SEVENTH INSTALMENT

Monty Wallace has just arrived California, having broken the in California, having broken the East-West cross country airplane record. Natalie Wade, mistaken by him for a newspaper reporter, writes the exclusive account of Monty's arrival, and succeeds in securing a trial job with a paper in exchange for the story. Natalie becomes attached to Monty.

Although she discovers Monty's love for her is not sincere, Natalie admits that she loves him. She is assigned by her paper to report Monty's activities for publication. Jimmy Hale, the newspaper's photographer, becomes Natalie's

round the world plane for Monty. Marion's daughter, Sunny, exquisitely beautiful, is attracted to Monty. She invites Natalie to dine with her, when they meet the avi-ator unexpectedly.

prevent them from being alone. After driving to a mountain resort with Sunny and Jimmy, Monty again declares his love for

Bronchial Coughs

cess. The missing fliers were beneath them, apparently unhurt.

Mont Wallace tested the ground-currents cautiously and then put the ship into a steep dive.

pleted, radio had sent two planes to land beside Mont's ship on the beach before the town. Mont led the rescue flight and then came back for the girl.

Withered sandwiches and tepid pop disappeared like magic be-fore the onslaught of the two lost pilots. Bar chocolate and candy bars helped restore their morale and their sense of humor,

They chattered of their adventure, told of the clogged oil line that had caused them to try a landing and of the treacherous air current that had whipped the plane into the ground and crip-pled it beyond immediate repair.

co-worker.

Natalie interviews Jabe Marion, a wealthy airplane builder, who decides to build a record-breaking est seacoast town that might have a telegraph line. Arrangements were made for the two youths to remain where they were until help had been sent and then Mont and Natalie took off for the coast in high triumph.

Natalie discovers that Sunny is jealous of her friendship with Mont wired the lost fliers' home monty, and that she is trying to sheet after sheet of their story Getting the news out was a prodigous task for the small, black-haired, black-eyed operator had Natalie.

Natalie thrilled at the sight.

Her wild notion had brought suc
Before the task had been com-

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As they winged their way north along the coast line of California Bay, Natalie was happier than she had ever been before and Mont's mood matched hers in gaity

To their chagrin they found they had nothing to eat or drink aboard but they were determined to make port at the earliest possible moment and decided to forget the inconvenience of going without lunch.

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"We'll have the biggest dinner
there is on the Pacific coast,"
Mont declared and they planned
for the evening together.

At the airport, they were received like heroes with Mack Hanlon himself, minus his eye-shade

but hugging the girl in his enthusiasm,

Jimmy Hale alone greeted her
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"After all I've tried to tell you," ment. he reprimanded her; "going off without even a kodak. Won't plane and on Wallace's ability to

occurred to me to try for pictures."

"Well," the boy chuckled, "I'm going to see that you never go anywhere again without taking something along that will bring back a picture."

Jabe Marion bore the pair off then for dinner at his house, and there it was that Sunny congratulated them with cold reserve entirely foreign to her usual volubility.

Natalie was already assigned to cover preparations at the home port.

Plans were under way for the christening of the girl to half a dozen national picture agencies.

Sunny's glee was not hard to fathom, for the christening of the plane would link her name with that of Mont Wallace. The world would see romance there.

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aren't thinking of me as the she-

desert with him."

Natalie's head went up then and she turned to the business of freshening herself after the dishevelment of the journey. For a that Sunny suffered from the long moment she did not speak.

When she did it was with cold fury.

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you know and I know that you'd take him on any terms."

"Don't be silly." Natalie rejoined. "What you know and I know is that either of us could have had him on his own terms long heart and we'll see what can be done."

"Oh, Nat, I never thought of that. You hang onto yourself so. I didn't think you were ever silly. It's because you're such a swell person that I can't imagine anylody not loving you."

some noise at the door.

For an instant she was terrified but she knew that help was within call and so she went to the door and opened it. A man lay there, sprawled on the hall carpet and when she best above him.

body not loving you."

