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ERZBERGER MURDERED AT OFFENBURG

Former Vice Premier Dies
From Dozen Bullet
Wounds

HAD LED A STORMY
POLITICAL LIFE

Was Shot More Than a Year
Ago After He Brought a
Libel Suit Against Vice
Chancellor.

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Matthias Erzberger, former vice-premier and finance minister, was murdered today near Offenburg, Baden. Twelve bullet wounds are in his body.

Erzberger was shot down in the Black Forest by two youths while walking with Reichstag Deputy Dyez.

Shot Once Before.

Matthias Erzberger, German Vice-Premier and Minister of Finance, was shot and wounded on January 26, 1920, as he was leaving the criminal court building in Berlin after a ten-day hearing in a libel suit he had brought against Dr. Karl Helfferich, the former German Vice-Chancellor. His assailant gave his name as Oltwig von Hirschfeld, a former cadet officer, 29 years old, a student, and son of a Berlin bank official. Von Hirschfeld was arrested and was quoted as saying he considered Erzberger dangerous to the empire. The assailant fired two shots at Erzberger as the Minister was entering his automobile. One bullet glanced off the Minister's watch chain and another entered his shoulder.

Erzberger roused a storm in Germany in July 1917, more than a year before the armistice, by proposing a resolution in the German Reichstag in favor of a peace without annexations and for parliamentary reform. Vice-Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg declared this formula was unacceptable and Dr. Helfferich subsequently blamed Erzberger's peace proposal for the moral collapse of the German people. The former Vice-Chancellor accused Erzberger of high treason, denounced him as "a menace to the purity of our public life" and invited him to bring suit for libel. He declared that Erzberger must be removed from public office "if our political life is again to become healthy and normal." He asserted also that Erzberger's fortune had been made during the war by utilizing his political and parliamentary position.

Suit for Libel.

Erzberger accepted the challenge and instituted suit for libel. The hearing was acrimonious and interested much political importance. Dr. Helfferich delivering denunciatory speeches in court while Erzberger vigorously defended himself and his action in seeking peace in 1917.

Herr Erzberger was for many years leader of the German Center party and one of the leading figures in German public life after Germany's defeat in the war. His peace move of 1917 had made him the storm center of attack by reactionaries; but when Germany's military power collapsed he was made Minister Without Portfolio in the cabinet of Prince Maximilian.

As a member of the German Armistice delegation he conducted negotiations with Marshal Foch and later headed the Majority Socialists in a

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Issuance of Medical Beer Regulations Is Held Up By Mellon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Decision to withhold issuance of medical beer regulations pending congressional action on proposed anti-beer legislation was reached Thursday by Secretary Mellon in conference with Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair.

The decision as to issuance of the regulations was made necessary by the action of the senate in recessing for 30 days without finally approving the Willis-Campbell bill, which would forbid the prescription of beer as medicine.

The treasury believes, it was said, that congressional action will come soon after congress reassembles next month, and it would be purposeless to put forth the regulations under the circumstances.

The main factor governing the treasury's decision to hold up the beer regulations, however, was said to be the lack of applications from brewers to permit them to manufacture beer for medical purposes.

NEW GAS MAY BE A GODSEND

Mixture of Alcohol and Sulphur-carbon Said to Reduce Operation Cost of Autos.

ROME, Aug. 26.—Through the invention of a gas generating mixture composed of alcohol and a sulphur-carbon combination, the cost of operating automobiles and all internal combustion motors can be reduced one-half, according to the claims of Engineer Sesti, who after exhaustive experiments under the auspices of the Italian government has just completed a report on the possibilities of the new combustion.

The use of the new gas generating mixture pre-supposes the employment of a special kind of carburetor, which Sesti has evolved.

The experiments have been in progress over a period of almost three years, and were begun with a special view of lessening the cost of automobile fuel.

The new fuel has a density greater than that of gasoline in the ratio of 225 to 730. It is urged that the adoption of the fuel will considerably lessen the importations of foreign gasoline. Practically all the raw materials necessary for the new fuel can be found in Italy.

