

INTO THE SUNSET

BY JACKSON GREGORY



Thirteenth Installment

Timberline went willingly on his errand.

The Laredo Kid, instead of dying, as he undoubtedly should, mended from the first day. In three days, having the lay of the land and feeling master of the situation, he spoke some part of his mind.

"Yuh been good to me, Cousin Barry," he jibed, with so much malice in his eyes that it must have been the overflow of the spleen within him.

"As soon as you can hold a gun steady," said Barry angrily, "I'm going to hand you one—and kill you."

Laredo laughed at him. Two days later he appeared to have a relapse. It turned out to be just a bit of clever acting on his part.

Barry was away an hour. When he came back he was wet with sweat and was breathing hard; he brought Sarge back with him only to discover that the Kid had gone. Gone also were both saddle horses and the bulk of what little provisions the cabin afforded. Laredo, riding away, had neither gone empty handed nor left them a means of overhauling him.

They shouldered their small packs and started on the long walk to Barry's old home.

The third day by mid forenoon they came within sight of the old home.

They went on and a moment later Sarge heard a strange sort of exclamation burst from Barry. Someone had come out onto the rickety old porch; it was a small, slender woman. She called out something and started down the steps as two men came out of the house behind her.

And then Sarge was hard set to keep up with Barry Haveril who was striding along to the house as though he could not get there fast enough. Next the two Lucys came running out of the house, with Ken March close behind.

The slender little woman who had been first to sight the on-comers started running along the path toward them, and Barry hore down on her faster and faster, presently sweeping her clear off the ground and hugging her.

"Home again!" cried Barry, his eyes wet and shining. "All of us!"

All of them except dead Robert who lay buried up in the hills toward Tex Humphrey's place, slaughtered by the Laredo Kid for the sake of a horse and

saddle.

They were having supper, when Timberline came riding back to them.

"They got sight of me, the cusses, about fifteen-twenty miles back," he muttered.

Everybody started asking questions again. Timberline, his eyes, red-rimmed and bleak and wrathful, turned to Barry. "They've outlaid yuh, pardner, damn 'em; outlaid yuh for stealin' another man's wife. They've made it look like it was all lawful. They're out gunnin' for yuh, Sundown, an' all warranted to shoot on sight."

He had met a man who had left Red Rock the day before, one Cliff Bendiger, an old prospector of Timberline's own breed and a friend. He had said, by way of greeting: "I hear young Barry Haveril's a pardner of yore'n. Well, if so, yuh better know now if yuh don't already, what the talk is."

They speculated upon the riders he had seen some "fifteen-twenty mile from here." Ben Haveril, Barry's father, offered thoughtfully:

"If yuh saw them that close, well likely they're headed here, where else?"

Timberline said: "If a gang swoops in on us while Barry's here, we got to fight it out with 'em, ain't we? If Sundown'll do a quick sneak, let 'em come."

"That's sense," nodded Ben Haveril. "Barry won't have to go far, but he better step along. He can watch the house from the woods, come day, an' c'n come on back if the coast is clear."

"Yuh had better go right away," Barry said, his mother.

"Of course yuh're right," Barry said. "I don't want to run out on you folks, but it's clear as day that my staying here now would only drag you all into it. Sure, I'll go. But there's something yuh're all forgetting—"

Lucy sprang to her feet. There were fires in her eyes, too; she stood quivering tense. She could not wait for Barry to finish. She cried out passionately:

"What about me? What am I to do?"

"That's what I was thinking of," muttered Barry.

"Don't you see?" demanded the girl. "It isn't only Barry they want. They're after me, too!"

Lucy's eyes were brighter than ever and her face was aflame again when she made her hurried rejoinder:

"I am not going back to anybody, until I know a lot of

things! I—" She whirled to Barry. "Take me with you, Barry!"

"We wouldn't let 'em take her, Barry," said his father. "Not unless she wanted."

