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BEING A PRESIDENT IN LATIN AMERICA

It is Attended With Some Very Serious Disadvantages.

SPECIMEN CASE CITED IN BRAZIL

The Vice-President and Six Members of Congress Involved in a Conspirney to Murder the Chief Executive, According to an Official Report. Details of the Conspiracy -- The Tool Finally Chosen to Execute It.

A Rio de Janeiro letter to the Sun gives some singular details concerning the recent murder of the Brazalian minister of war, Marshal Bittencourt, and the attempted assassination of President Moreas. They are taken from an cflicial report on the subject, and in the opinion of the official who made the investigation responsibility for the crime rests not only on the murderer, but also on nineteen accomplices, among whom are the vice-president of the republic and six members of con-RIGHS. The crime was political; so some ex-

planation of the political conditions in Brazil is necessary. President Prudente de Moreas, when he took office on Nov. 15, 1894, was regarded with profound distrust by the personal adherents of Marshal Floriano Peixoto. Still greater distrust, however, and positive dislike bordering on hatred were felt by the Florianistas toward Vice President Manoel Victorino, Though unwilling to adopt Floriano's methods, the president sought to con-ciliate the Florianistas, whose influence with the army made them formidable adversaries, and in doing this he was obliged to shape his policy so as to involve himself in difficulties and render his administration utterly barren. His attempts at conciliation were only cartly successful. In the difficult and dangerous situation in which he found Einself his health finally gave way. and in November, 1896, he was obliged temporarily to quit office. Had his enemies been resolute and united they would doubtless have availed themselves of this occasion to get rid both of him and the vice-president. The latter, however, was permitted to take the president's place, and he seems at this period to have found means of arriving at an agreement with the Florianistas, in accord with whom he has ever since acted. He and they were apparently very much disconcerted when in the beginning of last March the president, who had recovered his health, suddenly returned here gressman from that state. and resumed office.

THE WAR IN BAHIA.

It was during the president's illness that the disastrous war against the fanatics in Bahia was begun. On the very day on which he resumed office stain. And yet many of them may be the death and defeat of Morcira Cesar guiltless of the crime with which they occurred. Four days afterward, that is, on March 7, three printing offices and Colonel Gentil de Castro's residence were wrecked by a Jacobin mob, and on March 8 Gentil was murdered, a crime that stirred the government profoundly, owing to his prominence in political affairs and the revelation it afforded of the methods of those trying to overthrow the administration. These events had the effect of leading the president to decide upon a definite rupture with the Florianistas, who were most closely connected with the

lacobins. Among the nolis

DR. WURTH'S OPINION support. And the leader of the Florianistas, Congressman Francisco Glycerio, has admitted that he at least was really aware of the plots and as-sorts that he took steps for warning the OF THE NEW DISCOVERY IN MED president of the republic. In what pur-ports to be Deocleciano Martyr's testimony it is stated that Glycerio on one A Remarkably Successful Remedy for occasion asked Deocleciano to sus-Dyspepsin, Indigestion and Stompend operations, since it was expected that the murder would be rendered unneccessary by a military insurrec-tion in Bahia, which would overthrow ach Troubles. iscoveries in medicine, said: There first the president of the state and afis none which is certain to be so valuterward President Prudente de Moraes. able and far-reaching in benefit as Vice-President Manoel Victorino has Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the new not admitted that he was aware of the stomach remedy; I say far-reaching, plot. The evidence against him rests ecause people little realize how imprincipally upon the alleged testimony

portant a sound stomach and vigor-ous digestion is to every man, woman of Deocleciano Martyr, which is thought to be corroborated by a letter and child. in which the vice-president is repre-Indigestion is the starting point of sented to have said that he could not be a candidate for the presidency of onsumption, heart disease, Bright's disease, diabetes, nervous prostration. the republic, since he would thereby liver troubles; why is this so? Simply because every nerve, muscles and tisbe disqualified from taking charge of sue in our bodies is created and nour-ished from the food we eat. If that the government in "any critical emergency that may occur during the present presidential term." He has not been arrested, but is reported to be food is, by reason of a weak stomach, compelled to lie for hours, a sour, fer-menting mass of half digested food, it closely watched, and it is asserted that polsons the blood and nervous system, he never leaves his house

A FEROCIOUS SENATOR. Still another prominent politician ac-

which he now represents in the senate.

