

CLAIMS THAT HE INSPIRED HUBBARD GARCIA MESSAGE

Los Angeles, Aug. 11.—(U. P.)—Like the army of men who claimed to be the original Mark Twain's "Colonel Sellers," claimants of many kinds can be found to have "inspired" any work of fiction, according to "Major" Francis R. E. Woodward, who believes he supplied the facts for Elbert Hubbard's famous "Message to Garcia."

"I am not trying to discredit the claim of Major Row of San Francisco, who was recently decorated by the war department as the original hero of the yarn," said Woodward as he related to the United Press an account of what he said he has reason to think is the true origin of the tale.

Woodward is at present head of the Los Angeles Theatre Owners' association with offices here and is known for his career in the Cuban army.

HUBBARD IS CITED

He has in his office documents and relics which unquestionably prove that he saw Garcia.

"The story is an involved one," he said today. "But it is a fact that my experiences were similar to those related by Hubbard, and that Hubbard later admitted to me that he had used my story."

"I went to Cuba carrying messages from Thomas Estrada Palma and others at the time, and made my way from Santiago into the interior, where I delivered my messages and later became a member of the Cuban army. I knew Generals Gomez and Maceo, who were prominent before Garcia was known."

"Later I was captured by the natives and reported dead. But I had escaped, though I had been sentenced to death, and got back to New York aboard a British steamer. That's briefly the story of my Cuban adventures."

STORY IS RELATED

"When I got back to New York I met Jack Munson, a newspaper man, who was then working on the New York Recorder, and he introduced me to Elbert Hubbard and several other newspaper men."

"We spent an evening together in an obscure French restaurant and over a little 'red ink' I told a lot of things that happened to me when I was in Cuba."

"Hubbard said at the time that he was going to write something about it, but I thought nothing about it as he was the same as any other newspaper man to me then."

Woodward said that when "The Message to Garcia" was published he recognized many of the details of the story as similar to those he had recounted, but that he wasn't sure but what the story was perhaps a work of fiction entirely.

WOODWARD GETS CREDIT

"I met Hubbard again, however," Woodward said. "It was in Chicago at the Press club, when Dick Little, now of the Chicago Examiner, I believe, was president. He had Hubbard there as a speaker. Afterwards, I asked Hubbard about the 'Message to Garcia.'"

"That was your story," Hubbard said. "I had forgotten your name but I wrote the story."

Major Woodward exhibited a number of papers and letters to confirm his service in Cuba.

"Of course," said Woodward, "I don't know about it. He may have told the others the same. But that's what Hubbard said to me in Chicago. He said, 'That was your story.'"

Mayor Arrested For Tearing Sign

Moline, Ill., Aug. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Mayor Charles P. Skinner was arrested here today by deputy United States marshals on warrants charging criminal contempt of court and resisting government officers. The arrest was a result of the mayor's tearing down a federal anti-picket injunction, posted in a city park, where 3000 striking employees of the Chicago & Rock Island railroad were holding a mass meeting.

Confiscated Guns To Be Disposed Of

More than 50 rifles and shotguns confiscated during the last year by the state game commission will be disposed of at the headquarters of the commission in the Pittcock block during the coming few days, according to an announcement made by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden. The guns were taken from game law violators.

HEADWORKS MEN TESTS

The civil service board has authorized examinations for headworks men for the water bureau. The work of these men is at the Bull Run headworks, and because the examination is mainly a physical demonstration of ability to operate the plant, the examinations will be held at the headworks. It is probable the board will make arrangements to transport applicants for this examination, which is to be held in September.

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Klan Honors Deputy's Memory

Above—Members of the Ku Klux Klan taking part in services at grave of Wilfred E. Rorison, killed in a gun fight with a moonshiner near Stevenson, whose funeral was held yesterday at Vancouver. Below—Klansman with floral cross borne into Presbyterian church during funeral.

Woman Held in Murder Mystery Won't Change Story

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 11.—(U. P.)—Additional questioning last night failed to cause Mabel Balardi, held in connection with the murder of Ibro Blise, Antelope rancher, to change her original story of the man's death.

Ex-Ambassador Is New President of Bar Association

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—(U. P.)—John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain, was elected president of the American Bar association for the coming year at the closing session of the annual convention here today.

Berlin Paper Bares Alleged Plan of France to Invade

Berlin, Aug. 11.—Details of the alleged French plan against Germany are revealed in the Berlin Nationalist newspaper, Der Tag, by its military expert. According to these revelations the French have organized in a highly systematic manner strategic and offensive plans not only in the occupied territories on the Belgian and French frontiers, but also along the Polish-German and Czechoslovakian frontiers.

Strikebreakers Hired in Britain By U. S. Roads

London, Aug. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Railroad companies in the United States are reported today to be hiring strikebreakers in Great Britain. J. T. Brownlee, president of the Amalgamated Engineers, received a cablegram from W. H. Johnson, of the American Organization of Engineers, saying that his (Johnson) had learned that American railways were hiring help abroad, owing to the shompen's strike. Mr. Brownlee said he was unable to confirm the report.

Issue of Deporting Tualatin Family Is Up to Washington

Findings of a hearing conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Heints of Tualatin in the office of Immigration Inspector Bonham this morning, will be forwarded to Washington, D. C., for consideration. Bonham discovered that the parents and children came into the country about a year ago without passing inspection at the Canadian border. The parents are Canadiana. Two more children have been born here, but they also are subject to deportation. Neither of the parents can read or write. No further action will be taken in the case until orders are received from headquarters.

Put Up Buildings Proof Against Rat, Chamber Warning

As Portland's Oriental commerce increases the danger of an outbreak of bubonic plague in the city is magnified, and will continue so until present buildings are made proof against rats in a manner that will successfully eliminate the disease carrying rodents.

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Washington, Aug. 11.—(U. P.)—President Harding today nominated Charles S. Aginline to be postmaster at Roseburg, Or.

Chinese Shacks Burn

Fargo, Wash., Aug. 11.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed several shacks in Chinatown Wednesday night, probably due to a match dropped in rubbish. A strong wind was blowing at the time. Chinatown is composed of small shacks and old box cars, and situated on the east side of the Northern Pacific tracks.

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