"But don't you see?" cried Lucy. "It would be the same as if Barry had stayed; they'd turn things upside down to get me—it's the Hamilton money they're after, I know it. Didn't they—didn't someone murder for a part of it long ago?"

Barry caught her by the arm. He didn't speak to her but to his brother.

"Get a couple of horses saddled up for us, will you, Lute? We'll be getting ready to go."

The wanly lighted windows behind them were blotted out in the dark. The black limbs of trees like monstrous arms spread above them.

A sigh escaped the girl. That was when, after a few minutes of riding, she experienced a sensation of relief, of escape. At the same instant Barry spoke.

Barry said, "You know I love you, Lucy."

And Lucy, her voice hushed like the breath of night air through the pines, answered him with the question, "Do you, Barry?"

"And you, Lucy—down in your heart—"

"Don't, Barry!"

Presently she said: "Barry, life is terrible, isn't it? It isn't fair! It doesn't give us a chance. If one only knew—"

"Why didn't I take you away with me that time from Tylersville?" he exclaimed bitterly.

She didn't answer, but in her heart she whispered despairingly, "Oh, why didn't you, Barry?"

"Tonight I'm going to take you to Tex Humphreys' ranch," said Barry. "It's not far; we'll be there in an hour or an hour and a half—"

"Sh!" whispered Lucy, and reached out to catch his sleeve. "I hear someone coming!"

He, too, heard horses' hoofs on a bit of rocky trail in the distance and a moment later there were faint, faraway voices.

They had scarcely drawn aside from the trail when a dozen men went riding by. Two of those men were Judge Blue and Tom Haveril.

The riders passed on.

When they drew near Tex Humphreys' cabin in his clearing among the pines Barry said, "Wait here a minute; I'll go ahead and make sure it's all right," and swung down and left her holding his horse.

A slim little figure started up before him, materializing out of the blackest of the shadows.

"Jesse! So you did come back to me!" said a soft voice murmuringly.

"Molly!" exclaimed Barry. "It's you, isn't it, Molly?"

She drew back, poised for flight. "You—Who are you?" She sounded frightened.

"I am Barry. Don't you remember Barry Haveril, Robert's brother?"

"Oh!" She gasped out the one syllable and grew still farther back from him.

"You thought I was Jesse," he said. "What Jesse? Who is the Jesse you looked for?"

Molly was trying to bite his hand but suddenly froze still.

"It's Jesse Conroy, isn't it?" Barry persisted, still gripping her arm. "You're waiting here for him. And he is the man who murdered Robert!"

"You did love Robert, didn't you, Molly?" he said gently.

She nodded miserably. She said faintly: "Robert, gone now. His ghost walks at night."

"And then Jesse Conroy came!" "I was so sad," she said. "And Jesse—He looked like Robert. Just a little. And—and—"

"And so you loved him, too, Molly?"

She grew fierce, stamping passionately. "No! You tell me he killed Robert? That is true! I know. One time Jesse asks me about Robert—and when I cry he laughs. And he says something then I can't understand until now! He says, 'If I hadn't come, your Robert wouldn't be gone, huh?' And he laughs some more, like a bad joke."

Then she sped away, running off into the forest.

Barry went on slowly toward the dark cabin. When he rapped lightly there was no answer. He stepped into the house.

The empty house afforded no answer. Puzzled, he went back for Lucy.

The fire on Tex Humphreys' long cold hearth, built up afresh by Barry, blazed cheerily. Lucy crouched close to it, warming her hands.

"You are the best, the finest man I ever knew, Barry," "Lucy!"

WPA Workers In Retail Trade Get Higher Pay

Some Reductions In Northern States Are Ordered

Washington, Aug. 15.—In accordance with the requirements of the emergency relief appropriation act of 1939, Col. F. C. Harrington, work projects commissioner, today announced new security wage rates which will mean a substantial increase of those rates in southern states.

