

JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

VI.—The Explosion in the Treasury

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"Is the director of police a friend of yours, Herr Feltz? I don't mean merely an official friend, but a personal friend?"

"I am under many obligations to him, your highness, and, besides that, like any other citizen in Vienna, I am compelled to obey him when he commands."

"What I want to learn," continued the princess, her anger visibly rising at this unexpected opposition, "is whether you wish the man well or not?"

"I certainly wish him well, your highness."

"In that case know that if my friend leaves this shop without seeing the analysis of the material she brought to you the director of police will be dismissed from his office tomorrow. If you doubt my influence with my husband to have that done, just try the experiment of sending us away unsatisfied."

The old man bowed his white head. "Your highness," he said, "I shall take the responsibility of refusing to obey the orders of the director of police. Excuse me for a moment." He retired into his den and presently emerged with a sheet of paper in his hand.

"It must be understood," he said, addressing Jennie, "that the analysis is but roughly made. I intended to devote the night to a more minute scrutiny."

"All I want tonight," said Jennie, "is a rough analysis."

"There it is," said the chemist, handing her the paper. "She read: Calcium..... 29 Iron..... 4 Quartz..... 2 Feldspar..... 27 Mica..... 854 Gold..... 854 Traces of other substances..... 100"

Jennie's eyes sparkled as she looked at the figures before her. She handed the paper to the princess, saying: "You see, I was right in my surmise. More than one-third of that heap is pure gold."

"I should explain," interrupted the chemist, "that I have grouped the quartz, feldspar and mica together without giving the respective portions of each, because it is evident that the combination represents granite."

"I understand," said Jennie, "the walls and roof were of granite."

"I would further add," continued the chemist, "that I have never seen gold so finely divided as this is."

"Have you the gold and other ingredients separated?"

"Yes, madame."

"I shall take them with me, if you please."

The chemist shortly after brought her the components in little glass vials, labeled.

"Have you any idea, Herr Feltz, what explosive would reduce gold to such fine powder as this?"

"I have only a theoretical knowledge of explosives, and I know of nothing more entered the carriage."

"I want to drive to one more place," said Jennie, "before it gets too late."

"Good gracious!" cried the princess. "You surely do not intend to call on Professor Seigfried tonight?"

"No, but I want to drive to the office of the director of police."

"Oh, that won't take us long!" said the princess, giving the necessary order. The coachman took them to the night entrance of the central police station by the Hohenstaufengasse, and, leaving the princess in the carriage, Jennie went alone to speak with the officer in charge.

"I wish to see the director of the police," she said.

"He will not be here until morning. He is at home. Is it anything important?"

"Yes. Where is his residence?"

"If you will have the kindness to inform me what your business is, madame, we will have pleasure in attending to it without disturbing Herr Director."

"I must communicate with the director in person. The Princess von Steinheimer is in her carriage outside, and I do not wish to delay her any longer."

"I shall call the director at once, and he will be only too happy to wait upon you."

"Oh! Have you a telephone here? And can I speak with him myself without being overheard?"

"Certainly, madame. If you will step into this room with me. I will call him up and leave you to speak with him."

"This was done, and when the chief had answered Jennie introduced herself to him."

"I am Miss Baxter, whom you were kind enough to escort through the treasury building this afternoon."

"Oh, yes!" replied the chief. "I thought we were to postpone further inquiry until tomorrow."

"Yes; such was the arrangement, but I wanted to say that if my plans are interfered with, if I am kept under surveillance, I shall be compelled to withdraw from the search."

A few moments elapsed before the chief replied, and then it was with some hesitation:

"I should be distressed to have you withdraw; but, if you wish to do so, that must be a matter entirely for your own consideration. I have my duty to perform, and I must carry it out to the best of my poor ability."

"Quite so. I am obliged to you for speaking so plainly. I rather surmised this afternoon that you looked upon my help in the light of an interference."

"I should not have used the word 'interference,'" continued the chief, "but I must confess that I never knew results to follow amateur efforts which could not have been reached much more speedily and effectually by the regular force under my command."

"Well, the regular force under your command has been at work several weeks and has apparently not accomplished very much. I have devoted part of an afternoon and evening to the matter, so before I withdraw I would like to give you some interesting information, which you may impart to the government, and I am quite willing that you should take all the credit for the discovery, as I have no wish to appear in any way as your competitor. Can you hear me distinctly?"

