countered.

Trone's scowl grew blackly deeper. "No," he said, and crossed his arms.

"Do you know how they've been got away with?"

"No, I don't know that, either."

"Don't you ever take a pasear around your range?"

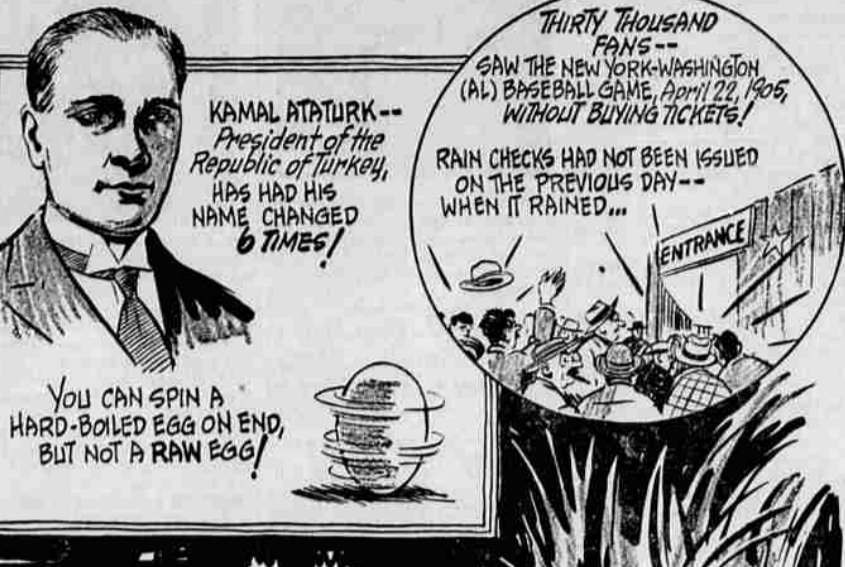
"Polecat On The Payroll!"

TRONE regarded Ankrum coldly, hard-held temper plainly visible behind the pupils of his faded



## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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**KAMAL ATATURK--**  
President of the Republic of Turkey, HAS HAD HIS NAME CHANGED 6 TIMES!

**YOU CAN SPIN A HARD-BOILED EGG ON END, BUT NOT A RAW EGG!**

**THIRTY THOUSAND FANS--**  
SAW THE NEW YORK-WASHINGTON (AL) BASEBALL GAME, April 22, 1905, WITHOUT BUYING TICKETS!  
RAIN CHECKS HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED ON THE PREVIOUS DAY-- WHEN IT RAINED...



**THE LIVING GOLD MINES!**  
ALLIGATORS OF PANAMA ARE "MINED" FOR GOLD NUGGETS FOUND IN THEIR STOMACHS!  
THEY "EAT" THEM FROM THE RIVER BOTTOMS WHILE CHEWING ON LIME DEPOSITS...

### Living Gold Mines

Because alligators are frequent sufferers from indigestion, quantities of gold nuggets are found in their stomachs.

This is the hypothesis advanced by at least one naturalist in explanation of the amazing "living gold mines" of Panama—the tropical caymans, members of the alligator family.

These alligators, it is believed, chew on lime deposits somewhere along the river bottoms of Panama to aid digestion and occasionally swallow a nugget of gold which has washed down

### Man of Many Names

Kamal Ataturk, president of the Republic of Turkey, was born simply Mustafa, so named by his parents in Salonika.

### At School He Was Given the Name Mustafa Kemal

Mustafa Kemal to distinguish him from other Mustafas. After the Dardanelles campaign he became Mustafa Kemal Pasha. To this in 1921 was prefixed the name Ghazi, "destroyer of infidels," when he subdued the Greeks.

When, years later, he abolished military titles he became Ghazi Mustafa Kemal. In 1934 he added the patronymic "Ataturk," becoming Kemal Ataturk, then finally Kemal Ataturk, the true Turkish spelling. Tomorrow: Do polar bears swim with their hind legs?

### New Mexico Calls Special Session

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 11.—(UP)—Gov. Clyde Tingley issued a surprise call last night for a special session of the New Mexico legislature to meet on August 22.

In a brief official proclamation, the governor said the special session would be asked to enact a law providing for a direct primary system

### of selecting candidates for public office.

Since it was admitted to statehood, New Mexico has selected its state and congressional candidates at party conventions.

Political circles said the governor's move was an effort to retain control of the Democratic party.

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### man union which he understood the A.P.L. was trying to organize.

The defendants were sentenced as follows: "Big Bill" Williams, one to ten years in San Quentin prison; Roscoe Williams, two years in the county jail, and Elmer C. Taylor and Jack Lydgate, one year each in the county jail.

In 1929 over 19 million families had yearly incomes of less than \$2,500, and in 16 million families the income was less than \$2,000.

### TAILSPIN TOMMY—Not So Good in the Time Trial!



NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS!

HOW'D I DO?

SAY! I THOUGHT THAT BUS WAS HOT! THE MACHINE CLOCKED YOU AT ONLY TWO EIGHTY-ONE!

THAT PUTS YOU IN FIFTH PLACE, TOMKINS!

OKAY, AS LONG AS I GET A NUMBER!

WHAT WAS THE MATTER, TOMMY?

### BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Surprise!



OBEYING DR. JED KILEY'S ORDER TO "GET MY SATCHEL AT ONCE!" BEN HURRIED OUT TO THE PHYSICIAN'S CAR—

RUSTY! RUSTY!

GOSH, I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU EVERYWHERE!

HAVE YOU?

HERE, TAKE THE SATCHEL—I KNEW THE DOC'D SEND YOU OUT FOR IT—SEE YOU LATER, PAL!

### THE NEBBS—Our Children?



STEVE, I REALLY MUST GO HOME TO MY CHILDREN. I'VE BEEN AWAY NOW A WEEK LONGER THAN I EXPECTED TO STAY

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT WEEK, NELLIE. IT WAS THE FINEST WEEK OF MY LIFE—I CAN'T LET YOU GO, NELLIE, UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU DO—YOU BRING THE CHILDREN DOWN HERE AND LET ME SNEAK INTO THEIR HEARTS BEFORE YOU TELL THEM ABOUT US

## SALEM WILL VOTE ON CITY ATHLETIC FIELD

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—(UP)—The Salem city council will vote Monday on a proposal of the city's athletic commission to construct a \$106,000 municipal athletic field house, with the aid of WPA funds.

GUARANTEED PERMANENT \$3.75 \$5.00 \$7.50 \$10.00 Ethelwyn's Beauty Salon.

## Eyesight Returned By Bump On Skull

PORT WAWNE, Ind., Aug. 11.—(P)—When Kenneth Postnagh was a small boy he suffered a head injury that left his eyesight blurred.

## Four Goons Given Terms For Beatup

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Superior Judge Arthur Crum sentenced four men today to serve varying terms on their conviction of assault with deadly weapons—baseball bats—upon H. A. Hogue, an automobile salesman.