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**MURDERED BY
TWO SOLDIERS**

**Mystery of Madam Gouin's
Death Solved**

**Bloody Finger Imprint—Woman Was
Strain in French Train on
December 16.**

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The imprint of a bloody finger on a military ticket taken up by the train on which Mme. Gouin, widow of Jules Edouard Gouin, a former governor of the Bank of France, was travelling December 16, has led to the solving of the mystery of her death. Mme. Gouin's body was found under a train near Paris on that date. The door of the compartment which she had occupied as a passenger was almost torn from its hinges, and there was a pool of blood on the floor. Subsequent investigation showed that she had been robbed.

Two soldiers, named Gruby and Mouton, to-day confessed to having murdered the woman. The police followed the first clue of the finger mark, and they succeeded in locating a German comrade of the two soldiers, who declared that he saw them embark on the train at Meulan, which is 27 miles from Paris. When confronted with this witness, the two suspects broke down and made a full confession. They had long meditated robbing a passenger, the soldiers said, and took seats in the coach next to that in which Mme. Gouin was travelling. They rushed into her compartment by the corridor, and as soon as the train started sprang upon her and beat her off the head with the heel of shoe. They then took her jewels and money and finding no signs of life, decided to throw her overboard. The train stopped at the station, and the soldiers, in order to release themselves, broke down the doors and went to the lavatory to wash their hands. While the train was stopped, the body of the woman was thrown from the coach next to that in which she was travelling. The police found the missing jewel in the possession of the men.

**MEETS DEATH IN
AIRSHIP FLIGHT**

**Delagrèze Killed While Making Flight
Before Immense Crowd—Wings of
Monoplane Collapsed.**

BORDAUX, Jan. 4.—Leon Delagrèze, the French aviator, whose achievements during the past two years had won for him a high place among those who have set out to conquer the air, was instantly killed here to-day while making a flight in the presence of a great crowd of spectators.

A strong, uncertain wind prevailed, and with characteristic daring Delagrèze faced it in the same monoplane in which he made a record of 33 miles an hour at the Doncaster meeting last October. He circled the aerodrome, seeming to have his machine under good control, and yet at times it heeled dangerously to the wind. On the third round when at a height of between sixty and seventy feet, he increased his speed. He swung wide at the turn, but at the lower end of the aerodrome he attempted to describe a sharp curve. The machine was seen to sway. The left wing was broken, and the right wing immediately collapsed. The aerodrome, came plunging to the earth, and it turned over as it fell with the aviator clinging to the seat. In this way it crashed to the ground with Delagrèze beneath the heavy motor crashing out his life. The mechanics are at a loss to explain the exact cause of the accident. They are merely able to say that it resulted from manoeuvring too quickly in the puffing wind. The monoplane was doubly braced in the mechanical details, and had been given a careful examination before ascension.

WRONG WAY TO WIN CONVERTS

**Rev. Mr. McLaughlin Strongly Condemns
Church Socials—Week of
Prayer.**

The rivalry between churches to attract young people by the gift of ice-cream, coffee, cake, and amusements was sharply condemned by Rev. Mr. McLaughlin of Portland Street Methodist Church in the course of an address at the Week of Prayer meeting in Victoria Street Baptist Church, for which all the Protestant churches of the North End are united.

There was need, said Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, for the church to revert to an original type. She should cease to depend upon institutional work and amusements, and should show the ideal of heroic Christianity to the world, teaching the painful, taking up of the cross, and self-sacrifice.

Churches which confided with the most who made public amusement a business were misreading the cause of their living. The church should not be a place of amusement, and the young people who were gathered in by such attractions were not being won to the faith, but were being won to the church.

Rev. Mr. E. Purdie of St. Luke's Church presided at last evening's meeting.

The Yarmouth Steamship Company would never have been a success without competent advertising—L. E. Baker, Free.

**BLATCHFORD CALLS FOR BIG
ARMY TO DEFEND FRANCE**

**British Fleet Alone Not Sufficient to Prevent Germany From
Establishing a Hegemony of Europe—France Knows She
Cannot Fight the Teutonic Power.**

Socialist Robert Blatchford's articles in the Daily Mail on the German peril are amazing even the friends of that paper, and of the most advanced Defence party. His sixth article, which is reproduced herewith, is entitled "Armageddon: the Greater Danger," and goes far beyond the limitations of those who seek merely to arm against an existing Germany. He discusses the position of a Germany which has conquered France, annexed Alsace and most of the eastern coast-line of the Netherlands. To avert such a catastrophe he calls for a first-class British army of half a million, or better still, a million, of trained soldiers, and ridicules as the Blue Water School those who hold that Britain's navy is her sufficient safeguard.

Says the editor of the Clarion: "Mr. Blatchford once declared that the problem of imperial defence was the problem of the defence of Afghanistan. But times have changed, since then, and I shall propose an amendment to the following effect: 'The defence of the defence of France.'"

