MEXICO'S CRIME JUGGERNAUT, THE AUTOMOBILE "GRIS" SKIDS INTO COMING PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Car of Colossal Loot, Death and Terrorism, Now Grim Factor in Political Regeneration

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Mexico City, May 19.—The grey automobile and its band of super-crooks, which for a long time terrorized this city and which is Mexico's contribution to the world's great crime mysteries, has skidded from the realm of banditry into that of politics.

Where nightly it carried a king's ransom in stolen gold and jewels, the automobile "gris" (grey) now whisks about the fortunes of statesmen, generals and political buccaneers.

The echoes of its engines sing a different, though none the less grim tune through the streets of the capital.

Death, disgrace, high scandal and low, have followed the wake of its muffled exhaust—and the mystery today is far from solution as it was a few months since when the automobile "gris" held the headlines of Mexico's papers and baffled its military and its civil sleuths.

Wheeled Terror

The juggernaut has become a dread tradition.

Prominent personages were linked with its nefarious operations. Men connected the names of personal enemies and political rivals with its crimes. No official was safe from innuendo. Women frightened naughty children with its threat. It became a weapon in dirty politics.

This was in 1916. When the car ceased its operations it was announced certain members of the auto band were in prison.

Francisco Oviedo and Juan Mercadante, petty half-world figures; David Brown, a Jamaica negro, and two other slum crooks, had been caught—but not an official.

Puppets Killed

Mexico waited eagerly for a confession. Then came the announcement that Oviedo, chauffeur of the car, was about to talk.

NEXT MORNING HE WAS FOUND IN HIS CELL—STRANGLED.

Mercadante became talkative.

HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS CELL—POISONED.

DANCER GIVES FIRST CLUE

La Conesa, beautiful Spanish musical comedy prima donna, who informed the authorities that a necklace valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and a part of the Gray Automobile's loot, was given her by a Mexican general who was courtmartialed but acquitted.

Mexico City was convinced that guilty officials were responsible for these deaths to prevent the puppets from exposing the crim masters.

The first seemingly tangible clew came from a woman—La Conesa, a beautiful Spanish hackress who for a decade had been the idol of the theatrical and back-stage world.

Dancer Accuses

At the Theater Principal one evening she stepped upon the stage wearing a gorgeous collar of diamonds, rubies and pearls.

A woman in the audience looked. "Mine," she said, wildly.

A hurried call brought Gen. Pablo Gonzalez, commander of the army of the Oriente.

He stripped the jewels from the actress' neck.

La Conesa declared the collar was presented to her by one of her admirers—Juan Merigo, a Carrancista general.

Details of the operations of the mystery car began to pour forth. Other victims told their stories.

It was always the same. The car would draw up in front of the house, invariably the home of a wealthy family. Its occupants would present a warrant, supposedly signed by a high army official, ordering a search of the house for secreted forms and ammunition.

Loot $5,000,000

No arms were ever found except those planted by the searchers ,it is said. With the departure of the phantom car also went the family jewels, gold, silver, all portable treasure. Death threats silenced the victims.

The loot of the car is estimated as high as $5,000,000!

With Conesa's admission, Juan Merigo fled. Later he returned, was court-martialed—acquitted.

The mystery of the phantom car is still far from a solution. It has degenerated into a filthy, slanderous, political weapon, its latest victim being Gen. Pablo Gonzalez, one of the more honest Carranza leaders.

Political Weapon

In an effort to strangle his candidacy for the presidency enemies scattered posters, supposedly signed by Gen. Alfaro Obregon and other hgih chiefs, demanding the removal of Gonzalez from the army and his trial as chief of the automobile gris band. An investigation showed that every name attached to the letter was a forgery, that not one of the alleged signers had even suspected the general. All declared their belief that he was beyond reproach.

Some believe the authors of the forged document were directors of the phantom car attempting to throw the blame on an innocent man—a man who has stayed relentlessly on the trail.

That some army officer was the chief of the auto gang is generally believed. That he will never be caught is almost a foregone conclusion.

Since the grey automobile has skidded from crime to politics it has covered its tracks more completely than before.

