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RECKLESS CHANCES

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Large thefts of metal ore some hundred mils distant worry Dan Murphy, railroad Division Superintendent. Terry Nolan, station master at the scene of the thefts, is suspected and arrested, but he escapes from the sheriff. While making his getaway he meets a girl whose car has collided with a wagon. She is in difficulty and he helps her. She drives him back to town, where he finds she is old Murphy's daughter, Nora.

To be near her he risks the reckless chance of being jailed. Under the name if Tim McCloskey he secures the position of yard foreman. Romance flourishes, but old Dan objects to his daughter marrying a mere trainman and plans to send her East. Terry spoils the plan by gravving Nora from under her father's nose and marrying her on a flat car, in the presence of her father and Harry Allen, a disappointed suitor, who are pursuing on the fender of a locomotive.

Old Dan is about to forgive them when a reward notice discloses "Tim McCloskey" as Terry Nolan, escaped thief. Nora cannot believe him guilty, but he is not there to defend himself and she goes home to her father. There she accidentally learns that Allen is the leader-- the man from inside who has made the thefts possible. He hears her phoning the news to Terry and carries her off by main force. Terry starts after the thieves, rounds them up in their hangout, and has just about won a victory in a smashing fight when he is cornered by Allen, but rescued by Nora. The thieves are caught, Terry is vindicated, and he and Nora receive old Dan's blessing.

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