

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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"HE CLUTCHED AT DESMOND'S ARM AND HID HIS FACE AGAINST HIS SHOULDER."

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 from 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 might be able to use," said he, laying 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.

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