JOHN BOLES and GLADYS SWARTHOUT in "ROSE of the RANCHO"

Serialized by Wallace West

from the Paramount Picture of the same name.

SYNOPSIS

In 1852, shortly after California's admission to the Union, villainous American land-grabbers begin plundering Spanish ranchos and filing claims on them under American laws. Joe Kincaid is one of these. A band of vigilantes under the leadership of a mysterious Don Carlos fights Kincaid and his activities. Kincaid threatens to raid the ranch of Don Pascual Castro, whose daughter, Rosita, is the belle of the countryside.

CHAPTER II.

"HELP! Hey . . . let me go! Help! Help!"

Jim Kearney stopped his whistling and stuck his head out of the stagecoach window to see where those despairing cries came from.

A bullet whizzed past as he looked out, but not before he had caught sight of a little group of Spaniards who were standing around a tall tree some distance from the road, busily preparing for a "necktie party" or hanging.

A little distance from the group their leader sat astride his white horse. Although small of stature he was finely dressed and seemed to be in complete command of the situation.

"That's an American those Spaniards are stringing up," shouted Kearney as he jerked his head back into the coach. "Hey, driver, Stop! We've got to help him."

"That's Carlos and his Vigilantes," answered the driver as he whipped up his horses. "I don't want to fool with them. Besides I've got gold aboard."

"Go ahead then, if you're scared of your skin," cried Kearney. "I'm staying here." As he spoke he jerked open the door of the coach and leaped out onto the road.

Meantime the man about to be hanged was pleading wildly for his life as one end of a rope was placed around his neck and the other end tossed over the limb of a tree.

"Don't do it!" he screamed. "I'll give back everything. I'll pay damages . . . I'll pay. . . ."

"And how will you pay for the men you killed in cold blood, Joe Kincaid," the bell-like voice of Don Carlos rang out. "How will you pay for the wives and daughters you . . ."

"They did that against my orders," sobbed Kincaid, stretching out his bound hands to the imperturbable masked figure which judged him. "I'll get out of here and take them with me. . . ."

For answer Don Carlos waved one gloved hand. His men gripped Kincaid and seated him upon a horse. The rope around his neck was drawn taut. Then one of the vigilantes hit the animal a resounding blow and it bounded away, leaving the land-grabber dangling in mid-air.

At the same moment there was a thunder of hoofs and Jim Kearney, mounted on one of the vigilante's own horses, galloped into the scene. Before the onlookers knew what had happened he swept up to Kincaid, slashed the rope in two with his hunting knife, caught him before he fell and swung him across the saddle. Spurring his horse forward, he disappeared into the darkness as the Carlos band came to life. Some of them opened fire with their rifles while others made a dash for their horses.

In spite of its head start, the horse the two Americans were riding soon began to tire under its double burden. The sound of pursuit came closer.

"He'll never make it, carrying double," said Kincaid's rescuer at last. "You're the one they're after, so I'm leaving you. Good luck, stranger. . . . Here I go." As he spoke he slid out of the saddle and dashed for shelter at the side of the road.

Crouching behind a tree, a revolver in each hand, the young man watched the pursuit go past. For a moment he drew a bead on Don Carlos as the latter went by, conspicuous on his white horse. But he shook his head and did not pull the trigger. He could not shoot a man in cold blood.

A light was twinkling from a building some distance down the road and he started toward it, hoping to borrow a horse on which to ride into Monterey.

As he approached he made out that the house was a small place, dilapidated and obviously seldom lived in. But the light burned brightly inside and beside the door stood what he could have sworn was the same white horse that Don Carlos had been riding not ten minutes before.

Determined to capture the bandit single-handed, Kearney tiptoed forward, revolver in hand. Leveling his gun, he swung a terrific kick at the rickety door. It burst open and his cry of "Hands Up" died in his throat at the sight which met his eyes.

A girl, dressed for the fiesta, stood staring at him with wide and frightened black eyes.

"Madre de Dios," she screamed, throwing up her hands. Then, as the newcomer was completely taken aback she regained her composure and asked demurely: "You are looking for someone?"

"Step aside," answered Kearney as he tried to tear his eyes from this astonishing vision. "I'm looking for a man."

"What a relief," she laughed. "I thought it was jewelry."

