"The Leashed Guns of Circle L"

by Perry Westbrook

SYNOPSIS: Slim Loyale is paroled from prison after serving 18 months for a crime he did not commit. He returns to his Circle L ranch to find his father dead and sinister forces at work, trying to make him violate his parole so that he can again be railroaded to prison.

The Brockwells and their gang are plotting to gain possession of Circle L ranch and the property of Mona Hall, a neighbor and life-long friend of Slim Loyale.

Slim discovers that Sheriff Starbuck has joined the plot against him. With the help of Dakota Blue and his cowboys, Slim Loyale defies the land-grabbers to do their worst.

CHAPTER XIV.

The leer on Alton's face persisted, a frozen grimace. His eyes flickered. "Yuh ain't got long," reminded Spud.

Alton dropped his guns, shrugged and laughed, "I didn't think yuh had the nerve to butt in, Dillon," he observed, "knowin' all the time, o' course, that yo're signin' yore death warrant."

"Yore thinkin' is plumb outa order," observed Spud sturdily. "I don't care worth a whoop. From now on, what I told Sarg an' Leo Brockwell goes for their whole danged outfit. None of yuh are wanted in this saloon. Next of yuh to show in here, I meet with a sawed-off shotgun. Now rattle yore hocks."

Again Alton shrugged, then sauntered to the door and out. Without a backward look, he crossed the street, swung into his saddle and rode off. Spud Dillon replaced his weapon on the shelf behind the bar. "Gimme his guns, Dakota," drawled Spud.

Souvenirs

"I wanna keep 'em as souvenirs—souvenirs of the time fat, ole Spud Dillon got the best of one of the wickedest gun-slingers in this neck of the woods."

Dakota nodded gravely and was about to pick the weapons up, when Jigger Starbuck stepped into the place. His cold eyes flickered around and saw Alton's guns.

"Yuh fellers seem to be rushin' the Half Diamond B boys around pretty heavy," he observed. "What's this I hear about yuh pluggin' Rango Deale last night, Loyale?"

"News to me," answered Slim. "I ain't seen Rango Deale since I got home. An'," he added pointedly, "I ain't shot a gun, either. Yuh notice I ain't even packin' any. Yet Cinder Alton flipped his guns just now with the intention of killin' me. He would have, too, except that Spud discouraged him.

"Now lemme tell yuh somethin', Starbuck. I got my eyes open at last. Certain folks railroaded me to prison for somethin' I never done. An' me, gettin' a parole they never figured on, arrived back home before they thought I would. For some reason they seem damned anxious to put me outa the way.

"Last night they tried it; only it happened that Roy O'Brien was wearin' this hat an' ridin' my gray hoss. Rango Deale tackled Roy, thinkin' it was me. When he found out it wasn't, he was so sore he took a shot at Roy, pluggin' a hole in my hat. Roy beat him to the next."

Pack of Yellow Polecats

Slim's face had grown cold, and his eyes flinty. There was the set of unalterable decision about his lips. "I'm carryin' my guns all the time from now on, Starbuck. I'm carryin' 'em to use, savvy? No more do I run around like a fool, unable to defend myself an' lettin' good men take over my scrap.

"The first son-of-a-gun who makes a pass at his gun in front of me, I'm rockin' off. An' if yuh come after me for defendin' my own life, I rock yuh off. To hell with yuh an' yore crooked law that works only one way! I'm through playin' the goat."

Dakota nodded quietly to this. "I been advisin' Slim to steer clear of trouble, Starbuck," he put in. "But what happened just now shows me that he's up agin a pack of yellow polecats who are willin' to shoot him even if he is unarmed. What he just said goes for me, too. I'm backin' Slim's play every turn of the trail.

"There's five more boys out at the Circle L who are gonna back it the same way. Less'n yuh see that Slim gets the protection he's entitled to, this county is gonna bury a sheriff. That's plain talk, but every word of it is gospel."

For some time Starbuck was silent, his face unreadable. "I could arrest both of yuh for that kind of talk," he observed presently.

Dakota laughed sarcastically. "Try it, an' yuh go outa here on a board. Funny yo're allus talkin' about arrestin' Slim or me. Why don't yuh exert some of yore precious authority on that Brockwell gang? Why don't yuh trail along after Cinder Alton an' throw him in the jug for a time? He tried to start the argument in here."

"Yuh cain't tell me my business," snapped Starbuck.

