

The Lone Star Ranger

A Romance of the Border by ZANE GREY

Author of 'THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS', 'RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE', ETC.

Looking at this strange Poggin, instinctively divining his abnormal and hideous power, Duane had for the first time in his life the inward quaking fear of a man. It was like a cold-tongued bell ringing within him and numbing his heart.

That individual had been considering Fletcher's appeal.

"Jim, I ante up," he said, "an' if Phil doesn't raise us out with a big hand—why, he'll get called, an' your pard can set in the game."

Every eye shifted to Knell. He was dead white. He laughed, and anyone hearing that laugh would have realized his intense anger equally with an assurance which made him master of the situation.

"Poggin, you're a gambler, you're—the ace-high, straight-flush hand of the Big Bend," he said, with stinging scorn.

"Well, Jim's new pard—this man Dodge—be's not who he seems. But I know him. An' when I spring his name on you, Poggin, you'll freeze, an' your hand will be stiff when it ought to be lightning—all because you'll realize you've been standin' there five minutes—five minutes alive before him!"

It is not hate, then, assuredly great passion toward Poggin manifested itself in Knell's scornful, fiery address, in the shaking hand he thrust before Poggin's face.

"Spring his name, then, you—" said Poggin, violently with a curse.

Strangely Knell did not even look at the man he was about to denounce. He leaned toward Poggin, his hands, his body, his head all somewhat expressive of what his face disguised.

"Buck Duane!" he yelled, suddenly. The name did not make any difference in Poggin. But Knell's passionate, swift utterance carried the suggestion that the name ought to bring Poggin to quick action.

Knell waited. He waited. He caught the thought—the breaking of Knell's muscle-bound rigidity. Then he drew.

Through the smoke of his gun he saw two red spurts of flame. Knell's bullets thudded into the ceiling. He fell with a scream like a wild thing in agony.

Duane did not see Knell die. He watched Poggin. And Poggin, like a stricken and astounded man, looked down upon his prostrate comrade.

Fletcher ran at Duane with hands aloft.

"Hit the trail, you liar, or you'll hev to kill me!" he yelled.

With hands still up, he shouldered and bodied Duane out of the room. Duane leaped on his horse, spurred, and plunged away.

(To Be Continued.)

Two Franklin County Farms Traded For 4,900 Acres in Minnesota. Special to Times-Republican. Chapin, Feb. 2.—One of the large transactions in Franklin county land in recent years has been closed by a trade for two adjoining farms of 540 acres owned by C. W. Stouffer, of Arsdale, He has traded the farms to the estate of Austin, Minn., for 4,900 acres of timber land in Atkin county, Minn. As part of the purchase price Stouffer took back a mortgage on his farms for \$30,000. The Stouffer land lies east of here and west of Arsdale and both farms are well improved. The Atkin county land is unimproved.

TOLEDO NEWS NOTES. Special to Times-Republican. Toledo, Feb. 2.—The baby girl born last Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Hosea McKinney died Thursday morning, she not having been well from her birth. Joe Willemek, of Cedar Falls, who but recently returned from border duty with the army, serving as captain of the company from Cedar Falls, is in Toledo visiting his father-in-law, H. C. Turbett.

What at one time threatened to be a disastrous fire took place at the opera house at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The fire started in the west end of the building from the chimney used by Mr. Ransdell in the cream station. The intense cold caused delay in getting the hydrant open, so that the fire driven by a high wind from the west and north had burned thru the roof and was making rapid headway and threatened the whole block before the water was applied.

The rally and institute being conducted at the U. B. church during this week is proving a great success. There has been a good attendance at all the sessions. Dr. Charles Brubaker, general secretary of S. S., and Y. P. C. E. work, from Dayton, O., and Dr. C. T. Deever, general secretary of Y. P. C. E. work, also from Dayton, have proved a strong team and have given excellent addresses and conducted helpful conferences relative to these lines of work. Their work closed Wednesday night. Beginning with Thursday Dr. Kendall, general secretary of stewardship, and Mrs. J. Hal Smith, general field secretary of the Women's Missionary Society began their lectures on the phase of work they represent.

