

# 13 HOURS BY AIR

BY WALLACE WEST

Novelized From The Paramount Picture of The Same Name

Jack Gordon, crack western division air pilot, comes to New York to fly a ship from Salt Lake City to San Francisco. He balks but changes his mind when he sees pretty Felice Rollins board the westbound plane. He tries hard to win the attentions of Felice but she treats him coldly. Arriving in Chicago, Jack saves her from a menacing foreigner, Count Stephani. His suspicions that Felice is a jewel thief are dissipated when she tells him that she is a society heiress.

**CHAPTER IV.**

Jack had an awful job shooting the blonde away and explaining to Felice that she was just a "chance acquaintance" who really meant nothing in his young life. He had only partially succeeded when Ruth, the new stewardess for the westward flight, rushed up to report that Master Waldemar Pitt, III had disappeared. The pilot started a desperate last-minute search and finally located the boy stuffing his pockets with chocolate bars as he fed nickels by the hands into an automatic vending machine.

The two reached the plane just as it was ready to take off and found that the stewardess had already tucked the other passengers under their blankets in order that they might obtain a few hours more sleep.

"Who's the new customer?" he asked, nodding toward a seat which previously had been unoccupied.

"He's for San Francisco," answered Ruth. "He's got a funny name—wait a minute." She ran her finger down the passenger list. "It's Count Gregorie Stephani." As she spoke the Count, who had muffled his face in the blanket, sat up and grinned sardonically at Jack.

"How did he get here?" exploded the pilot.

"A new way," yawned the stewardess. "He just sat down and we built the plane round him."

"The cannon," Jack twiddled his fingers suggestively, then, as Stephani feigned surprise, continued, "Yeah, the cannon—cap pistol—gun. I want it. If I don't get it, you'll ride as far as Omaha and no farther."

Sourly the Count handed over his automatic. Jack took it and discovered with a frown that it was loaded once more.

"Say, what is this, a game?" he growled as he opened the door of the plane a crack and tossed the weapon into the night.

"Maybe it's none of my business," whispered Palmer as Jack resumed his seat, "but who is that guy that got on at Chicago?"

"His name's Stephani." The pilot pulled a blanket over himself.

"How come he had a gun?" Palmer's hard face grew harder.

"On account they told him there were Indians at Omaha," yawned Jack. Then, a grin of self-satisfaction on his face, he glanced at Felice. She was cuddled under her blankets, fast asleep. Soon her admirer drifted off to pleasant dreams also.

The sun was up when he awoke. Again his first thought was of Felice. She was awake and, her beauty case on her makeup, she glanced at Jack on her makelp. She glanced at Jack thoughtfully, then at Stephani. It might be well, she was thinking, to have the pilot on her side. She turned back to Jack and smiled.

"Have a nice nap?" she inquired. "Yeah—sure." He was pleased as Punch.

"I don't have to ask about the weather—it looks lovely."

"While we're on the subject of looking lovely," Jack said as he stared at her greedily. "How do you do it—so early and at such an altitude?"

It was breakfast time when they landed at Omaha. Waldemar, of course, was first at the lunch counter.

toward the telegraph office almost at a run. "What's the girl's name?"

"I don't know."

"You don't know?" He stopped dead in his tracks.

"I mean I don't what name she's traveling under. I'm sure she isn't using her own."

"Well, you know what she looks like. We'll make it all right."

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GORDON."

"Pop is brother Mason, Elk Eagle or Moose to every brakeman on the Salt Lake Division," Jack explained. "He'll find her. That scar cinches it. You didn't eat a bite of breakfast," he continued. "How about snatching some toast and coffee before we leave?"

"Absolutely," Felice smiled.

"But last night you said you didn't drink coffee."

"That was last night."

"Hello, dearie," beamed the waitress archly when they returned to the luncheon. "You stayin' over tonight?"

Jack ignored her, so she stopped his coffee over and burned his toast.

"All right—what's her real name?" snapped the pilot when he caught Felice smiling at his exchange.

"Don't you know?" She glanced after the waitress in astonishment.

"No, no," he growled. "I mean the lady on the train."

"It isn't any of your business," she surveyed him, her eyes suddenly cool.

"But her name is Katherine Rollins. She's my sister."

"Of course, it's none of my business, but he—that Stephani—doesn't seem like a very—well—like a very—"

"He isn't."

"But why should a nice girl like you . . ." He halted lamely.

"It still isn't any of your business," she replied pleasantly as she sipped her coffee.

(To be continued.)

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WILLIAM R. THOMAS, Sheriff.

Stanley E. Jones, Att'y.

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**BEGINNING** at a corner on the Southerly side of Shawnee Avenue in line of lands of William T. Perkins; thence along the line of lands of said William T. Perkins and the lands now or late of Albert B. Trescott nine (9) perches to Major's Alley; thence along said alley South 89½ degrees West fifty-four (54) feet to a corner in line of lands of Annie Miller (Mrs. Gilbert Miller); thence along the lands of said Miller North 30½ degrees West nine (9) perches to Shawnee Avenue afore-

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