

THE RAILROAD RAIDERS

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

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The Overland Disaster.

If Wilson returned with his party to Mountain Springs cherishing the idea that his troubles were over, he was greatly mistaken. An officer at the station informed him of the robbery of his car; but as Wilson was about to explode in anger his informant added: "Burke ran down the thieves and caught them."

Wilson found Burke upstairs. He listened to the story of the robbery and congratulated his subordinate. Desmond was standing by. And through some obscure mental process he reached as he listened, the conclusion that Burke was in all probability a thief himself.

With the head of the operating department involved in an intrigue to wreck the road and a crook running the claim department, the division faced a hard time. Wilson now conferred with Desmond as to the quickest means of forcing enough stockholders to part with their holdings to give Wilson and his friends control of the line. "And to give you a clear field," said Wilson finally, "Frost will go east with me. You will take his place as general superintendent."

Frost, of course, had no choice but to acquiesce in the arrangement. During this interval Tony Marshall reported to Lowenstein. "Telephone Burke," said he to the pawnbroker, "that I got away." The boldness of the Raiders in using the wires now further enmeshed them. At the moment the call for Burke reached the office, Wilson summoned him. Desmond, passing Burke's desk took up the telephone to answer. "Is it you, Burke?" asked Lowenstein.

"It is," answered Desmond. "Tony got here all right."

"Tony—what Tony?"

Burke, listening to Desmond's talk, hurried apprehensively toward him,

closed on Burke's wrist. Both were powerful men, but Desmond was too quick. Lowenstein ducked into the bullet proof safe at the back of the room, and the next instant Burke's arm was twisted behind him in a hammerlock. As the gun dropped from Burke's hand, Marshall sprang on Desmond's back. But Desmond, anticipating the move, stooped suddenly, and Marshall spilled over his shoulder to the floor like a piece of jelly. Desmond then whipped out his gun, rapped Burke over the head, and covering Marshall, the handy superintendent stood master of the situation.

When Burke recovered consciousness, he still refused to surrender leadership, and left the room with the open threat he would yet get even. When he had gone, Desmond called for an expression of views. "The first thing to do," declared Marshall, "is to get Masters out of jail." And on learning the situation, Desmond agreed this must be done.

At Webb's home Helen was telling her good news. "The capture of Buck Masters," she exclaimed, "means my father's release."

But Desmond was making ready to release Masters. At the prison he tried for an interview. Guards gave him no chance to talk privately to the prisoner and Desmond being a stranger to Masters, the above could reach no understanding. Desmond, not easily baffled, sat down at a table before the grating, and taking a pencil from his pocket, began tapping in an absent-minded way while he talked to Masters. The latter caught the idea and listened. Desmond, using the telephone code, rapped: "South end jail yard 2:30; watch for rope."

Masters signified he understood, and Desmond left.

At 2:30 that afternoon the prisoners stood lined up in the jail yard for inspection. Policemen and detec-



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took the telephone from his hand and stared at him. Desmond smiled: "Burke, we all talk alike; perhaps we think alike."

Burke, ignoring the remark, spoke sharply into the telephone himself. Desmond turned to Helen Holmes: "Is there anyone on our pay rolls whose first name is Tony?"

"I believe there is. I'll see." Picking up an employes' register, she found Antony Marshall listed as agent at Wayne.

"Has Wayne been robbed recently?" asked Desmond further. Helen took over her desk the data on the claim of the Remington company for the stolen typewriters.

Desmond, now satisfied, walked over to Wilson. "Burke is a crook," said he.

"Burke?" exclaimed Wilson. "Non-sense!"

Desmond smiled. "Watch me," was all he said. Taking a pair of handcuffs from a drawer, he walked toward Burke, again sitting at his desk, and reaching out unobserved, he slipped one over Burke's wrist. At the sudden touch of the steel, Burke sprang to his feet.

"What's this?" he demanded. "Do you take me for a crook?"

