

CURRENT FICTION

The Last Battle

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IT HAPPENED during the so-called "Mexican" war—that period of time during which the United States government sent a flock of troops over the border to protect honor, life, property and to catch Villa.

Garfield Nichols, who was then considered one of the foremost newspaper correspondents in the East, despite his lack of consideration for expense accounts, his humorous viewpoint on things that newspaper editors regarded as vitally important (including the Mexican war), and his frankly admitted weakness for intoxicating beverages of any description—despite all these things Garfield was dispatched posthaste for Mexico as representative of the Boston Express to serve in the capacity of war correspondent.

Old Man Upton, the Express' managing editor, knew what he was about. He knew that Garfield, because of his various weaknesses, couldn't be depended upon to stay sober for more than four or five hours at a time, but he knew also that Garfield had the gift of setting words down on paper in such a way as to attract and hold the attention of his newspaper's readers. Personally Upton wasn't so sold on the "war" himself, but he knew that Garfield Nichols would send back dispatches that would fairly seethe and boil with news of a convulsing nature.

And so Garfield departed for the Mexican border with a pocket full of expense money, passport, letters of identity and a head full of old man Upton's detailed instructions.



He lived in the saloon, alternating his time between dodging bullets and writing.

Two weeks later the Express' managing editor received an urgent request from its war correspondent for additional funds amounting to \$100. Accompanying the wire was another, several paragraphs in length, in which Garfield had set down the latest developments in the war.

Upton checked the story with the leased wire dispatches, found that they tallied in minor details only, and was a trifle puzzled. Garfield's story was glamorous and this was what the public wanted. Hence, the story was published, under Garfield's by-line, and the \$100 expense money forwarded.

From that point forward stories from Garfield concerning the war began to arrive at the rate of one every two days. They were exceptionally fine yarns, and would have substituted old man Upton's next in engaging the famous Garfield in every respect, had it not been for one thing. Each story in the order of its receipt was found to be a little further removed from other stories that were flashed over the country by the various news services which had also dispatched correspondents to Mexico. But in effect this, Garfield's yarns were in point of literature, new and interesting reading, far ahead of any other dispatches that came in daily on the Express' leased wire service.

Fortunately, the American public is gullible; they were eager and willing to believe that the developments in Mexico as published by the Express were correct. They liked circulation figures soared during the first few weeks of Garfield's sojourn.

It wasn't until almost a month had elapsed that old man Upton really began to get worried. During the past four weeks Garfield had asked for and received three hundred extra dollars for expenses and during the past seven days his stories had not tallied in a single instance with leased wire dispatches.

ODIN H. JOHNSON, Attorney, Pontiac, Michigan.
STATE OF MICHIGAN.
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of January 1942.
Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Novell F. Nelson, Deceased.
Doris H. Johnson, administrator having filed in said Court a petition, praying for title to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.
It is Ordered, That the 16th day of February 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why it should be ordered that said estate in said real estate should not be granted.
It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.
Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy,
Florence Doty,
Register of Probate.
Jan. 22-Feb. 5.

BERNARD A. ASPON, Attorney, 1577 National Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.
STATE OF MICHIGAN.
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 15th day of January A. D. 1942.
Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Asa C. Henry, Deceased.
Corinne J. Spencer, daughter having filed said estate a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.
It is Ordered, That the 16th day of February A. D. 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.
Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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Jan. 15-Jan. 29.

RUTZEL, LEVIN & WINSTON, Attorneys, National Bldg., Building, Detroit, Michigan.
STATE OF MICHIGAN.
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of January A. D. 1942.
Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Shaver, Deceased.
Mary Josephine Erickson, administratrix of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate as set forth in said petition.
It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.
It is Further Ordered, that the seventh day of April 1942 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said estate.
Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy,
Florence Doty,
Register of Probate.
Jan. 15-Jan. 29.

H. H. HARRISON, Attorney, 408 Fenwick Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.
NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Please to Take Notice that on Monday, the ninth day of February, 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Judge of Probate at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, I will make application to the Hon. Judge of Probate in and for said County, to change my name from Florence Mahoney Keenan to Florence Mahoney Keenan.
Signed Florence Mahoney Keenan
Pontiac, Michigan,
January 8, 1942.