"Perfectly, madame," replied the chief.

"Then, in the first place, inform the government that there has been no robbery."

"No robbery! What an absurd statement, if you will excuse me for speaking so abruptly! Where is the gold if there was no robbery?"

"I am coming to that. Next inform the government that its loss will be but trifling. That heap of debris which you propose to cart away contains practically the whole of the missing 200,000,000 florins. More than one-third of the heap is pure gold. If you want to do a favor to a good friend of yours and at the same time confer a benefit upon the government itself, you will advise the government to secure the services of Herr Feltz, so that the gold may be extracted from the rubbish with the least possible loss. I put in a word for Herr Feltz because I am convinced he is a most competent man. Tonight his action saved you from dismissal tomorrow; therefore you should be grateful to him. And now I have the honor to wish you good night."

"Wait—wait a moment!" came in beseeching tones through the telephone.

"My dear young lady, pray pardon any fault you have to find with me and remain for a moment or two longer. Who, then, caused the explosion, and what was its object?"

"That I must leave for you to find out, Herr Director. You see, I am giving you the results of merely a few hours' inquiry, and you cannot expect me to discover everything in that time. I don't know how the explosion was caused; neither do I know who the criminals were. It would probably take me all day tomorrow to find that out, but as I am leaving the discovery in such competent hands as yours I must curb my impatience until you send me full particulars. So, once again, good night, Herr Director."

"No, no! Don't go yet. I shall come at once to the station, if you will be kind enough to stop there until I arrive."

"The Princess von Steinheimer is waiting for me in her carriage outside, and I do not wish to delay her any longer."

"Then let me implore you not to give up your researches."

"Why? Amateur efforts are so futile, you know, when compared with the efforts of the regular force."

"Oh, my dear young lady, you must pardon an old man for what he said in a thoughtless moment! If you knew how many useless amateurs meddle in our very difficult business, you would excuse me. Are you quite convinced of

what you have told me—that the gold is in the rubbish heap?"

"Perfectly. I will leave for you at the office here the analysis made by Herr Feltz, and if I can assist you further it must be on the distinct understanding that you are not again to interfere with whatever I may do. Your conduct in going to Herr Feltz tonight after you had left me and commanding him not to give me any information I should hesitate to characterize by its right name."

"My commands seem to have offered little obstruction to you. Herr Feltz doubtless gave you the information when you asked for it."

"No; he did not. He gave me the information only when he was assured that if he withheld it longer Princess von Steinheimer would have procured your instant dismissal from the force. You have every reason to be grateful to Herr Feltz, and I want you to understand that."

"I do understand it, and I am grateful to him. Am I to have the pleasure of seeing you tomorrow?"

"I hope not. When I have anything further to communicate, I will send for you."

"Thank you. I shall hold myself always at your commands."

This telephonic interview being happily concluded, Jennie hurried through the main office to the princess, stopping on her way to give the paper containing the analysis to the official in charge and telling him to give it to the director when he returned to his desk. This done, she passed out into the night, with the comforting consciousness that the worries of a busy day had not been without their compensations.

(To be Continued)

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The Real Issue Is the Preservation of National Financial Honor and Not Whether Aguinaldo Shall Succeed.

(By Hon. George F. Hoar, United States Senator.)

I am asked to state briefly why I think anti-imperialists should vote for President McKinley this fall. There is in my judgment such a thing as imperialism, and such a thing as anti-imperialism. The imperialist says the Philippine Islands are ours. The anti-imperialist says the Philippine Islands belong to the Philippine people. The imperialist says we will establish for them the best government we think they are fit for. The anti-imperialist says they have a right to establish for themselves such a government as they think good and fit for themselves.

Now, President McKinley made the treaty, and Mr. Bryan, when its defeat was assured, came to Washington and saved it. These two great political leaders, between whom you are to take your choice, are equally responsible for everything that has happened so far. When the treaty became the law of the land, the public faith was pledged to pay \$20,000,000 for sovereignty over the Philippine Islands, and that Congress, and not the people, should dispose of them hereafter. It became the constitutional duty of the President, until Congress should act, or declare otherwise, to reduce them to order and submission. The Supreme Court of the United States so held long ago. The only difference up to this point between President McKinley and Mr. Bryan is that President McKinley believed he was doing right, belonged to a party which had always been, as he himself had been, the champion of political liberty, in the past, and is right on all of the other questions that are at stake in the coming election, and is fit to be trusted with all new questions that shall arise.

