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PREMIER NICOLAI LENINE, RUSSIA, DEAD
RAMSEY M'DONALD PREMIER OF ENGLAND

SOVIET DICTATOR, RUSSIA,
SUCCUMBS TO PARALYSIS
COUNTRY REPORTED QUIET

Leader of Russian Revolution
and Most Picturesque World
Figure of Twentieth Century
Passes Away On Modest
Country Estate—Overthrow
of Soviet Not Anticipated,
But Great Political Upheaval
Certain.

MOSCOW, Jan. 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Nicholai Lenine, premier of soviet Russia, is dead.
The end came at 5:50 o'clock Monday afternoon, but the death was not announced for some time afterward.
Lenine's death occurred at his country villa near Moscow, where he had been living in retirement. It came after a sudden turn for the worse, culminating in a stroke which paralyzed his respiratory organism.
Announcement of his death was made by the All-Russian soviet today. News of his death, while not unexpected to those who have been



Nicolai Lenine

closest to him, came unexpectedly to the great majority as the most recent reports had been that he was considerably improved in health.
While there had been continuous anxiety over his condition since he was stricken in June 1922, public attention has lately been more directed to the differences among the communist party leaders, and particularly the status of Leon Trotsky, who it was recently announced was in poor physical health and had gone away for a rest.
Fight for Leadership
Little has been said publicly in soviet official quarters lately of Lenine's condition but that little seemed to be of a hopeful nature, and it was not long ago that some associates of his active days were predicting that he would soon be able to address the council of ministers.
Representatives of foreign diplomatic missions and others with whom the correspondent talked after the announcement agreed in expressing the opinion that Lenine's death would

PRICE OF GASOLINE ON COAST IS
ADVANCED TWO CENTS A GALLON

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The Shell and Union Oil companies announced today an increase of two cents a gallon in the price of gasoline and engine distillate. The Associated Oil company was selling at the old price today, but expected to meet the advance before night. The Standard Oil company (California) announced a two cent increase in gasoline and engine distillate yesterday and also an

KISSED THE
BULLET THAT
KILLED MAN

Story That Nora Ellis Told of
Killing Pendleton Stage
Driver Related to Jury by Dr.
McNary of Eastern Oregon
State Hospital—Betrayal to
Be Defense.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 22.—The state rested its chief case against Nora Ellis about 11:30 this morning after having heard a series of witnesses give testimony as to the manner of Gordon Mettles coming to his death. The high light of the morning session was the testimony of Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon state hospital, who told the jury the tale told him by Miss Ellis in a three hour session at the state hospital about two weeks ago.

In the direct examination after Dr. McNary was called by the state, he stated that Gordon Mettles had in his opinion come to his death as the result of gunshot wounds, and described the account given by Miss Ellis as to how she had watched and waited for Gordon Mettles with field glasses sweeping the road down which he must come and how, when she was sure he was alone, she had shot him as he passed. According to Dr. McNary's statement, Miss Ellis was sullen when first asked about the case by Doctors McNary and House, and stated that she had killed Mettles with a full appreciation of what it would mean and that above all she did not want to be considered insane and sent to a hospital. She said that she was willing for the state to have her life any time it cared to take it, according to the testimony of Dr. McNary.

Didn't Blame Mettles
In her recital to Dr. McNary she described her acquaintance with Mettles and stated that they had extended over a period of years. She said that she did not blame Mettles for her betrayal as she considered herself equally guilty with him in their relations which she said had extended over a period of several months.

It developed in the testimony taking that Miss Ellis believed that she and Mettles were to be married and that it was only under this tentative arrangement that she consented to his proposals. During the winter of 1922-23 Mettles left for a time and the defendant heard that he intended marrying another girl. When he returned she asked him about the point and he admitted that he intended to do so and no longer considered himself under any obligation to her. She said that she contemplated suicide as she believed her health to be undergoing a change. She stated to Dr. McNary that she often contemplated attempting suicide but fearing that she might make a bad job of it did not try.

Decided to Kill Him
Miss Ellis told Dr. McNary that following a visit to Pendleton in the spring of 1923 where she had seen a doctor relative to her health, Mettles came to see her and placing his arm about her kissed her. She said that she decided to kill him at that time and went to the kitchen to get her rifle, pointed it at him and then decided it would be unfair and would have been taking an advantage of him. Later she told Dr. McNary she took a shot at him but missed, then she prayed that she might have a chance to kill him. She said that she feared hitting some innocent person who might be in the stage operated by the Mettles brothers. Then she said she came to the evening when Gordon went alone on the truck to Ukiah and when he returned next morning, she shot him. She said she believed her prayers answered and kissed the bullet before she fired it.

Had Strange Visions
Following the shooting Miss Ellis said she believed herself possessed of a dual personality and imagined herself attending Mettles' funeral, blind.

Standard Oil Heiress And
Young American Steel Man
She Gave Up For A Count



MISS ROGERS WALKING WITH JAMES THOMPSON AT ATLANTIC CITY; INSET, COUNT SALM VON HOOG-STRATEN.

NEW YORK—This is Miss Mary Millicent Rogers, granddaughter of the late Henry H. Rogers and heiress to fifty Standard Oil millions, in the happy days when she was the intended bride of James M. Thompson, steel operative, and before she dreamed of becoming the Countess Salm-von Hoogstraeten.
It was the sudden breaking off of this match, announced as "mutually agreeable," that left the little Rogers heiress chafing at the parental bit and determined to marry whom she pleased. Kept in Europe two years to avoid Thompson, she returned to America a short time ago and married the 40-year-old Austrian nobleman against her parents' wishes.

