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THE Government has decided to make Paradise Valley a part of Kolac National Park. The native mountaineers have resented the rumors that the Government is going to send in Forest Rangers to dictate to them just where they may graze their cattle, cut their timber, etc. So it is decided that a conservative, good-natured ranger is needed to sort of educate the natives, and Supervisor Reeve picks "Smilin' Bob Cory for the job.

Jim O'Neil accompanies Cory, meeting him at a designated point. Before they meet, some one shoots at Cory from the underbrush, hitting his can of molasses which is tied to a pack-mule. They realize they have a real job ahead.

ment. Mort Frame, Frameville is the name of the settlement and Mort Frame oldest settler and proprietor of the only store, is its dominant character. The rangers meet with a sullen reception, but Cory, his good nature always manifest, takes it in good part, deciding that he will try to gradually work his way into the good graces of the people he has actually come to help.

[illegible] supplies of Marie Roselli, an Italian girl, whose brother Tony owns a ranch of several hundred head of cattle. The brother's reception is much the same as that of the other settlers, but Cory assures the girl they have nothing to fear.

Then he comes across a pretty girl resenting the advances of a big man. Cory appears on the scene at a moment which precludes the man making further advances. The mn's name is Lemar and he operate a sawmill, cutting Government timber for his supply. Cory accompanies the girl to her home, where he is hospitably received by her father, "Dad" McCarthy. The girl tells him she has been educated in Los Angeles and that she is called "Lady." Her real name is Mary. Cory falls in love with her immediately, but is ordered from the house a few minutes later when McCarthy discovers that he is wearing a badge of the Forest Rangers' Service, and Mary is so resentful that she slaps him.

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During their conversation Cory has learned from Mary that Lemar is cutting timber illegally. He hunts the man up and finds it is so, but Lemar defies him. That night someone again attempts to shoot Cory and he finds it is Tony. Tony confesses that it was Lemar who put him up to it. Cory assures Tony that he need fear nothing from him and lets the Italian go. That night Tony is murdered, and evidence shows that it was a bullet from Cory's gun.

Meanwhile, afaid of apprehension, despite the reassurances of Cory and O'Neil who was at one time an old pard of his, Dad McCarthy, who has been cutting sap stakes, burns them, and the fire travels in the direction of the mill. When Marie Roselli tells Cory defiantly that Lemar has got his girl, Cory bolts and makes for Lemar. Meanwhile Frame announces that it was [illegible] killed Tony. Cory beats Lemar into telling him where Mary is concealed, and dives into the fire to rescue her. The balance of the story is taken up by the thrilling fight of the two to escape from the flames, and their rescue by the hastily-summoned Rangers. The people of the Valley are converted and Mary and Cory are happy.

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