

"The Fighting Trail"

Von Bleck walked hurriedly back to his office, donned his hat and coat, and strode out, leaving the others in the inner office, conferring. That could mean nothing until they heard from their superior.

Ten minutes later Von Bleck was walking into the building in which was located the office of John Gwyn. He had mapped carefully out in his mind a proposition with which he intended to startle the young engineer. It was a proposition which would make Gwyn independently wealthy for the remainder of his life—and all that would be necessary for him to do would be to cancel the circular contract.

As he passed through the revolving doors and walked toward the elevators a crowd was surging toward the street. One of these, a young, stalwartly built man, who carried a suit case, fairly rubbed arms with the agent of the central powers. It was John Gwyn! Neither took particular notice of the other, they having never previously met. Gwyn went through the door to the street, and Von Bleck entered the elevator, to be driven upward to the former's office.

"Is Mr. Gwyn in?" he inquired of the secretary, as he entered. "I am sorry, sir," was the reply, "but Mr. Gwyn just left a few minutes ago for an indefinite stay in the West. He was just in to clear up a few matters and left with his suit case. Is it something important? Perhaps I could help you. He has left me in charge, and—" "It is important," Von Bleck broke in, "and I can see no one but Mr. Gwyn himself. When does his train leave?" "He goes on the Limited tonight," was the reply.

Von Bleck was about to leave the office, when his eye caught sight of a picture hanging on the wall in the outer office. He walked over to it casually and scrutinized it. In the foreground was a young man, pipe in mouth, roughly clad in mining attire. Behind him was a stretch of typical mining country. "Is this your employer?" he questioned.

"That is Mr. Gwyn," the secretary answered. Von Bleck took another careful look at the picture, and, thanking the young man, left the office. Again in the street, he sought the nearest telephone booth and called the office.

"Gwyn leaves for the West tonight on the Limited," he told his confidante over the wire. "I shall be on the same train. I shall keep in touch with you while I am gone, and, in the meantime, you attend to any other matters that may come up during my absence. As soon as I am able, I shall wire you my address. I may need that five million before I get back."

The Limited was rattling over the rails toward the West with a speed that was astounding. Outside it was already dark, and the lights along the roadbed shot by so fast that they resembled sparks flying up a hearth chimney from blazing logs below. In the smoking compartment at the end of the car John Gwyn sat, perusing some papers. The portieres parted and Von Bleck entered. He drew a cigar from his pocket and asked Gwyn for a match. The latter silently accommodated him.

"Pretty long and lonesome trip," the central powers' agent commented. Gwyn nodded. He was apparently in no mood for striking up acquaintances. But Von Bleck persisted. "I'm going out to Frisco," he said. "Maybe you're bound for there, too. My name's Von Bleck; it's nice to know some one on the train."

Application No. 4639.
Notice of Application for Permission to appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of October, 1917, in accordance with Section 59, Chapter 140, of the Statutes of 1913, United Cattle & Packing Company of Reno, County of Washoe, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such appropriation is to be made from a developed water hole sometimes known as Cedar Well or Spring, at a point in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 22, T. 2 S., R. 51 E., M. D. B. & M., by means of development and reservoir, and one-half cubic foot per second is to be conveyed to troughs located in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 15, and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 2 S., R. 52 E., M. D. B. & M., by means of pipe lines and troughs, and there used for stock watering and domestic purposes, from January 1st until December 31st of each year. Water not to be returned to stream.

(Signed) J. G. SCRUGHAM, State Engineer.
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"My name is Gwyn," the young engineer responded, glancing up from his papers and fearing that he might appear impolite by avoiding conversation. "I'm not going to Frisco, though. I'm on my way to a place called Lost Mine, in the wilds of the Sierras. Barstow is my getting-off point."

