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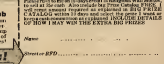
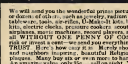
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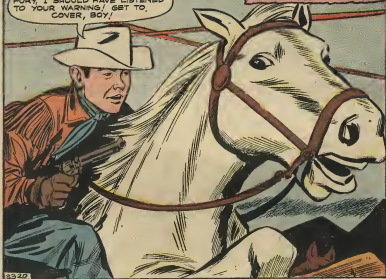
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# TEX RITTER

## RIMFIRE JUSTICE

IT BEGAN WITH BUSHWHACK LEAD AND A SMELL OF TREACHERY IN THE AIR! IT CONTINUED WITH A STRANGE TWISTED HATE AND AN UNSEEN ATTACKER! INTO THIS PUZZLE TEX RITTER RODE ON HIS GREAT WHITE STALLION AND WITH THE WONDER DOG, FURY, TROTTING AT HIS SIDE... AND IT TOOK A LOT OF SIX-GUN ACTION BEFORE THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE FELL INTO PLACE!

FURY, I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR WARNING! GET TO COVER, BOY!



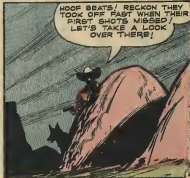
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THE DEADLY ROAR OF HIS GUNS HELPED HIM REACH COVER WITHOUT INJURY...

STAY IN THE TREES, WHITE FLASH! DOWN, FURY!



HOOF BEATS! RECKON THEY TOOK OFF FAST WHEN THEIR FIRST SHOTS MISSED! LET'S TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE!



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TEX SCOUTED THE COVER FROM WHICH THE BUSHWHACKERS HAD STRUCK!

MOCCASIN TRACKS... AND I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF FEATHERED HEADS OURING THE AMBUSH! BUT, THESE BUZZARDS WHERE RINGING SHOO HORSES WHICH AN INDIAN COSEN'T, AN' SHOOTIN' RIMFIRE RIFLES AS THIS SHELL SHOWS, AN' INDIANS DONT HAVE THE NEW RIMFIRE!



THE TRACKS COME FROM THAT MOUNTAIN IT LOOKS LIKE THEY STOPPED, AN' FROM HERE THEY MOVBO NORTH... SAME DIRECTION WE'RE GOIN'!



TEX RODE NORTH AND TWO DAYS LATER ARRIVED AT THE TOWN OF SAGEBRUSH!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON, FRIEND?

BIG CASE AT THE COURTHOUSE! FRED FALEN, PARTNER TO JUDD CARTON IN SAGEBRUSH'S BANK WAS FOUND KILLED UP AT THE MOUNTAIN TWO DAYS AGO!



THEY GOT THAT REMEGADE INJUN WHAT 'DONE IT AN' FESS MCCABE'S TRYIN' THE CASE! HE'S FROM THE EAST, HE'LL FIX THAT ARAPAKO BUT GOOD!



RECKON WHAT I'VE GOT TO SAY MIGHT HELP IN THIS CASE! NOW I KNOW WHY THOSE BUSHWHACKERS SHOT AT ME!



THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY AROUND UP THERE BECAUSE THEYD JUST OWNED A MAN!



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FRED WAS NOT JUST A PARTNER, HE WAS MY FRIEND AN' I WANT TO SEE THE MAN WHO DID THIS PUNISHED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW!

I PROMISE YOU HE WILL BE, THANK YOU, MR. CARTON! I NOW CALL THE DEFENDANT, NITCHI, THE ARAPAHO!



MOCCASIN TRACKS WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME! THIS INDIAN WAS SEEN LEAVING SAGSBURSH SOON AFTER THE MURDERED MAN LEFT!

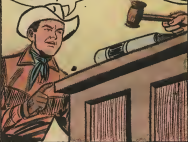


THIS LAWYER FESS McCABE SURE DOES HATE! HE'S GOIN' TO HANG THAT YOUNG BUCK!



JUST A MINUTE! I CAN SUPPLY SOME EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, YOUR HONOR!

COME FORWARD THEN!



TEX TOLD HIS STORY OF THE AMBUSH AND HIS FINDINGS...

... SO I OPINE IT WAS MORE THAN ONE MAN DOWNED THIS BANKER AN' THEY WERE WHITE MEN, NOT INDIANS! THE HOSS TRACKS AN' THIS RIFLE SHELL PROVES THAT!



ARE WE TO TAKE THE WORD OF A STRANGER OVER THE EVIDENCE OF OUR EYES? THIS MAN'S EVIDENTLY A TROUBLE MAKER... A RENEGADE WORSE THAN AN INDIAN! I SAY NITCHI IS GUILTY!



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IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR SENTENCE  
TO BE PRONOUNCED...

