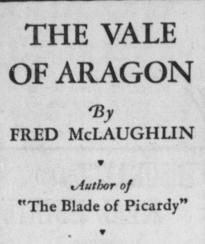
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THE STORY

At nightfall, in the old city of New Orleans, in the year 1821, Loren Garde, recently an officer under General Jackson, is sur-prised by the appearance of three figures, in ancient Spanish costume, two men and a woman whose beauty enchants him. Resenting the arrogance of the elder of the two men, Garde fights a duel with him with swords, and wounds him.

CHAPTER I—Continued

The gathering circle had closed in to attend the wounded man, who-so I judged from the volume of his groans-had not received a mortal thrust. "Who is his majesty, Senor?" I asked.

"Adolfo de Fuentes, colonel in the Spanish army under La Torre, who is governor of Venezuela."

"Then you go," I asked, "to Venezuela?"

Before he could answer my question a huge mulatto at my elbow voiced a warning bellow: "De Charlies-heah dey come !" And a narrow-shouldered, pasty-faced wharf rat amplified it with a shrill: "Les gens d'armes!"

"If they should capture you, Senor?" Polito said.

"Yet I have only offered a man's defense.'

"True, but the least, Senor, will be an awkward and infinite proces-verbal, time and trials and an unfortunate wait, while the Senorita-"

I found his hand and gave it a warm clasp, "You will convey my regrets to the Senorita?"

"Assuredly, Senor."

"Then-adios."

"Adios, moon-wraith," he whispered; and I turned around and broke through the curious crowd.

Two of the "Charlies" barred my path. One received a stiff-armed jab in the chest that tumbled him over and over like a performing parrakeet, the other bent his body skilfully to

apse. The figure is taller by a shoulhis eye, a rich resonance in the comder than San Isidro, and he is garbed manding tones of his voice, as the modern dandy of New Orleans. The suave host filled four glasses His hair, too, is not the dark hair of with an amber fluid and, proffering one the Mexican patron, but light." He to each of his guests with a light laughed shortly, and came to his feet. laugh, said: "This garden is ours, Senores, where flowers of intrigue may "He is an American saint, Diego. which is strange, for I had always bebloom in safety. Therefore, Francisco lieved that the pagan Americano had mio-" He bowed to him of the comno saints." He must have had the eyes of a

ing pistol.

den !"

"Not here-not in here!" Diego

cried, "You cannot kill a man in my

garden. Take him-take him alive

and move him to the river. Drown

him, but do not shoot him in my gar

Senor Sailor, his bloodshot eyes

staring stupidly, thrust his dark face

within range of my fist, and I swung

swiftly. It caught him fair upon the

point of a heavy chin. Tumbling

backward, he fell with sharp violence

against the table, which overturned

with a resounding crash of glass,

catching the soldier in its fall, pre-

cipitating him to his hands and knees

Norse father raced through my veins

filling me with the lust for battle. I

shot out of my retreat and, striking

wildly, found the soft face of Diego,

into which my fist sank sufficiently.

He went down heavily to the pave-

ment of the courtyard. Madness

seized me again, and I laughed aloud

The soldier was up again. I took

his glancing blow upon the shoulder

and gave him all I had with one

straight right, then I turned to face

the last adversary, Francisco, but his

long arm came down swiftly, and a

pistol in his hand struck my unpro-

tected head. The trees and the hang-

ing lamp and the moon disappeared in

found friendly hands that let me dowp

CHAPTER II

The Santa Lucrecia

I lived in a land of dreams, of gro-

A figure moved in the cabin, ap-

The fighting blood of my sturdy

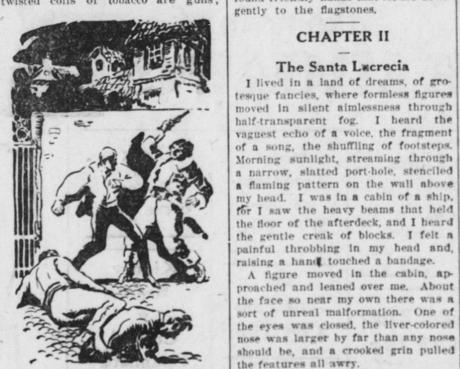
Whereupon Francisco raised his glass. "To Simon Bolivar," he said, his deep vibrant voice intoning a sort of benediction, "the Liberator of our people !"

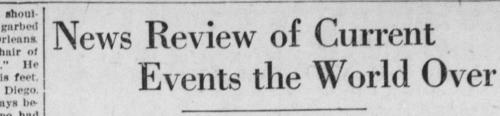
manding polse.