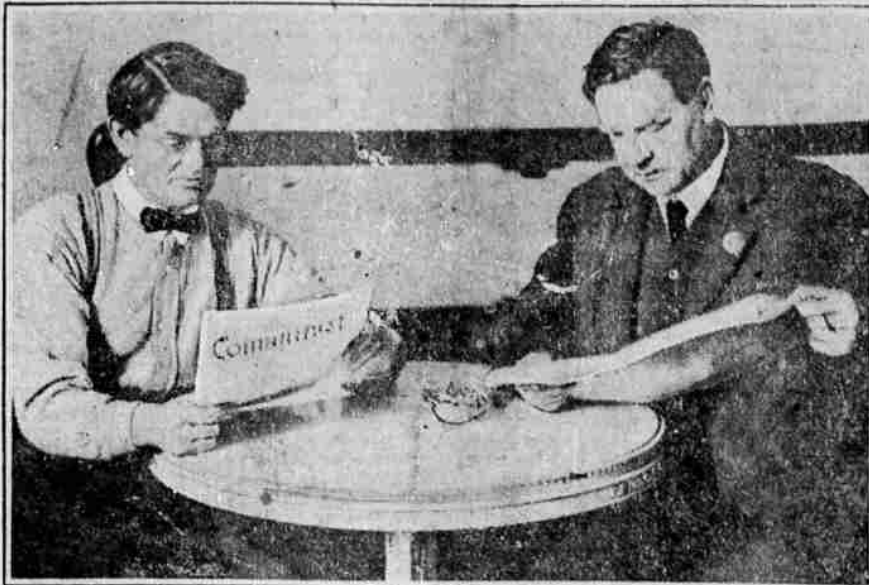
The inventor claims that the exhaust gas is less obnoxious to the lungs than the fumes of gasoline.

The use of crude alcohol to the proportion of 70 per cent is employed in the fuel, while the remaining 30 per cent is taken up by the sulphur carbon combination.

He Feeds His Apples Just Enough Water

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 26.—W. H. Armstrong, Yakima fruit grower and president of the Washington Farm Bureau federation, applies methods learned years ago as a manufacturer to the raising of apples and makes it pay. For several years he has selected typical trees in various parts of his orchard and measured the growing apples regularly with calipers, setting the measurements and dates down in a book. Figures taken on the same limbs of the same trees showed the fruit early in August this year larger than in September, 1920. The measurements also enable Armstrong to check up closely on irrigation, as lack of water stops the growth of the apples, and a sudden spurt in growth late in the season indicates that the apple is maturing and that picking time is at hand. Records of the Big Y, of which Armstrong is a member, show that his apples rank high in size, quality and price brought in the market.

First Photo of Haywood in Russia



This is the first picture of Bill Haywood, the American I. W. W., in Russia. It was taken at the Third International Communist Conference at Moscow. That's him on the right. The fellow in shirt sleeves is T. Watkins, representative of the British miners. They are reading a Communist paper between sessions of the Internationale.

DeValera Refuses to Abide By Lloyd George's Solution

U. S. Protects Rights in Treaty

Hughes Sees That This Nation Is Not Bound by Any Former Agreement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Signature of the treaty of peace between the United States and Germany was formally announced at the state department Thursday night by Secretary Hughes.

The text was made public, followed by a statement in which the secretary summarized the provisions of the treaty, which is a document of about 1500 words.

The treaty is designed to re-establish the diplomatic relations broken off February 3, 1917, and consists of three articles and a preamble. Article 1 guarantees on the part of Germany to the United States rights and privileges reserved under the Porter-Knox peace resolution, including "all the rights and advantages stipulated for the benefit of the United States in the treaty of Versailles."

Specific provision is made that the United States shall not be bound by the clauses in the Versailles treaty providing for a league of nations and that no action of the league shall be binding upon the United States unless the United States gives special permission.