"Well, now that we've got all that out of our systems, I suppose we ought to go down for dinner. I wish I could send home for something I haven't slept in."
She considered her rumpled costume and control of the hall carpet and when she bent above him she found it was Jimmy Hale, unconscious and clearly very drunk. Her heart went out to him as it had never done before. She bent to lift him up and got him into the considered her rumpled costume rusfully.

she considered her rumpled costume ruefully.

"I'll probably die if you look well in it, but won't you wear something of mine?" Sunny offered and presently Natalie surveyed herself in a long glass wearing one of Sunny's stunning gowns.

"I knew I oughn't to have done that." Sunny laughed, "Now I'll never get Mont to look at me again."

"It's just too bad about you,"
Natalie bantered.

in conversation to pay any attention to feminine company.

When dinner was announced a few minutes later, both sprang up with apologies for having failed to notice that the two girls waited for them.

The four moved into the spacious dining room without pairing and there Jabe Marion stood in his place to propose a toast.

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"Let us drink," he said, "to the success of the greatest flight ever proposed. To the plane 'Sunny Marion,' to her non-stop refueling flight around the world, and to her pilot, Mont Wallace."

"Success to the flight and to the man who conceived the plan," he amended, "Success," cried Natalie, and

the glasses drained. "Breaks, kid," exulted Jimmy Hale. "You sure get 'em. And

may you never miss."

Natalie's story of the proposed flight was rolling on the great presses of the Express. The first inky copies lay before the two as they stood in Jimmy's cluttered office. office

Coming on the heels of her rescue story out of Lower California, it was world news, and Mont Wallace was again a hero, not only for what he had done but for what he was about to attempt.

In a dozen world capitals bet.

In a dozen world capitals, bet-ting odds were to be posted that same night on the chances of suc-

The plan was simplicity itself, with Mont Wallace's flying accuracy as the key.

Ten refueling stations were to be established. Ten pilots were to and with his suspenders hidden stand ready, linked by short wave under a black seersucker coat, all radio with the control station at

you ever learn?"
But she knew that he was more pleased than he dared admit.
"I forgot everything but getting started," she told him. "It never occurred to me to try for pictures."

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aren't thinking of me as the shedevil who is taking your man from you, you like me."

The girl closed her eyes stubbornly.

"I like you," she said, "when you don't consider it necessary to go on overnight trips into the girl with him."

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"When I stoop to the sort of be present while Natalie was busy tactics you mean, I will have lost with her copy or otherwise left out.

I have to degrade myself to make think of the dangers of the plan Mont Wallace love me, I'll choose or to try for the favor of the man

than to have it."

Sunny laughed unpleasantly.

"That," she sneered, is a good line for one of your stories. But

before this."

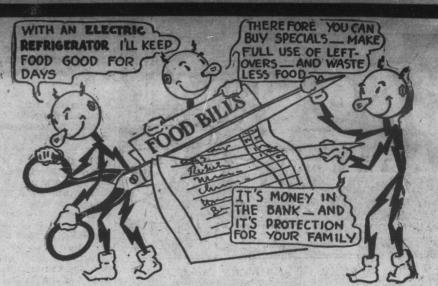
Sunny broke then. The tears came and she held out her arms bles into his willing ear. He took her in his arms as though she "I'm sorry," she sobbed, "but I were his sister instead of the girl he adored and promised her that he would do "his best damndest" to try to hurt you for I can't help being crazy about you."

Natalie comforted the girl as best she could. "And do you think I'm not jealous of you? I'd give my eyes sometimes if you weren't so good looking."

"Oh, Nat. I never thought of the into his willing ear. He took her his best cannules to fix things up for her. He took her home and made her promise to get into bed and forget all about it. Sleep came to her rescue then but she woke in the middle of the night, apparently wakened by some noise at the door.

"It's just too bad about you,"
Natalie bantered.
And together the two went down the broad stairway in search of the man they loved.
But when they reached the library door, they found that he and Jabe Marion were too deep in conversation to pay any atten-

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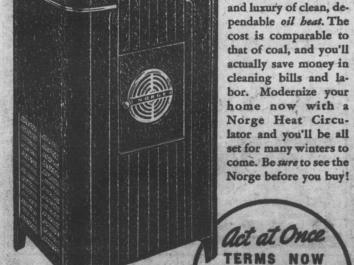
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