...AND WITH THE EVIDENCE  
PRESENTED BEFORE ME  
I FIND YOU GUILTY  
AND SENTENCE  
YOU TO DEATH!



LISTEN, YOU TROUBLE  
MAKER, WE OON'T  
LIKE YOUR KIND  
BUTTIN' INTO OUR  
BUSINESS! GET ON  
YOUR HORSE AN'  
RIDE!

IN MY OWN GOOD  
TIME, MISTER!  
NOBODY GIVES  
ME ORDERS!



ALL RIGHT!  
YOU ASKED  
FOR IT!



YOU PICKED THE WRONG  
MAN TO PUSH, YOU  
BUZZARDS! DROP  
THAT GUN AN'  
I'LL CALL  
OFF THE  
DOG!



WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?  
WE'LL HAVE NO VIOLENCE  
IN THIS TOWN! NOW  
BREAK IT UP!



YOU DON'T SEEM  
TO HAVE ANY  
JUSTICE IN THIS  
TOWN EITHER!

STRANGER, I'M ONLY  
THE SHERIFF!  
I HEARD YOUR  
EVIDENCE IN COURT  
AN' I BELIEVE IT!  
BUT THERE'S  
NOTHIN' I CAN  
DO!



# TEX RITTER WESTERN

TEX TOOK A ROOM AT THE HOTEL / HE LEFT FURY THERE AND WENT TO THE STABLE TO CHECK ON WHITE FLASH / NIGHT HAD FALLEN AND THE STABLE WAS DARK / SUDDENLY FROM BEHIND...



WHEN TEX CAME TO HE WAS TIED HAND AND FOOT...

OH, MY HEAD! BETTER BE CAREFUL... ANY KIND OF MOVEMENT COULD SET THESE WILD-EYED LONGHORNS TO TROMPIN' ME!



FURY! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! MUST'VE SENSED I WAS IN TROUBLE AN' JUMPED THROUGH THE WINDOW! EASY BOY, SLOW... DON'T SPOOK THESE CATTLE! YOU'VE GOT TO LOOSEN THESE THINGS...



THE SHARP TEETH OF THE INTELLIGENT DOG MADE SHORT WORK OF THE LEATHER THONGS / THE STEERS SHIFTED UNEASILY THEN, SCENTING THE DOG WENT WILD...

DIDN'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE OI WE, FELLER?



TRAIL HIM, FURY! THOSE MUST BE THE FOOT TRACKS OF THE HOMBRE WHO PUT ME HERE, FIGURIN' THE TROMPIN' WOULD CUT UP THOSE LEATHER TIES AN' IT'D LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT!



THE GREAT DOG TRAILED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

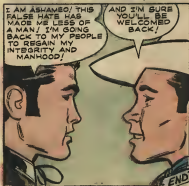
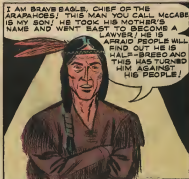
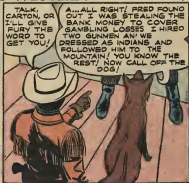
CARTON, YOU TRIED TO GET ME! YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO TALK! THAT MEANS YOU KILLED YOUR PARTNER OR HAD HIM KILLED ON THE MOUNTAIN...

YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT! CALL THIS WOLF OFF!





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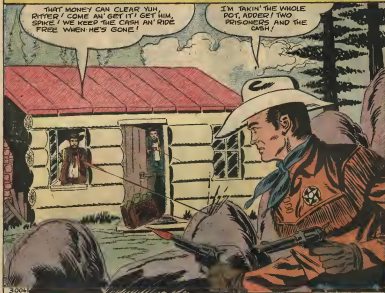


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# TEX RITTER

## VENGEANCE TRAIL

ADDER'S TRAIL WAS EASY TO FOLLOW... THROUGH THE CANYON, ACROSS THE BURNING MESA, THE PRAIRIE RAMSER HAD NO TROUBLE FOLLOWING THE LIGHTNING-FAST GUNMAN! HE KNEW A TRAP LAY AHEAD... A TRAP HE HAD TO WALK INTO OR REMOVE THE BADGE HE'D ALWAYS WORN!



THAT MONEY CAN CLEAR YUH, RITTER! COME AN' GET IT! GET HIM, SPIKE! WE KEEP THE CASH AN' RIDE FREE WHEN HE'S GONE!

I'M TAKIN' THE WHOLE POT, ADDER! TWO PRISONERS AND THE CASH!

A MONTH BEFORE THAT TRAIL ENDED IN VIOLENCE, TEX RITTER HAD BEEN ON ANOTHER DANGEROUS MISSION! MILES ADDER'S BROTHER, DAVE, WAS HIS TARGET THEN...

GIVE UP, DAVE!

I GOT YUH PINNED DOWN, RITTER! YO'RE BLUFFIN'!

I NEVER BLUFF, ADDER!