"Where is he?" The girl's visitor pushed his way into the hut. Then, pointing his gun at a wardrobe, the only place in the bare room which offered a possible hiding place, he thundered: "Come out of there, or I'll let you have it."

"That would spoil so many dresses," interruped the girl. Calmly she stepped forward and opened the wardrobe, revealing nothing but a few clothes. "Not even a moth there," she teased.

"I suppose you want to look under the bed," she continued with a dazzling smile. "My grandmother does that every night."

"Where is he?" Kearney was completely stumped. "Don't tell me that you came here on Don Carlo's horse." He pointed out of the window, then choked. The horse was gone! "Damnation," he gasped.

"You'll have to scrub your mouth with soap and water," she warned. "Where's the horse?" he ran his hand desperately through his dark hair. "Now don't say 'What horse?' There was a horse out there and you know darned well it wasn't mine. By the way, is this where you live?"

"Oh no. I am the daughter of Don Pascual Castro, whose rancho is ten miles farther out from Monterey. But sometimes I stop here to break the trip into town and to freshen up a bit. This shack is empty most of the time because it's supposed to be haunted."

"By a white horse? Oh, come on now, what's the answer."

"A great many Americans are mad," she replied solemnly. "You're quite sure you're not just a little bit . . . " One slim forefinger tapped her forehead. "Or perhaps you've been in the sun without your hat. That brings on delusions."

"It doesn't bring on white horses." He couldn't suppress a smile.

"It might. If you were thirsty you'd see cool water and palm trees. You're miles from town. You need a horse so you see one."

"Is that why I'm seeing you?"

"Oh, I'm a stern reality," she answered blushing prettily. "Not very stern, of course, but I can't talk to you all day. That's the road to Monterey. Could I lend you one of my hats?"

"Lady," Kearney looked at her with grudging admiration. "If I'm groggy, it's not from the sun." He bowed and stalked away while Rosita looked after him with a happy, mischievous smile.

(To be continued)

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Misc. Claims In Office Of County Commiss- November 30, 1936

Samuel H. King & Sons, supplies for jail	$ 3.37
Davis Supply Co., supplies for jail	1.25
Malin Motor Co., supplies for jail	15.79
Henry Dorsey, hauling for jail	2.00
The Paul Co., supplies for court house	15.32
Frank N. Davis, supplies for court house	.63
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., supplies for Court house	8.25
Jacob Rubenstone, supplies for court house	27.10
The Elkton Supply Co., supplies for court house	10.25
Dr. V. H. McKnight, mental examinations 5 cases	25.00
H. C. Hess & Bro., room rent fo relection service	75.00
William Glover, working on ballot boxes registration books	7.00
George E. Herman, extra work General Election	1.50
John Lawrence, expense account for service rendered carrying ballot boxes and registration books & etc. to Fire House & Court House Room for Judges	14.74
Thomas R. Freeman, supplies for Supv. of Election	29.63
New Amsterdam Casualty Co., renewal of sheriff bond	250.00
New Central Hotel, 28 dinners for jurors	26.90
The Cecil Whig Publishing Co., printing	4.00
Harry M. McIntire, two months office rent	40.00
Department of Health, board of health	333.33
Clayton & Company, two months office rent for relief & etc.	80.00
John E. Woolman, repair work court house	1.45
The Elkton Supply Co., oil for court house	28.75
Cecil County Star, printing	25.00
Keys & Miller Lumber Co., lumber for court house	12.10
W. W. Moore, constable	5.00
Remington Store, supplies for court house	3.50
Omar D. Crothers, Jr., rent for school board office	60.00
Conowingo Power Co., service	230.00
Mac's Laundry, service	2.00
C. & P. Telephone Co., service	83.95
J. Howard Pugh, justice of the peace	11.35
J. Frank Frazer, vital statistics	30.15
C. S. Grant, vital statistics	.70
J. C. Rowan, vital statistics	5.60
Lawrence F. Saunders, vital statistics	11.10
George W. Owens, vital statistics	5.60
James F. Evans, legal service	50.00
B. Howard Brown, vital statistics	3.85
Miss Louise Worthington, vital statistics	11.20
Edward D. E. Rollins, expenses for state's atty.	48.68
Irene Pearce, stenographic service	10.00
Harold E. Cobourn, legal service	75.00
Lilley Bus Service, transporting CCC boys to Baltimore	20.00
Cecil County Star, printing posters on Tax Sales	15.00
Cecil Whig Publishing Co., adv. public sales of real estate	38.43
The Cecil Democrat, adv. public sales of real estate	48.75
The Cecil County News, adv. public sales of real estate	48.75
Cecil County Star, adv. public sales of real estate	48.75
Trustees of Red Men's Hall of North East, Md., hall rent for primary and general election, storage of election booths, janitor's service for the year 1936	87.00
J. Robert Lynch, repair work court house, Oct. and Nov.	113.40
Thomas C. Major, supplies for jail	42.23
John S. Keithley, supplies for jail	10.20
Joseph L. Thompson, supplies for jail	5.80
R. A. Nickle, supplies for jail	44.10
John Racine, supplies for jail	6.75
Ralph W. Pearce, supplies for jail	30.23
Frank W. Lort, supplies for jail	17.53
B. H. Davis, supplies for jail	83.96
Litzenberg Bros., supplies for jail	30.43
W. S. Coppage, supplies for jail	5.76
Cecil Whig Publishing Co., adv. tax sales and printing June 19-26-July 3-13-21 & 31-1936	348.93
Stanley D. Jeffers, coroner	51.35
Total amount of claims	$2,826.89