The wedding of Homer Kepler and Naomi Wendle took place at the home of C. Wendle Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Rev. C. Wendle, the grandfather of the bride, performed the ceremony, following which the party, which consisted only of the immediate families, repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wendle, where a wedding dinner had been prepared. After a short wedding trip they will be at home in Elberon, near which place Mr. Kepler has a farm.

News of New Sharon. Special to Times-Republican. New Sharon, Feb. 2.—B. D. Goodner, highly respected citizen who was taken to Chicago two weeks ago and operated on for cancer of the rectum, died at the hospital there Tuesday night at 9 o'clock. Mr. Goodner rallied from the operation and was getting along

fine until a few days ago when he was taken suddenly with hemorrhage of the bowels. His sons Omer and Walter, are in Chicago and will accompany the body here. Mr. Goodner leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter.

Warren Nicholson bought the Wilson grocery store and is now in possession. Mrs. Charles Miller and daughter Fern returned this week from Mahan, Kan., where they were called on account of the death of Miss Lucille Moore, a niece of Mrs. Miller.

Albert Coulter is in Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo an operation for facial neuralgia. He has been a constant sufferer for several years and at times his pain has been almost unbearable.

Dick Rockwell sold his house to Mill Sheehy and later bought the Mike Whitehead property. Miss Mary Barker, of Lynville, bought the John Saunders property and Mr. Saunders bought the Evan Williams home in the north part of town.

THINKS PLAN A RUSE. U. S. Naval Expert Says Kaiser Plans to Scuttle Fleet For Crushing Blow. Washington, Feb. 1.—Naval officers discussed with keen interest tonight Germany's announcement that on and after today all merchant vessels attempting to reach British, Italian, and eastern Mediterranean ports will be sunk without warning by submarines.

A naval expert who has kept in touch with all developments of the war declared that he saw in the new German campaign much more than an attempt to starve Great Britain and her allies.

"This means, in my judgment, that among other things, Germany plans to force a big naval engagement with the British fleet," he said. "When the U. S. did its work of destruction of Nantucket it looked as if Germany was attempting to coax a lot of British naval vessels out of the North sea bases.

Atlantic Fleet Strengthened. "It is definitely known that the British and French patrol fleet in both north and south Atlantic waters has been greatly strengthened since the

German raider began to be heard from off the coast of Brazil.

"New Germany" plans to throw around Great Britain, France and Italy and eastern Mediterranean ports a large number of submarines estimated as high as 500. This may be an excessive figure, but we do not know how many new submarines Germany has built. We do know that the Kaiser has been turning out submarines day and night for two years.

Will Not Risk Big Ships. "In order to combat the German submarine blockade the allies must send out a large number of destroyers and other vessels. They are not at all likely to risk the larger ships, which would be no more effective against submarines than destroyers and would furnish much better targets for submarine torpedoes and gunfire.

With a large number of British and French destroyers engaged in hunting submarines, the German high sea fleet would have a much better chance to make an impression on the British fleet, since all of its auxiliaries would remain with the fleet, giving the Kaiser a distinct advantage. For this reason I look for big naval engagement in the North sea before the new submarine blockade goes far."

Britain Plans Reprisals. London, Feb. 1.—An official statement issued here today says that if the German threat of no longer tolerating hospital ships between a line drawn from Fimborough Head, England, to Terschelling, Netherlands, and a line from Land's End, England, to Questant, France, is carried out, reprisals will be taken immediately. The announcement follows:

"The German government announce that they have conclusive proof that in several instances enemy hospital ships often have been misused for the transport of munitions and troops. They also state that they have placed these proofs, thru diplomatic channels, before the British and French governments.

"At the same time they have declared that the traffic of hospital ships on military routes for the forces fighting in France and Belgium within the

lines drawn between Fimborough Head and Terschelling, on one hand, and from Ushant to Land's End, on the other, will no longer be tolerated.

