THE GIRL AND THE GAME

A Story of Mountain Railroad Life

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SYNOPSIS.

Lady Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, retired, is left penniless by the failure of her father's bank. She is forced to accept employment as telegraph operator and station agent at Sagebrush, a desolate station on the Rocky Mountain railroad. Here she meets Steve Spike, a railroad detective, who is also in love with her. Spike is a man of powerful physique and a fighter of the first water. Helen's beauty and charm of manner make a deep impression on him. Spike's rival for Helen's affections is Jack Langham, a young engineer. Langham is a man of high character and a favorite with the railroad officials. Spike is jealous of Langham's success with Helen and plots to get him out of the way. Spike's opportunity comes when Langham is ordered to Sagebrush to investigate the wreck of a train which was thrown from the track by a landslide. Spike, who has been secretly in the employ of the railroad company's rivals, has arranged the landslide. Langham suspects Spike of having had a hand in the wreck and tells Helen that he intends to have it out with Spike when he returns from Sagebrush. Helen begs him to avoid a fight with Spike, but Langham refuses to promise. Spike, who has been watching Helen, overhears Langham's promise to her. He is furious at the thought that Langham has won Helen's love. Spike is determined to get Langham out of the way. He plans to have Langham killed by a train. Spike's plot is overheard by Bill Hall, a telegraph operator, who is in love with Helen. Hall tells Helen of Spike's plot to kill Langham. Helen warns Langham, who is on his way to Sagebrush. Spike, who has been following Langham, is thwarted in his plan to kill Langham by the latter's timely warning to Helen. Spike, who has been drinking heavily, is discharged by the railroad company. Spike's discharge is a severe blow to him. He has been in the employ of the railroad company for many years. He is a man of violent temper and his discharge fills him with a desire for revenge. He plots to kill Langham and Helen. Spike's plot is overheard by Bill Hall