The above claims will be acted upon by the County Commissioners of Cecil County on December 8, 1936.

W. HERBERT BAKER,
Asst. Treasurer.

PUBLIC SALE OF COUNTY REAL ESTATE

The undersigned having purchased at a Tax Sale, the Real Estate hereinafter mentioned and described; will sell at a Public Sale at the Court House door in the Town of Elkton, Cecil County, Md., on

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1936

at 11 o'clock A. M. the following described Real Estate:

No. 1. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Sixth Election District of Cecil County, Md., on the road from Principio Road to Cather's Corner, bounded by lands of Sallie Norris and Samuel Cather, and containing one acre of land more or less, land assessed to A. M. McNamee and sold for delinquent taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, May 28, 1935, and recorded in Liber W. E. B. No. 2, folio 477.

No. 2. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the 7th Election District of Cecil County, Md., in the town of Port Deposit, on the road to Liberty Grove adjoining lands of Jeanette Thomas and the Smithson property. Land assessed to Charles Morgan and sold for delinquent taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County June 11, 1935 and recorded in Liber W. E. B. No. 2, folio 490.

No. 3. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the First Election District, Cecil County, Md., at Hack's Point Beach on Hacks Point Road ,and bounded by lands of Joseph Whaley, Frank S. Boppel and Community Park. Designated as Lot No. 42. Land assessed to Emil Wilkman and sold for taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, May 21, 1935, and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 307.

No. 4. All that lot or parcel of land in the First Election District of Cecil County on the road from Cecilton to Middletown, adjoining lands of John Piser, Bayard Vinyard and Savin, containing one acre more or less, assessed to Harry E. Poole, and sold for taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., May 28, 1935, and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 309.

No. 5. All that lot or parcel of land in the 8th Election District of Cecil County, Md., on the road leading from Oakwood to Old Conowingo and which is bounded on three sides by lands formerly of J. K. Prout and containing one quarter of an acre of land more or less, assessed to Harold E. Cobourn, Trustee, and sold for taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., and now on record in Liber W. E. B. 4 folio 318.

No. 6. All that lot or parcel of land situated in the First Election District of Cecil County, Md. at Hacks Point, being Lot. No. 50 on the North side of River Lane, adjoining lands of William F. Mink and Lindsay, and supposed to be forty feet wide by 105 ft. in depth. Assessed to Clarence P. Buck and sold for delinquent taxes May 28, 1935 and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 315.

No. 7. All those lots or parcels of land situated in the First Election District of Cecil County, Md., and designated as Lot No. 9 Block No. 2. Lots Nos. 12, 13, and 14, Block No. 3, and lot No. 17 Block No. 20 as laid out on plat of lots made by Arthur Potts, and now of record in Liber M. D. No. 10 folio 529. Lots assessed to John F. Warfield and sold for delinquent taxes, Nov. 5, 1935 and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 316.