COOLIDGE PLANS
MOVE TO RESCUE
N. WEST BANKERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Representatives of the financial powers of the government, named by President Coolidge, were at their task today, after conferences lasting until midnight in efforts to find prompt and effectual means of bolstering up the credit of the northwest.
Chicago and mid-western banking representatives from several states including the Dakotas and Minnesota met with the federal officials.
Although Comptroller Henry M. Dawes in charge has applied himself to the banking problems of the northwest since he and his party arrived he has withheld making any public statement of just how it was planned to alleviate conditions in South Dakota where a dozen banks have been closed since January 1, two of them yesterday in Montana, where a similar condition prevails, and where two banks were closed today, and in Minnesota and Nebraska.

Before leaving Washington, it was stated that the Dawes party members had been designed by President Coolidge himself to go to the relief of the western banking situation.
Death Toll of the Automobile
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—Elsie Jane Johnson, five of Tigard, was run down and fatally injured yesterday afternoon by a heavy truck. The accident occurred on the Pacific highway. She died last night at a hospital here.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—Four-year-old Gloria Joy Oates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oates, was killed by an automobile on a downtown street here today when she darted ahead of her mother to cross the street.

LABOR GOVERNMENT IS
INSTALLED FOR FIRST
TIME, ENGLISH HISTORY

"Hell Maria" Dawes
Says Gold Bank in
Germany, Necessary

PARIS, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The expert committee under Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, investigating Germany's finances, has reached the conclusion that an independent gold bank should be established in Germany with foreign cooperation, it announced this afternoon.

Premier Baldwin Resigns and
Asks King George to Sum-
mon Labor Leader—Mac-
Donald Accepts Royal Invi-
tation to Form Cabinet—
Self-Educated and Self-
Made Man Takes Highest
Office in Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Baldwin shortly before noon today tendered the resignation of his ministers to King George and advised the sovereign to send for James Ramsay MacDonald.
The king accepted Mr. Baldwin's advice and summoned Mr. MacDonald, the labor leader, for an audience at noon.
Mr. MacDonald's audience with the king lasted an hour. The king invited him to form a government and Mr. MacDonald accepted.
Mr. MacDonald, it was stated this afternoon, will combine the foreign office with the premiership.

COURT SEES A
CONSPIRACY IN
NORMAND CASE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—That "there appears to be a conspiracy" to suppress evidence in the hearing of Horace A. Greer, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film actress, charged with shooting Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man, New Year's night, was the statement made from the bench today by Judge G. Walter Hanby, hearing the case. Judge Hanby said:
"I am not at all satisfied with the testimony that has been given in this case. There appears to be a conspiracy on the part of the witnesses who have already testified to keep from the court many things that the court should know about this case."

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Having shaken hands with Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man whom he shot and seriously wounded here New Year's night and having heard Dines say with a smile, "that's all right, old man," Horace Greer, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, screen actress, prepared today to sit through what was expected to be the concluding session of his preliminary hearing on a charge of attempting to kill the Denver man with Miss Normand's 25-caliber automatic pistol.

At the Good Samaritan hospital late yesterday Dines testifying from his bed at an extraordinary session of Justice Walter Hanby's court, declared he did not remember what Greer said when he saw him New Year's night; did not see any pistol in the chauffeur's hand; did not remember whether or not he picked up a bottle when Greer entered his apartment and sought to persuade Miss Normand, Dines' guest, to leave; and could not say of his own knowledge that it was Greer who shot him.
"I remember Greer came in," he said, "and I remember hearing one shot, that's all, and the next thing I knew I was one the floor."
"No, I don't know of my own knowledge that Greer shot me," Greer was present and when the hearing was over he stepped to Dines' bedside and extended his hand. The wounded man grasped it cordially and smiled.

James Ramsay MacDonald is selected by King George to form a cabinet by virtue of his position as head of the parliamentary labor party, which by its numerical strength in the house of commons has been his majesty's official opposition.
Premier Self-Educated.
The premier-designate is 57 years old and self-educated. Although the leader of the laborites, he has never been a manual worker, having achieved his position by virtue of his academic knowledge of industrial affairs gained through close study. As the son of a Scotch peasant, however, he early in life learned the privations of the average laborer's lot.
MacDonald seldom laughs and the set of his jaws bears out his characterization as "the grey-headed fighter."

He had an active part in the organization of the independent labor party in 1891 when but 27 years of age and has since devoted himself to the labor party's interests. From the beginning he championed the capitalist levy as the best means of solving England's industrial problems. He has also been staunchly in favor of industrial peace and publicly opposed England's entry into the World war.
When the nation was once in the fight, however, he made the best of the situation and served as an ambulance driver in France. He also supported the government as a member of parliament on all the big war questions.

Like many big men of England his sole relaxation is golf.
Adjourn for Three Weeks
Mr. Baldwin said his cabinet would retain their seats until the new cabinet members were appointed.
The new prime minister has not announced when he will name his cabinet, but unofficially it is stated it will be Thursday.
Mr. Baldwin, on the reassembling of the house of commons, announced the government's resignation and the king's acceptance. There were no labor cheers.
The retiring premier moved the adjournment of parliament until February 12, which date he said, had been

COAL MINERS URGED BY LEADER NOT
TO ASK FOR ANOTHER WAGE INCREASE

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—A wage agreement for a term of years, effectuated without a strike or suspension of production, would be of constructive help in restoring stability to the industry and would be a boon to the coal-wearied public, John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America declared in his report to the biennial convention here today. The present wage agreement with the operators expires May 31.
"Where such an arrangement possible, it would demonstrate to the coal-consuming public that the industry itself was making a sincere attempt to place its house in order," President Lewis declared. "Such a policy, if carried out, would eliminate the necessity for coal legislation by the federal congress or the various state legislatures."