They drank slowly, standing, and after a reverent silence, murmured, "Viva, viva," and again, "Viva !"

Simon Bolivar? I had heard of him; who hadn't. Already they were calling him the George Washington of South America; this amazing soldier, statesman and patriot who, when only a youth, had plumbed the depths of despair in the loss of a young and beautiful bride, and had devoted his life thereafter to the service of his mother country, Venezuela. I gasped, and held my breath again for fear they would discover me. Nothing but the gloom of the apse hid me; End I stepped forward one yard I should have come within the glowing circle of the lamp and the silver light of the moon that filtered through the foliage. So I continued the imitation of a saint while the men finished three bottles of Latour's best. It loosened their tongues so that the purpose of this midnight meeting stood revealed to me. I was aghast, for, although this new republic of the United States might have a very tender feeling and a definite sympathy for the struggling South American colonies, I knew it would not countenance a revolutionary junta within its boundaries.

"It was all too easy, Senores." Diego, the complacent merchant, was speaking. "Within the long, carefully twisted coils of tobacco are guns;





Germany's Financial Plight Worries All Other Nationslynx, and in his voice lay murder. As Hearings on Railway Freight the swarthy sailor came toward my Rate Increase Begun. hiding place, the soldier drew a gleam

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

world looked on of, another Democrat, John Overton.

with anxious interest, Germany was plunged into a financial crisis that threatened the country with utter economic collapse and made possible even the subversion of the government. Delay in acceptance of the Hoover moratorium by

George W. France had resulted McGarrah in the withdrawal of vast sums from the German banks, the conversion of these funds into foreign currency and its removal from the country. The big Darmstaedter und National bank closed its doors, primarily because of heavy losses sustained through the failure of Germany's largest wool-combing concern. Dr. Hans Luther, president of the Reichsbank, rushed from Berlin to London and thence to Paris, seeking aid. The French government refused to participate in a loan to the Reichs-

Luther then flew to Basel and laid the case before the Bank for International Settlements and representatives of American, British and French banks, Gates W. McGarrah, American president of the B. I. S., announced that the directors of that institution had agreed to renew its participation in the rediscount credit of \$100,000,-000 accorded to the Reichsbank June 25 and due on July 15. This credit was advanced jointly by the Federal Reserve bank of the United States, the Bank of France, the Bank of England and the world bank. The sum was welcome to Luther but it was only a drop in the bucket which he

had to full.

private banks.

touch with the German situation but

it was the official view in Washing-

ton that Germany must help herself

by strong measures and that in the

matter of outside assistance Europe

must take the lead. Mr. Hoover took

the position that in bringing about

the moratorium he had done all that

First Georgia district, died suddenly

of cerebral hemmorhage in Atlanta. He

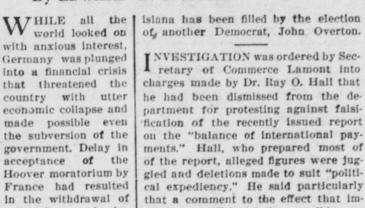
was fifty-three years old and his house

was in Savannah. Mr. Edwards'

death restores to two the Republican

France in particular.

MEANWHILE the German government ordered ali banks closed for two days, shut up the stock exchanges for a week and decreed a two-day. moratorium. It thus checked the exodus of capital and the transfer of marks into foreign currencies or securities, for the Hans Luther time being. There was some rioting, but in general the Ger-



that a comment to the effect that impending tariff legislation possibly was in part responsible for merchandise imports holding up relatively well during the first half of the fiscal year 1930 had been omitted in the publication.

The point he had endeavored to bring out and which, he said, was omitted, was that, in anticipation of higher tariff rates later, foreign shippers had sent greater quantities of goods to this country during the first part of the fiscal year than otherwise would have been the case.

> RAILWAY officials, shippers and other interested persons gathered in Washington for the hearings before the Interstate Commerce commission on the application of the railroads for an increase of 15 per cent in rates on all freight traffic. It is

Ezra Brainerd, one of the biggest questions that Chair-Jr. man Ezra Brainerd,

Jr., and his fellow commissioners have had to handle for some time. There was no disposition to question the fact that the railroads are in a sad financial plight. The problem is to find the remedy. In the first five months of this year the class one railroads had a net railway operating income of \$188,387,587, or 2.10 per cent on their property investment, and 44 of the 171 roads operated at a loss, of which 14 were in the eastern. 6 in the southern, and 24 in the western district.