Unskilled WPA rural wages in region three, which comprises the southern states, will be revised upward from \$26 to \$35 per month. Unskilled wages in this region in cities of 100,000 or over will be \$50.70 a month as against a present schedule of \$40, effective September 1.

In northern and western cities of 100,000 population and over the unskilled wage rate will be \$57.20 as against the present schedule of either \$55 or \$60 a month. Previous to revision under the new law, the base security wage for unskilled workers in these cities in the north was \$55 a month with discretionary authority given to increase this by 10 per cent. In a number of cities, including New York, Cleveland and Detroit, this increase had been granted resulting in an unskilled wage of \$60.50 a month; whereas other cities, including Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, had continued at the \$55 base level. The new wage schedule gives all such cities a WPA unskilled rate of \$57.20 a month.

Colonel Harrington stated that in determining the new wage schedules the controlling factors were the language of the act and the obvious intent of the Congress as to the application of the wage provision. The act provides that no substantial change in the national average WPA wage shall be made. In June the average WPA wage was approximately \$53 a month throughout the country.

Retail Trade Increase Big

Washington.—A billion dollar increase in retail trade during the first six months of 1939 over the 1938 period was reported today by Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins.

Hopkins said that the total retail trade during the first half of this year was valued at \$17,900,000,000 a gain of 8 per cent over the \$16,900,000,000 last year.

The lead over the previous year was maintained during each month this year. The largest relative gains was scored during the second quarter when sales averaged an increase of about 7 per cent over 1938.

Arrested For His Speed To Funeral

Danville, Va., Aug. 16.—Rev. Mack Moore, negro minister, was fined \$10 and costs this morning for driving to a funeral recklessly. The minister's car had been hemmed in by other machines and the procession started without him. Afraid of arriving at the cemetery too late, the minister put on speed, caught up with the

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mrs. L. E. Forster, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Goshen, North Carolina, on or before the 14th day of August, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 14th day of August, 1939.

RUTH F. HOLDER,
Administrator of Mrs. L. E. Forster, deceased.
9-18-6t (m)

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Wilkes County.

By virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed the 14th day of June, 1938, by Alva Church Dancy and husband, Farthing Dancy, to T. A. Eller, trustee, and recorded in book 184 page 148 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, and the stipulation of said deed of trust not having been complied with, the undersigned trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Wilkesboro, N. C., at 12 o'clock, noon, on August 28, 1939, the following described lands.

First Tract: Known as the F. D. Forster tract. Bounded by the land of C. L. Walsh on the West, T. J. Price on the North, Andy Laws on the East, R. A. Tarpe and C. L. Walsh on the South, it being the lands formerly owned by Adaline Sharpe, Forest Fraley and contains thirty five acres more or less. See book 119, page 54 Wilkes County Records.

Second Tract: Known as the Garwood or L. W. Fox tract. Beginning on a black oak by the road, runs North three degrees, West 24 poles to end of Laws line. East 48 poles to a Maple in his line, South 10 degrees East 12 poles to a stake in the road. South 74 degrees West with the road 54 poles to the beginning, containing 5 1/2 acres more or less.

Third tract: Beginning on a pine stump Andy Laws corner, runs South 9 1/2 rods to a red oak, then south east 28 poles to a stone on the road then north east 4 rods to a red oak on the road, then North 18 rods to a stone corner of the Church lot, west 3 3/4 rods to the beginning, containing two acres more or less.

TERMS OF SALE CASH.

This the 28th day of July, 1939.

T. A. ELLER, Trustee.
8-21-4t (m)

Treasury Check Bounces

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 16.—Sheriff David J. Manning of Hampden county wondered today if Uncle Sam had overdrawn his checking account after a U. S. Treasury check for \$61.20 "bounced" back marked "insufficient funds." The check was in payment for the keep of four federal prisoners in the county jail. Manning said he would refer the matter to the U. S. marshal's office at Boston.

He demanded, sounding stern, not at all loverlike, "Do you love me, Lucy?"