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SUPREME COURT

FROM McLEAN COUNTY:

Clifford Hanson, an Infant, by Charles Hanson, his Guardian Aad Litem, Plaintiff and Respondent, vs. W. P. Thelan, Defendant and Appellant.

Syllabus:

1. A physician owes to his patient the duty to exercise reasonable and ordinary care, diligence, and skill, such as are ordinarily possessed by physicians practicing in similar localities in the same general line of practice.

2. In an action against a physician for breach of his professional duty to his patient, the patient cannot recover if he has not conformed to all reasonable directions of his physician, or if his conduct has contributed to the injury upon which the action is based.

3. In an action for malpractice against a physician for breach of his profesional duty in treating a fractured limb, where the plaintiff contracted erysipelas as the alleged result of bandaging cloths or bandages and lacing a shoe, to tightly upon the limb of the plaintiff, and of failure to properly attend thereto, it is held under the evidence that the question of defendant's negligence, and of the plaintiff's contributory negligence, were fairly questions for the jury.

Appeal from District Court, McLean County, Nuessle, Judge. from judgment for plaintiff and from order denying judgment non obstante, or for a new trial.

Affirmed.

Opinion of the Court by Bronson, Judge. Grace, Judge, concurs in result.

Miller, Zuger & Tillotson, Newton, Dullam & Young Bismarck, N. D., Attorneys for Appellant.

McCulloch & McCulloch, Washburn, N. D., Attorneys for Respondent.

BIDS WANTED FOR A GAS WATER HEATER.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Commission up to eight o'clock p. m. Monday, May 26th, 1919, for a gas water heater. The same to be either a Ruud of Humphrey Automatic of four gallon per minute capacity and installed ready for use in the Fire Hall at Bismarck, N. D., at the price specified in the bid.

The City Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

C. L. BURTON,
City Auditor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of John W. Millett, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Mrs. Nancy Millett, the executrix of the last will and testament of John W. Millett, late of the city of Bismarck, in the county of Burleigh and state of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said executrix at her residence at 321 10th street, South, in the city of Bismarck, in said Burleigh county, North Dakota.

Dated May 15th, A. D. 1919.

MRS. NANCY MILLETT,
Executrix of the last will and testament of John W. Millett, deceased.

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SIDEWALK RESOLUTION.

Whereas, it is deemed necessary by the City Commission of Bismarck, North Dakota, that sidewalks be constructed in the city of Bismarck as herein specified;

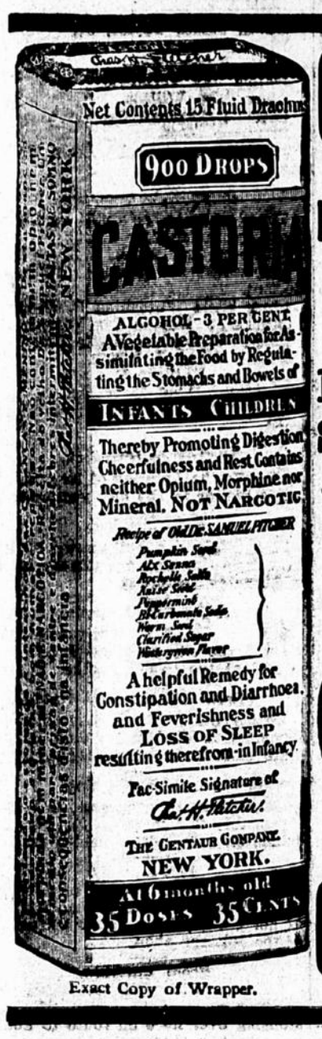
Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Board of City Commissioners of Bismarck, North Dakota: That sidewalks be and the same are hereby ordered to be constructed in front of or adjoining the following property situated in the city of Bismarck, and the city auditor is hereby instructed to notify owners of said property in manner prescribed by law of action of the City Commission.

Along the East End of Lot 2, Block 53, Northern Pacific Add.

And, Be It Further Resolved: That said sidewalks must be constructed according to provisions or ordinances now in force and effect by the 15th day of June, 1919, and should said sidewalks not be constructed by the date herein set forth, then said sidewalks are hereby ordered to be constructed by the city contractor in accordance with the statutes made and provided.

Published by order City Commissioners.

C. L. BURTON,
City Auditor.



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