

FORTUNE IN DESERT

RICH FIND MADE BY A LONE PROSPECTOR.

George Simmons' Discovery of Long Abandoned Mine Made Him the "Turquoise King"—Assassinated by Discharged Foreman.

The turquoise king is dead. A career of thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes, a life in which the smelt of fortune came at the most unexpected times and places, has been ended, like the lives of so many other bearing royal titles, by an assassin's bullet.

George Simmons, the turquoise king, was a frequent visitor in Denver during the later years of his life. Mr. Simmons was murdered on October 15 at Marvel, Cal., an isolated mining town near the Nevada line.

The discovery of his mine was an example of his keen scent for the unusual. Hiding through the Crescent mountains in the Mojave desert one day, he noticed at a little distance a slight elevation or mound, which although perhaps undisturbed for centuries, had apparently been built by human hands.

A closer examination of the heterogeneous material composing the mound convinced him of its artificial character, and as it was too large for an ordinary grave, he determined to investigate further.

Continuing the excavation, he opened up the workings of an ancient mine and the deposits of turquoise which afterward brought him wealth.

For years he kept the location of the mine a secret, working it in a desultory manner. The property was not patented, and lest some wandering prospectors should run upon it, by accident he built a stockade around it and kept a man with a Winchester on guard night and day.

One day he was in the mine and he followed him to Nevada. Simmons' quick eye, however, caught a glimpse of McClurg as the latter got down from the rear end of the train at their destination, and the Denver man was promptly warned that a bullet would stop him if he attempted to follow Simmons to the mine.

On Simmons' first visit to Denver he used to bring with him a large traveling grip filled with splendid turquoise. The stones were pale blue in color, while those from the old mines in New Mexico were dark blue, and at first it was hard to find buyers for the product of Simmons' mine.

Falling to get enough money from the sale of the turquoise to patent the property and develop it, Simmons went to London to secure capital. He put a valuation of \$700,000 on his mine and floated it on that basis, although it was really worth three times that amount.

When he returned to New York, Simmons put up at the Waldorf-Astoria. The collection of turquoise he had with him were the talk of the hotel. Some one got him to show them to a party of ladies, including the wife of the manager, Bolt.

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