Late that night, when the sleeper was black with darkness, except for the fleeting rays of lights along the track that shone but for the briefest fraction of a second as they passed the ends of the car, a shadowy figure, clad only in a dressing gown, quietly and cautiously emerged from one of the berths. It moved rapidly along until it was outside of Gwyn's compartment; then bent over and peered in. A little pocket flash light suddenly illuminated the car and revealed, had any one been awake to see it, the dark features of Von Bleck. He covered the end of the light with his hand to dim its rays, and put it between the curtains.

Gwyn was sleeping soundly. Von Bleck watched him for a moment to see that he was not aroused by the light, and then, satisfied on that score, reached across his body to a half-opened suit case resting in a rack near the window. Slowly and carefully, so as not to awaken its sleeping owner, he lifted the suit case from the rack and hurried back to his own berth.

For a quarter of an hour Von Bleck, in the seclusion of his sleeping compartment, studied the contents of Gwyn's bag. A small packet of letters, which had been tucked carefully at the bottom, held his attention the longest. For the most part these were of a personal nature, and contained nothing of interest to him, but finally one caught his eye. It was postmarked "Lost Mine," and was addressed in a flourishing Spanish hand. He opened it and read:

Dear Mr. Gwyn: Am shipping your last order tomorrow. You need have no fear of the supply becoming exhausted for some time to come. When am I to be honored by a visit from you? I trust before long. Faithfully yours,
CARLOS YBARRA.

Von Bleck smiled with triumph as he read the letter. It was the same smile that had played about his lips when he had met with his associates earlier that day. He folded the paper noiselessly and replaced it in the envelope. Then, as if realizing the length of time which he had kept Gwyn's suit case, he put the packet of letters back into the bottom of the bag and stole cautiously down the aisle to Gwyn's berth. A glance assured him that his absence had not been noticed. The young engineer was still sleeping heavily. He had been thoroughly tired by the strenuous events of the previous day and his hasty departure. It required but a moment for Von Bleck to lay the suit case back on the rack near the window, where he had found it, and to hurry back to his own berth.

Gwyn arose early the following morning, dressed, and used several articles from his bag. He did not notice that it had been tampered with. In the wash room he met Von Bleck, who was attending to his toilet, and nodded to him. The latter returned the salutation and watched keenly from the corners of his eyes to see if Gwyn should appear the least big suspicious that his belongings had been ransacked. He was greatly relieved to learn that he was not.

Early on the fourth day after leaving New York the Limited drew into the little western town of Barstow, at the foot of the great range of Sierra mountains. John Gwyn, his bag packed and his wraps on, was ready to alight and start on his important mission. As soon as the train came to a stop, the young

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors, held on the 15th day of October, 1917, an assessment (No. 7) of one and one-half (1 1/2) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 245 Russ Building, San Francisco, California.
Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 15th day of November, 1917, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 26th day of December, 1917, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.
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mining engineer jumped lightly from the platform and proceeded to the local hotel, which was located a short distance from the depot. As the Limited chugged again, starting on the last lap of its journey to the West, Von Bleck, who had been watching alertly from his seat for Gwyn to depart, jumped from his seat. He darted to the door, suit case in hand, and whispered into the porter's ear, slipping a crisp bill into his hand at the same time. The colored worthy grinned knowingly and nodded. With a jerk he threw open the vestibule door on the side opposite the state. Von Bleck stepped down, grasped the handrail of the car, and swung out. The train was moving rapidly now, and the jump was perilous. The car was quite a distance past the station. Von Bleck took one glance at the ground flying by under the train, sprang into the air, and went sprawling to earth.

Don Carlos Ybarra trudged up the last few steps to the summit of the mountain beneath the burden of two heavy wooden cases which he bore upon his shoulders. They were a heavy load for one so old as the rugged Spaniard, but he was strenuous and energetic, and his muscles were hardened by years of rustic living in the West. His gray hairs were no symbol of feebleness. Don Carlos was a man, and sturdy, and would be until the end. As he reached a clump of bushes beside the footpath on which he was walking, he paused to look suspiciously about for a second, and then parted the shrubbery, revealing the entrance to a spacious cave. He tore his way through the bushes, allowing them to close behind him, deposited the two cases among many more that were hidden in the dark corner of the cavern, and came out again. Once more he looked carefully about him, as if to satisfy himself that no one had been observing his actions, and then started to walk toward a little hacienda several hundred yards away, which served as his mountain dwelling. Precisely at the moment that he turned his back, two glaring eyes, filled with hate, appeared from behind the undergrowth, but a few yards from the cave's entrance. It was "Shoestring" Drant, a human coyote, ever stalking Don Carlos.