Conforming to the wish of President Hoover, that existing wage scales be maintained, the roads are

seeking an increase of revenue in in-

creased rates, but their executives

have made it plain that if this is not

granted, wages will have to come

down. Many shippers have let the

commission know that they favor the

latter alternative, asserting that they

cannot bear higher transportation

charges. President Hoover has tak-

en no part in the controversy, but

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde has

publicly asked the commission to take

made only on the basis of quality and quantity of work performed. The measure is designed to increase the "material interestedness" of the farmers and thus enlarge production.

Heretofore collective farmers have been paid partly in money from farm earnings and partly in produce, according to the size and needs of their families, many taking their share of produce at the outset of the harvest. These factors, combined with inadequate organization and management of farms, were cited in the decree as responsible for a break in labor discipline and consequent losses from the harvest.

THREE independent investigators, I after a tour of the Pennsylvania-Ohio coal fields, where the miners are on strike, declared that "the people of Pittsburgh are entirely unappreciative of the gravity of the situation. If they do not awaken soon they will shortly find themselves faced with a civil strife unparalleled in the coal industry.

The investigators were Dr. Colston E. Warne of Amherst college, Dr. William L. Nunn of New York university and Mauritz Hellgrin, associate editor of the publication The Nation.

CHILE has a new cabinet headed by Pedro Bianquier who, besides being premier, is minister of finance. Blanquier was formerly finance and public works minister, as well as director of the state railways. He is regarded as an efficient technical man and it is believed in Santiago that he can find the remedy for the precarious state of Chilean finances.

FROM the White House came an official reply to the attacks on the tariff commission that have been made by Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas and other Democratic leaders. The statement represented the tariff commission as a most industrious body which had completed investigations of 110 different articles under the flexible provisions of the tariff act and has investigations of 119 articles stili under consideration. In 22 investigations completed and reported to the President, it was pointed out that on only 10 of the 46 articles involved had there been an increase proclaimed. On 12 articles the duty was cut. On 20 there was no change; on 4 others there were no change.

It was also explained that in addition to its duties under the flexible clause, the commission had been called on by congress for reports on 10 subjects, four of which have been completed. On its own initiative the commission undertook and completed an investigation of leaf tobacco.

""he cases brought before the commission are being handled expeditiously,' the White House statement declared. "The tables presented herewith reveal that the commission is disposing of the cases at a rate of one per week."

bank unless Germany would agree to conditions which Berlin regarded as impossible of acceptance. These ina crimson sea. I groped blindly, and cluded suspension of the pocket battleship building program, abandonment of the Austro-German customs union, further credit restrictions in Germany and relinquishment of any hope of regaining Danzig and the Danzig corridor. President von Hindenburg and his ministers said they would resign rather than submit to these demands.

evade a swinging fist, then he fired point-blank at my face and missed. which was nothing unusual at all, for the gens d'armes often miss.

Now I put my feet to the pavement and gave myself over to the business of silent running while the chase roared behind me. I directed my steps eastward, went north and east again into Rue Royal, and on and on, ever deeper into the French quarter. I passed vine-blanketed walls which, 1 knew, concealed quaint mansions and beautiful courtyards. As I ran I kept an eye searching for an adventitious entrance that might lead to one of these bowers of beauty, for the street itself offered no refuge.

I found, finally, a grilled gate which, opening to my touch, led under a graceful stone arch so low I had to bend my head to enter. I waited in the gloom of the areaway as sounds of the battue went by.

Silent, I crouched in the shadows long after the noises of the futile chase had died away, and waiting, I had a chance to view again the amazing events of this mad night. In fancy I heard again the music of the woman's laugh, and I saw the slim hands that pressed upon her bosom; that despairing cry of "'Dolfo mio" beat into my consciousness, and a fit of foolish trembling took possession of me.

I started for the oval of light that showed me the way to the street, but stopped when figures, turning in from the paved walk, blocked the passage. I heard the rasping scratch of a key in the lock of the iron gate and retreated warily, seeking the friendly shades as four men advanced upon me along the gloomy passage.

I came, anon, to a tiny courtyard, in the middle of which a table stood, bearing glasses, silver and a decanter or two. Over the table swung a huge brass lamp, yet the light it furnished was hardly brighter than that of the brilliant moon. I knew, of course, that the house would afford me no safety, so I flattened my tall body in a narrow, protecting apse in the brick wall that made up two sides of the courtyard. Standing straight and motionless, in grotesque mimicry of some saint who had doubtless occupied this space in time long past, I held my breath as the four figures went by. One was a swarthy, heavy-bodled brute who seemed to have the look of the sea about him; another had the square shoulders and the alert manner of a soldier; while the third was evidently a merchant and a man of means, for his manner and the sleek smoothness of his well-nourished figure held the complacency of mental and physical ease.