"Okay," shrugged Dakota. "An' yuh cain't tell Slim an' me ours. We've kept faith with yuh so far, but yuh ain't returned the compliment. From here on out, the Circle L rides its own trail in its own way; 'No trespassing' signs are hangin' on every one of us. C'mon, Slim; I just saw that law-shark go past the door. Reckon he's haided for his office."

Not For Sale

Slim nodded to Spud and Joe Rooney, but walked past Jigger Starbuck as though he did not exist. Dakota followed suit to the letter.

"But my dear man," expostulated George Arthur, rubbing his thin hands together, as he paced back and forth across the narrow width of his office. "Don't you understand that I cannot transfer the mortgage on Miss Hall's property to you without her consent? It would not be regular—not at all regular. Besides, I wish to hold that mortgage myself."

"Oh yeah?" drawled Slim. That's kinda funny. If yo're so satisfied to hold the mortgage, why in hell are yuh pressin' Miss Hall for the money? Can it be that what yuh want is the ranch an' not the money?"

"The lawyer's pale eyes narrowed. "My affairs are my own," he snapped. "Definitely and finally, that mortgage is not for sale. Good day, gentlemen." He went to the door and held it open.

Slim laughed coldly as he stepped out. "Yo're deludin' yoreself, Arthur. Yo're shore draggin' yore rope if yuh figger to steal the Dot H Dot Ranch. Yuh'll never do it. An' the next time yuh hit Miss Hall up for the money, she'll surprise yuh by handin' it over. C'mon, Dakota. I'm sick of talkin' to side-winders an' polecats. Let's ride an' get some fresh air."

George Arthur watched them until they had disappeared, jogging easily out of town. His thin lips were writhing with anathema, his long, pointed nose quivering, his hands clenching and unclenching. He saw Jigger Starbuck slouching across to his office and hailed him.

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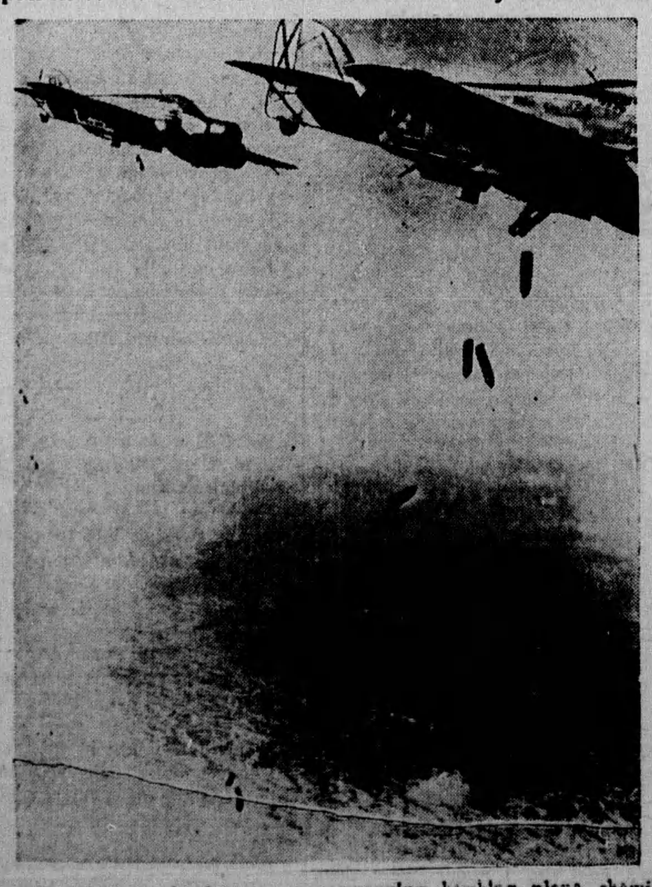
Spanish Women and Children Were Killed By These Bombs



A picture made from an accompanying bombing plane, showing two bombers of General Francisco Franco's insurgent aerial armada, dropping their deadly missiles on the city of Valencia, miles below. Wide-spreading smoke of fires caused by other bombs, tell the airmen of their good aim.

Winter Season Dangerous For Home Mishaps

More Fatal Injuries Occur in the Home During Winter Months Than at Any Other Time of Year

Fatal injuries in the home occur more frequently in the winter than in any other season of the year, according to the statisticians of the Mertopolitan Life Insurance Company. They explain that a large proportion of the injuries result from accidents associated with home heating plants and various heating appliances, although the higher mortality is also attributable in some degree to the fact that during cold weather people spend a greater part of their time indoors, thereby increasing their exposure to the hazards of the home.