On the other hand, Mr. Bryan thought the whole transaction wrong, makes some thin and frivolous excuses for his conduct, and the party with whom he acts; and the men who surround him and will surround him as his counselors are men who have been the opponents of righteousness, equality and civil liberty always in the past, are wrong on all the other great questions that are at stake in the present election, and are not, in my judgment, to be trusted with new questions, however important or vital, that are to come up in the future.

In the matter of imperialism there has been little practical difference between President McKinley and Mr. Bryan in the past. There will be little practical difference in the future. Mr. Bryan does not even promise to use his power as executive and commander-in-chief in calling our troops from the Philippines. He only promises to call Congress together. He knows very well he cannot command even the strength of his own party to undo the mischief which seventeen of his own followers in the Senate, at his own instance, wrought when they ratified the treaty—Messrs. McEnerney, McLaurin, Morgan, Pettus, Sullivan, Allen, Butler, Harris, Teller, Kyle and Jones (of Nevada)—have not changed their minds. Possibly Mr. Clay of Georgia and Mr. Kenney of Delaware among his associates have done so. It is hopeless, even if the Democrats get a tie, or even a majority in the Senate, to expect them to accomplish anything in behalf of the independence of the Philippine Islands.

In 1898 you regarded Mr. Bryan's campaign as a "passionate crusade of dissonance." You said its success would bring with it not only adversity, but disgrace. Would its success not bring disgrace now? Mr. Bryan said at Topeka that if he were elected the free coinage of silver should be accomplished before another presidential election. Secretary Gage says he can lawfully accomplish it by executive power alone. Whether Mr. Gage is right in his construction of the powers of the President under existing law, I will not undertake to say. But I undertake to say that Mr. Bryan will not hesitate to use that power if he has the great authority of Mr. Gage for its lawfulness. I do not believe the man who promoted the ratification of the Spanish treaty means business in the matter of the Philippine Islands. But I do believe he means business in the matter of free trade, and in his purpose to reconstruct the Supreme Court. He means bad business. He means business which will overthrow prosperity and embarrass manufacture; which will reduce wages and "troy credit"; which will debauch the currency and render the standard of value uncertain; which will impair the obligations of contracts and the value of savings; which will hurt our credit and break our faith. All this you believe, as I do. You said so in 1898. You have been confirmed in your opinion by everything that has happened since. Will you support a candidate who, if he have his way, you admit will accomplish all these things, because he and his party give you an empty promise of justice to 10,000,000 Asiatics, and at the same time threaten grievous injustice and wrong to 10,000,000 Americans?

I will not vote for a candidate for the presidency, or help to bring a party into power, who, while they plant one heel on the forehead of Booker Washington, and the other on the forehead of Robert Small, wave the flag over Aguinaldo and Mabini.

GEORGE F. HOAR, Worcester, Mass.

Pathetic.

"What's the matter, Pennington? I thought you claimed that it was a man's duty to always look cheerful, no matter what was going on?"

"Yes; I used to put forward that theory; but I see it's unreasonable. I published a book of poems three weeks ago."

"Oh! And you've been reading some of the criticisms, eh?"

"No. I've been looking for some."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Arrive from	Depart for
11:35 a.m. St. Paul and Minneapolis	6:50 a.m. Chicago
7:25 p.m. St. Paul and Minneapolis	7:10 a.m. Chicago
10:25 a.m. St. Paul and Minneapolis	7:40 p.m. Chicago
6:30 a.m. Cresco, Calmar, Chicago	7:40 p.m. Chicago
3:25 p.m. Cresco, Calmar, Kan. City	11:40 a.m. Chicago
6:40 a.m. ... Peoria, Mason City	7:45 p.m. Chicago
6:40 a.m. ... Marshalltown	7:45 p.m. Chicago
3:30 p.m. St. Louis, Mason City & west	12:01 p.m. Chicago
11:30 a.m. Albert Lea, Jackson and	7:30 p.m. Chicago
7:14 p.m. Albert Lea, Jackson and	7:30 p.m. Chicago
7:14 p.m. Madison, S. D.	7:30 p.m. Chicago
4:15 a.m. LaCrosse, Milw., Chicago	7:45 p.m. Chicago
3:45 p.m. LaCrosse, Milw., Chicago	8:15 a.m. Chicago

