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TEN DAYS' FIGHT IN MEXICO CITY WERE 'FRAME-UP'

Thousands Wantonly Slaughtered as Part of the Conspiracy.

BATTLE STAGED TO SNARE LOYAL TROOPS

Stanch Followers of Madero Sent Into Prearranged Death Traps.

ARTILLERYMEN IN PLOT

Guns Pointed Into Residential Districts to Spare Lives of Diaz Followers.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—On the authority of one of the principal revolutionary leaders, whose name obviously cannot be told here, the Washington Herald is enabled to tell for the first time the inside story of an astounding conspiracy between Gen. Diaz and Gen. Huerta that constituted the reason for the ten days' battle in the heart of the Mexican capital.

The plot in its execution was as flawless as to be without parallel in the history of modern, civilized warfare. It is the story of a sham battle to which the sole and common object of its leaders on both sides was the murder of thousands of loyal Madero soldiers—leave men who thought they were giving up their lives for the cause of their President, but who instead were being wantonly slaughtered to execute a plot of monumental treachery.

During those days of striking snells and death, Huerta, in compliance with carefully considered plans, never sent regular troops against Diaz, but instead into impossible charges the irregular forces, whose loyalty to Madero could not be questioned, in order that Diaz might kill them and thus weaken Madero.

Guas Misdirected. The guns of the Federal artillery were deliberately misdirected to divert their shells from the Diaz forces to the neutral zone, there to mangle and kill non-combatants and wreck their homes.

The statements of this revolutionary leader are borne out by the horrible statistics which show that proportionately fourteen thousand and upwards were killed during the fighting to every Federal soldier.

When Huerta was informed that the time had come to strike, he was about to join the impatient officers, but loyal elements of his own army forestalled him. Thereafter Madero kept Huerta by his side, rendering despatch impossible.

Aids Meet Diaz. However, every day Huerta's aids, Maj. Maas and Capt. Reilly, conferred with Diaz in the arsenal and planned take movements to feed Madero's army.

MARSHALL WILL REACH CAPITAL BEFORE WILSON

Vice President-elect to Arrive Here To-morrow from Visit to Gov. Wilson.

PEERLESS LEADER COMING

Committees Named to Greet Indian and Also the Commoner from Nebraska.

With the receipt of a telegram from Gov. Marshall last night, stating the time of his arrival in Washington, and with the completion of the final details of the parade by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, grand marshal, the preparations for the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson March 4 are practically completed.

Gov. Marshall will reach Washington to-morrow afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, coming from Trenton, via Philadelphia. The party will consist simply of Gov. and Mrs. Marshall and a maid. Mr. Marshall is now on his way to Trenton for a conference with Gov. Wilson.

William Jennings Bryan is another of the eminent figures who will be invited to the inaugural committee of his coming. He will reach Washington some time Sunday.

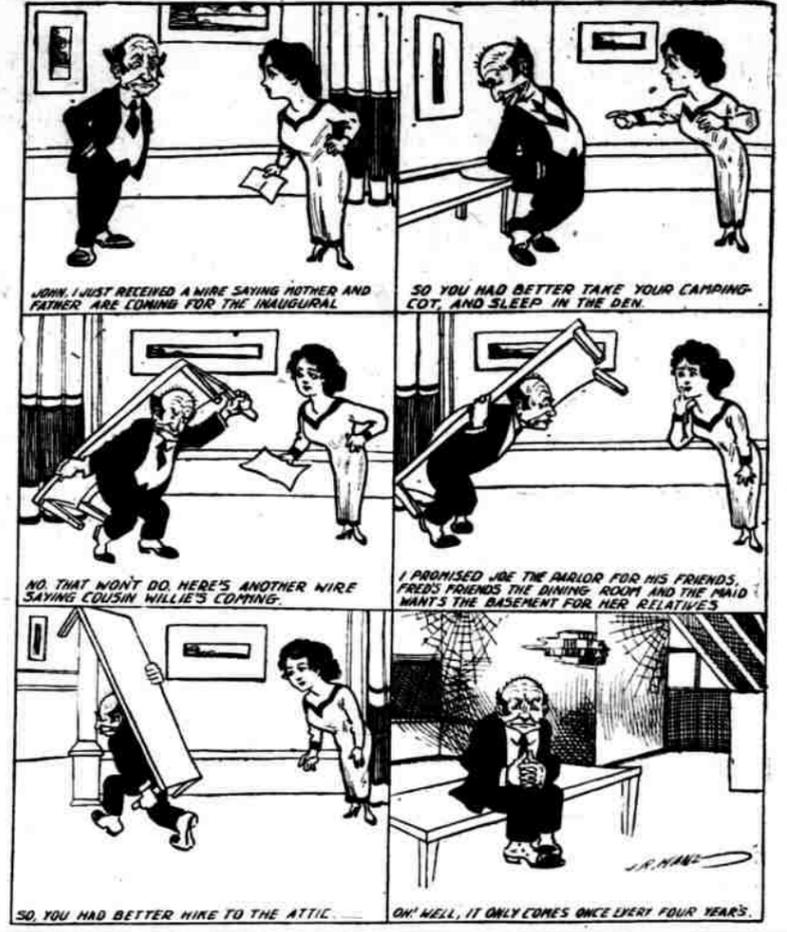
Thomas Nelson Page, chairman of the reception committee, has appointed William W. Bridge, a personal friend of Mr. Bryan, as chairman of the committee to receive the Commoner. Mr. Bridge will name two, or possibly four, men to act with him.