The greater danger, the nearer danger, the danger of a German invasion of England, is the danger of a German invasion of France.

A German writer, quoted by me in a previous article, says that directly Germany strikes, and France will be her victim. He continues thus:

**NOTHING CAN STOP GERMAN
ARMY.**

"Unhappy France! The British navy may destroy the German fleet and rule German foreign trade. But nothing on earth can prevent the German army from over-running France from Paris to Lyons and from the English Channel to the Mediterranean. The French are laboring under a dangerous delusion if they suppose that Germany would be satisfied with an indemnity at the termination of such a war. Germany would take permanent possession of the northern provinces of the French Republic, thereby gaining access to the sea at Calais and Boulogne, while Belgium and Luxembourg would be annexed to complete the triumph of the Teutons."

Now, what do the Blue Water school say to that? Supposing France attacked and conquered by Germany, how would our fleet prevent the annexation of Calais and Cherbourg? And what could our fleet do to prevent the German conquest of France?

As for Belgium and Holland there would be no need for Germany to annex them. With Calais in German hands the Netherlands would be quietly absorbed.

Then Germany would have Calais at one end of the Channel and Cherbourg at the other. Also she would have Antwerp and Rotterdam and Amsterdam, which Napoleon said was like a pincers pointed at the heart of England. Also she would have the Dutch navy and the Dutch craftsmanship. Then France would be a crippled power, and Britain would be unable to keep pace with the German output of battleships and sailors.

That is why I say that the problem of British defence is the problem of the defence of France.

THINKS FRANCE IS AFRAID.

Whether or not we form an offensive and defensive alliance with France, the result is the same; the defeat of France is the defeat of Britain. The downfall of France is the downfall of the British empire. The aggression of Germany is the humiliation of Europe.

The French have a grand army; numerous, gallant, hardy and well trained. But the impression in military circles seems to be that France lacks the German perfection of organization and readiness.

Perhaps the presence of a great general, a Moltke or a Napoleon, on either side would make the difference. But that may not be known until the war begins. If Germany has the great commander France is lost. Germany has the great commander France is lost. Germany has the great commander France is lost.

Now, should France prove unequal to the task of repelling a German invasion, the Blue Water school would be helpless. Our navy could do nothing.

No. To make France secure, and in doing that to make ourselves secure, we should need a first-class British army of at least half a million men—a million would be better. With a British force of half a million men in Belgium and Holland, with the French, Russia, France's ally, might attack Germany on the eastern frontier. Then if Austria and Italy came in we should have Armageddon. Now, the Blue Water school have left Armageddon out of their calculations.

**WHAT WILL GERMANS STAND
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The old theory of splendid isolation can be no longer held by Britain. An Empire like ours cannot stand aloof from the struggles of Europe. The balance of power means more to us today than it ever meant. A German Empire embracing Germany, Holland, Belgium, Austria, and perhaps Turkey, and having ports and fortresses at Calais, Cherbourg, Trieste, Antwerp and Amsterdam, would wipe us out; would defeat and conquer us without firing a shot. Our fleet would go, our trade would go, our colonies would go, India would go. We should sink into the position of what one of our cabinet ministers calls "the conscript appendage of a stronger power."

**MUST PREVENT "ONE-RACE
CAESARISM."**

I am treating this problem from the point of view of self-interest alone. I need only hint in passing that there is a nobler and more human aspect of the case. The downfall of France would be a calamity for civilization. France is and long has been the leader in literature and art, in most of the beauties and graces of civilized life. It would be an evil day for the world should France be Germanized or Anglicized or Russianized. We owe France much; we admire her much; we respect and love her much; our hope is that she may remain France: France happy and free and gallant and proud, France great in art, in arms, in science, and in letters.

But then, again, to keep the position clear, I must say that we would not see Russia or Germany injured or humiliated. Let each people keep its honor and its freedom, realize its own genius; fulfill its own destiny. Keep to that end, the balance of power. Arm Britain against any attempt on the part of any one power to impose one-race Caesarism or Bismarckian domination upon the rest of Europe. In the past we had to resist France; we had to resist Spain. Side by side with Germany we fought against Bonaparte at Waterloo. Today we have to stand by France or fall when she falls. We cannot escape our fate. We must uphold France or partake of her humiliation and share her ruin.

That is why the Blue Water school is wrong; that is why the strongest navy will not serve our turn; that is why the nearer and greater danger for us is not the invasion of Britain but the invasion of France; that is why the problem of the defence of Britain is the problem of the defence of France.

That is why we must have an army as well as a navy.

That, I believe, is what lay heavy at the heart of Lord Roberts and the cabinet ministers when they spoke darkly of impending danger.

That is what the British people do not understand and ought to understand while there is time to avert the threatened doom.

There is not likely to be any undue haste in sending the civil delegation to Montreal to interview Sir Thomas Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. concerning the proposed sale of the West Side docks to the company. Sir Thomas is at present in England and is not expected to return for some time.

