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CLEMENCEAU HAS CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

ASSASSIN FIRES FIVE SHOTS AT THE "FRENCH TIGER" BUT FAILS TO KILL

PREMIER GRAPPLES WITH MAN

Bullet Deep in Right Shoulder—Assassin, Thought to be Russian, Did Not Try to Escape

Paris, Feb. 19.—Georges Clemenceau, France's aged but vigorous premier, was shot and slightly wounded this morning as he entered an automobile for a drive. Five shots were fired by the assassin. At first it was thought that the premier had been wounded in the head, but it later developed that the wounds were in his back and shoulder, and were not dangerous, apparently. His assailant, an ordinary looking man, dressed as a worker, was arrested.

Policeman Gourzat, who was wounded in the right eye but not seriously, told the Associated Press that the premier rushed up to the assassin and grappled with him. The assassin, aged about 25 years, gave his name as Emil Cottin and was born at Creil. The police are rather inclined to think that he is a Russian. He is fair and tall, with long light hair.

One witness to the shooting, a barber, said he heard the first shot but thought it was the Americans firing in the air "as they are in the habit of doing." The crowd beat the assassin, who did not try to escape, before the police got to him.

President Poincaré, the American ambassador and other officials immediately went to Clemenceau's house. Unless complications set in, due to his age, the premier is in no immediate danger.

Physicians say the bullet entered the left shoulder and has been located in the right shoulder, but it has not yet been removed. The premier coughs a great deal, but no blood. He was on his way to a conference with Colonel House and Lord Balfour.

London, Feb. 19.—Emil Cottin, who shot Premier Clemenceau of France, is known as a dangerous anarchist, according to Paris dispatches. He took all the responsibility for shooting the premier, who was hit three times, two bullets grazing his right arm and right hand.

CRAWFORD BILL PASSES

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—The house has passed the Crawford bill, providing for greater speed on counting ballots by opening the ballot boxes every half hour.

6,532 MEN OF COBLENZ DRAFTED INTO ARMY

Coblentz, Jan. 23.—(By Mail).—Coblentz, a city of more than 50,000 inhabitants, lost a total of 1,033 men killed in the war, according to German army estimates which reached the Army of Occupation headquarters recently. In the four years of war 11,723 men from Coblentz were drafted into the German army. Several thousands of these already have returned and many have taken up their trades where they left off in 1914.

Since the armistice was signed 6,532 men of Coblentz have been discharged from the German army, and every day additional soldiers are returning to civil life in the district now occupied by the Third American army.

SPECULATOR MINE AT BUTTE IS FIRED

Loud Chorus of Whistles Announces to Citizens That Strike Is Ended. Full Shift at Mines

Butte, Mont., Feb. 19.—A small fire believed to have been of incendiary origin threatened the Speculator mine but was extinguished before it could gain headway.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 19.—Choruses of whistles, shrill, deep and medium, loudly proclaimed to the citizens of Butte this morning that normal times had returned. The whistle choruses of Butte announces the change in shifts.

Practically every mine in the Butte district which was not closed down for repair work before the recent strike of miners was working today. In nearly all cases full shifts were reported at work and it was estimated that close to 8,000 men had returned to work already and that the number will have reached near 11,000 by tonight.

There is no strike in Butte of any character at present, with the exception of one of about 40 city employes who are out because they are unable to have their warrants cashed. It has had nothing to do with the miners' strike.

MAN AND WIFE GAIN WEALTH RAISING FOXES

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 19.—For nine years Joseph Ibach and his wife have been the sole residents of Middleton Island, about 60 miles from here. Yesterday they came to Cordova with 100 blue fox skins valued at approximately \$10,000, representing the fruits of one year's work on a spot of land never visited by any one except the crew of the power schooner that takes supplies to the Ibachs and brings them to the coast.

The Ibachs never find time dragging on their hands. Feeding of their foxes alone is a considerable task, as each animal required two and a half pounds of fish daily. With 150 foxes on the island, the work of supplying sufficient fish daily for them is formidable in itself. Seal meat and vegetables are also fed to the foxes, the vegetables raised by the Ibachs.

NAVAL OFFICERS FACE CHARGES OF BRIBERY

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Daniels has ordered tried by court martial two naval officers and one medical officer, on the charge of taking a \$1,000 bribe for passing an applicant not physically qualified for duty. The secretary sought another case wherein is involved a \$500 bribe to secure detail permitting an applicant to remain at home indefinitely. Two other cases, developing no names, have been announced.

HUN MILITARY PARTY SAID TO BE HIGHLY ENRAGED

London, Feb. 19.—Advice received from Berlin, by way of Basel, today are to the effect that the pan-German military party, headed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, bitterly resents the new clauses in the armistice, especially those limiting the German army to the size of a simple police force, the supervision of control of ammunition factories and the demand that Germany pay the expenses of the allied armies of occupation.

These conditions it is complained, will throw out of work thousands of German officers, from generals downward, while the army of 600,000 volunteers reported by the German press to have been organized must be disbanded.

