JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

VI.—The Explosion in the Treasury

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When Jennie returned to Vienna and was once more installed in her luxurious rooms at the Palace Steinheimer, she received in due time a copy of The Daily Bugle, forwarded to her under cover as a registered letter. The girl could not complain that the editor had failed to make the most of the news she had sent him. As she opened out the paper she saw the great black headlines that extended across two columns, and the news itself, dated not from Venice, but from Vienna, was in type a shade larger than that ordinarily used in the paper and was double leaded. The headings were startling enough:

PHANTOM GOLD.

The Most Gigantic Robbery of Modern Times.

The Austrian War Chest Dynamited.

Twenty Million Pounds in Gold Looted.

Appalling Disaster at the Treasury in Vienna.

Four Men Killed and Sixteen Others More or Less Seriously Injured.

"Dear me," the princess cried, in looking over Jennie's shoulder at these amazing headings, "how like home that looks! The Bugle doesn't seem at all like a London journal. It reminds me of a Chicago paper's account of a baseball match, a baseball match when Chicago was winning, of course, when Anson had lined out the ball from the plate to the lake front and brought three men in on a home run at a critical point in the game."

"Good gracious!" cried Jennie. "What language are you speaking? Is it slang or some foreign tongue?"

"It is pure Chicagoese, Jennie, into which I occasionally lapse even here in prim Vienna. I would like to see a good baseball match, with the Chicago nine going strong. Let us abandon this effete monarchy, Jennie, and pay a visit to America."

"I'll go with pleasure if you will tell me first who looted the war chest. If you can place your dainty forefinger on the spot that conceals 200,000,000 florins in gold, I'll go anywhere with you."

"Oh, yes, that reminds me. I spoke to my husband this morning and asked him if he could get you enrolled as a special detective, and he said there might be some difficulty in obtaining such an appointment for a woman. Would you have any objection to dressing up as a nice young man, Jennie?"

"I'd very much rather not. I hope you didn't suggest that to the prince." The princess laughed merrily and shook her head.

"No; I told him I believed that you could solve the mystery if any one could, and, remembering what you had done in that affair of the diamonds, my husband has the greatest faith in your powers as an investigator, but he fears the authorities here will be reluctant to allow a woman to have any part in the search. They have very old fashioned

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ideas about woman in Austria and think her proper place is presiding over a tea table."

"Well, if they only knew it," said Jennie, archly, "some things have been discovered over a teacup within our own memories."

"That is quite true," replied the princess, "but we can hardly give the incident as a recommendation to the Austrian authorities. By the way, have you noticed that no paper in Vienna said a single word about the robbery of the war chest? It must have been telegraphed here very promptly from London, and yet they do not even deny it, which is the usual way of meeting the truth."

While they were talking a message came from the prince, asking if he might take the liberty of breaking in upon their conference. A few moments after the prince himself entered the apartment and bowed courtly deference to the two ladies.

"I have succeeded," he said, "beyond my expectations. It seems that a newspaper in London has published an account of the whole affair, and the police, who were at their wits' end before, are even more flustered now that the account of the robbery has been made public."

"Jennie has just received a paper from London," said the princess hurriedly, "which says the war chest of Austria has been robbed of 200,000,000 florins, but there is nothing about it in the Vienna press."

"No," replied the prince, "nor is there likely to be. The robbery is now known to all the world except Austria, and I imagine nothing will be said about it here."

"Is there, then, any truth in the report?" asked the princess innocently.

"Truth! It's all truth; that is just where the trouble is. There is little use in our denying it, because this London sheet is evidently well informed, and, to deny it, we should have to publish something about the robbery itself, which we are not inclined to do. It is known, however, who the two correspondents of the London paper are, and I believe the police are going to make it so interesting for those two gentlemen that they will be glad to leave Vienna, for a time at least. Of course nothing can be done openly, because Englishmen make such a fuss when their liberties are encroached upon. One of the young men has been lured across the frontier by a bogus telegram, and I think the authorities will see that he does not get back in a hurry; the other we expect to be rid of before long. Of course we could expel him, but if we did it would be thought that we had done so because he had found out the truth about the explosion."

"How did you learn about the explosion?" asked the princess.

"Oh, I have known all there was to know ever since it happened!"

The princess gave Jennie a quick look, which said as plainly as words, "Here was the news we wanted in our own household and we never suspected it."

"Why didn't you tell me about it?" cried the princess indignantly.

"Well, you see, my dear, you never took any interest in politics, and I did not think the affair would have any attraction for you. Besides," he added, with a smile, "we were all cautioned to keep the matter as secret as possible."