(To Be Continued Next Wednesday.)
PLUNDER GORISZI.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Colo., Oct. 30.—Denver Catholics are planning a "war" greeting for the Right Rev. John Henry Thien, bishop-elect of the Colorado Catholic diocese, when he arrives here November 21 to take up his new duties.
Five hundred Catholics will sit down to a wheatless and meatless banquet in honor of the prelate. Knights of Columbus leaders in charge of the affair say. The banquet menu will be strictly in line with the policy of the food administration at Washington as outlined by Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator.

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(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31.—A dispatch received here from Vienna says:
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AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE MORE DEMOCRATIC THAN THE BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 21.—Several detachments of American soldiers in training for aviation work are now located at aerodromes within the confines of Greater London, and are seen during their leisure hours sight-seeing about the city or doing their shopping along Regent street, Bond street or in the shops around Oxford circus.

To the British eye, the notable difference between the Americans in training and the British squads alongside them, is a somewhat more democratic flavor in the American ranks. In one American camp, the spirit of self-government is carried

so far that no commissioned officer is on duty there at present, the detachment being under the command of a senior non-commissioned officer. He is commonly called "sergeant-major" about the camp, although his correct title, which suggests the navy rather than the army, is master signalling electrician.

When the United States came into the war, this officer was in charge of a group of men on constructional work in the United States. The men under him have been recruited chiefly from automobile factories, with a sprinkling of young collegians. The squad is at present devoting its

time to learning the construction of an airplane. The men are at times a little impatient about the deliberate methods of the English instructors, and would rather have a little less theory and a little more practice. But they know that the practice is only a matter of a few weeks now.

In the matter of discipline, the Americans are a little less observant of the letter of the law than the British recruits. "For instance," said one, "we temper custom with judgment. If an officer looks as if he was tired of raising his arm we don't bother him. We don't go around the streets salute-hunting."

In no direction can American women so greatly assist as by enlisting in the service of the Food Administration and cheerfully accepting its direction and advice.



—WOODROW President Wilson.

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PHILIPPINES WANTS THE CHINESE FOR LABOR TO TILL THE FARMS

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, Oct. 31.—Whether Chinese labor shall be imported to the Philippines to till the thousands of acres of farm land which now lie idle is the most important question which is expected to be fought out in the present session of the Philippine congress. Chinese immigration is now limited by the exclusion acts of the United States and any attempt to import Chinese in large numbers must have the consent of

the administration at Washington before becoming effective.
The annual farmers' congress of the Philippines recently voted to favor Asiatic immigration. This means importation of Chinese, since they are the only laborers available. Combating this movement on the part of the farmers, representatives of organized labor are preparing to make a strong fight in the insular legislature against letting down the bars to the Chinese.

FAR EAST MARKET WIDE OPEN TO U. S.

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and bathtubs, all sorts of merchandise is in demand and there seems to be little that the energetic salesman is not capable of selling. Cash orders are said to be coming in so fast that the bogey of long-time credits no longer bothers anybody. In fact, exporting houses have found that the cash orders are more than sufficient to tax their output to capacity and they are therefore passing up the credit orders.
Contrary to the general impression, the goods are being forwarded in appreciable quantity notwithstanding the scarcity of shipping facilities. While a scarcity of bottoms exists, there is sufficient available to keep the goods moving. Much of this trade is going to China to replace English and German lines.
Not only is this confirmed by shipping men, who say also that business is being done on entirely new lines, but by statistical figures compiled by the United States department of commerce in this city.



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