The reception committee to welcome Gov. Marshall to the city that will be his home for the next four years was named yesterday by Dr. Page. It is headed by Henry E. F. Macfarland, and is made up of Senators, Representatives, and prominent citizens. It is not the intention of Mr. Macfarland that his committee shall act as an escort from the station to the hotel.

Crowds Start to Arrive. The streets were busier yesterday by several hundred more people, who came in ahead of time, and flags, bunting, and decorations are appearing on all sides. It is estimated that the crowds will be at their height on Sunday night. The inauguration system on Pennsylvania Avenue, the Peace Monument, and the Court House will be tried out Monday night. The lights will be turned on for good. They will burn on the nights of March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Within the next two days all the loose ends of plans will be gathered up and brought together. At the meeting of the inaugural committee to-day one of the matters to be taken up will be the question of the number of seats to be given the representatives of the press. Friday night there will be three meetings of committees, all of which the 60 members of the public order committee will attend. Mr. Wilson's inauguration, a special policeman to do duty with the police force and the imported detectives to guard the city and her guests.

JOYS OF INAUGURATION WEEK.



PESTERED FOR KISSES; MURDERS HIS WIFE

Trenton Man Shoots Bride of Two Weeks Because She Was Too Affectionate.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 26.—Confessing that he had shot and killed his bride of two weeks to-day, Lesgo Vergo, twenty-one years of age, told the police that he could not stand being continually pestered for a kiss.

The couple were married just two weeks ago and were apparently happy. When Vergo started for work to-day, however, he neglected to lock his door. The girl, who would not leave before kissing him, Vergo was stubborn in his refusal, saying he had tired of kissing her and that it was an unnecessary burden. The girl insisted and attempted to restrain him by force, whereupon the husband drew a revolver and shot twice, killing her instantly. He then attempted his own life, but succeeded only in wounding himself slightly.

TITANIC HERO TO BE HONORED



CAPT. ARTHUR H. ROSTROM, the heroic commander of the S. S. Carpathia, which rescued the survivors of the Titanic.

WILSON SHUNS LOCAL CLUBBING

President-elect Declines Invitation of Chevy Chase to Become Member.

OTHERS 'UP IN THE AIR'

President-elect Wilson has declined an invitation to become an honorary member of the fashionable Chevy Chase Club, which is one of the leading centers of social life in Washington. This is the club to which President Taft belongs and at which he has played golf.

CASTRO REACHES HAVANA

Havana, Feb. 26.—Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, arrived here to-day from New York on a mysterious mission, which, according to his political enemies, has to do with the plotting of a revolution in Venezuela against the existing government of President Gomez.

ALLOWED \$5,000 COUNSEL FEES

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. W. Gould was allowed \$5,000 for counsel fees by Justice Blackner in the Supreme Court to-day in her suit for absolute divorce. Mrs. Brokaw has been receiving \$1,500 a month alimony since she was granted a separation two years ago.

Last Survivor of Light Brigade Dies in Capital

George Bing, Who Took Part in Famous Charge in Crimean War, Lived at Soldiers' Home.

The thundering charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava passed utterly out of the ken of living men yesterday when George Bing, the last survivor of the "mole six hundred," who swept unflinchingly across the plain into the valley of death, died yesterday at Soldiers' Home, where Bing was given a haven because of his gallant conduct in the Crimean War.