A NEGATIVE WOMAN.

The pastor and his wife had called upon a member of the congregation, a widow with a small, but exceedingly lively boy, and were on their way home. "Well," said the preacher, "she seems to be a very intelligent woman, anyhow."

"Yes."

"And very positive in expressing her opinion."

"On the contrary," said his wife, "she struck me as being strongly negative."

"Negative, how?"

"Everything she said to her little boy began with a 'Don't, Johnny.'"

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**CORSETS BY PRESCRIPTIONS
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Certain specialists in therapeutics have discovered within a few months that they believe to be a leading cause in the production of rheumatism and kidney disease. It's corsets. Of course men, few of whom wear corsets, do have rheumatism, just as women suffer from it, but they also have the habit of drinking too much beer and wine, which habit women mostly do not have. If the specialists are able to convince a good part of theory is right, women in future will order their corsets, just as many now order their shoes, on a physician's prescription.

Each woman will carry to her corset the familiar little scrap of paper bearing in its upper left-hand corner the capital R with a slant line across its foreleg, and a few simple but imperative words from the doctor. After being fitted with the sanitary corsets so prescribed, women of 50 or more will go home with the comfortable assurance that their joints will be free from calcareous deposits and their muscles from racking pains.

FIRST A PHOTO'S NEEDED.

Now, the queerest thing about this new idea is that the first duty a woman must attend to in preparation for

ordering the sanitary prescription corsets will be to have her photograph taken. It is not a photograph of her outside, but of her inside that she must have. In plain English, the doctor gets a photograph of the patient's stomach, before telling her what kind of corset she must wear.

This step is necessary because, according to the new theory, the most important cause of rheumatism in women lies in the fact that the ordinary corset of commerce so doubles up the human stomach that it retains unwholesome and poisonous materials, out of which is generated the specific toxic element producing rheumatism. The doctors go on doctoring and often give relief because their drugs and the abundant use of water lessen temporarily the evil power of the poison, but the corsets keep the stomach doubled up, and when the drugs and water are discontinued the poison factory inside resumes business at the old stand. After a while even the drugs are ineffective, and the patient resigns herself to a semi-lifelong old age, and all because she is wearing those vicious corsets.

When the specialist has had a talk with a patient whom he suspects of harboring a private poison factory he sends her to the photographer in order to have ocular demonstration of her true inwardness. The photographer is an X-ray operator, supplied with hands that look as if they had been held many times in a hot flame, with knits and scars at the knuckles, a man with the unpleasant prospect of dying from cancer, though within a short time the danger of contracting cancer from operating the X-rays has been greatly lessened.

PROMISE HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

The patient, or sister, if you like, prepares for the photographer by eat-

ing little or nothing for breakfast and minding what if a good dose of his mud. This ingredient is metallic, and it arrests the X-rays and so outlines the form of the stomach. The photograph is taken from the back. Twenty seconds is enough for producing the photograph, and if the negative shows a doubling up of the stomach, the patient will receive in due season a print. It will show a cloudy little sack with its mouth where it should not be.

After that the patient will get a prescription for corsets and goes on her way rejoicing. If the doctors have guessed right, she will have no more rheumatism, unless she contracts the evil masculine habit of drinking too much beer or wine, or perhaps in other deliberate violations of the ordinary laws of health.

As to the prescription corsets, they will not necessarily be as ugly as orthopedic shoes, because most women would prefer an occasional twinge of rheumatism to the utter ruin of the figure. In fact, the doctors and the modistes are going to get together and reconcile health with beauty.

QUAKER MEDICATIONS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.

The only successful thing some people do is nothing.

Some men are driven to drink, and some are more easily led than driven. You can't foster a lonely woman by telling her she is clever unless she isn't.

The one time a man is sure his wife will listen to him is when he talks in his sleep.

It seems as though a man's friends save up all their efforts to treat him when he swears off.

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
GETS REQUEST OF \$3,500**

Tidy Sum From Estate of Late Mrs. Murdoch—Mr. Ganong's Paper.

The regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening, the president, Hon. John V. Ellis, in the chair.

W. H. Thorne and O. H. Warwick were elected regular members.

Charles T. Hall of Fredericton presented a collection of native bird eggs; Mrs. George A. Hamilton, Indian carver and gourd vessel from British Columbia; and James Pender presented a specimen of sensitive plant from the South Sea Islands.

The treasurer announced the receipt of \$250 from the executor of the estate of the late Catherine Murdoch.

The paper of the evening—"On the Physiological Characteristics of Caine River," by Dr. Ganong descended into the river from its source to its junction with the Miramichi.

The paper was a most interesting description of the natural scenery of the region.

At the close the paper was discussed by Wm. McIntosh, A. Gordon Leavitt, and Dr. G. V. Hay, and a very hearty vote of thanks was presented to the writer of the paper.

Mrs. Christian A. Robertson has left the city on a visit to New York. She will spend the winter with her son, J. Mortimer Robertson.