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DAVE ADDER WAS JAILED AND HELD FOR TRIAL! HE'D NEVER BEEN CONVICTED BEFORE... BUT HE AND HIS MORE DANGEROUS BROTHER, NILES, HAD BEEN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW FOR YEARS!

... SERVE TEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR, DAVE ADDER! COURT DISMISSED!

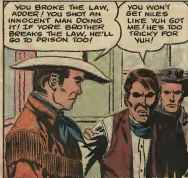


YOU DID THIS, RITTER! MY BROTHER WILL GET EVEN! NILES WILL GET YOU AND SET ME FREE!



YOU BROKE THE LAW, ADDER! YOU SHOT AN INNOCENT MAN DOING IT! IF YORE BROTHER BREAKS THE LAW, HE'LL GO TO PRISON TOO!

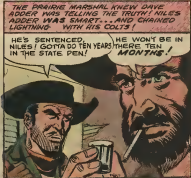
YOU WON'T GET NILES LIKE YUH GOT ME! HE'S TOO TRICKY FOR YUH!



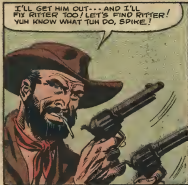
THE PRAIRIE MARSHAL KNEW DAVE ADDER WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! NILES ADDER WAS SMART... AND CHAINED LIGHTNING WITH HIS COLTS!

HE'S SENTENCED, NILES! GOTTA DO TEN YEARS IN THE STATE PEN!

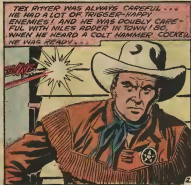
HE WON'T BE IN THERE TEN MONTHS!



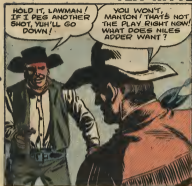
I'LL GET HIM OUT... AND I'LL FIX RITTER TOO! LET'S FIND RITTER! YUH KNOW WHAT TUN DO, SPIKE!



TEX RITTER WAS ALWAYS CAREFUL... HE HAD A LOT OF TRIGGER-HAPPY ENEMIES! AND HE WAS DOUBLY CAREFUL WITH NILES ADDER IN TOWN! SO, WHEN HE HEARD A COLT HAMMER COCKED, HE WAS READY...



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RIDE OUT, YOU TWO! MEBBE I SHOULD JUG YUH.. BUT I'LL WAIT! YUH'VE BEEN LUCKY SO FAR DODGIN' THE LAW! YORE NEXT ROBBERY WILL BE YOUR LAST! COME ON, FURY!

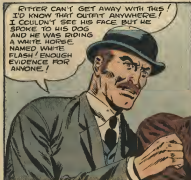


TEX KNEW NILES ADDER WAS SMART... HE KNEW THE OYLHOOTER WOULD BE PLENTY TRICKY! BUT HE DIDN'T EXPECT NILES TO DO WHAT HE DID!

STAY DOWN, FURY! DROP THAT BAG, MISTER! THEN DRIVE THE BUCKBOARD TO TOWN! ME AN' WHITE FLASH WILL GO THE OTHER WAY!



RITTER CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! I'D KNOW THAT OUTRIT ANYWHERE! I COULDN'T SEE HIS FACE BUT HE SPOKE TO HIS DOG AND HE WAS RIDING A WHITE HORSE NAMED WHITE FLASH! ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR ANNONE!



IT WAS AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN TEX RITTER HEARD POUNDING ON THE DOOR OF THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AT THE FRONT OF THE JAIL! HE GOT UP AND...

WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THERE TROUBLE?

YOU BET THERE IS... YOU'RE IN IT!



SET IN THAT CELL, RITTER! THE JUDGE WILL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING!



YOU ROBBED ME TONIGHT, RITTER! YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR CRIME THE SAME WAY ADDER OR ANY OTHER OUTLAW WOULD!

I GOT IT! OKAY! I'LL WAIT TO SEE JUDGE WARD!



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TEX RITTER, MINUS HIS BADGE AND GUNS, FACED JUDGE WARD IN THE MORNING! THE JUDGE HEARD THE EVIDENCE IN AWE!

HE SHOT THE GUARD AND STOLE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! THERE'S NO DOUBT IT WAS HIM! I SAW HIM, JUDGE!

IS HE TELLING THE TRUTH, MARSHAL?

HE THINKS HE IS, YOUR HONOR! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU ALONE!

SET HIGH BAIL ON ME, YOUR HONOR! NILES ADDER'S BEHIND THIS... I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM AND BRING HIM BACK WITH THE MONEY!

IF YOU INSIST, TEX! BUT YOU WON'T BE WEARING YOUR BADGE! IF NILES ADDER SHOOTS YOU, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP!

A LOT OF MEN HAVE TRIED, JUDGE! I'M STILL HERE!

