

THE RAILROAD RAIDERS

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

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Adapted from the Western Picture-Version Produced by Signal Film Corporation and Featuring Helen Holmes.

Mistaken Identity.
When Helen reached the station with Webb her plan was very simple. She believed that if the raiders were at work she could trap them with even so small a thing as the suitcase and this, before secreting herself with Webb inside the station, she left on a bench on the platform.

Unhappy over the clothing they had already stolen, Marshall and Masters returning to the station spied Helen's suitcase and sat down beside it to see whether anyone would appear as claimant.

"The taller of those men," whispered Helen to Webb, watching them, "looks like Buck Masters. But Masters wears a moustache."

Helen had not long to wait. Marshall presently picked up the suitcase and the two thieves started away. Helen and Webb ran after them, Helen going one way around the station, Webb the other. The thieves, making for the yards, gave Webb the

berry they caught a glimpse of Lady Melrose sitting near the fountain. The striking resemblance of the hostess and Helen completely deceived them.

"There's our bird," muttered Masters in an undertone. "Now; how we going to get her?"

"The first thing," replied Marshall, "is to get rid of the garden lights. I'll hunt up the switch. It must be near the house. When I throw it, dash in and grab her."

Slinking away, Marshall, locating the switch, lost no time in throwing it and ran quickly back to his companion. Dashing into the garden, they dropped the blanket over Lady Melrose, caught her up and, despite her struggles and screams, made off with their frightened captive into the outer darkness. All was done so quickly that a servant hurrying to turn the lights on again was too late to prevent the crime.

Guests who had been in the vicinity

his cuff and, running with Helen to the nearest motorcar, he called to Lord Melrose, who joined them.

The three climbed hurriedly into the car, but the guests, eager to help, crowding around, delayed their start.

"Keep them away—clear the road," cried Helen to the servants. "You are holding us," she exclaimed to those nearest. "Keep back!"

The car started. The pursuers whirled down the driveway and out on the highway at top speed, but too much time had been lost. The abductors already had a good lead and in spite of all Helen's driver could do, were soon lost to view.

"Drive to the nearest police station," she directed, when the chase became hopeless, and reaching it, an alarm was flashed thence to all stations, to stop a touring car bearing license tag 52479.

Masters and Marshall had safely made the rendezvous in Chinatown and were delivering their captive. Both men were highly excited. "Get her out of here quick," exclaimed Masters to the Chinaman. "They're hot after us."

Their unfortunate captive was beginning to recover consciousness. Without scruple they dragged her almost into a cataleptic state and hunting up a trunk, laid her within it and started for the station to put her aboard a train for Pedro.

Helen had telephoned Webb and he hastened to the police station with a change of clothing for her. All waited, hoping to get word of the abductors through their license number.

Marshall and Masters got to the railroad station and were billing the trunk to Pedro when a passing policeman noticed the number on their car. Only recently warned to keep a lookout for that particular number, he walked toward the freight house and encountered the two criminals.

"Is that your car standing there at the platform?" he demanded of Masters.

"No," responded Buck promptly; he scented a trap.

"Thought it might be yours," returned the officer indifferently. "A man there just now was trying to drive off with it."

"What? Where?" demanded Marshall of his guard. "That's my car. He's a thief."

"Right you are," responded the officer, untruffled, "and so are you, I reckon. Anyway, you two fellows can drive to the station with me. You're under arrest."

Chagrined at being outwitted, the crestfallen thieves started with the policeman for the machine. But it was now two resourceful men against one and the officer was dealing with crooks who scrupled at nothing. As he stepped into the car his two prisoners dealt him a shower of terrific blows over the head, and he sank to the ground. Marshall turned over the engine and the pair sped away, leaving the policeman senseless.

The two knew, however, that they were still in great peril of capture and secreting the car at the first opportunity they slunk through the yards back to the station, which they reached in time to board the train for Pedro. Once there they meant to deliver the trunk and collect their money.

(End of Seventh Episode.)



HELEN TELLS WEBB HER SUSPICIONS.

slip. But Helen held them in view and gained until, turning suddenly on her, they realized she was their most dangerous enemy and resolved to make way then and there with her.

Stunning her with a heavy blow the two men carried her to the end of a car soon to be set into a train; and strapping her head close against the coupling joint, left her helpless.

Webb, in the meantime, hunted everywhere for Helen. To his consternation he at last caught sight of her just as a train was backing down for a coupling that would crush her. Signaling frantically, Webb ran to his plucky assistant. To free her from the death trap was the work of an instant, and by the utmost exertion Webb was able to fling her to the ground between the rails just as the two couplers crashed together. The switching crew, hearing his outcry, now ran up, but Helen, losing no time, hastened with Webb toward the office. On their way an agent handed her a newspaper with an account of Buck Masters' escape.

"It's hard, Helen," said Webb. "But never mind! We'll get him again."

It was following this incident that Desmond received a wire from headquarters.