MILLIONS FOR ROAD BUILDING NOW AVAILABLE

"DIRT WILL BEGIN TO FLY WITHIN 90 DAYS" SAYS DISTRICT ENGINEER HEWES

STATES MATCH GOV'T. FUND

Dollar for Dollar Plan Will Give Oregon Over \$9,000,000, Most of It Available Soon

Portland, Feb. 19.—With a grand total of \$37,549,970 as the northwest's slice of federal and state, dollar for dollar, funds to build roads, within the next two working seasons, there ought to be work for everyone and good highways should become common instead of a novelty. Oregon's total will amount to \$9,186,885, most of it available within 10 days.

The "dirt will start to fly" within the 90 days, according to District Engineer L. I. Hewes, in charge of the U. S. bureau of public roads, District No. 1, which includes Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Upon receiving word that the post-office appropriation had been agreed upon by the senate and house conferees at Washington, Hewes estimated the Northwest's share of the federal appropriation by means of a chart received yesterday from Washington.

"From the government Oregon will receive about \$4,593,444; Washington, \$3,971,782; Idaho, \$3,555,357, and Montana, \$5,490,771. The states, by the terms of the act will have to match these sums, bringing the total up to \$34,297,708 which this district office will have at its disposal," said Hewes.

"Another source of funds for roads expenditure which goes to make up the grand total is an annual appropriation of \$3,000,000 for national forest roads which it is proposed to add to the \$1,000,000 already appropriated for this purpose. Oregon's share has heretofore been \$132,000, but will now be more than \$500,000 annually.

"The total for this district amounts to \$3,252,262 for forest road construction. Really, I believe this is about the best thing that ever happened to the northwest. We can now see what an important area this is. It will surely be a big item in bringing about the readjustment of affairs following the war.

"Already I have 50 applications for engineering work for former soldiers and they will be given the first consideration in allotting the work," was the promise of Mr. Hewes.

FLAT CARS FOR ALASKA

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 19.—Seven solid trains of flat cars are to be shipped by the government from the Panama Canal, where they were used, to Seward where they will be put in the service of the railroad the government is building between Seward and Fairbanks.

HONOLULU TO PRODUCE NEW KIND PINEAPPLE

Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 19.—The Hawaiian Pineapple Packers' association has voted to expend \$20,000 in the establishment of a 60-acre experiment station. The principal object is to develop different varieties of pineapples which may be grown in Hawaii. At present the industry depends on the Cayenne pineapple, and the growers fear that if it should be attacked by disease the industry might be threatened with extinction.

SENATOR SAYS LEAGUE WOULD BE LIKE SOVIET

WOULD MEAN SURRENDER OF AMERICAN RIGHTS FOR CONGRESS TO SIGN COVENANT

POINDEXTER GETS ALL 'HET UP'

Declares Question Should Be Submitted to Americans in Political Campaign

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Poindexter, of Washington, republican, in a prepared address declared that the United States' entrance into the league of nations would mean surrender of American rights, of our privileges, our sovereignty and the abandonment of the Monroe doctrine and the violation of the constitution. He said the constitution of the league was indefinite, uncertain and the machinery it proposes to set up would be "similar to the soviet government of Russia."

Senator Poindexter declared that the question should be submitted to the American people in a political campaign where it should be made the issue; otherwise "safe government in America will have disappeared."

VON DER LANCKEN IS AMONG DOWN AND OUTS

The Hague, Jan. 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Baron von der Lancken, formerly German civil governor of Belgium, sought refuge in Holland when the Germans retreated from Belgium. Von der Lancken was the man to whom the American minister, Brand Whitlock, delivered his vain appeal to spare the life of Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by the Germans in October, 1915, for aiding the British, French and Belgian soldiers to escape from Belgium. Von der Lancken then told Hugh Gibson, secretary of the American legation, that the sentence imposed by the military governor on Miss Cavell was final and that the civil governor could not overrule it.

When von der Lancken arrived here he went to the German legation, but in order to obtain food cards, he had to apply to the police station where he failed miserably in his efforts to obtain preferential treatment as a "distinguished visitor." A chance caller there found him in line with a group of unwashed refugees, his well-groomed figure out of keeping with his surroundings. He was compelled to stand in line for two hours before his wants were attended to.

To one who remembers the time when to get a word from von der Lancken in Brussels it was necessary to give two days notice, after which one had to struggle through a body-guard of haughty suspicious underlings, the spectacle of this exquisite specimen of Prussian junkerdom waiting his turn in the file amid the grimy proletariat afforded an excellent illustration of "the times that are changed."

RUSSIANS REFUSE TO MEET BOLSHIEVICS

Washington, Feb. 19.—Representatives of the governments of Siberia, Archangel and Southern Russia, according to a dispatch to the Russian embassy, has handed the peace conference at Paris their formal rejection of the proposal that they meet with Bolshevik and other Russian delegates at Princess Island.