The statisticians enumerate some of the factors causing the fatal injuries as follows:

Suffocation, Burns

Burns and suffocations suffered in home conflagrations — about one third of the deaths from these causes occur in December and in January.

Burns, exclusive of those suffered in burning structures — nearly one-half of these fatalities from these causes take place during December, January, February and March.

Inhaling illuminating and other poisonous gas — more than one-half of these deaths occur during the four months of December-March inclusive. One of the particular hazards is inadequate ventilation caused by persons sleeping with windows closed.

Woman Explorer Visited Arctic

Miss Louise A. Boyd of American Georgraphical Society, Worked up the Greenland Coast

Miss Louise A. Boyd, the only American woman explorer of polar wastes, has returned to report to the American Geographical Society on her last expedition to the Arctic.

Miss Boyd reached the northernmost point of Isle de France off the coast of Greenland past a northern mark on the East Greenland coast higher than any ever attained before by an American. She is also credited with having pushed further north than any other woman explorer in the world.

With an expedition party of five others, including James M. LeRoy, chief hydrographer, Miss Boyd said she started her actual photographic and geological work at Jan Mayen Island and worked up the Greenland coast in ideal conditions.

Miss Boyd, who made her first Arctic expedition in 1906, has the decorations of St. Olaf, from Norway, and the Legion of Honor from France.

Cure Your Child Of Nail-Biting

The nail-biter is almost invariably highly strung and excitable in temperament and seems to find a soothing outlet in the habit of biting the nails often almost down to the quick.

The disturbed nerves must therefore receive treatment. The daily routine should be revised so that it is made perfectly regular and free from disturbance, and time should be given for extra rest; or an earlier bedtime should be arranged.

The nails themselves should be pared very short, then filed so that there are no ragged edges, and older children should wear gloves when reading or when sitting quietly.

Kleptomotorist

The sight of keys hanging in a parked car arouses in Elven Merritt, 23, of St. Joseph, Missouri, an uncontrollable desire to take a ride. He drives until the cars run out of gas and then abandons them unharmed by the roadside. When police finally caught Merritt, he admitted fourteen "thefts" in the past six weeks.

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Beauty for YOU

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FOOD FOR BEAUTY

To most of us, dieting is synonymous with reducing! However, the food has much to do with the quality of our skin, teeth, hair and our eyes.

The first axiom of beauty, as it is of good health, is to maintain the system clear. Fresh fruit and vegetables should be taken regularly. Dried prunes and figs are excellent too, and bran will supply necessary roughage.

Milk is a good aid to beauty, and raw eggs will make teeth strong and help to prevent decay, as well as improve the texture and growth of the hair.

Some foods are definitely harmful to the looks and should either be avoided or eaten but rarely. And highly seasoned dishes, rich sauces, fried foods — all spell danger to beauty. Too much meat is unwise, and pastries and confections need to be taken only sparingly.

If you have an oily skin, avoid fried and rich foods; take lots of bran, fruit and salads instead.

Women with dry skins will benefit considerably by eating plenty of butter and cream. Almond and brazil nuts are good, too.

Vegetables such as spinach, carrots, turnips and leaf-lettuce bring extra sparkle to the eyes. Liver and kindney are helpful, too.

The following leaflets are very informative and deal completely with these subjects. You can obtain any of them by sending a 3c stamp for each one required: Reducing in Spots; How to Slim; Bust Development; Superfluous Hair; Eye Beauty; Hand Beauty; Your Hair; Feet Care; Underweight; Face Care. Ask about your own beauty problems, at the same time.

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New Year's Dinner Menu Contest Winners

Second Prize Goes to Miss Janet Whitelaw, R.R. 1, Elora, Ontario

"PLAN OF MENU"

FRUIT CUP
ROAST TURKEY
OYSTER STUFFING
CRANBERRY SAUCE
MASHED POTATOES
GLAZED CARROTS
MOLDED BEET AND CELERY SALAD
PLUM PUDDING
FRUITS AND NUTS
GREEN PEAS
PICKLES AND OLIVES
STERLING SAUCE
CANDY
COFFEE

OYSTER STUFFING

¼ cupful bacon fat.
3 tablespoonsful chopped onions
2 quarts of bread cubes
2 cupfuls of milk in which 1½ cupfuls of oysters have been cooked.
Salt and Pepper to taste
½ cupful of water taken from that in which 2 cupfuls of celery, cut into small pieces, were cooked.