No. 8. All that lot or parcel of land situated in the First Election District of Cecil County, Md. on Foard street, in the town of Cecilton in said County, adjoining lands of Sarah Longer, the Noland estate and J. P. Short and supposed to contain ¼ acre more or less, assessed to Perry Savin and sold for taxes June 25, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., and now on Record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 308.

No. 9. All that lot or parcel of land situated in the First Election District of Cecil County, Md. on West side of public road, leading into Veasey's Neck, adjoining lands now or formerly of Abraham Warench, Charles Long and Isaac Husfelt and known as the Page Place, and contains 35 acres more or less. assessed to Harriet Page and sold for taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County June 4, 1935, now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 310.

No. 10. All that lot or parcel of land in the Eighth Election District of Cecil County, Md. on the Mt. Zoar Road, adjoining lands of George R. Butler and the Conowingo Power Company, assessed to Edith E. Brown and sold to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md. for delinquent taxes and now on Record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2, folio 481.

No. 11. All that lot or parcel of land in the Sixth Election District of Cecil County, Md., containing 25 acres of land more or less, and adjoining lands of the Pa. R. R. Co., Thomas McGlothin, Foster Nickle and John Montgomery. Assessed to Mrs. McDowell and David Armstrong, and sold for delinquent taxes May 28, 1935 and recorded in W. E. B. No. 2, folio 482.

No. 12. All that lot or parcel of land in the Fourth Election District of Cecil County, Md., containing 56 acres of land more or less and adjoining lands of Henry Michler, Steven Smylak and Samuel Frazier on the road leading from the Cowentown road to School House. Assessed to James Pattelle and sold for taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2, folio 485.

No. 13. All that lot or parcel of land situated in the village of Cokesbury, the Seventh Election District of Cecil County on the Battle Swamp-Cokesbury Road, adjoining lands of Lydia Smith, Charles Campbell, Edward Kell and John Bond, assessed to George L. Cooper, and sold for taxes August 9, 1935, to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2, folie 487.

No. 14. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, Md., and adjoining lands of Dr. J. I. France, Cooper Clark and Hopkins, assessed to Elizabeth Allen, and sold for taxes May 21, 1935 to the County Commissioners and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folie 486.

No. 15. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Third Election District of Cecil County, Md., in the town of Elkton, on the East side of Collins Avenue, adjoining lands of Wm. Sterling Evans, Bessie Keaton and Collins Court, assessed to John W. Sartin and sold for taxes July 23, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., and now on Record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folio 476.

No. 16. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the First Election District of Cecil County ,Md. at Chesapeake Haven and known as Lots Nos. 10 and 11, in Block 2, and Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block No. 27, and Lot. No. 1 in Block No. 28 as designated on plot of lots on record in Liber M. D. No. 10, folio 529, one of the Land Record Books of Cecil County, Md., assessed to Mary C. Hessey, and sold for delinquent taxes Nov. 5, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 4 folio 311.

No. 17. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Third Election District of Cecil County, Md., in the town of Elkton, on the West side of Collins avenue, being No. 115, and is bounded on the North by lands of the Estate of William S. Evans, South by lands of Annie Albanese, and West by the old Cemetery, be the contents what they may, assessed to John Robinson and sold July 2, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folio 491.

No. 18. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, Md. on the road from Port Deposit to Rowlandville and adjoining lands of Rachel Smith and the Susquehanna Power Company, assessed to Carson La Rue, and sold May 7, 1935 for delinquent taxes to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folio 488.

No. 19. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, Md., on the North side of the road leading from Chestnut Grove School House to Principio Furnace, adjoining lands of Harvey Hawley, Whitaker Iron Co. and Walter Campbell and contains twenty six acres of land more or less, assessed to Oliver G. Campbell and sold May 28, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, Md., and now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folio 489.

No. 20. All that lot or parcel of land in the Fifth Election District of Cecil County, Md., on the road from Bethel Church to the Ford Road, adjoining land of Whitaker Iron Company and Nicholas Grussenmyer and contains 12 acres more or less, land assessed to Richard Maker and sold Nov. 5, 1935 to the County Commissioners of Cecil County for delinquent taxes, now on record in Liber W. E. B. No. 2 folio 484.

TERMS OF SALE—The terms of sale are cash on day of purchase—but more favorable terms may be agreed upon between Commissioners and purchaser. Cost of conveyance including revenue stamps are to be paid by the purchaser.

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