



Continued From Our Last Issue. He walked back toward the camp. From out of the chaparral a thin column of pale gray smoke was rising.

"Ready, Shorty?" he asked. The squat man nodded an assent and followed him over the summit into the valley beyond.

Brad Steelman sat hunched before a fire, head drooped low between his high, narrow shoulders. The restless black eyes in the dark hatchet face were sunk deeper now than in the old days. In them was beginning to come the hunted look of the gray wolf he resembled.

Steelman sidled to the door and opened it cautiously. A man pushed in and closed the door. "Did you come here to make trouble, Dug?"

"No, I came to collect a bill." "So? Didn't know I owed you any money right now. How much is it?"

"A thousand dollars." Brad shot a quick, sidelong look at him. "What's wrong now, Dug?"

The ex-foreman of the D Bar Lazy took his time to answer. "I enjoyed the suspense under which his ally was held. 'Why, I reckon nothin' a-tall. Only that this mornin' I put a match to about a couple hundred thousand dollars belongin' to Crawford, Sanders and Hart.'"

Eagerly Steelman clutched his arm. "You did it, then?" "Didn't I say I'd do it?" snapped Doble, irritably. "D'ya ever know me rue back on a bargain?"

"Shorty with you?" "He was, an' he wasn't. I did it while he wasn't lookin'." Shorty's got a soft spot in him. Game enough, but with queer notions. Some time I'm liable to have to—Doble left his sentence suspended in air.

"What's wrong with him now, Dug?" "Well, he's been wrong ever since I had to bump off Tim Harrigan. Talks about a fair break."

"What about that fire? Sure it got a good start?" "I looked back from across the valley. It was travellin' good."

"I'll get you the money first thing in the mornin'," promised Steelman. Doble poured himself a large drink and took it at a swallow. I would, Brad.

Doble drank steadily throughout the night. He remained steady on his feet, growing uglier and more reckless every hour.

Tied to Doble because he dared not break away from him, Steelman's busy brain began to plot a way to take advantage of this man's weakness for liquor.

"Of course I know, Dug, you're a better man than Sanders or Crawford either, but Malapi don't know it—yet."

"I'll show 'em!" cried the enraged bully. "I'll bet you will. No man livin' can make a fool outa Dug Doble, rattle the evidence to send him to the pen, snap his fingers at him, and on top o' that steal his girl."

Doble leaned across the table and caught in his great flat wrist of Steelman. His bloodshot eyes glared into those of the man opposite.

"What girl?" he demanded hoarsely. Steelman looked blandly innocent. "Didn't you know, Dug? Maybe I oughtn't to 'a mentioned it."

"Fingers like ropes of steel tightened on the wrist." "Don't do that, Dug! Em Crawford's girl."

"What about her and Sanders?" "Why, he's courtin' her—didn't you know?"

"When did he begin?" Doble slammed a hamlike fist on the table. "Spit it out, or I'll tear your arm off."

CHAPTER XXI A carpenter working on the roof of a derelict for Jackpot Number Six called down to his mates: "Fire in the hills, looks like. I see smoke."

Jackpot company looking over some blue-prints when Joyce Crawford came in. "Dad told me something last night, Mr. Sanders. He said I might pass it on to you and Bob, though it isn't to go farther. It's about that ten thousand dollars he paid the bank when it called his loan. He got the money from Buck Byington."

"Buck?" exclaimed the young man. "I know," she exclaimed. "The money wasn't his. He's executor or something for the children of his dead brother. When he heard Dad was so desperately hard up for cash he let him have the money. Now it has been straightened out. That's why Dad wouldn't tell where he got the money. Buck would have been in trouble."

"I see." A shadow darkened the doorway and Bob Hart stepped into the office. His first words were ominous, but before he spoke both of those looking at him knew he was the bearer of bad news. There was in his boyish face an unwonted grave, and "Fire in the chaparral, Dave, and going strong."

Sanders spoke one word. "Where?" "Started in Bear Canon, but it's jumped out into the hills."

Joyce guessed the situation was a desperate one. "Is Dad in danger?" she asked.

Hart answered. "No—not now, anyhow."

"What can I do to help?" "We'll have hundreds of men in the field probably, if this fire has a real start." Dave told her. "We'll need food and coffee—lots of it. Organize the women. Make meat sandwiches—hundreds of them. And send out to the Jackpot dozens of coffee pots. Your job is to keep the workers well fed. Better send bandages and salve, in case some get burnt."

Sanders was on the road inside of twenty minutes, a group of horsemen galloping at his heels. Through the smoke the sun was blood-red. The air was heavy and heatless.

From the fire line Crawford came to meet these new allies. "We're holdin' her here. It's been nip and tuck."

Emerson Crawford was holding his ground, though barely holding it. "How are things up above?" he asked in a hoarse whisper.

"Good. We held the check-line." "See it through, Say son, look who's here!" His thumb hitched toward his right shoulder.

Dave looked down the line of blackened, grimy fire-fighters and his eye fell on Shorty. He was still wearing slippers, but his Chibasha hat had succumbed long ago. Manifestly the man had been on the fighting line for some hours.

"Doesn't he know about the reward?" "Yes, he was hidin' in Malapi when the call came for men. Says he's no quitter, whatever else he is. You bet he ain't. He's worth two of most men at this work. Soon as we get through he'll be on the dodge again. He's a good sport, anyhow. I'll say that for him."

CHAPTER XXII When Shorty separated from Doble in Bear Canon he rode inconspicuously to a tenebrous where he could be snugly hidden from the public gaze and yet meet a few "buds" whom he could trust at least as long as he could keep his eyes on them.

Shorty was an outlaw and a bad man. He had killed, and might at any time kill again. To save the Jackpot from destruction he would not have made a turn of the hand. But Shorty was a cattleman. He was loyal to the hand that paid him. He stood by his pals, and he believed in and after his own fashion loved cattle and the life of which they were the central fact. To destroy the range, feed wantonly was a crime so he felt that he could not believe Doble guilty of it. And yet—

He could not let the matter lie in doubt. He left the tenebrous and rode to Steelman's house.

"What's Dug?" Shorty demanded of Steelman. "Continued in Our Next Issue."

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- Men's Wool Shirts and Drawers; formerly \$2.00 value, garment. .99c Men's Ribbed Union Suits, formerly \$2.00, suit at. \$1.09

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