(The quantities given are for a small turkey).

Scald the milk, add the oysters and cook until the edges curl. Remove the oysters and cut into small pieces. Cut the celery into small pieces and cook in a little boiling water until tender.

Melt the bacon fat and add the chopped onion, and fry until golden brown. Add the bread cubes, the milk from the oysters, and the liquid from the celery.

The bread should be moist but not soggy. More or less liquid may be needed depending on the dryness of the bread. Add the cooked oysters and celery, season to taste with salt and pepper, cover and cook, stirring constantly for about 7 minutes until there are no hard bits of bread left in the stuffing.

Either fish or canned oysters may be used.

MOLDED BEET AND CELERY SALAD

½ tablespoon of gelatine
2 tablespoonfuls of cold water
¾ cupful of boiling water
½ teaspoonful of salt
tablespoonful of sugar
¼ teaspoonful of prepared mustard
2 tablespoonfuls of mild vinegar
2 tablespoonfuls of chopped onion
2 cupfuls of cooked beets, diced
½ cup of finely cut celery

Soak the gelatine in cold water for 5 minutes, add the boiling water and the salt and the sugar and stir until dissolved. Add the mustard, vinegar and onion and set aside to cool When the mixture begins to set, fold in the dried beets and the cut celery and turn into cold wet molds. Serve unmolded on lettuce with mayonnaise, garnished with celery curls.

STERLING SAUCE

½ cupful of butter
1 cupful of brown sugar
4 tablespoonfuls of cream
1 teaspoonful of vanilla

Cream the butter until light, add the brown sugar and continue the creaming until the mixture is very light and fluffy. Add the cream very gradually, stir in the vanilla and serve with plum pudding. — Miss Janet Whitelaw, R.R. 1, Elora, Ontario.

MRS. S. T. JORDAN, CHURCH ST. MARKHAM, ONT., WINS THE THIRD PRIZE

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE
ROAST GOOSE
BROWN GRAVY
PLAIN BOILED POTATOES
TURNIPS (MASHED)
BEETS PIQUANTE
CELERY
APPLE SAUCE
PICKLED WALNUTS
..PLUM PUDDING WITH HARD.. SAUCE
GRAPES — RAISINS
NUTS — CANDIES
TEA

BEETS PIQUANTE

3 medium beets cooked in salted water till tender
½ cup water beets were cooke in, cut beets into cubes, reheat in the following sauce
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons Corn Starch
¼ cup vinegar
¼ cup cream
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
Few grains cayenne pepper.
Good!

FROZEN PLUM PUDDING

Mix one tablespoonful corn starch, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, half teaspoonful salt. Pour over this stirring all the time, one pint hot milk, with two tablespoonfuls of corn syrup. Cook over hot water till well done. Add two eggs slightly beaten. Let cook three or four minutes. Remove from stove. Add half cup Sultana raisins (which have been soaked in boiling water for 10 minutes) also add half cup of almonds, flavour with one tablespoonful vanilla, when cold add one pint cream and freeze as usual. — Mrs. S. T. Jordan, Markham, Ontario.

Employed Tea As Vegetable

Seventeenth Century Folks Used to Eat Stewed Leaves and Throw Away Brew

Overland by caravan and by ship from Lisbon the Dutch carried tea to England in 1658. Ignorant of the method of preparation, many cooked it in water, discarded the latter, and attempted to eat the stewed leaves as a vegetable, adding salt, butter and vinegar, without success.

As the proper manner of brewing was learned the custom of serving grew more fashionable and more to the people's taste. Considered as medicinal it was sold first by the apothecary and the price was very high. In fact two pounds was then thought a munificent gift from the East India Company to Charles II.

Pepys wrote in his diary, 1660, that he sent for a dish of tea, an early reference to the brew. Use of the word dish came from the fact that tea was served in porringers or such-like shallow dishes. Cups came into use later and were small. Saucers followed and spoons when sugar was added.

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Employed by Ginger Coote Airways, she keeps in touch with Vancouver, Prince George, Fort St. John, B.C., and Edmonton on company business and weather information. When an airplane is flying between Zeballos and Vancouver, she talks to the pilot every fifteen minutes. She supplies pilots leaving Vancouver with weather bulletins and keeps them informed en route.

Miss Fane won her private pilot's license April 13th, 1933, after five and one-half's hours' solo and was granted a commercial certificate on July 29th, 1935, after "logging" 100 hours.