It also is declared that the United States cannot, without its assent, be regarded as a party to commissions concerned in reparations and other conditions growing out of the war.

These reservations are made in article 2, in which the rights and advantages for the United States, as set forth in the Versailles treaty, are referred to.

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Irish Leader Insists No One Wants War But Warns England.

CABINET MEMBERS
SANCTION LOANS

Final Stand Is Said to be Taken at This Time by Ireland—Wants Peace.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—"We have no thought of war, nor do we seek war, but if war is made upon us we must defend ourselves and we will do so," says Eamonn DeValera's letter to Lloyd George.

The letter said the British government's peace proposals were laid before the Dail Eirenn, which rejected them unanimously, but the legislative body although rejecting the proposals, expressed a willingness and desire to negotiate on the principle of government by the consent of the governed.

The letter proposes that Great Britain and Ireland appoint representatives with powers to negotiate details on this principle.

Ireland to Stand Pat.

DUBLIN, Aug. 26.—DeValera's reply to Lloyd George sums up Southern Ireland's position and must remain unchanged, DeValera declared in addressing the Dail Eirenn after reading the reply.

All re-elected DeValera and cabinet members sanctioned loans of five hundred thousand pounds in Ireland and twenty millions of dollars in America.

Will Not Pushing Parley.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Lloyd George

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Mexico Scent Plot To Kill Obregon; 3 Placed Under Arrest

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 26.—The discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate President Obregon resulted in the arrest here of General Jesus Hales Lopez, commander of a small body of troops in the state of Morelos; Anastacio Saavedra and Fernando Gonzalez Gomez, according to an announcement by the chief of police of Mexico City.

A man named L. Perez, who, according to reports, was to have performed the act, for which he was to receive 50,000 pesos, has fled and now is believed to be in the United States. It was Perez, however, says the police chief's announcement, who suddenly became afraid after gaining the confidence of the officials here of the plot, in an anonymous letter, which led to the arrest of the three men. Plans called for a revolt in the state of Morelos after the president's death, the chief said.

GROUSE SEASON OPEN IN WEEK

September 1 Marks Close of Sage Hen Season and the Opening of Grouse Shooting.

In less than a week the hunters of Union and Wallowa counties will be able to bag grouse and native pheasants, the season opening on that day and continuing until November 10, this being ten days longer than the open season in other parts of the eastern part of the state, which is included in game district number two.

With the close of the month the sage hen season closes. There has been little interest in sage hen hunting during the past week when compared with the interest in the sport at the early part of the season. This is due largely to the fact that the nearest sage hens are around the Medical Springs section.

On September 1 deer hunting opens in all of Eastern Oregon excepting Union and Wallowa counties, where it does not open until September 10. The bag limit on deer is two buck deer with horns during the season.

The bag limit on blue or sooty grouse and ruffed grouse or native pheasants is five of any or all such birds in one day or ten in seven consecutive days.

Baker Prepares For Tri-City Celebration

BAKER, Aug. 26.—W. H. Halliday, William Masters and James Shinn were yesterday appointed as members of a committee to arrange for the transportation of the Baker Concert band to the tri-city Labor Day celebration to be held in La Grande Monday, September 6th, at the weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday at noon. Charles De Neffe presented a telegram at the luncheon which he received from the La Grande Ad Club requesting that the local organization co-operate in every way in having a large delegation present at the gathering and a motion was passed assuring the club that this would be done. Whether or not the stores of the city will close on that day was left in the hands of the merchants committee for decision.

Massacre in India Feared.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—More than 1000 lives, it is feared, have been lost in the rioting in the Malabar district of British India, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Bombay, received Thursday.

Anxiety is felt for the English women and children in the outlying districts. Several railway stations have been wrecked. Twenty men of the Leinster regiment at Tirunagudi are reported to have been cut off.

It is also reported, adds the message, that the rioting natives are working their way from the interior to Calicut, on the coast.