FREIGHT TRAINS CARRYING PASSENGERS

Arrive from	Depart for
2:20 p.m. Owatonna, Fairbault and	6:50 a.m. Chicago
3:20 p.m. So. Minneapolis	6:50 a.m. Chicago
6:45 p.m. Owatonna, Fairbault and	6:50 a.m. Chicago
6:45 p.m. ... So. Minneapolis	6:50 a.m. Chicago
11:20 a.m. ... Fairbault	4:45 p.m. Chicago
11:20 a.m. ... and Northfield	4:45 p.m. Chicago
8:15 p.m. ... LaCrosse	7:45 a.m. Chicago
1:30 a.m. ... LaCrosse	7:45 a.m. Chicago
6:50 p.m. Dexter, Spr. Val., LaCrosse	5:30 a.m. Chicago
7:40 p.m. Dexter, Spr. Val., LaCrosse	11:30 p.m. Chicago
4:50 a.m. Dexter, Spr. Val., LaCrosse	11:30 p.m. Chicago
5:20 p.m. A. Lea, Wells, Mankato	6:10 a.m. Chicago
1:30 p.m. A. Lea, Wells, Mankato	6:10 a.m. Chicago

*Except Sunday. †Except Monday. ‡Sundays only. †Others daily. Revised to September 28, 1900. C. W. SNERR, Agent.

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IN EFFECT SEPT. 25, 1900.

GOING SOUTH.

No. 76	No. 75
Lv Chicago..... 10:30 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
Lv St. Paul..... 6:30 p. m.	10:45 a. m.
Lv St. Joseph..... 9:40 p. m.	3:05 p. m.
Lv Des Moines..... 2:30 p. m.	4:50 p. m.
Ar Hayfield..... 10:05 a. m.	5:30 a. m.
Lv Minneapolis..... 7:35 a. m.	7:35 p. m.
Lv St. Paul..... 8:10 a. m.	8:10 p. m.
Ar Hayfield..... 10:55 a. m.	10:55 p. m.
Lv Hayfield..... 11:15 a. m.	5:55 p. m.
Ar Austin..... 11:55 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
Lv Austin..... 11:55 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
Ar Lyle..... 12:30 p. m.	8:30 a. m.
Ar Manly..... 2:00 p. m.	8:30 a. m.

GOING NORTH.

No. 75	No. 76
Lv Manly..... 2:30 p. m.	8:30 p. m.
Lv Lyle..... 3:20 p. m.	4:10 p. m.
Ar Austin..... 4:10 p. m.	4:40 p. m.
Lv Austin..... 9:15 a. m.	9:45 p. m.
Ar Hayfield..... 9:55 a. m.	5:45 p. m.
Lv Hayfield..... 10:30 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
Lv St. Paul..... 12:30 p. m.	8:30 p. m.
Ar Minneapolis..... 1:25 p. m.	4:40 p. m.
Lv Hayfield..... 10:45 a. m.	10:42 p. m.
Ar Chicago..... 10:00 p. m.	9:20 a. m.
Ar Des Moines..... 8:35 p. m.	6:50 a. m.
Ar St. Joseph..... 8:25 a. m.	12:20 p. m.
Ar Kansas City..... 7:00 a. m.	3:20 p. m.

Iowa Central Railway.

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PRINCIPAL CITIES. | LEAVE | ARRIVE.

Marshalltown, Okauchee, Albia, Kansas City and St. Louis.....	1:50 pm	1:15 pm
Kathlamet, Monmouth, Peoria and Kansas City.....	6:25 am	6:55 am
Marshalltown, Okauchee, Monmouth and Peoria.....	7:05 pm	7:55 am
Hampton, Ackley, Eldora, and Marshalltown.....	7:15 am	5:20 pm
Manly, Kennett, Northwood.....	1:20 pm	5:20 pm

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. 1:50 p. m. train has Pullman buffet car and day coaches through to St. Louis and Kansas City. Free reclining chair car. Moberly, Mo., to Kansas City. 10:55 p. m. train has sleeper and day coaches through to Peoria, Ill. 6:25 a. m. train has elegant day coach and chair car through to Peoria. Meals served in dining car on all trains in and out of Peoria.

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