Guests for Melrose's fete tonight will travel Special Mountain Springs to Melrose Estate. Provide operatives to accompany.

This dispatch bore the general manager's initials. "Detail some men for this," said Desmond to Burke, handing him the message.

"We ought to send a woman," suggested Burke, "but we have no woman operatives."

Desmond looked at Helen. "Detail Miss Holmes," he directed curtly and Helen went home to get ready.

Masters and Marshall reached their room aware that Helen had escaped: "Just the same," exclaimed Masters with an oath, "we've got to get rid of her."

Burke knocked at their door as he spoke. They told him quickly what had happened.

"She is going up with the Melrose party tonight," he remarked. "Why don't you get up there and carry her off?"

The plan, discussed, was agreed to; but before starting, Masters and Marshall went to Chinatown to play fan tan. While gambling, scraps of conversation from an inner room attracted their attention. "That Chinaman in Pedro," muttered one voice, "would give \$1,000 for a wife."

"I don't know any girl that would marry him," was the rejoinder.

To Marshall the remark supplied an idea. "That our chance to get rid of Helen," he whispered to his companion.

"We can talk with those fellows, anyway," returned Masters. The two waited. When the party in the inner room emerged, Marshall tackled the leader. But few words passed before an understanding was reached and Marshall with Masters left the place in a machine.

At the station the guests for the Melrose party were boarding the train. Helen, Burke and Roy Wilson accompanied them. At Melrose estate the party was received by Lord and Lady Melrose and more than one of the guests spoke of the striking resemblance of Helen to Lady Melrose herself. Greetings over, the guests spread about the grounds, which were en fete for the occasion. Hidden outside, Masters and Marshall from behind the thick hedge surrounding the garden, waited for a chance to act—Masters carrying a blanket. The chance came—or at least the conspirators thought it had come—when peering cautiously through the shrub-

of the fountain now looked for Lady Melrose. She was not to be seen. An alarm was sounded and, running to Lord Melrose, they told him of his wife's disappearance. Frantic with anxiety, Melrose ordered a hurried search. Nowhere could any trace of his missing wife be found; panic over-spread the fete.

The search was continued. No corner of the house or the grounds was overlooked. Rumors flew about thick and fast and the woman guests themselves shivered with alarm and apprehension.

Helen, when the lights went off, stood near Roy Wilson. While the confusion was at its height she glanced toward the main drive just as a car, whirling from it, dashed out into the highway. Helen caught a glimpse of the number plate on the back of the machine.

"Take that number, Roy," she cried quickly, "52479. Let's follow it."

Roy scratched the figures down on

CAPTURE MAD DOG AFTER AUTO CHASE

Rabid Animal After Biting At Several Is Hunted to Death On Busy Down Town Streets.

An auto hunt for a mad dog was the startling occupation of Patrolman "Bob" Heller Saturday morning.

After eluding all attempts to snare him in a wire lasso, the dog was caught when he fell under the auto wheels.

Fully one hundred persons, including women and children, took part in the chase.

The hunt started at Sixteenth and Dodge streets, when a man told Patrolman Heller that a mad dog had attempted to bite him. The officer saw the dog, a sixty-pounder, snapping at children, down near Fifteenth street.

A friend happened along in an auto and the hunt was on. The animal, foaming at the mouth, turned down Fifteenth. Because of the crowd the policeman was afraid to shoot.

From street to roadway the dog and his pursuers went. Heller leaned far over and tried several times to catch the animal in a looped wire.

The dog had such a bad case of rabies that his hind legs were partly paralyzed. He made a last stand against his hunters near Capitol avenue. He tried to spring over the hood of the machine. But his paralyzed legs failed to support his spring and he fell against the hood. The front wheel ran over him.

The dog was not dead when brought to the police station. Patrolman Cary Ford finished him with a bullet.

The dog's head will probably be sent to Pasteur institute for examination.

Fontenelle Employees Buy Red Cross Badges

Though a foreign-born, Chris Martinson, Maitre D'hotel at the Fontenelle, is a staunch American, and so is every one of his fifty waiters, captains and bus boys, some of whom were also born overseas.

Chris lined up all of his men Friday and marched them in a body to the Red Cross membership booth in the lobby of the hotel.

"What's this, a parade?"

"Yes, we're all going to enlist in the Red Cross. We don't have to be asked to join," Chris answered. "And when it comes time to go to war we'll be on the job then, too."

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John G. Conte has purchased the two lots at the northwest corner of Nineteenth and St. Mary's avenue from the Sterling Realty company. The corner is vacant. The consideration has not been given out. A. P.

Tukey & Son made the deal, this being a part of the E. Kountze Reserve, which the Tukey people have been pushing for some weeks. Harry Tukey announces that \$270,000 worth of this property has been sold since March 1. The E. Kountze Reserve extends from Seventeenth to Twentieth streets and from Howard to St. Mary's avenue. Much grading of

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