Oregon Cooperative Growers May Get Loan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The war finance corporation has announced that negotiations for government loans to finance the exportation of agricultural products were reaching completion with the following:

Oregon Co-operative Graingrowers, 2,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Washington State Wheatgrowers association, 8,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Idaho Wheatgrowers' association, 2,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Montana Wheatgrowers' association, 1,500,000 bushels of wheat.

Oklahoma Cottongrowers' association, 200,000 bales of cotton.

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton association, 300,000 bales of cotton.

California Prune & Apricot Growers, Inc., 25,000,000 pounds of prunes.

An agreement between the house and senate conference on the McNary farm export financing bill has been reached.

COMMANDER ORDERS HALT OF STRIKERS

Union Leaders Warned that
Troops Will Start of
March Goes On

MARTIAL LAW IS
TO BE CONTINUED

Mingo Coal Field Continues
to be Center of Strike
Troubles With no Settlement in Sight.

MADISON, W. Va., Aug. 26.—After General Bandholtz, commanding federal troops which are ready to move from Chillicothe, Ohio, had warned the union leaders that troops would be sent to the Mingo coal fields if the march of the miners from Marmet, as a protest against West Virginia martial law continued, President Keeney, president of the mine workers for district No. 17, and Secretary Mooney hastened here and stopped the march of the miners.

WALLINGFORD IS NOVICE IN GAME

Worthington and Associates
Have Swindle Running
into Many Millions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—With \$30,000,000 in stocks, bonds, notes and other securities—some good and some bad—in their possession, federal agents Thursday renewed their search for the end of the golden rainbow which John W. Worthington, Charles W. French and their associates spread across the country in what the agents believe to be one of the greatest "swindle trusts" on record.

Col. John V. Clinch, assistant United States district attorney, in charge of the investigation, Thursday fixed \$50,000,000 as a conservative minimum for the "pot of gold" sought in the "trust's" operations.

Twenty companies, said to have been organized by French with capital stock aggregating \$21,000,000 and in which he was selling stock, are under investigation.

To Buy Chain of Banks.

A scheme for buying a chain of banks throughout the country—without the investment of any money—to handle the alleged spurious notes and securities, is said to have been uncovered.

With the voluntary appearance at the federal building of H. L. Thornburg, whom Clinch characterizes as the "dummy" president of a small Wisconsin bank purchased by French and his friends early this year, the assistant district attorney revealed the trail which led from John W. Worthington, under indictment as the master mind of mail robberies totaling \$6,000,000, to French and his associates.

Woman Throws Acid.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 26.—Jess Hassell, president of the Dallas Texas league club, and a young woman companion were badly burned with acid Thursday morning when, according to police, Mrs. Hassell poured the liquid upon them after, she alleged, she found them together at the baseball park.

Mrs. Hassell was arrested and charged with maiming.

Methodists Rejoice in Burning Mortgages Here

An event of a great deal of joy and satisfaction to the membership and constituency of a Methodist church was celebrated at the M. E. church last evening. The occasion was the burning of the fourth quarterly conference, at which reports for the year were read and filed, and much congregational business attended to. Among other matters was the certification of A. W. Leffel up to the annual conference by lay representatives from the local church. The conference will convene at Twin Falls this month-end, and Bishop Bruce of Helena area will preside. District Superintendent, I. E. Aldrich, presided last evening. Several children were baptized.

For the event that caused signs of relief occurred when the torch was applied to what normally worries church organizations—namely, mortgages and notes. Papers to the value of \$5250.00 had been taken care of this year were tossed in the flames and went up in smoke, while the far end of the parsonage mortgage and other notes that have been down at for several years and finally cleared up recently, were also put the fire route. The total valuation of paper burned last evening was more than \$11,000.00. Among the loans listed during the year was the organ loan which is now a matter of memory only. Following the highly gratifying session, refreshments were served. The leadership of Rev. E. J. Huston as pastor was reflected in all departments of the church.