"And wonderfully well you have managed it!" exclaimed the princess. "That shows what comes of trusting a secret to a lot of men. Here it is published to all the world."

"Not quite all the world, my dear. As I have said, Austria will know nothing about it."

"The princess tells me," said Jennie, "that you were kind enough to endeavor to get me permission to make some investigation into this mystery. Have you succeeded?"

"Yes, Miss Baxter, as I have said, I have succeeded quite beyond my expectations, for the lady detective is comparatively a new thing in Vienna. However, the truth is the police are completely in a fog, and they are ready to welcome help from whatever quarter it comes. Here is a written permit from the very highest authority, which you are not to use except in a case of emergency. Here is also an order from the chief of police which will open for you every door in Vienna, and, finally, here is a badge which you can pin on some not too conspicuous portion of your clothing. This badge, I understand, is rarely given out. It is partly civil and partly military. You can show it to any guard, who will, on seeing it, give you the right of way. In case he does not, appeal to his superior officer, and allow him to read your police permit. Should that fail then play your trump card, which is this highly important document.

"The director of the police, who is a very shrewd man, seemed anxious to make your acquaintance before you began your investigations. He asked me if you would call upon him, but seemed taken aback when I told him that you were my wife's friend and a guest at our house, so he suggested that you would in all probability wish first to see the scene of the explosion and proposed that he should call here with his carriage and accompany you to the treasury. He wished to know if 4 o'clock in the afternoon would suit your convenience."

"Oh, yes," replied Jennie. "I am anxious to begin at once, and of course I shall be obliged to him if he will act as my guide in the vaults of the treasury and tell me how much they have already discovered."

"You must not expect information from the police—in fact, I doubt if they have discovered anything; still, if they have, they are more likely to keep it to themselves, and I imagine they will hold a pretty close watch on you and be more anxious to learn what you find out and thus take the credit, if they can, than to furnish you with any knowledge of the affair they may happen to possess."

"That is quite natural and only what one has a right to expect. I don't wish to rob the police of any credit there is to be gained from this investigation, and I am quite willing to turn over to them whatever clews I may happen to chance upon."

"Well, if you can convince the director of that, you will have all the assistance he can give you. It wouldn't be bad tactics to let him know that you are acting merely in an amateur way, and that you have no desire to rob them of their glory when it comes to the solving of the problem."

Promptly at 4 o'clock the director of the police put in appearance at the Palace Steinheimer. He proved to be a most obsequious, highly decorated old gentleman, in a very resplendent uniform, and he could hardly conceal his surprise on learning that the lady detective was a woman so young and so pretty. Charmed as he was to find himself in the company of one so engaging, it was nevertheless evident to Jennie that he placed no very high estimate on the assistance she might be able to give in solving the mystery of the treasury. This trend of mind, she thought, had its advantages, for the director would be less loath to give her full particulars of what had already been accomplished by the police.

Jennie accompanied the director to that extensive mass of buildings of which the treasury forms a part. The carriage drew up at a doorway and here the director and his companion got out. He led the way into the building, then descended a stair, entered an arched corridor, at the door of which two soldiers stood on guard, who saluted as the chief passed them.

"Does this lead to the room where the explosion took place?" asked Jennie.

"Yes."

"And is this the only entrance?"

"The only entrance, madame."

"Were the men on guard in this doorway injured by the explosion?"

"Yes. They were not seriously injured, but were rendered incapable for a time of attending to their duties."

"Then a person could have escaped without their seeing him?"

"A whole regiment of persons might have escaped. You will understand exactly the situation if I compare this corridor to a long cannon, the room at the end being the breechloading chamber. Two guards were inside the room and two others outside the door that communicated with this corridor. These four men were killed instantly. Of the guards inside the room not a vestige

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has been found. The door, one of the strongest that can be made, somewhat similar to the door of a safe, was flung outward and crushed to the floor the two guards who stood outside it in the corridor. Between the chamber in which the chest lay and the outside entrance were 16 men on guard. Every one of those was thrown down, for the blast, if I may call it so, traveled along this straight corridor like the charge along the inside of a gun barrel. The guards nearest the treasure chamber were, of course, the more seriously injured, but those farther out did not escape the shock, and the door by which we entered this corridor, while not blown from its hinges, was nevertheless forced open, its strong bolts snapping like matches. So when you see the great distance that intervenes between the chamber and that door you will have some idea of the force of the explosion."

"There is no exit, then, from the treasure chamber except along this corridor?"