After they've paid admission to movies and games, and bought gas for their automobiles, what kind of money do the American people use to buy groceries?
In trying to reduce expenses everyone bumps into overhead.

Back in Boston old man Upton read over the long and carefully worded wire that had come to him, charger collected, from his correspondent in Majorca, Mexico, and sadly shook his head.
"Hal," he called, addressing a copy boy. "Hal, what's on the wire service about the Mexican scrap?"
Hal wrinkled his nose to indicate that news from Mexico was nil.
"Nothin', Boss. Same old stuff. And if you ask me, that can't be much of a war. What we ought to do is run some more of Nichols' stuff. That's what folks like to read. Good live news!"
But old man Upton only shook his head and picked up a copy of the wire he had just sent Garfield. It read: "Just received your last 'Fiction' story. And I mean last. You're fired. Suggest you sell your imaginary 'news' to a magazine."

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American Legion

Notes

The purchase of 20 crates and 20 blankets by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion will be set up as a casualty station, and properly equipped to handle first aid in the event of a catastrophe. The home will be open to the inspection of the public at a date to be announced later.

Attending the last meeting of the Legion were Dr. Z. L. Aschenbrenner, Dr. J. W. Norton, Norm Lee and Bruce Dickie. Dr. Aschenbrenner explained in some detail just what was needed. The Legion Home will be needed in the event of an air raid. It is better to be prepared and not need the station, than to have future need for such a station, and find ourselves unprepared.

The members of Groves-Walker Post sent a check for \$45.00 to the USO on January 22.

Carl Goers, with his new bowling ball, is stepping his average up. It's too bad he did not get the start early in the season, so that he could finish with those on top. The directory for the men now in service will soon be put up in the

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FRI., SAT., JAN. 30-31—HEY KIDS—BIG CARTOON PARTY SAT.
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SUN., MON., TUES., FEB. 1-3—Spencer Tracy in "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE" & "WEEK END FOR THREE" with Jane Wyatt
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Billy Conn in "PITTSBURGH KID" & "BETINA CONVY"

The next District meeting will be February 6, at Pontiac, Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the Legion Home, and all reservations must be in the hands of the Post Chairman by February 4. Inasmuch as they can serve only 120 and all meetings in the past have been attended by at least 138 Legionnaires. If you are left out, blame yourself for not getting your reservation in. S. L. A. Marshall will be the main speaker of the evening. His reputation as a war correspondent is well known, and his talk should be of interest to everyone.

The bowling teams in the American Legion League held at Huron High each week are a huge success. The Farmington team, composed of Al Smith, Alfred Rocque, Fred Schauppert, Ford Niles and Carl Goers have been very successful in the last few games they have played.

AM NO MILLIONAIRE BUT I own a share in America

Bonds & Stamps

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RICH to help America. That's the theme of the above poster, one of the newest of the Defense Savings promotional pieces now going up in streetcars, on bulletin boards, and at other public places. This poster emphasizes the point advanced by the Treasury Department that every American can—and must—pitch in if the United States is to have the arms and the tools necessary to protect her freedom.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

This message is directed to those of you who have not yet taken advantage of our January Disposal Sale which ends Saturday, January 31st.

As you well know, the War situation has brought about drastic changes in market conditions. Restrictions have already been placed on many commodities and price increases on many others are threatened.

Diamonds which have already advanced in price will very likely be increased even more. Fortunately, we purchased our diamonds last year at prices far below present market quotations, and despite the increases of past months we have never increased our retail prices.

In many instances our prices today are almost 50% less than those of the average store in Detroit. Yet in spite of this we are offering a 15% discount on Diamond Engagement Rings and Wedding Rings now in our January Disposal Sale.

If you contemplate the purchase of diamonds or other articles of jewelry now or in the near future... this is your opportunity to realize substantial savings. Our January Disposal Sale ends Saturday, Jan. 31st. We urge that you

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