Denies Receiving Note. "The British government has received no such communication, thru diplomatic channels or otherwise, from the German government, as alleged, and they most emphatically deny that British hospital ships have been used for transport of munitions and troops, or in any way contrary to The Hague convention for the adaptation of the principles of the Geneva convention to maritime war.

"Under the convention the belligerents have the right to search hospital ships.

"In these circumstances the British government has requested the United States government to inform the German government that his majesty's government has decided that if the threat is carried out reprisals will immediately be taken by the British authorities concerned."

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Poem Made Him Famous. Thomas Gray, author of "An Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," was born in Cornhill, London, 200 years ago. The original manuscript is still in existence, altho it has had a checkered existence. It was written in a neat, legible hand, with a crowquill, on four sides of a doubled half sheet of foolscap, now yellowed by age. A number of differences exist between the manu-

script and the first printed copy, numerous alterations having been made, and as many as six of the original verses omitted.

Thomas Gray's father, Philip, was the son of a wealthy merchant of London, but he squandered his inheritance in riotous living. According to all biographers, Philip was an indolent, unprincipled man, and an unworthy husband and father. The poet was the only one of twelve children who survived infancy, as he set forth in the epitaph for his mother's grave: "The careful, tender mother of many children, one of whom alone had the misfortune to survive her."

He commenced his "Elegy" in 1742, but did not complete it until 1749. He showed the manuscript to many friends, but had no design of printing it until a copy fell into the hands of the editor of "The Magazine of Magazines," in which it first appeared. A few days later, at the poet's request, the poem was published in pamphlet form, price sixpence, with a title page adorned with skull and crossbones. The "Elegy" was immediately popular, four editions being called for within a year. Later in life he was offered the laureateship, but declined, and he also refused a degree from Aberdeen. He died in 1771 and was buried at Stoke Pogis in the same tomb with his mother and an aunt.

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Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis, has recently opened an addition of fifty moderate-priced rooms.—Advertisement.

Probate Notice. Office of the clerk of the district court, State of Iowa, Marshall county ss. District court March term, A. D. 1917. To Whom It May Concern: You and each of you are hereby notified to appear at the court house in Marshalltown, Iowa, in said county, at 9 o'clock a. m., on the fifteenth day of March, 1917, to attend the proof of and probating an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Archibald Clemens, late of Marshall county, Iowa, deceased, at which time and place you will appear and show cause, if any, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the district court, this second day of February A. D. 1917. [SEAL] G. W. GILBERT, Clerk of the District Court.

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To Rent—800-acre Thomas Swearingen estate farm, 300 acres tillable, 800 acres pasture. Good water. Joins town of Albion, Iowa. Will rent portion if desired. F. L. Meeker, special administrator estate Thomas Swearingen, Marshalltown, Iowa.

LOST. Lost—Cap of gasoline tank of automobile, between Marshalltown and Green Mountain. Phone A. H. Bellmore, Green Mountain, Iowa.

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POULTRY. For Sale—Forty Barred Rock cockerels, from \$2 up, some high scoring birds. J. C. Bailey, telephone 628 on 11, Marshalltown, Iowa.

AUCTION SALE. Thursday, Feb. 8, 1917, 2 p. m., a good six room house located at 307 North Eleventh avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa. This is a good house almost new, in a good location, has an extra good well, chicken house, some small fruit, good lot, and located close to manufacturing district. Now rented to a good tenant. This is O. K. as an investment. Will carry back \$800 on this property. This will be sold at public auction Thursday, Feb. 8, at 2 p. m. See Fred W. Carl, Frank F. Hines, auctioneer.

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His teeth clicked together tight, and his lips set in a thin line. The room grew still. Even breathing ceased. The time for words had passed. In that long moment of suspense Knell's body gradually stiffened, and at last the quivering ceased. He crouched. His eyes had a soul-piercing fire.