DARROW, ON STAND, DENIES BRIBE CHARGE

Changes Role of Attorney for Defense to Defendant—Wife Also Testifies.

Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Clarence Darrow took his place at the attorney's table for the witness chair, and transferred from his role of defense counsel to that of defendant, emphatically denied that he had authorized bribing of jurors in the McNamara case, the charge for which he is on trial.

WARMER WEATHER

Will be found at the famous resorts throughout the South: Asheville, The Land of the Sky, Charleston, Summerville, Florida, Cuba, New Orleans. The Luxe service by Southern Railway. Consult agents, 26 1/2 Seventh Street, and 295 F Street Northwest.

MINORITY REPORT IS EXPECTED IN INSURANCE PROBE

Johnson Refuses to Sign One Made by Redfield, Prouty, and Berger.

METHODS ARE CRITICIZED

Value of Southern Building to Be Placed at About \$1,650,000 by Majority.

Unless an agreement, of which there now seems to be no immediate prospect, is reached shortly, there will be two reports from the subcommittee of the House District Committee, which has been investigating the operations and affairs of the Commercial and First National Fire Insurance Companies and the underwriting firm of Tuttle, Wightman & Dudley, Incorporated.

Building Value Higher.

Specifically, as to several phases of the probe, Mr. Johnson does not agree with his colleagues. He does not favor passing upon the true value of the Southern Building, which has been attacked persistently by the investigators, and concerning which various reports of testimony were taken, or if the committee is to place a valuation upon the building. Mr. Johnson favors a much higher figure than the other members have agreed upon.

Methods Are Criticized.

Another phase over which there is a wide difference between Chairman Johnson and his colleagues is the judgment of the committee involves the testimony of Alfred M. Best, the New York insurance expert, who was the star witness for the "prosecution" and whom Chairman Johnson later seemed to place in much the same category as he did Col. Judson. Other members of the committee, on the other hand, place the blame for the judgment and fairness of Mr. Best, and the report upon which these three members have agreed reflects to a very great extent the opinions of the New York expert.

Letter Previews the General.

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'HIKERS' ENTER LAST STRETCH OF LONG TRIP

Suffragists Reach Laurel, Md., Footsore, Hungry, and Peevish.

ENTER CAPITAL FRIDAY

'Gen.' Jones in Bad Humor Over Treatment Received in Baltimore.

Laurel, Md., Feb. 26.—In starting a story about the suffrage hikers it wouldn't do to go counter to the precedent painstakingly established by the "war correspondents" who have been keeping tabs on the army of the Hudson, so "Gen." Rosalie Gardiner Jones' suffrage pilgrims, footsore and weary, arrived here late this afternoon.

Haps Baltimore Suffragists.

Baltimore suffragists, and the general, were not outstaged at all by the chicken-hearted imitations. This, because the fifty-odd Baltimore women who started to march with the pilgrims dropped out before a concrete pavement had been passed. Whereupon Gen. Jones fired a few Partisan shots at the Monumental City women, and said she was glad to be rid of them.

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Matinee, "The Merchant of Venice."

To-day 2:15, Columbia Theater. 5c. to 11.

JOHN Q. THOMPSON DIES IN CHICAGO

First Assistant Attorney General of the United States Is Victim of Uraemia.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—John Q. Thompson, First Assistant Attorney General of the United States, died to-day at the Stratford Hotel of acute uraemia. Thompson reached Chicago Friday afternoon from Kansas City where he had been on business for the Department of Justice. Saturday he was found unconscious in his room.

Big Blast Takes Twenty-four Lives.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—An official investigation was commenced to-day into the explosion in the Harbor of Gijon yesterday, which caused the death of twenty-four persons and injured many others. It was found that the explosion was caused by an attempt to blast a granite cliff to obtain stone for the construction of harbor piers. Nine thousand pounds of high power blasting powder was set off, which ignited mineral gases beneath the soil. The killed and injured were chiefly spectators, who were watching the laborers. Parts of human bodies were found a mile from the scene.

Hold First Community Dance.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The first of a series of community dances at which young people residing in the neighborhood are to be made welcome, was held by the St. James Episcopal Church, one of the oldest and most aristocratic congregations in Chicago. The church is located in what is now one of the poorest boarding-house districts in the city. The dance was held in the Sunday school room of the parish house and was championed by leading members of the congregation.

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