Peixoto, he was, at least morally, re-

be exterminated with dynamite.

Of the twenty persons whom the po

lice official in charge of the investiga-

tion holds responsible for the minister's murder there is perhaps not one on whose reputation there is not some

are charged. The evidence against

them is not of a nature to inspire con-

fidence, and it is only after testimony

has been heard in open court that one

can safely venture to form an opinion

the accused except the soldier who was

FOILED.

The difficulty referred to of assassin-

the conspirators from overt acts. They

made several attempts to incite mili-

taken in the act.

cused of being implicated in the plots is Senator Joas Cordeiro, who is reously impeding their action. ported to have said, on being informattention is not the nerves, ed of one conspiracy, that he heartily approved of it as a rapid and practical

olution of the situation. The remark The remedy to use for attributed to him is in keeping with his antecedents. In the beginning of and weak stomachs is not thartic, but a remedy which his public career he made himself the food, increase the flow known by the violent, unscrupulous, and lawless methods which he encjuice, absorb the gases, an Dyspepsia Tablets will acco ployed in making war on slavery and actly this result in any case slave holders. On being informed that the Emperor Dom Pedro IL, who deposed of the digestive acl sired emancipation, deprecated all il- pepsin, Golden Seal and Bisn legal action, he complained that the ant to taste, and not bein emperor's scruples irritated his nerves. medicine, can be used by a He was at that time a poor man, but perfect safety. I believe Str is now rich, having made a fortune by means of a contract with the governpepsia Tablets will cure a indigestion and stomach t ment for furnishing supplies to the

famishing population of the state of Full size packages of Stu Ceara, of which he is a native and pepsia Tablets are sold by at 50 cents. A book on sto A zealous partisan of Marshal Floriano eases, together with thousa timonials, will be sent by Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

> nough to be heard by but you will never again arriage." When the president, after his return from the steamer

there were a few shouts of the memory of Marshal Flo oto!" which were answered of "Long live the president of the re public!" Marcellino, when the president passed him, removed his cap, and then, following the president, pointed at him his pistol, which missed fire. in regard to the culpability of any of He was overpowered and arrested. before his arrest was effected he had killed with the knife the minister of war, severely wounded the president's chief of staff, and slightly wounded several other persons. Marcos Curius

In the ating without risk to themselves kept is said to have assisted in disarming Things you. C and arresting him. Deocleciano, who had been

baggage room

Early Days of Virginia.

strong box of Thomas, Lord Fairfax,

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ICINE.

Dr. Wurth, in commenting on recent

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sponsible for the hideous crimes committed during the latter's administra-tion. In February, 1894, he suggested man Barbora Lima, and Jo through the press that agencies of forgusto Freire took a steam eign banks, political prisoners, and cuewent together on board. O mies of the republic in general should rival they learned that as In steamer anchored Genera curious contrast with the ferocious naand Costallat had gone on ture of this man, his name, Cordeiro, had a secret conference with is the Portuguese for lamb. Cordeiro Barbora. They remained or was arrested a few days after the murome time and saw the p der of the ministry of war. Another the republic pass when he prisoner accused of being implicated ing the steamer. in the muder is Captain Barbora Lima, ex-Governor of Pernambuco and con-

"Go," said Freire, in a ing with his suite through t

then abandoned him was Francisco Glycerio, the congressional leader of the party. This man, who is a nearly white mulatto, has the reputation of being one of the most cunning political tricksters in Brazil. He is said to have outwitted even the crafty Marshal Floriano Peixoto and to have contributed powerfully toward preventing the latter from marking himself permanent dictator. He worked strenu-ously for the election of President Prudente de Moraes, whom he doubtless hoped to control. He is one if the congressmen whom the police official in his report considers responsible for the murder of the minister of war and the attempt on the life of the president.