TEX RITTER, YOU WILL STAND TRIAL ONE WEEK FROM TODAY! UNTIL THAT TIME, YOU ARE FREE IF YOU CAN POST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL!



TEX RITTER'S FRIENDS POSTED THE BAIL A MOMENT LATER... AND THE LAWMAN, MINUS HIS BADGE, WAS READY TO RIDE!

ADDER'S SMART, TEX! WATCH YOURSELF!

HE'S BLINDED BY HATE, JUDGE! I'LL FIND HIM!

HUP, WHITE FLASH! COME ON, FURY!



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TEX HEADED FOR THE SPOT WHERE THE HOLD-UP HAD OCCURRED! HE FOUND IT EASILY ENOUGH... THEN, WITH FURY'S NOSE TO HELP FOLLOWED IT EASILY!



I KNOW, FURY! HE'S NOT FAR AHEAD... YOU CAN TAKE ME TO HIM! BUT HE WANTS ME TO DO THAT! I'M RUNNIN' STRAIGHT INTO A TRAP!



WHOEVER THREW THAT BULLET WASN'T AIMIN' AT ME! MY GUESS IS THAT'S SPIKE. LETTIN' ME KNOW I'M AT THEIR MERCY!



SPIKE'S TOO CONFIDENT! HE'S OVER BEHIND THOSE ROCKS! I'LL SHOW HIM SOME REAL SHOOTIN'!



MANTON SAW THE MOVE! HE HAD GOOD COVER... IN A NEST OF ROCKS HE COULDN'T BE HIT, HE THOUGHT!

HE CAN'T HURT ME HERE!



WANT MORE, MANTON? I CAN BANK WINCHESTER SLUGS AROUND YORE EARS ALL DAY!

CUT IT OUT, RITTER!





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MANTON RELIED ON TEX RITTER'S RELUCTANCE TO SHOOT... HE SCRAMBLED OUT OF THERE FAST! TEX WATCHED HIM GO... ENJOYING HIS FRANTIC HASTE!

LET HIM GO, FURY! HE'S FRIGHTENED ENOUGH! NOW, HE'LL RUN TO NILES... WE'LL FOLLOW ALONG AND SEE WHAT ADDER HAS UP HIS SLEEVE.



EASY, BOY! WE'RE NEAR THE END OF THE TRAIL... ADDER'S GOT HIS TRAP SET AN' WAIMIN' FOR US! THERE IT IS... THE CABIN HE'S LED US TO!



SEE THE SET-UP, FURY! NILES IS IN THERE... SO IS SPIKE MANTON! THEY WANT ME TO COME IN FOR THEM! I WILL... BUT YOU WON'T! I'VE GOT OTHER PLANS FOR YOU, FURY! LISTEN...



FURY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND... TEX SENT HIM OFF ON HIS ERRAND... THEN HE SHOWED HIMSELF!

I'M HERE, ADDER! GIVE UP... COME OUT WITH THE MONEY AND I'LL TAKE YOU BACK FOR TRIAL!

COME AN' GET ME, RITTER! THE MONEY'S RIGHT HERE!



THERE IT IS, RITTER! THE MONEY THEY SAY YOU STOLE! COME ON... IF YUH'RE NOT AFRAID!



I'M COMIN', ADDER!



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NAIL HIM WHEN HE GETS TUH MONEY, SPIKE! THEN WE'LL TELL EVERYONE WE CAUGHT NILES WITH THE LOOT! WE'LL KEEP MOST OF IT!

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AFTER WE TAKE YUH BACK WITH SOME OF THE MONEY, RITTER, I'LL GET A NEW TRIAL FOR DAVE! THEY'LL SPRING HIM! YOUR TESTIMONY PUT HIM IN JAIL... WHEN YOU'RE A CONVICTED OUTLAW, YOU'RE STORY WON'T BE BELIEVED!



IT LOOKED HOPELESS... BUT TEX RITTER HAD ONE ACE LEFT! HE GOT TO HIS FEET AND RAN, IGNORING THE BULLETS... BULLETS THAT MISSED WIDELY!

GET 'EM, FURY! HERE I COME, NILES! SPIKE CAN'T HELP YUH NOW!

NEVER MIND THAT DOG, MANTON! SHOOT RITTER!



KRAKK

LATER, AFTER NILES ADDER AND SPIKE MANTON HAD BEEN DOCTORED AND LOCKED UP...

I THOUGHT SURELY IT WAS YOU WHO HELD ME UP, MARSHAL!

I DON'T BLAME YOU! NILES ADDER'S OUTFIT WAS EXACTLY LIKE MINE! HE COULDN'T OUTFOR ME... BUT FURY WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM!



