

OUR EXCITING  
PICTURE-STORY!

# THE RIO KID!



1. Making his way to the rear of the trees from which the shot had come, the Kid advanced warily towards the rifle-armed man he could see kneeling in their shelter, and surprised him before he could turn.



2. "What's the game?" shouted the Kid. The man jumped to his feet, startled, and raised his hands. He recognized the Kid, and told him he was guarding a cattle-stealing camp higher up the canyon.



3. "We steal from Old Man Dawnay—the man who outlawed you," said the sentry. "Why not join us?" He took the Kid to where a man with a branding-iron bent over a Double Bar steer.



4. When the iron came away, the steer's brand had been altered to Cross Bar. "You see!" said the sentry. "Dandy Smith's our boss. He'll be along later. Why not wait and see him?" The Kid waited.



5. Night had fallen before Dandy Smith rode into camp. His hand went to his revolver at sight of the Kid lounging against a boulder. The sentry hurriedly explained why the Kid was there.



6. "Refuse to join us, and you'll never leave this camp alive!" said Smith, dismounting. "I'm not joining you!" replied the Kid. Smith raised his revolver, but the Kid shot the weapon out of his hand.

Falsely accused of stealing money from his boss, Old Man Dawson of the Double Bar Ranch, Texas, there's a reward of 500 dollars for the Kid's capture. And a hidden marksman holds him up!



7. The other men jumped to their feet. But the Kid had them covered. Their hands went above their heads, and the sentry, under threat of the Kid's revolvers, tossed their weapons into a gorge.



8. The cattle-stealing gang shook their fists in helpless rage when the Kid sprang on his mustang's back and galloped off. What would he do? Would he warn the Double Bar people of what was going on?



9. Despite the fact that Dawson had wrongfully outlawed him, the Kid could not see him robbed. Risking capture, he rode to the Double Bar, and told Bud Wash, the foreman, all about Dandy Smith & Co.



10. Eating his evening meal on a hill overlooking the Frio trail, the Kid saw the Frio coach approaching. Suddenly, four masked men sprang out, held up the coach, and forced the solitary passenger to alight.



11. The Kid saw the passenger forced to mount a spare bronco, and taken away prisoner. "Guess this needs looking into!" he thought. Hastily saddling his mustang, he followed the bandits to their camp.



12. Their prisoner was Old Man Dawson, and the Kid heard the bandit chief demanding 20,000 dollars ransom from him! What will the Kid do? Ride away, or go to the rescue? (See next week's thrilling pictures!)