the story of the double started, accord-

ing to the explanation given by the can-

didate and his managers, an explana-

tion, by the way, that was accepted

with reluctance or not at all by many

of the opposing party. Then, too, as is

always the case when sensational sto-

ries gain currency, there were many

who heard the story who never heard

According to the explanation, one day

when the train was passing through a

city of considerable size a gentleman

came aboard who bore a rather striking

resemblance to the candidate so far as

features went, but who was a much

smaller man and one who could not

possibly be palmed off upon the public

for any length of time as the real can-

didate. This gentleman and the presi-

dential aspirant were presented to each

other, and the stranger remained talk-

ing with his distinguished companion

until the train had carried them out in-

to the rural districts, and as the train

was slowing up at an unimportant little

station the stranger laughingly sug-

gested that he should take the candi-

The candidate good humoredly ac-

quiesced to the proposal, and the stran-

ger actually showed himself upon the rear platform to the little group wait-

ing at the station, while the real candi-

date remained within the car unseen.

Contrary to the terms of the proposal

and its acceptance, the stranger even

made a little speech, the temptation to

do so apparently being too great for

him to resist. The speech was merely

a brief restatement of some things the

candidate had already uttered in one of

his printed speeches and so would have

done no harm even if it had been re-

ported for the press and again printed,

which was not done, as the place where

it was delivered was regarded as too

unimportant to make appropriate its

And that was all there was to the

story, according to the candidate and

after left the train, and he and the can-

didate had never seen each other since.

This was all very well as an expla-

nation, said the candidate's opponents,

but if true, how was it that the candi-

date was able to make such an impos-

sible number of speeches? And, fur-

thermore, how was it that on one occa-

sion, due to somebody's blunder, the

candidate and his substitute both hap-

pened to be making speeches at the

same hour in two towns a few miles

apart? To the first question the an-

swer was made that the great intellec-

tual and physical strength of the can-

didate made so many speeches possible.

And to the second question the re-

sponse was that the assumption upon

which it rested was absolutely base-

And so things went on, with ever in-

creasing bitterness upon both sides, to-

ward the end of this most momentous

To such extent was feeling aroused

and to such length of bitterness did it

go that, as the end approached, the

more extreme partisans were ready to

resort to almost any means to defeat

their opponents. There were rumors of

plots to assassinate one or the other or

both of the leading candidates, rumors

which, when traced to their sources, it

is pleasant to be able to record, were

found to be wholly without foundation

in truth. But the rumors served to ex-

cite and inflame still further the ani-

mosities of persons whose hatred had

It was at this critical stage of the

campaign that certain botheaded parti-

THE STRANGER SHOWED HIMSELF UPON THE

PLATFORM.

sans batched a plot to kidnap the can-

didate who was rumored to have a dou-

ble. They would kidnap him about a

week before the day of election, thus

compelling his paid substitute in the

interval to appear at all public func-

tions and make all speeches for which

the true candidate had made engage-

ments. After election, should be prove

to have received a majority of the elec-

toral votes, the candidate was to be

held a prisoner until after the succeed-

ing 4th of March, which would compel

the successful party to either inaugu-

rate a spurious president or admit that

the man elected was not to be found

and therefore could not be inaugurated.

Or, should developments after the elec-

already reached fever heat.

less-a fabrication pure and simple.

of all presidential campaigns.

date's place on the rear platform.

the explanation of its origin.

ELDOM or never had political feelings in a presidential campaign run so high. Principles, policies, and personalities were all sources of prejudice and hatred. The candidates of the two principal parties were as unlike as it is possible to imagine, and the

As the campaign progressed with ever intensifying feeling, charges and

principles and policies of the two party

platforms were as opposite as the mind



GREETED WITH CRIES OF "HELLO, OLD

countercharges were made-some well founded, no doubt, and others utterly ridiculous. Persons acquainted with the two candidates knew these stories and similar ones to be utterly false, but the fact that such stories originated and gained currency illustrates how high public feeling ran and into what depths of credulity its prejudices allowed it to be carried.

One of the most ridiculous and at the same time one of the most persistent rumors in circulation was that which averred with all solemnity that one of the candidates, who was stumping the country from Maine to California-in this most unusual of campaigns all states were doubtful, and all alike needed the presence of the party nominees-was not the candidate at all, but a man of much greater intellectual and oratorical ability who bore a strong physical resemblance to the actual can-

The reports concerning this mysterious substitute of the real candidate were somewhat conflicting. According to the more conservative versions of this improbable story, the substitute assumed the part of his principal only upon occasions when the genuine candidate was too much exhausted to himself address the expectant crowds as he passed from one railway station to another in his speechmaking campaign. This theory was given some color by the extraordinary number of speeches which the candidate succeeded in crowding into a working day of 12 or 15 hours. There was no stopping place so small but that he would find time and words to make at least a little speech, and to such as gave no credence to the theory of candidational substitution it was a constant marvel that the man's voice and strength didn't give out. Thus there were many persons willing to believe the candidate had a physical duplicate to spell him in his speechmaking who would not go so far as to believe, as another version of the story had it, that it was the substitute who was making all the speeches and that it had all been arranged before the nomination of the candidate. This version stated in terms as explicit as was compatible with an avoidance of libel suits that the man put in nomination by the convention was so inferior intellectually that he was totally incompetent to make the brilliant speeches which the party's salaried substitute was going about making. This version of the fairy tale would have it that the genuine candidate had gone into the most secret and secluded retirement immediately after the convention had nominated him and that he would not issue therefrom until after the election should have carried him up to a triumphant victory or down to an inglorious defeat.