The fourth man gained, and continued to hold my closest attention. There was latent power in the poise of But His Long Arm Came Down Swiftly.

ground tobacco in the kegs that we have loaded on the ship will burn with greater readiness than tobacco ever burned before-it will explode !" He laughed aloud. "One barrel of flour will hold two score of pistols, and even the innocent Indian corn has taken for traveling companions knives and bullets; while each huge slab of salt pork carries within its greasy interior a half dozen machetes. Unloaded at La Guaira this interesting shipment will move, unconsidered, through the Spanish lines, and the natives who wait for Simon Bolivar will be in readiness."

"A beautiful plan," said Francisco. "We will drink upon It," the swarthy sailor suggested.

As I watched them drink a chill of fear touched my spine, and my tongue had an unfamiliar feel in my mouth. Looking upon the man whom nature had set apart to be a leader. I felt the thrust of his cold eyes over the edge of his wine glass. "How long since, my dear Diego," he asked then, "have you put another saint in the place reserved so long for San Isidro?"

He had found me; those sharp eyes of his had sought me out! Should I run, and if so, where? There was only the house, and the garden surrounded by a wall too high for unassisted scal-

ing. Should I offer resistance to these four men, three of whom were doubtless armed, or should I surrender peaceably? It seemed certain that the knowledge I had acquired concerning their intent would be my deathwarrant; they could not let me go and then continue further with their plan of revolution.

While I considered thus Diego answered: "I have put no saint in the place reserved for San Isidro; you jest, amigo."

"Sinner or saint, Diego mio," Francisco insisted, "there is a figure in the

have you, too, just returned from a bal masque?"

"Is that a real face," I asked, "or

Whereupon the face swore a bitter Spanish oath, and I knew the owner of it for the soldier. Now the tall form of Francisco bent over me. "Then you didn't shoot me in the garden of the good Diego, nor drop me in the river?"

Smiling, he shook his head. "No; however. Manuel was for slipping a knife between your ribs."

"Is Manuel he of the dark face that resembles a bad dream?" "Yes, Senor." He chuckled. "His face is even worse now-if such could be." He thought a moment, "You

fight, Senor, as though you love to fight." "Not at all; though sometimes, it is true that the blood of my father

speaks to me."

"If Venezuela had a thousand men like you, Scnor," he said, and the flame of the patriot burned in his eyes, "she would win her independence out of hand." I found nothing to say to this, and he went on, deep anxiety in his eyes: "In your unconsciouness, Senor, you spoke often to 'Her Majesty,' who seems to possess shining black curls and purple moonlight in her eyes. Can we have made so vast a blunder?"

Now, in spite of the torture of my wounded head, I laughed - and groaned, and laughed again. "The majesty, Senor, of the lady of my dreams, lies only in her beauty; I saw her coming from a bal masque, and she was garbed as a queen. You have taken no prince incognito-only an American who has spent one mad night." I knew that they would have killed me after our fight if they had intended to kill me at all, so I assumed that, for the present at least, I was safe. "Where do we go, Francisco, and what, may I ask, are your plans concerning me?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Buttons Now Obsolete Once Did Real Service

ent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, were there to fasten the long lace cuffs while the wearers rode horseback or had occasion to reach across the table for another helping of journey cakes, better known as johnny cakes. For similar reasons, namely to fasten up the lace, buttons were placed along the sides of knee breeches to facilitate ease in horseback riding. Buttons placed in the general vicinity of the small of the

back on coats were there to fasten the coat tails while horseback riding. Throughout Connecticut there are still his lithe body, a look of the eagle in | to be found some of these old Colonial . apol's Journal.

Buttons placed on the underside of | coats and knee breeches with the lace men's coat sleeves, says a correspond- and coat-tail buttons still intact. I have seen coat tails made with button holes, beautifully sewn. This bears out the coat-tail button theory, and I have also seen beautiful lace cuffs with adequate buttonholes worked in. I have not seen knee breeches lace with buttonholes worked in, but it is quite logical to believe that such lace exists or existed.

We Knew It!

