

FRANCE WOULD ATONE FOR ACT

Government Admits That Two Officers Were Executed Without Cause

SHOT WITHOUT TRIALS

Large Sums Paid to Dependents of Dead Men, Libel is Proven

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The French government has now done something to atone for the unfortunate error made in June, 1916, when Lieutenants Herduin and Millant were summarily executed without court martial or any form of judgment, within 48 hours of the retreat from Fort Douaumont, on Verdun.

Louis Barthou, minister of war, has written to Madame Herduin, the widow, saying that 100,000 francs has been allotted to her as civil reparation, and 50,000 francs have been similarly allotted to the father of Lieutenant Millant.

The letter of the minister says that the evidence given in a recent action that Madame Herduin

FINDS ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE CHANGED.



Miss Anne Morgan plans sending expeditions of American women to France this summer to get first hand information on the conditions obtaining there. This, of course, is primarily in the interests of her work for the devastated districts of the country.

had taken against a Paris newspaper for libel had made him re-examine the petitions that she had sent to him and his predecessors at the war office.

Officer Was Hero
"If this grievous event is to be judged impartially," the letter says, "it cannot be separated from the tragic hours when the fate of France was bound up in victory before Verdun but it can only have been brought about by a mistaken application of the regulations. Your husband, very well noted and decorated with the military medal during the war, was a courageous officer, whose name you and your little son can bear with honor. The law does not permit revision of his case, but the government, on my proposition, has decided to award you civil reparation."

Madame Herduin and the elder Millant have accepted the government's offer and so far as they are concerned this painful affair is now closed.

Gave Order to Fire
When Herduin faced the firing corps, he refused to have his eyes covered and said a few words to the squad, that it was their duty to obey orders without questioning their justice. Then he, himself, gave the order to fire.

It was later proved that a mistake had been made and that neither officer had abandoned his post, but as the order to execute them had been given summarily without the process of military law, the authorities always insisted there was no means to revise the judgment or exonerate the victims of the error.

Last June a Paris newspaper published an article on the case of the two officers declaring that Herduin had abandoned his post and was an alcoholic. Madame Herduin brought an action for defamation alleging that such charges were untrue. She won a verdict for 5,000 francs, whereupon the government utilized the occasion to compensate the officer's widow.

MASH SEIZED

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 3.—More than 70 gallons of mash and one gallon of alleged whiskey were seized by deputy sheriffs who arrested W. E. Spriggs and F. L. Sprattel at Grandview, near Pad R. Bear announced here today.

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MAIL ROBBERS WELL OPPOSED

Post Office Inspector Outlines Protective Methods Against Thugs

MARINES ARE ACTIVE

Death and Imprisonment Faces Bandits Who Covet Postal Treasure

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—Robbing government trains is a dangerous and unremunerative occupation, according to Joe P. Johnston, postoffice inspector here in charge of the Kansas City district. Mr. Johnston admits that registered mail robberies have been in distinct vogue recently, but he insists that they do not really offer the opportunity to get rich quick that those who attempt them believe exists.

Rather, says Mr. Johnston, they offer a remarkable opportunity to get killed or sent to prison quick. Then he recites the fates that have overtaken many mail bandits. "They all get killed or sent to prison in the long run," he remarks, "and usually it isn't such a very long run, either."

Military Protection.
Robbing the mails, the veteran post office inspector says, probably will be less attractive than ever since the government has stationed marine guards on trains carrying valuable mails, and provided escorts of "devil dogs" for mail trucks and guards for rooms where mail is handled. The instruction given the marines are very explicit. It is a guard's duty

to know who is authorized to handle mail, and to allow no one else to handle it. It is his duty to know who is permitted in the room or car where mail is handled and to permit no one else there. It is his duty, in case anyone attempts to rob the mails, to take that person, dead or alive, or be able to show a satisfactory reason why. And the reason needs to be a good one.

"Under Secretary Denby's orders" says Mr. Johnston, "about the only reason that is considered valid is that the bandit has killed the marine first."

"There has been an epidemic of mail robberies recently," Mr. Johnston continued. "I believe the reason is that a lot of young

fellows believe there is easy money in large amounts to be had. That is a mistake. Ordinarily the loot obtained from registered sacks is not easily negotiable, and the bandit, even if he gets away with it, gets a small proportion of the value of the loot."

New York Supreme Court Justice Called by Death

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 3.—Judge Barton Sumter Weeks, justice of the supreme court of the state of New York, died at Miami Beach late tonight. He came to Miami two weeks ago from New York City and was taken ill about a

week ago. He is survived by his widow who was with him at the time of his death. Judge Weeks was 61 years old.

POISONER WORKS

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 3.—Fifteen dogs, most of them registered animals with a total estimated at \$7,000 have died in Yakima in the past 24 hours from the effects of strychnine poisoning according to police records. Police are making strenuous efforts to discover the poisoner.

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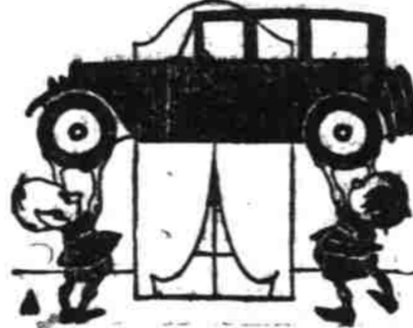
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High Street at Trade

Insects Block Railroads In Australian Railroads

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 1.—A plague of grasshoppers and ants has descended upon South Australia, holding up trains, making existence miserable for inhabitants and laying waste gardens and fields of wheat, oats and other grain, according to information reaching here.

Several freight trains on the Rockburn line were held up several hours by myriads of grasshoppers on the rails, which prevented the driving wheels from obtaining traction. Later passenger trains were delayed by the enormous number of ants on the rails.



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- Saturday, February 11
- Tuesday, February 13
- Wednesday, February 14
- Thursday, February 15
- Friday, February 17
- Saturday, February 18

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- "Kady" Suspenders, extra long 65c
- Men's Quing Flannel Gowns 95c
- Blue and Red Handkerchiefs, 2 for 15c
- Work Gloves, wrist and gauntlet style 50c, 70c, 95c
- Men's Combination Work Suits, khaki and blue stripe, \$1.95
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- "Rain Test" Pants, double seat and knee \$2.95
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