In the heat of political campaigns the most improbable tales will find credence, and there were found among the duller class of intellects many men who actually believed the real party candidate had never been seen at a political rally and had never made a speech since the beginning of the campaign. This belief no doubt accounts for the interruptions that occurred now and then near the close of the campaign when the candidate would be greeted with cries of "Hello, old Bogus!" and similar remarks. But while no person of education and intelligence for a moment supposed that the real candidate was not daily appearing before thousands and making speeches there were many who believed it not impossible nor even improbable that he had with him a substitute bearing a personal likeness to himself, whom he suffered to make short speeches at some of the minor and unimportant places at which

tion make it seem wiser to restore the elected candidate to his party before the train stopped. March 4, a heavy ransom could be de-It may be as well to state here how

manded, which would repay the conspirators for the risk they would run in kidnaping him.

The election would occur on Tuesday. On the evening of the preceding Thursday a final great political rally was to be held in a large hall of one of the chief cities. This rally would practically end the campaign, such meetings as were to be held afterward being of lesser importance. The candidate credited this great political meeting. There was to be a torchlight procession first, and in order that as many persons as possible might catch a glimpse of the great man it was arranged that he should ride from his hotel to the hall in an open carriage at the head of the pa-

The conspirators of the opposing party, knowing of this plan, decided that the best time to kidnap the candidate would be just before the hour set for the meeting. It was hoped by them that the salaried substitute would be unprepared for taking the place of his principal before this great gathering and would in his embarrassment and unpreparedness leave a bad impression on the voters. The plotters therefore decided to permit the candidate to pass from the hotel to the hall as arranged and seize him just as he was entering the hall by a private entrance. Two dozen picked policemen were to be on guard near the entrance, each of whom was to be a sympathizer with the conspirators and secretly act in conjunction with them. Plans were carefully perfected, and it seemed reasonably Boys' Overcoats, certain that the abduction could be successfully accomplished. With a substitute available the managers would certainly have the mass meeting proceed with an address by the spurious candidate rather than endanger the chances of the real candidate's election by making public the fact that he had been captured and carried away and that it was not known where he was or when his person could be recovered.

But on the very morning of the day when the abduction was to occur and when all the plans for its execution had been arranged the startling news came to the conspirators that the secret had leaked out and that the candidate and his managers would be prepared for the kidnaping. A traitor to the enemy straight from that enemy's camp



A BAND OF HORSEMEN BARRED THE ROAD. brought the conspirators the news. He also divulged the plans the enemy had prepared for outwitting the conspirators. It was to be a case of fooling the fooled. From this time on the salaried substitute could well be spared, and the plan of the enemy, as revealed by the traitor, was to have the spurious candidate ride from the hotel to the hall in the open carriage at the head of the parade, while the genuine candidate should proceed to the hall in a closed carriage and enter the building through another entrance. The conspirators should be suffered to carry out their plans, only instead of the real candidate it would be the substitute whom they would capture and carry away.

This news brought consternation to the conspirators at first, but after the first moments of discomfiture and bewilderment the leader exclaimed: "Why, all the better then! We will let them see that we can change our plans as quickly as they can theirs. We will let them continue to think we are to do as already planned, but in reality we will let this substitute of theirs enter the hall, and we will capture the candidate in the closed carriage. The results will be the same as first plan-

"Ha, ha!" shouted the other conspirators and proceeded to rearrange their

cheering and shouting spectators a smiling and hatless man who strongly resembled the presidential candidate. He bowed and bowed, and few besides those in the secret dreamed that he was other than what he seemed.

At the same hour a closed carriage was driven rapidly from an alley in the rear of the candidate's hotel and rolled swiftly away through the more deserted streets toward the hall where the meeting was to be held. When about half the distance had been covered, a band of horsemen suddenly dashed from a cross street and parred the road in front of the carriage. One of the horsemen quickly mounted the seat with the driver, and, the others lining up on either side of the vehicle, the carriage and the little cavalcade surrounding it sped swiftly away toward the environs of the city.

The occupant had made no outcry. An hour or so later, when the great hall was echoing and re-echoing to the ringing tones of the presidential candidate and to the respondent cheers of his audience, a little band of swearing cou-

spirators were disgustedly kicking about an effigy of straw that their leader had just pulled unceremoniously from a closed carriage.

The darker the cloud the brighter the sun when he breaks through the rift.

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