Desmond eyed him; the special agent's face reddened under the cold gaze. Desmond, uttering no word, transfixed with his eyes the dishonest officer and Burke, turning pale, protested, stammered and asked what he meant.

Never answering, Desmond unlocked the handcuff. "Just an extra pair of hands," said he, "I thought you might be able to use." He laid the set in Burke's hand. Burke hotly demanded explanations, but Desmond only returned to Wilson, leaving the special agent to wipe a cold sweat from his forehead. Wilson, himself now convinced, was for discharging Burke instantly.

"Don't do it," said Desmond. "He may be just the man I need."

At noon Burke left the office for lunch. Desmond followed him. The special agent walked straight to Lowenstein's and was admitted through the back door. Inside, he found Marshall and Lowenstein and at once began abusing the pawnbroker for carelessness in telephoning. Desmond, outside, and listening to the noisy re-primand, stepped back and threw his full weight against the door. It gave, and he broke into the room. Burke, whirling, drew his gun and covered the intruder. Desmond, with a laugh pushed the gun away and gazed at the three men. "You're a nice outfit," said he, sitting coolly up on the edge of the table. Burke was very angry. "I am general superintendent here now," continued Desmond, "and there'll be no more looking—unless I say so."

The three men looked at one another. "That puts my hand on the table," continued Desmond insolently. "Declare yourselves." Burke realized that Wilson's representative was a crook, but he stepped boldly forward; "I'll be boss here or nothing."

Desmond scanned him unmoved. "I guess," he said quietly, "you'll be nothing."

It was a show-down. Burke shoved his gun into Desmond's belt. As he tried to pull the trigger, Desmond struck at the muzzle and his fingers

walked down the line to dis-cover, if possible, any professional crooks. On the stone, the above this motley group a guard in the sunshine sat examining his rifle. Taking a long rope from the back seat, Marshall coiled it, and while Desmond, crouching behind the car with a small mirror in his hand, flashed the sunlight into the guard's eyes, Marshall flung his rope. It fell over the top of the wall, the loose end dropping inside the jail yard. Masters saw it, and when the prisoners were on their way back to their cells, he ran to the wall, climbed the rope hand-over-hand to the top, slid down the outside and jumped into the tonneau. Marshall threw a robe over him, and the car hurried away.

Helen, faithful to her devoted father, had gone with Webb to the penitentiary to see him. "As soon as your double is brought to trial," she said consolingly, "you will be freed."

Masters was taken to Marshall's quarters. Somewhat bewildered, Masters began to thank Desmond. "Everybody knows you wish that mustache," said Desmond coldly. "Shave it off." Turning to Marshall, he added: "Keep away for a while from Wayne's. He then handed him some baggage checks. "Have duplicates made of these, and you can get a new outfit from the baggageman."

Losing no time in preparing the false checks, Marshall and Masters presented them and got away with a trunk and two suitcases. But in these they found no clothes that would fit. And when the victims of the theft reported to the claim department, an angry scene followed. Helen, hearing the complaint, telephoned Webb: "This looks like Raiders' work," she declared, explaining. "Bring down a grip, and we may land more of them alongside Masters. Webb, losing no time, started for the office."

Wilson was now about ready to go east to leave the field to Desmond. He bade Roy good-by, and with Frost boarded his special train. The train, on a fast schedule, was descending the hill east of Mountain Springs when a wheel under Wilson's car gave way on a curve. The car jumped the track and rolled forty feet down an embankment. A hurry call sent by emergency telephone to the Springs brought a wrecking crew, Desmond and Roy with it. Under the ar they found Wilson and Frost; both were dead.

Roy bent over his father. Then, rising, dazed, he perceived Desmond. He clutched at Desmond's arm and hid his face against his shoulder. Desmond was plainly uncomfortable. He muttered an attempt at consolation. "You'll be the road's next president," he said at last. Shocked at the heartlessness of the words, Roy drew back. Desmond's eyes dropped. With a shrug, he walked away, leaving Roy wondering.

(End of Sixth Episode.)

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