# RIDING THE RANGE WITH TEX RITTER



**HOWDY PARDS!**

FIGURED I'D TELL YOU ABOUT AN OL' TIMER WHO'D BEEN ONE OF THE MOUNTAIN MEN WHEN HEROS OF BUFFALOES BLACKENED THE WESTERN PLAINS AN' THE SIOUX, THE CHEYENNE AN' THE BLACKFEET CONSIDERED ALL THIS GREAT WESTERN LAND THEIR HUNTIN' GROUNDS!

I'D RIDDEN INTO A WAGON YARD IN FORT BOSWORTH AN' THIS OL' TIMER WAS SITTIN' THERE WHITTLIN'. WE GOT TO TALKIN' AN' HE TOLD ME HOW HE USED TO SEE THE COVERED WAGONS COMING INTO THESE WAGON YARDS FROM OFF THE PLAINS! IN THOSE DAYS THE WAGON YARDS WERE CAMPIN' AN GATHERIN' PLACES AN FOR FIFTY CENTS A FAMILY HIRED SPACE FOR THEIR WAGON, PROTECTION, WATER FOR BEASTS AN' MEN AN' FIREWOOD!

"WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WERE THOSE OLD PIONEERS?" I ASKED THE OL' TIMER!

"ALL KINDS; HE ANSWERED! "THERE WERE ENGLISHMEN, GERMANS, SCANDINAVIANS, SPANIARDS, IRISH IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT OVER TO BUILD THE RAILROADS, CHINESE, AND LOTS OF MIXED BLOODED PEOPLE OF ALL COMBINATIONS!"

AFTER AWHILE I ROSE AWAY BUT KEPT THINKIN' OF WHAT THE OL' TIMER HAD SAID! YES, IT TOOK ALL KINDS OF STALWART BREEDS OF PEOPLE, SEARCHIN' FOR A NEW WAY OF LIFE IN A NEW COUNTRY TO BUILD THE GREAT WEST, AN' ALL OF THEM DID THEIR PART, JUST AS THEY DID IN BUILDIN' THE REST OF AMERICA! OUT HERE A MAN IS KNOWN AN' RESPECTED FOR WHAT HE DOES, NOT FOR WHAT HE IS! I RECKON THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE ALL OVER!

WELL, PARDS, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, I'LL BE SAYIN'...

ADIOS,  
TEX RITTER



HOWDY  
AND  
THE WAY!



# Chief Healer

Helen Donerson was concentrating her attention on the sweater she was knitting. Seated comfortably on a chair her eyes were below the level of the large desk in front of her. She thought she heard a slight cough. Then it became louder. Finally she raised her eyes. In front of her was a tall well built young man wearing new eastern clothing.

"What can I do for you," she smiled.

"This is the office of the Cooperstown-Haggersville Stage Coach Company, isn't it?" he half said and half asked.

"That's what the big sign outside tells you," she pointed out.

"I want a ticket to Haggersville on the three o'clock stage. One way please. How much is the fare?" he continued.

"No stage leaves today, nor tomorrow, nor the day after," she said pleasantly.

"But at St. Louis they told me the stages leave every day. And that's what is printed outside on your schedule board."

"Ever hear of Chief Vittorio?" she demanded.

"Of course," he replied in a slightly harsh tone of voice that escaped her.

"He and about a thousand of his braves are in the mountain regions between here and Haggersville," she told him. "At present he is at war with the government, and that also includes all white men."

"Ridiculous," insisted the young man. "Then I will hire a horse and ride to Haggersville. Also a pack horse for my luggage."

"Why ridiculous?" interrupted the voice of Helen's father who had overheard the entire conversation from inside his private office. He opened the door and faced the young man.

"You easterners are all the same," he scolded. "You make light of a situation that means life and death to us out here in the west. One month of this and I'm broke. Think you are smart, eh? Go out and drive the stage yourself. Get it through and I'll give you half interest in my line."

The young man looked at the older man whom he realized was the father of the charming girl. Whatever other plans he had had in mind were now going to be changed.

"Put that in writing now and I'll take a stage out myself tomorrow or the day after at the latest," he challenged.

Jack Donerson took a pen and dipped it into the inkwell. He drew up a brief contract and handed it to the young man who read it over once carefully. Then he signed his name. Jack Donerson looked carefully at the name and his expression changed.

"You are Dr. Robert Caldwell, the son of Dr. James Caldwell. I should have noticed the resemblance. Those eastern clothes of yours got me mixed up. I'll notify the sheriff at once. Guess you are the only man who can help us."

Within an hour the news spread throughout the town about the arrival of the young man. Sheriff Jed Winston came over with a fast mustang for the young man who had now changed his clothing. He wore a tan shirt, western boots, and in his right hand he held an Indian feathered war bonnet. Around his waist was a gun belt and in the holster was a Colt .44. Soon Helen heard the story. Dr. Robert Caldwell was the blood brother of Long Lance, the son of Chief Vittorio! The young doctor faced the sheriff and the assembled group.