"I—I think I do, Barry."

There came a soft scratching sound at a window which made them start erect.

"It's all right," said Barry. "I want to talk with her, Barry. The girl, you. Girl, come out here."

"I'm noine!" said Lucy, drawn by Molly's voice.

Barry went with her to the door, peering down the bar. At the last minute he slipped his belt gun into her hand.

Barry returned to his task of preparing beds for the night on Tex Humphreys' sitting room floor. Outside he heard the girls talking.

He was just straightening up when he heard a voice speaking drawingly close behind him.

"You woman—stealer!" said the voice. Barry pivoted to face Tom Haveril. "I'm going to kill you this time, Sundown Haveril. Just as sure as you're a foot high."

Barry did not for a second expect anything but sudden death. He had given Lucy his gun.

"Kill and be damned to you," he said, and sounded merely disgusted.

"So you're going to face it like a little man, taking it standing up, are you?" jeered Tom Haveril. "You can't run away and you can't grab a gun, so like any cornered coyote you'll look it in the face, will you?"

Barry wasn't listening. The greatest rage of Barry's entire life flamed up within him then. Yet somehow he must warn Lucy.

"What's that?" he demanded.

"What did you say?"

Tom Haveril laughed at him, thinking him gripped by terror.

"You yellow dog," he said, "you're scared; that's what's the matter with you."

"So you're going to murder me, are you? No killing for you in 'air fight—"

"Shut up! Where's Lucy?"

"She isn't here," said Barry. Tom Haveril mocked him.

"Well, as my wife she won't last long, but as Colonel Hamilton's heless, that's different!"

Just then Barry heard a quiet footfall and Lucy's voice at the same instant.

(Continued next week)

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Wilkes County.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Phoebe Byrd, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 2423 Patria Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. on or before the 17th day of July, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of July, 1939.

MRS. MARY B. WISHON,
Administratrix of Phoebe Byrd.
Elledge & Wells,
P. O. Box 1157,
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Attorneys for Administratrix
8-21-6t (m)

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STATEMENT

Minneapolis Fire and Marine Insurance Company

Minneapolis, Minn.

Condition December 31, 1938, As Shown By Statement Filed	
Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$1,000,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year,	2,875,779.51
Increase paid up Capital, \$	Total, 2,875,779.51
Income—From Policyholders, \$	
Miscellaneous, \$ 75,692.52	Total, 75,692.52
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$	
Miscellaneous, \$367,188.17	Total, 367,188.17
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$764,051.34	In Force, 1,364,325.56
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$403,000.99	In Force, 455,172.71
ASSETS	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$ 9,750.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	2,142,966.42
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest—	285,469.78
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1938	141,843.54
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable	54.65
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks	45.00
Interest and Rents due and accrued	10,066.61
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	8,807.03
Total	\$2,598,893.73
Less Assets not admitted	168,472.68
Total admitted Assets	\$2,430,421.05
LIABILITIES	
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	\$ 4,500.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued	218,796.08
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$	223,296.08
Capital actually paid up in cash	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	1,207,124.97
Surplus as regards Policyholders	2,207,124.97
Total Liabilities	\$2,430,421.05
President, WALTER C. LEACH; Secretary, ROY E. EBLEN	
Treasurer, SPENCER T. MITCHELL	
Home Office, Pere Marquette Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.	
Atorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.	
Manager for North Carolina Home Office.	
State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, June 9th, 1939	
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Minneapolis Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Minneapolis, Minn., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, of the 31st day of December, 1938.	
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.	
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner	