CONSPIRACIES,

With the return to power of the president began a series of conspiracies to overthrow the government, which are described at length in the report. Prominent in them was Deocleciano Martyr, editor of a small incendiary sheet called the Jacobino. He first made himself notorious in 1890, when he was arrested for posting in streets of this city documents which the provisional government considered seditious. It was alleged in his defence that he had been actuated by excessive republican zeal and after being held in custody for a few days he was set at liberty. About two years afterward he again attracted public attention by an attempt to change the name of a square in this city, to which he wished to give the name of Marshal Floriano Peixoto, The method which he adopted consisted in merely removing the plates containing the name of the square and replacing them with others bearing Floriano's name. During the reign of terror under the government of that Marshal in 1893 and 1894, he made himself conspicuous by publishing lists of suspected persons. He afterward established the Jacobino, a journal noted for the violence of its language and for its attacks on foreigners, especially the Portuguese. Another of the alleged conspirators was Captain Marcos Curlus, who is commonly believed to have taken an active part in the murder or prisoners under the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto. The conspirators decided that the republic was in danger and that to save it it was necessary to murder President Prudente de Moraes, Rear Admiral Custodie de Mello, leader of the revolutionary movement of Nov. 23, 1891, and of that of Sept. 6, 1893, Councillor Silveira Martins and others. The principal obstacle seems to have been the difficulty in finding a favorable opportunity for assassinating their intended victims without risk to themselves. Many suggestions were made for carrying out their purpose. It was proposed, for instance, that a house should be rented near the president's palace or on one of the streets on which he had to pass and that Marcos Curius, who is said to be a good shot, should take his stand at a window and kill the president when the latter came within range. There appears to have been an agreement among the conspirators that each and every one of them should avail himsel, of any favorable opportunity for murdering the persons designated.

VICE PRESIDENT IN IT.

While prominent politicians do not seem to have attended the meetings of the conspirators, many of them, ac cording to the evidence rurnished by the police authorities, were aware of Jeneral Barbora and the two battalplots and actually gave the conions on board, came into port. Vicespirators encouragement and indirect President Manoel Victorino, Congress-

ary in failed. Marcellino on several occasions, was Their inactivity in regard to their original programme might perhaps have continued if Deocleciano had not met Marcellino Bispo de Mello, a soldier of the Tenth Battalion of infantry. The soldier, having read and admired Deocleciano's violent articles in the Jacobino, was seized with an earnest desire to make the acquaintance of their author, and did so. The editor of the Jacobino seems to have comprehended that he had at last found the man he needed. He took charge of the soldier and began to prepare him for his work making him swear fidelity by the memery of Marshal Fioriano Peixoto. When Marcellino was supposed to be suffic iently trained he was instigated to perform his task. To facilitate the work every precaution was taken, even that

of surrounding the president with suards in the confidence of the con-spirators. But in spite of all favorable circumstances, every attempt proved fruitless.

FINAL PREPARATIONS.

On Nov. 5 last at 7 o'clock in the norning Deocleciano, Marcellino, and a third man met at the office of the Jaobino. On that day General Barbora and two battalions of infantry (one of which had been commanded by Morcira Cesar, the sinister idol of the Jacobins) were to arrive from Bahia, where the insurrection had finally been suppressed, and elaborate preparations had been made for their reception. They were to be met and welcomed by the president of the republic, by the vice oresident, by the minister of war, by a congressional committee, and by many other citizens of high official rank. Afterward they were to march in triumph through the city amid the acclamations of the Florianistas, who had made arrangements for distributing a thousand medals with Floriano's portrait. What else might happen no ie could foresee,

Deocleciano had decided that one of the events of the day should be the accomplishment of the object for which he had so long labored. His friend and disciple, Marcellino, was to avail himself of the opportunity which the day would offer for attempting the grand stroke that was to save the army and place him securely on the path that was to lead to the Marshal's baton awalting the grasp of a second Floriano. He and his tool had accordingly met at the office of the Jacobino to arrange the final details of the day's work. The person with them was of minor but still essential importance. He was to take charge of the box conpining the weapons and hand them at the proper time to the future marshal. These weapons were a double-barrelled pistol, bought, it is stated, with money furnished by a congressman, and a knife, which Deocleciano, it is said, induced Marcellino to believe to be poisoned.