"Whatever terms I can get from Chief Vittorio will have to bind you in honor. Are you all willing to do that?"

"If we don't then we face economic starvation," said Michael Kelly, owner of Kelly's Emporium. "We have no quarrel with the Indians. See what you can do to help us."

The young man mounted his horse and threw the war bonnet over the pommel. He would not wear it until he was within the territory where he might expect the Indians to be waiting for any rider. Helen touched his hand.

"You are a brave man," she admitted. "I hope you are successful and become our partner."

For the next three hours, young Dr. Caldwell rode his horse slowly. Then he put the bonnet on his head. He had a feeling that eyes were watching him. And he wasn't wrong. For a half hour later he was stopped by an armed group of puzzled red skins.

"I am Young One, blood brother of Long Lance. Chief Healer was my father. Now I too am a Chief Healer. Take me to Chief Vittorio. I wish to speak to him."

He was escorted through the mountain passes and taken to an encampment. Long Lance recognized him at once and spoke.

"It is good to see you after these many years," greeted Long Lance. "They told us that you had decided to study medicine after the death of your father. It is good that you walk in his footsteps. We need healers for our people. My father will be glad to see you."

They then went to a big lodge. Long Lance entered first. Soon he came out with his father. At that time, Chief Vittorio was still a powerful man. He was in his middle fifties and could still remember when the buffalo were unnumbered on the plains.

"I come in peace, oh Great Chief," said Dr. Robert Caldwell. "Never can it be said that either my father or myself did any injustice to our red brethren."

Then as though to emphasize his words, he unbuckled his gun belt and banded it to Chief Vittorio. The braves watching this gesture were moved by it. So was the Chief who returned the gun belt to the young man.

"Take it and keep it for we know you will never use it against us. What is your mission?"

"Permit the stage from Cooperstown to Haggerville to go in peace. For this I would receive a half interest in the company. Such money that I get will be turned over to your people. Surely when peace comes again, you will need many supplies including new homes. For you and your people can no longer be wanderers."

"When we were wanderers, we were free," replied the Chief. "They would bind us to one place. Then feed us as though we were people who needed charity. I know not what to do. The days of the buffalo are numbered. Soon there will be none on the plains. What are we to do? Raise corn or become keepers of the cattle. We no longer fight the other tribes. Once my people were masters over the Sioux, Kiowas, and Dakotas. Now we face a master from Washington that is very strong. We could go to Mexico. There is still plenty of land there."

"That wouldn't solve your problem," pointed out the young man. "You must be able to have food and materials for clothing. You and your people will live apart from the rest of the world for some time. But your children's children, and their children, will walk in the ways of the white man."

"I am tired of running and fighting. Then running and fighting again. Go tell General Howard that I will talk peace with him. But you must be with us. For you talk the tongue of the white man as well as that of my people."

"I shall return to Cooperstown and drive the stage to Haggerville," explained Dr. Robert Caldwell. "It was my intention to open an office in Haggerville. I shall contact Colonel Benderson at Fort Still. He will send the message to General Howard."

The young man returned to Helen Donerson and her father. The next day the stage left.

Actually, Joe Winters did most of the driving, with the young man at his seat who relieved him from time to time. The stage reached its destination safely. There, Dr. Robert Caldwell made arrangements to go to Fort Still. Three days later he spoke to Colonel Benderson. At the end of June, 1879, he accompanied General Howard to a peace parley with Chief Vittorio. Terms were finally agreed upon and fighting ceased. General Howard had the remarkable ability to understand the bothersome problems of both the white and the red men.

Dr. Robert Caldwell kept on seeing Helen Donerson. It was while he was in the stage coach offices that he received a surprise visit from Colonel Benderson.

"I shall be responsible for seeing that peace continues," explained the Colonel. "But I am realistic. Actually it depends upon having a good Indian Agent. General Howard suggested you as the man. Here is your appointment. The salary isn't much though you will have a home, a wagon, horses and food allowance. Take two weeks to consider it. Then let me know whether or not you accept or refuse."

When the Colonel had left, there was an awkward silence in the office. Helen felt she could read the mind of the young man she had come to love.

"Say it," she prodded him. "I know something is bothering you."

"I was going to ask you to marry me. But being the wife of a doctor in a western town is one thing. Being the wife of an Indian agent is another thing, for that is not going to be an easy life."

"But I will be your wife," was her reply as she went into his arms.

And so from August 1, 1879 to May 10, 1888, Dr. Robert Caldwell served as Indian Agent. During that time there was peace and contentment among the red men as well as among the white settlers. Chief Healer, was the name that they called him in all circles. And his pretty wife did much to help him in his work. The stage coach line continued and was very successful. Half of the profits were used for the benefit of the Indians.

