

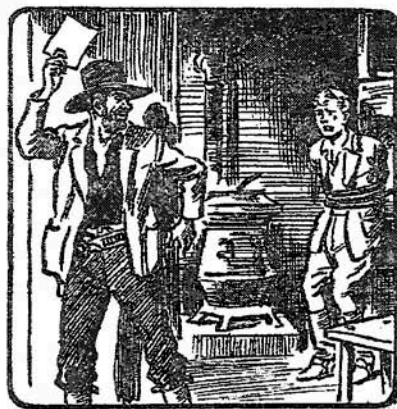
OUR EXCITING
PICTURE-STORY!
**THE RIO
KID!**



1. Young Dave Smith had come West in search of a secret pocket of gold found by his dead father. The gold was near Hard Tack, and he asked a cross-eyed miner the way to town.



2. Noting the likeness of Dave to his dead father, and remembering tales of the father's secret find, the cross-eyed miner guessed Dave's errand and pulled him off his horse.



3. Tying Dave up and searching him, the miner found a map sent to Dave by his father, showing where the gold was. Leaving Dave prisoner, the miner went off to find the gold.



4. Riding through a canyon the Rio Kid heard the sound of galloping hoofs, and around a bend came a riderless horse. It was Dave's. The horse turned back, but the Kid captured it and rode on.



5. Suddenly he heard shouts for help coming from a miner's shack. Entering, he found Dave and was soon in possession of the boy's story. He agreed to recover the map for Dave.



6. "I'm an outlaw, hunted by sheriffs," explained the Kid. "But if we don't overtake old cross-eyes before we reach Hard Tack I'll risk capture and go into town for information. Come on!"

FALSELY accused of robbing his late boss, Old Man Dawnay of the Double Bar Ranch, the Rio Kid is an outlaw, hunted by Texas sheriffs!



7. They failed to overtake him, and leaving Dave in hiding the Kid rode into Hard Tack, where he saw the cross-eyed miner. But the sheriff spotted the Kid and he had to bolt.



8. Shaking off the sheriff the Kid found Dave, and they picked up the cross-eyed miner's trail. It led to the bed of a dried-up stream. There they saw the man piking up nuggets of gold.



9. The miner had no thoughts for anything but the gold—he reckoned that Dave was safely tied up in the shack. The Kid wormed his way down between the boulders and lassoed him.



10. Binding the miner's arms behind his back and roping his ankles together so that he could only just hobble, the Kid and Dave got busy gathering the nuggets of gold.



11. Leaving the miner to hobble back to Hard Tack as best he could, the Kid and Dave rode hard for the railway. The Kid thought the quicker Dave got away with the gold the better it would be.



12. Stopping a train, Dave climbed aboard. "So long!" he shouted. "Thanks for what you've done!" The train moved off, leaving the Kid alone! (More exciting pictures Next Saturday!)