In handling the weapons that morning Marcellino accidentally discharged the pistol, and this incident is said to have produced a depressing effect on the conspirators, who, however, were not thereby induced to desist from their purpose. Everything was at last arranged, and Deocleciano went to await the result at the headquarters of the First regiment of cavalry, whose

commander is stated to have been in is confidence. MISSED FIRE.

arrested at the headquarters of the First regiment of cavalry and other arrests speedily followed. The president issued an address to the nation and congress voted a bill for proclaiming martial law, which since the adjournment of congress has been maintained and prolonged by the president and is still in force. LEFT ON TRAINS.

All Sorts of Articles Are Forgotten by Absent-Minded Passengers. From the Chicago Tribune

Recently a Chicago railroad displayed in its unclaimed parcel room five barrels of rubber overshoes and a box of false teeth. All this property and more during a period of sfx months had been left on the suburban and through trains by absent-minded passengers. The general baggage agent, upon being asked what was the oddest occurrence of this kind, said that a

woman once left on a train a sixmonths-old baby, and she did not miss it until a trainman overtook her with the little bundle of humanity before she got outside of the train shed. It was not a case of abandonment. She had forgotten to take up her own off-

spring. first lord proprietary of Virginia. The Only one-half of the articles left on box or chest is made of heavy wrought trains are claimed and returned to iron, into which has been welded iron owners. At all the railroad offices in Chicago there are to be found motley straps crossing each other at right ancollections of about all the articles gles. The slight ornamentation on the which man or woman ever owned. It would be impossible to list them in a whole page of a newspaper. The article which figures most ex-

tensively among the lost and found of the big railroads is the umbrella. An official of the Illinois Central says he received in the baggage department 1.500 umbrellas a year. General Agent Sadd, of the Burlington, says his records show about 600 a year, and the other lines report large collections of this serviceable article, which is left on

trains in all kinds of weather. On a recent fine, sunshiny day the Burlington railroad showed on its record a whole page of abandoned umbrellas. Next come the overshoes, which are daily found, singly and in pairs, and oftentimes odd in size and kind. At all the offices they are accumulated

to the extent of barrels and barrels, It is a common occurrence to find upper, lower, and partial sets of false teeth. Some give evidence of long service, others have been too new, and have been 'laid out" to give relief. But they come in all shapes and sizes.

Wearing apparel in large quantities is to be found in the lost parcel room. The clerks in the Alton's quarters at the Union station fitted out a dummy figure with every single article that a man is likely to wear from head to foot. The articles were all left piece by piece on the trains and gathered

by the employes until the figure up was togged out in newest fashion. The young woman stenographer in Baggage Agent Sadd's office has a pet kitten which was found in an envelope box on a train, and there being no claimant, young "Tom" is being taught

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to earn his board by mousing in the again, its whereabouts having been discovered through information re-Cripples frequently leave their ceived from a former slave named crutches on trains. There is a collec-Granderson, who had helped to bury it tion of them at all the offices. Hangbut who preserved the secret of its location until he found death was near. ing up in the parcel room of the Illinois Central is a big anchor made of when he divulged it to the proper tarmoss gathered from trees in the far

ty. The beirs of Mrs. Philip Williams gave the strong box to Mr. Philip Wil-The maker had taken care of it until Chicago was reached, only to liams Avirett, who now has it in his abandon it to the care of the parcel possession.

Among the treasures which were contained in the strong box at the time if was buried during the late war was a LORD FAIRFAX'S STRONG BOX miniature portrait of the late Philip Story of an Interesting Relic of the Williams, painted on ivory by Rembrandt Peale. The miniature is incased in a quant oval silver locket, and is also in the possession of Mr. Avirett. Au-In one of the partments of the Hotel thorities on such matters have ex-Raleigh now occupied by Mr. Philip pressed the opinion that the miniature W. Avirett, is a remarkable relic, which is as fine a specimen of Peale's marhas a history of great interest. It is vellous art in miniature portrait paintnothing more or less than the iron ing as there is extant.

THE SNOWY OWL.