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GIMME STEAM, NAILS, MORE STEAM! RITTER'S UP THERE-- IF HE REACHES THIS ENGINE BEFORE WE REACH THE HIDE-OUT, WE'LL ALL DO TIME!

3010

TEX RITTER TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION BEFORE THE SPECIAL TRAIN PULLED OUT FOR LARAMIE! HE AND BANKER SIMON FORTÉ COVERED ALL ANGLES...

I GUESS WE'RE ALL GET, TEX! WE'VE GOT CLEAR TRACK ALL THE WAY!

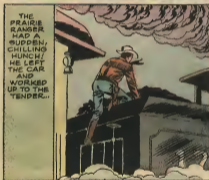
THE RAILROAD HAND-PICKED THE CREW FOR US! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TROUBLE! LET'S GET STARTED!



AALLLLLL ABOARD!



# TEX RITTER WESTERN

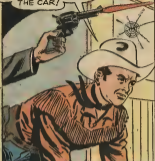




# TEX RITTER WESTERN

THE SPEEDING TRAIN WAS - ALMOST ROCKING OFF THE TRACKS! ACCURATE SHOOTING WAS IMPOSSIBLE!

HOLD 'EM OFF, LAWTON... I'LL TRY TO UNCOUPLE THE CAR!



ONCE WE STOP THIS TRAIN, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF RITTER!



GET READY FOR SHOOTIN', LAWTON! THE THIRD OUTLAW'S WAITIN' FOR A DECENT SHOT AT US!



THE CAR SLOWLY ROLLED TO A STOP. THE PRAIRIE RANGER SET THE HAND BRAKES...



NICE GOING, TEX!

OH, OH! THERE'S THE CONDUCTOR!



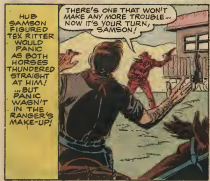
# TEX RITTER WESTERN



DROP THE GUN!  
I'VE GOT HIM, TEX!  
WATCH FOR THE  
OTHER TWO!



HERE THEY COME, LAWTON!  
HOLD THE ONE  
YOU'VE GOT... I'LL HANDLE THE OTHERS!

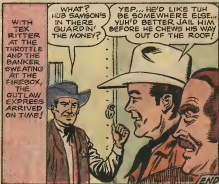


HUB  
SAMSON  
FIGURED  
TEX RITTER  
WOULD  
PANIC  
AS BOTH  
HORSES  
THUNDERED  
STRAIGHT  
AT HIM!  
... BUT  
PANIC  
WASN'T  
IN THE  
RANGER'S  
MAKE-UP!

THERE'S ONE THAT WON'T  
MAKE ANY MORE TROUBLE...  
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN,  
SAMSON!



HOLD 'EM HERE,  
LAWTON! I'LL GO  
FOR THE LOCO-  
MOTIVE ON ONE  
OF THEIR  
HORSES!



WITH  
TEX  
RITTER  
AT THE  
THROTTLE  
AND THE  
BANKER  
SWEATING  
AT THE  
FIREBOX,  
THE  
OUTLAW  
EXPRESS  
ARRIVED  
ON TIME!

WHAT?  
HUB SAMSON'S  
IN THERE  
GUARDIN'  
THE MONEY?

YEP... HE'D LIKE TUH  
BE SOMEWHERE ELSE...  
YUH'D BETTER JAIL HIM  
BEFORE HE CHEWS HIS WAY  
OUT OF THE ROOF!

END

# THE MAN FROM TEXAS

FOR FOUR YEARS THE MAN FROM TEXAS HAD BEEN ON THE TRAIL! A BIG TACTURN MAN WITH MISERY IN HIS EYES AND DETERMINATION IN THE SET OF HIS LIPS, EMMET BLAINE HAD FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF VENGEANCE! AND NOW, HE WAS REACHING THE END OF THAT TRAIL...



3550

WAIT! PALAVER! MAKE TALK!  
PAY MUCH FOR MAKE TALK!



WHY WE NO SHOULD  
KILL AND TAKE GOLD?  
PALEFACES SAY APACHE  
HAS NO HONOR!

THIS PALEFACE  
SAYS APACHE HAS  
HONOR! I GAMBLE  
LIFE ON APACHE  
HONOR! I AM ON  
TRAIL OF VENGEANCE!  
WORDS FROM APACHE  
CAN SHORTEN TRAIL!



# TEX RITTER WESTERN

THE OBSIDIAN EYES GLITTERED! THIS THE APACHES KNEW... VENGEANCE!

FOUR YEARS AGO MEMBERS OF YOUR BAND OF APACHES ATTACKED A WELLS-FARGO STAGE AT THE NEW MEXICAN BORDER! ALL WERE KILLED INCLUDING A... A YOUNG WOMAN!

TONO!



TONO WAS ONE! WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION?