SEVERE PENALTY FOR DODGING TAX

Commissioner Roper Explains Working of New Internal Revenue Bill. Cooperation Asked

Washington, Feb. 19.—How does Uncle Sam deal with tax-dodgers? This inquiry which was prompted by the severe penalties provided in the new revenue bill, has brought from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper a frank statement as to the internal revenue bureau's attitude toward those who attempt to evade taxation:

"Any person who deliberately conceals tax liability, or who falsifies a return in order to evade or reduce any internal revenue tax, or who deliberately abets such concealment or fraud, finds arrayed against him the entire strength of this bureau pressing for the full civil and criminal penalties. This is the attitude toward the tax-dodger, expressed in one sentence. Whether he is a moon-shiner, a stealthy trafficker in habit-forming drugs, or juggler of income figures, a delinquent in making the sworn return the law requires, or a revenue violator of any other kind, the bureau is charged with the duty of hunting him out and exacting the full punishment provided in the law.

Towards the taxpayer who means to comply with the internal revenue laws, fully and honestly, the bureau extends a helping hand. Cooperation with the taxpayer is our watchword and objective.

These two contrasts—the teeth of the law for the tax-dodger and the violator, and the aid of every lawful agency for the voluntary taxpayer—are policies necessary to the administration of tax laws under modern conditions. One of the most difficult of the many problems in tax collecting is to classify those who fail to fulfill the obligations imposed by law. The bureau is obliged to maintain a large staff and to use the utmost discretion in properly labeling these cases. Even-handed justice is a heavy responsibility and only through careful sittings can delinquents be classified.

There are three distinct classes of delinquency with which we have to deal. First, the taxpayer who had reasonable cause, brought about by exceptional conditions beyond his control; secondly, the fellow who didn't look up or didn't realize his obligations; and thirdly, the person who wilfully evaded compliance with the law.

HUNS ROB 25,000 POLES AND SEND THEM HOME

Paris, Feb. 19.—The Polish national committee announces that the first large crowd of deported Poles, comprising 25,000 men and women and 650 children has arrived from Germany at the Polish frontier. The deported persons, the committee says, traveled by day and night in open trucks in a temperature 12 degrees below zero.

Fifty-six children died from the cold.

At the German frontier Poles were deprived of their money, footwear and extra clothing and males among them ranging from 15 to 35 years old were detained.

SEATTLE'S "FIGHTING MAYOR" HAS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Seattle, Wash., Fe. 19.—Mayor Ole Hanson is lying at his home today suffering a nervous breakdown declared by his secretary to be the result of exposure and strenuous work during the general strike. A physician is in constant attendance. The mayor may be confined to his bed for some time, according to a brief bulletin issued by his physician at noon. Hanson was to have been the chief speaker before the Portland Progressive Business men's club today.

PIEZ STANDS PAT, WORKERS MUST RETURN

WILL NOT CONSIDER ADVANCE WAGES UNTIL PREVIOUS CONDITIONS RESTORED

YARDS HAVE NOT BEEN OPENED

Metal Trades Union Takes Vote on Calling Coast-Wide Strike of Shipbuilders

Seattle, Feb. 19.—At 1.30 yesterday afternoon the Puget Sound steel ship builders announced they would not reopen their yards today as planned.

Washington, Feb. 19.—No shipbuilding wage advances are being considered, Charles Piez, of the Emergency Fleet corporation, declared today.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 19.—The Pacific Coast Metal Trades council is voting today on calling a coast-wide strike of shipbuilders. The vote may not be announced until tomorrow.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19.—Dr. Marshall, representing Charles Piez, announced today that all shipworkers must return to work under previous conditions before the government will consider their demands. In the meantime, no shipyards will be permitted to open. The boilermakers and iron shipbuilders have decided to stand with the strikers.

"CHAMPION" KISSER SUED FOR \$50,000 AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Sixty kisses an hour! That was the record of Aurelius C. Turpin, retired real estate operator, defendant in a breach of promise suit heard in superior court here today, according to Miss Virginia Foster. And each kiss was a L-O-N-G and lingering one, Miss Foster testified.

Miss Foster asked \$50,000. She declared Turpin had failed to make good a promise to give her a large limousine if she would marry him instead of James Thompson, a milkman.

13 STATE BANKS IN MINNESOTA FORCED TO CLOSE

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 13.—Charles F. Wyant, president of 13 Minnesota state banks, and William H. Schafer, promoter, were arrested here today charged with defrauding depositors of Wyant's bank of a sum estimated at \$700,000 by means of worthless notes and wildcat stocks. The 13 banks have been closed by the state superintendent of banking.

WILL BE SLOW WORK TO CHANGE THE GERMANS

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 10.—(By Mail).—On the question of freedom of the seas, Professor Friedrich W. Foerster, Bavarian minister to Switzerland, said recently to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I must frankly admit the Germans had no reasons to complain of the lack of freedom in using the seas to develop their commerce and industries before the war. In fact, both America and England placed no obstacles in this respect."

Dr. Foerster declared that Prussianism and militarism now are dead in Germany—killed by the war and that Germany will become a great republic on the lines of America but that the process necessarily must be slow owing to international conflicts and the differences between political parties.