"No, madame. The walls of the chamber are of enormous strength, because, of course, it was expected that if an attempt at robbery were ever made it would be from the outside, and it is scarcely possible that even the most expert of thieves could succeed in passing the two guards at the door, 16 guards and officers along the corridor, two outside the treasury door and two in the chamber itself. Such a large number of soldiers were kept here so that any attempt at bribery would be impossible. Among such a number one or two were sure to be incorruptible, and the guards were constantly changed. Seldom was either officer or man twice on duty here during the month. With such an enormous amount at stake every precaution was taken."

"Are there any rooms at the right or left of this corridor in which the thieves could have concealed themselves while they fired the mine?"

"No; the corridor leads to the treasure chamber alone."

"Then," said Jennie, "I can't see how it was possible for a number of men to have made away with the treasure in such circumstances as exist here."

"Nevertheless, my dear young lady, the treasure is gone. We think that the mine was laid with the connivance of one or more officers on duty here. You see, the amount at stake was so large that a share of it would tempt any nine human beings out of ten. Our theory is that the train was laid, possibly electric wires being used, which would be unnoticed along the edge of the corridor and that the bribed officer exploded the dynamite by bringing the ends of the wire into contact. We think that the explosion was a great deal more severe than was anticipated. Probably it was expected that the shock would break a hole from the treasure chamber to the street, but so strong were the walls that no impression was made upon them, and a cabman who was driving past at the time heard not a sound of the explosion, although he felt a tremble of the ground and thought for a moment there had been a shock of earthquake."

"You think, then, that the thieves were outside?"

"That seems the only possible solution."

"The outside doors were locked and bolted, of course?"

"Oh, certainly! But if they had a confederate or two in the large hallway up stairs they would see to it that there was no trouble about getting in. Once inside the large hallway, with guards stunned by the shock, the way to the treasure chamber was absolutely clear."

"There were sentries outside the building, I suppose?"

"Yes."

"Did they see any vehicle standing or driving near the treasury?"

"No; that is the strange part of it, and, moreover, the sentries, although pacing outside the walls of this building, heard nothing of the explosion beyond a low rumble, and those who thought of the matter at all imagined an explosion had occurred in some distant part of the city."

"Then the outside doors in the large hall above were not blown open?"

"No; the officer reported that they were locked and bolted when he examined them, which was some minutes, of course, after the disaster had taken place, for he, the officer in charge, had been thrown down and stunned, seemingly by the concussion of air which took place."

(To be continued next Thursday.)

INJUNCTION AGAINST STONE

Restrained From Destributing Chicago Board of Trade Quotations.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—A temporary injunction was issued by Judge Kohlsaat in the United States court prohibiting Oscar M. Stone and others from obtaining, selling and distributing the quotations of the Chicago board of trade. The complainant was the Cleveland Telegraph company, which has the right under its contract with the board to disseminate the quotations.

Granting the title to the news is right, the court said it cannot be denied that the complainant was greatly damaged by the broadcast scattering of the quotations by purloiners, who by reason of having to pay nothing for them, could obviously render the complainant's right of property valueless.

INSURANCE PLOT.

Another Name Added to the List of Victims of Chicago Conspirators--Two Score Implicated.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Laura Carroll is named as another victim of the insurance conspiracy syndicate, said to be headed by Dr. August M. Unger. The physician used her, it is said, as a subject on whom to take out policies similar to those attempted with Marie Defenbach. The Carroll woman disappeared four or five months ago and none of those with whom she associated have seen her since. During her residence she was an intimate friend of Miss Defenbach and is alleged to have been a patient and sweetheart of Dr. Unger. There are indications that the organization had a wider scope than at first thought. It is asserted by detectives that at least two score of people are criminally connected with it.

Lutheran Synod Conference.

Concordia, Mo., Oct. 11.—The conference of the Western district German Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states convened here yesterday for a six days' session. Professor Pierce of St. Louis, president of the entire synod, delivered the synodical sermon in the morning. The conference was later formally called to order by Rev. Rosener of Alternburg, Mo., president of the western district.

Meiklejohn a Candidate for Senator.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Secretary Root returned to Washington yesterday, but did not take up any of the affairs of office. Secretary Meiklejohn left for Nebraska, where he expects to take an active part in the campaign. Mr. Meiklejohn will be a candidate for senator if the Republicans control the Nebraska legislature.

Terrorized by Mysterious Murderers.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 11.—People in the district of Boissevain, Manitoba, are in a state of terror. Yesterday the dead body of an unknown woman was found in a well, making three bodies including those of C. Daw and J. Smith, discovered on Sunday. No motive for the murder of the woman can be found.

It Happened In a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by the Kiesau Drug Co.

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BURT MAPES,
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