WHO HIRED OR URGED TONO AND THOSE WITH HIM TO ATTACK THAT STAGE?



TONO THE APACHE SPOKE... HIS LIPS THIN WITH CRUELTY,

... THEN, TONO SAYS, THE PALEFACE CAME! HE GAVE TONO AND HIS BRAVES THE GUNS HE HAD PROMISED! FOR HIMSELF HE TOOK ONLY THE BOX UNDER THE SEAT OF THE STAGE WHERE THE DRIVER SAT!



THE APACHE TRANSLATED THE WORDS OF TONO...

TONO SAY PALEFACE BIG MAN, LIGHT HAIR, EYES LIKE SKY! MOON. SCAR ON TEMPLE, RED FACE! TONO SAY ENOUGH TALK, GIVE GOLD!

I KEEP MY WORD! HERE!



HE RODE AWAY... THE APACHES WATCHING INTENTLY...

I HAD TO BE SURE! THAT CAVALRY SERGEANT TOLD ME IT WAS TONO'S BAND! NOW I'M SURE... NOW I KNOW!



THAT LITTLE MAN AGAIN! ALWAYS I SEE HIM IN THE DISTANCE! FOR THE PAST YEAR HE'S BEEN DOGGIN' MY TRAIL! WHY? WHO IS HE? WHAT DOES HE WANT?



# TEX RITTER WESTERN

HIS CAMPS WERE MEAGER! HE PUSHED STEADILY ON, TOWARD BURRVILLE...



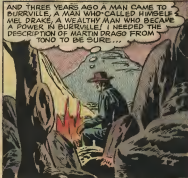
BUT IN THE FLAMES OF HIS CAMPFIRE THE VISION OF HER CAME TO HIM...



MARTIN DRAGO... THAT WAS HIS NAME... THE RENEGADE WHO SOLD OUT TO THE APACHES! HIS DESCRIPTION WAS VAGUE! THEN, AFTER THAT STAGE COUP, HE DISAPPEARED WITH THE WELLS-FARGO LOOT!



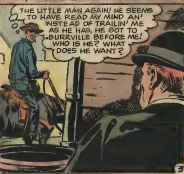
AND THREE YEARS AGO A MAN CAME TO BURRVILLE, A MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF MEL DRAKE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO BECAME A POWER IN BURRVILLE! I NEEDED THE DESCRIPTION OF MARTIN DRAGO FROM TOND TO BE SURE...



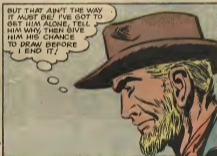
MARTIN DRAGO IS MEL DRAKE... AND I'M COMING TO THE END OF THE TRAIL! FOUR LONG YEARS NOW... THE END'S IN SIGHT!



FIVE DAYS LATER... RIDING INTO BURRVILLE...



# TEX RITTER WESTERN



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# TEX RITTER WESTERN

HE CIRCLED AND WAITED... UNTIL THE RENEGADE CAME!

HOLD IT... MARTIN DRAGO!

HUH? WHO SAID THAT NAME?



I DID! GET OFF THAT HOBB! CAREFUL NOW, I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT YUH BEFORE I'VE HAD MY SAY! I'VE WAITED FOUR YEARS TO SAY THIS PIECE SO YOU'D KNOW WHAT YOU WERE GETTIN' IT FOR!



FOUR YEARS AGO YOU GAVE GUNS TO AN APACHE, TONG, BRIBING HIM AN' HIS BUNCH TO HOLD UP THE TEXAS BOUND WELLS-FARGO STAGE! YOU DIDN'T CARE WHO WAS KILLED. ALL YOU WANTED WAS THE MONEY BOX!



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HE CHOKED UP THEN! FOR A MOMENT THERE WAS SILENCE... THEN...

NOW YOU KNOW WHY! I'VE BEEN ON YOUR TRAIL FOR FOUR YEARS... THIS IS PAYDAY! I'M HOLSTERIN' MY GUN! DRAW WHEN YOU'RE READY! THIS IS THE WAY I PLANNED IT! THIS IS THE WAY IT'S GONNA BE!

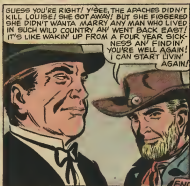
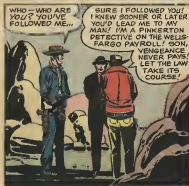
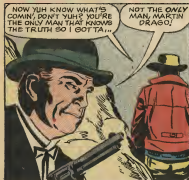
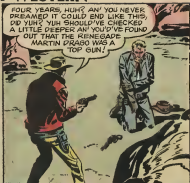


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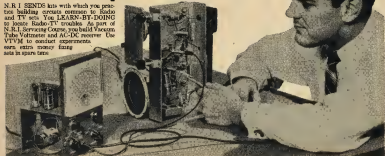
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