Something About This Winter Visitor to the United States.

front of the box shows it to be of Italian This beautiful owl makes its nest in workmanship. The box is in a state of the far north, and in winter visits the remarkable preservation. The keyhole United States, Arctic explorers have is in the centre of the massive lid, and found it as far north as they have even a large, heavy key, black with age, turns easily in it. A wonderful thing reached. They tell us that it nests on the ground or on a mossy rock, for about the lock is that the key in turnwhile most owls nest in trees, there ing sends sliding bolts out from all are no trees in these far northern resides of the lid to cling beneath heavy gions-even the shrubs are stunted. extensions of the four sides of the box They do not construct a nest or, al itself, upon precisely the same principle most, only gather together a few leaves as that upon which the modern bank and feathers. The eggs are eight to ten in number, about two and a half inches vault lock in universal use today is in length, and nearly two inches in the The history of the relic is romantic smaller diameter, and like all owls The strong box was buried by Lord eggs, they are of a dirty white. Fairfax at his home, Greenway court,

The young birds are at first downy and brownish-gray in color. It is not till after they have left the nest that they are white, marked with brown, like the old birds.

The snowy owl hunts its prey by day. the Crown, but he died before he had Rabbits or hares, grouse and playmigan an opportunity to take it up and enjoy the treasure. The only person who are pounced upon and eaten, and also small quadrupeds like mice and lemknew about the burial of the box was mings, which abound in the Arctic re-Dr. Thomas Woodcock, of Winchester. After the death of Lord Fairfax, Dr. gions. It also catches fish, watching silently by the streams till a fish comes Woodcock dug it up and took it to Philnear the surface, when the owl seizes adelphia, where he gave it to the agents of the Bank of England, who sent it to it in its strong claws.

The snowy owl is about two feet in England, still filled with money and muniments of title. When the contents length from bill to tip of tail, and its had been removed the box was given to wings when extended measure nearly five feet from tip to tip. Most specimens are white, marked with brown; The Fairfax heirs sent it back to Dr. but rarely is one seen pure white. The Woodcock filled with silver plate, and plumage is extremely thick and warm; the strong box eventually passed from even the feet are clad in feathers to Dr. Woodcock to Mrs. Hannah Dunbar Winchester. At Mrs. Dunbar's the tips of the claws.

death she willed the box to her daugh-Most writers that have been to the Arctic regions say nothing about the ter, Mrs. Philip Williams, of Virginia, voice of this owl, so we might infer during her lifetime, and provided that that they had never heard it hoot as it should then descend to Mrs. Wilother owls do; ' but an explorer of the liams's heirs, among whom was Mrs. last century describes its cry as very Aviret, wife of the Rev. Jas. B. Aviret, unpleasant .- Our Animal Friends. formerly of Silver Springs and now of

During the late war the chest was Fined the Judge. again buried by those who had it in possession at Winchester, and a large From the Chicago Post.

Bob Rose, coult stenographer, was down in Texas last summer, and formed the acquaintance of State Chairman Elake, of the Democrafic committee, quantity of valuable silver plate was placed in it in order to protect it from possible seizure by the soldiers. Several years ago the box was dug up Blake is himself a character, but hi

father is still better. The old man is now preacher, but he used to be a lawyer nd nothing pleases him more than to tell if the odd code that obtained when he was "at the bar." For one thing, Elder Blake apologized

or the unseemly tale he was going to tell, and then told it. "I was on the grand jury that year, and there was little or nothing to do. Texas was as quiet as a sheepfold. So we watched for infractions of both law and

ustom. It is a well-known rule of law that a man letting down a pair of bars must let down the top bar first. Well, the judge came across my lot that morning, and let down the bottom bar first be fore he led his saddle horse across. "So we indicted him. Being the accus-

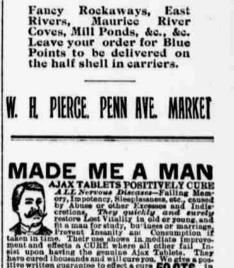
ed, of course he didn't sit on his own case, so the boys elected me judge to fill the vacancy, and we let him have counsel. He wouldn't plead guilty, so we found him guilty, and twelve of the grand jury, sitting as a petit jury, fined him a gallon of whisky "In Texas, half of the fines go to the

ounty, and as we were the representatives of the county in that transaction we collected the fine and turned it into we collected the fine and turned it inti-the general fund-a glassful at a time."



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