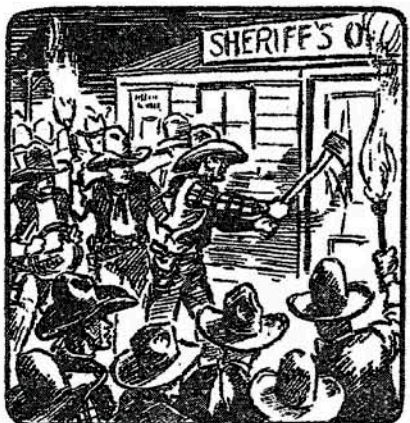




OUR EXCITING
PICTURE-STORY!
**THE RIO
KID!**



1. Remembering how the Kid had come to his rescue when bandits were holding him to ransom, Old Man Dawnay pushed his way through the crowd of excited cowboys who were yelling "Lynch him!" and offered the Kid his help. The Kid scornfully refused it. The sheriff had to plant himself between the crowd and his prisoner as the Kid was hustled away.



2. Excitement died down until darkness fell. Then came cries of "Lynch the Kid," and blows on the door of the sheriff's office. The door gave, and the lynchers surged in—to find the sheriff armed and waiting for them. The Kid recognised Bud Wash, foreman of his old ranch, as leader of the lynchers. "Get out!" ordered the sheriff, levelling his revolver.



3. The sheriff would have fired, but with a cry of "Let up, sheriff! They'll kill you if you shoot!" the Kid sprang forward, and jerked the sheriff's arm up. In a moment the Kid and the sheriff were overwhelmed and bound. Leaving the sheriff bound on the floor, the lynchers led the Kid out into the street, where an excited crowd waited.

FALSELY accused of robbing his late boss—Old Man Dawnay of the Double Bar Ranch, Texas—and outlawed, the Kid is brought into Frio by the sheriff!



4. Bud Wash hoisted the Kid into the saddle of the Kid's own mustang, whispering as he did so, "Be ready for a getaway, Kid—ride for the Double Bar!" Then the Kid understood. The Double Bar men were there to help him. Suddenly his mustang reared up and went plunging through the crowd, away into open country, the Kid hanging on by knee-grip.



5. As dawn was breaking, Wash and the other Double Bar cowboys overtook the Kid, and Wash cut his bonds. "The boss told us to save you from the lynchers, Kid," he chuckled, "an' we've done it! Now come along and see him. He wants a word with you." Old Man Dawnay was waiting on the ranch-house veranda when the party rode up. He curtly ordered the Kid to go into his office.



6. Dawnay gave the Kid the choice of clearing out of Texas or going back to gaol. The Kid refused to leave Texas—he was innocent of any wrongdoing. "Then back to gaol you go!" cried Dawnay, striding to the door. The Kid sprang after him, grabbed the revolver from the other's holster, and jammed it into his back! (What's going to happen now? See Next Week's exciting pictures!)