A correspondent writes that a tensor is that part of a quaternion that alters the length of a vector. We had suspected it right along .- Minne-

into consideration the fact that while man people exhibited the calmness of the revenue of the railroads dropped despair. The authorities cannot be-16 per cent last year, the revenue of lieve that America and the other nathe farmers dropped 20 per cent; that tions of Europe would permit the infarm prices are down to pre-war levsolvency of Germany, and the decree els, while freight rates are relatively issued by President von Hindenburg high; that with many products taxes, stressed the fact that the crisis was manufacturing costs, and railroad largely metaphysical and due to lack rates can be passed on to the consumof public confidence. ere, but that the farmer cannot pass At the suggestion of the French

his costs on. government, an Important conference Two security holders' committees was held in Paris Saturday and Sunappeared before the commission to day, the chief participants from other set forth the danger that many milnations being Chancellor Bruening and lions of dollars of rail securities may Foreign Minister Curtius of Germany, become ineligible for life insurance, Foreign Secretary Henderson of Engsavings bank and other investment land and Secretary Stimson of the unless the freight rate increase is United States. This was a prelimgranted. One of the committee repinary to a conference in London called resented life insurance and savings for July 20 by the British governbank interests and the other trust ment. To represent the United States and fire insurance companies and inat the latter President Hoover desigstitutions. nated Secretaries Stimson and Mellon.

In an effort to determine whether It was understood they would not certain practices of the railroads are concern themselves with matters of consistent with "economical and effi-European politics, and Mr. Stimson cievit management," the interstate already had explained that this govcommerce commission announced that ernment could not participate in a it would conduct an investigation on loan to Germany, that matter Testing its own motion into practices of carentirely with the federal reserve and riers which affect their operating revenues and expenses. President Hoover kept in close

Among the practices the commission is investigating are prices paid for railroad fuel and the handling of coal at tidewater ports, lake coal, private freight cars, the spotting of cars at industries and the construction and maintenance of sidings for shippers.

CAPTS. GEORGE ENDRES, and Alexander Magyar of the Hungarlan army made a remarkable nonstop flight from Harbor Grace, N. F., to within 14 miles of Budapest. That city was their goal but their fuel ran out just before it was reached.

Joseph Lebrix and Marcel Doret, two famous French aviators. set out on a non-stop flight from Paris te Tokyo, hoping to make the 6,000 miles in 62 hours. They were making good progress when they were forced down in Siberia 310 miles from Irkutsk. The plane was ruined and Lebrix was slightly injured.

majority in the house. He was the SOVIET Russia has taken another step in its return toward old-time seventh member of that body to dle since the election. The Republicans ways. It has been decreed by the new have 215 members to 213 for the people's commissiariat for agriculture Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite. that payment to workers on Russia's court. There are only six vacancies for that caused by the death of Aswell of Lou- | collective farms shall henceforth be

O NE more report from the Wickersham commission has been made public. It deals with methods of criminal procedure, and an interesting paragraph denounces as "shocking to one's sense of justice" the laws under which the famous Mooney-Billings case was conducted. The commission cites the case arising from the 1916 preparedness day bombing in San Francisco as one in which motions for a new trial "were held inadequate to prevent injustice." It makes no direct recommendation, however, that the case be reopened.

In the body of its report, signed by ten of the eleven members, the commission concludes that blame should be laid at the door of "incompetent, or pelitics-ridden judges" for much of the general complaint against this country's criminal procedure.

Monte M. Lemann, New Orleans lawyer who declined to sign the commission's prohibition report, likewise refused to sign this document. He charges that the report was made without sufficient research to back up the conclusions reached.



as chief of the army Gen. Foulois air corps, effective

December 20, when General Fechet's term expires. Foulois will then become a major general. He was one of the pioneers in the development of aviation through association withe the Wright brothers. He flew the first airplane and the first dirigible balloon purchased for the army, and in 1910, when the appropriation for the air service was only \$150, he contributed \$300 from his own pay to make up a deficit. He organized the first flying unit the army ever had. As assistant chief of the corps he supervised the gigantic air maneuvers along the Atlantic coast last May.

A LBERT B. FALL, former secre-tary of the interior, was ordered by the Department of Justice to be committed to the New Mexico penitentiary to serve out the term to which he was sentenced on his conviction in the Elk Hills bribery case. In order that Fall, because of incipient tuberculosis, might serve his term in the Southwest, his sentence of a year in jall was changed to a year and a day by Justice Jennings Balley of the District of Columbia Supreme

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he legitimately and properly could do. France refuses to be abashed by the attacks on her apparent harshness toward Germany. She holds that her demands are fully justified and that they tend to promote the cause of world disarmament and to assure security for Europe in general and CHARLES G. EDWARDS, Democrat, representative in congress of the