STATEMENT

Monarch Fire Insurance Company, Cleveland, Ohio

Condition December 31, 1938, As Shown By Statement Filed	
Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$ 819,336.00
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$4,203,225.97	Total, 4,203,225.97
Increase paid up Capital, \$	
Income—From Policyholders, \$1,773,401.86	Total, 1,954,352.85
Miscellaneous, \$180,950.93	
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$760,856.45	Total, 2,925,950.56
Miscellaneous, \$1,265,094.11	
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year,	In Force, 4,775,839.00
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year,	In Force, 1,715,827.00
\$1,362,802.44	
ASSETS	
Value of Real Estate	\$ 428,759.20
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	41,779.15
Mortgage Participation Certificate	47,000.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	2,561,688.64
Cash in Company's Office	350.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest—	797,291.60
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1938	159,204.04
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1938	37,044.15
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable	28,542.54
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks	27,153.13
Interest and Rents due and accrued	17,675.55
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	12,815.76
Total	\$4,149,303.81
Less Assets not admitted	486,499.08
Total admitted Assets	\$3,662,804.73
LIABILITIES	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	\$ 228,574.00
Unearned premiums	1,985,202.55
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued	13,735.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	59,000.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued—	45,000.00
Reinsurance and return premiums due other companies—	138.66
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	45,986.64
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital	\$2,377,636.85
Capital actually paid up in cash	\$819,336.00
Surplus over all liabilities	465,831.88
Surplus as regards Policyholders	1,285,167.88
Total Liabilities	\$3,662,804.73
Business in North Carolina During 1938	
Fire Risks written	\$763,907; Premiums received, \$ 6,300.00
All Other Risks written	\$13,132; Premiums received, 1,711.00
Losses incurred—Fire	1,787; Paid 1,005.00
Losses incurred—All other 1,153; Paid	1,005.00
President, CHAS. S. COULIN; Secretary, WM. R. DALEY	
Treasurer, GEO. L. DOSCHER	
Home Office Cleveland, Ohio.	
Mail Address 80 John St., New York City.	
Atorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.	
Manager for North Carolina Home Office.	
State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, June 9th, 1939	
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Monarch Fire Insurance Company of Cleveland, Ohio, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1938.	
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.	
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner	

STATEMENT

Mercantile Insurance Company of America.

New York City

Condition December 31, 1938, As Shown By Statement Filed	
Amount of Capital paid in cash	\$1,000,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$7,087,940.74	Total, 7,087,940.74
Increase paid up Capital, \$	
Income—From Policyholders, \$2,051,705.07	Total, 2,337,264.44
Miscellaneous, \$285,559.36	
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$802,977.17	Total, 2,236,813.78
Miscellaneous, \$1,435,621.11	
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$29,842.71	In Force, 3,970,410.00
All Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$1,499,871.81	In Force, 1,075,670.99
ASSETS	
Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$6,463,163.93
Cash in Company's Office	7,877.25
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest—	356,112.90
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1938	331,724.87
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1938	15,140.26
Add Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable	3,072.62
Bills receivable, taken for fire risks	6,448.12
Interest and Rents due and accrued	45,174.57
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	141,536.69
Total	\$7,370,251.12
Less Assets not admitted	21,705.03
Total admitted Assets	\$7,348,546.03
LIABILITIES	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	\$ 189,801.00
Unearned premiums	2,102,508.20
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued	6,168.82
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued	110,415.41
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued.	19,647.14
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	42,006.42
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital	\$2,470,547.09
Capital actually paid up in cash	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	3,877,998.94
Surplus as regards Policyholders	4,877,998.94
Total Liabilities	\$7,348,546.03
Business in North Carolina During 1938	
Fire Risks written	\$ Premiums received, \$ 5,194.00
All Other Risks written	\$ Premiums received, 6,918.00
Losses incurred—Fire	771; Paid 697.00
Losses incurred—All others, 2,726; Paid	2,779.00
President, CECIL F. SHALICROSS; Secretary, R. P. STOCLEHAM	
Home Office 150 William St., New York City.	
Atorney for service: DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.	
Manager for North Carolina Home Office.	
State of NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, Feb. 20th, 1939	
I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Mercantile Insurance Company of America, of New York City filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1938.	
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.	
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.	

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