

# French Premier Wounded.

## WOULD - BE ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

### Too Much Talking at Peace Congress---Survivors of Shipwrecked Crew at New York.

#### WOUNDED ASSASSINATION.

PARIS, Feb. 19. (A.P.)—Premier Clemenceau was fired upon five times this morning while entering his automobile in the Rue Franklin. He was wounded in the back and arm, but it is believed his injuries are not serious. The shooting occurred at 8:55 o'clock this morning. The assassin was an Italian named Raoul Gaudin.

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**Supplanted With Assassins.**  
Gaudin, who was wounded in the right eye, although not seriously, by one of the assassin's shots, held a representative of the Press that Premier Clemenceau was rushed up to the would-be assassin and grappled with him.

**President Poincaré Arrives.**  
He was quickly followed by various members of the Government and representatives of the Navy and Air Corps, as well as of the Diplomatic Corps.

**Not Seriously Wounded.**  
The Premier's wound is not regarded as dangerous in itself, but it is thought there might be serious complications from it considering the age of the victim. At about 10 o'clock this morning, however, it was officially announced that M. Clemenceau was not seriously wounded.

**The Premier's Assailant.**  
It was learned at the City Hall that the assassin of Premier Clemenceau is a man named Emile Cottin, 25 years old, born at Creil, Montrouse in France. The police, however, do not believe the papers he carries belong to him, and are inclined to think him a Russian.

**Barber's Assistant's Story.**  
Monsieur Monin, a barber's assistant, who was the Associated Press representative at the time he heard the first shot fired out of his shop, and when he saw what was happening, cried out and closed with the Premier's assailant. The man threw away his hands and threw up his hands.

**Assassin's Statement.**  
Cottin, the Premier's assassin, stated his reason for attacking M. Clemenceau, that he planned to kill the Premier, because M. Clemenceau was the enemy of humanity and was preparing for another war.

**Fired Seven Shots.**  
Premier Clemenceau, the French Premier, was struck three times by bullets in an attempt to assassinate him. One bullet entered the right shoulder and lodged under the left armpit, missing the spinal cord and lungs. The other two bullets entered the skin on the right arm and the left hand. In all seven shots were fired at the premier point blank by the assassin, Emile Cottin, known in political circles as "Milton," who was arrested directly after the shooting.

**Tired of Talking.**  
PARIS, Feb. 18. (By the A.P.)—The Supreme Council of the great powers to-day heard the portrayal of Serbia's claims. Some of the representatives of the Council, however, remained away, feeling that the time for talk was past, and the present need was action for getting back to a peace basis. This movement is taking form in the most responsible British, American, Italian and French quarters and promises to yield definite results within the next few days. The first stage will be in the permanent armistice plan which Marshal Foch will present within a fortnight, taking the place of the short term armistice announced yesterday. These permanent terms will be the preliminary steps toward peace and will be incorporated into the peace treaty to follow. This will bring a peace treaty measurably nearer.

**Troop Life on Murman Coast.**  
LONDON, Feb. 18. (Via Reuter's)—Reuter's learns from the latest arrivals from the Murman coast that the allied troops of the North Russian Expeditionary Force are in good health, and that military authorities are doing every thing to alleviate the discomforts of the extreme cold combined with the Arctic twenty-four hour night. The

wounded arm. The chauffeur although slightly wounded, stopped the machine and the premier stepped to the roadway. The police agents already were struggling with the premier's assailant. After getting out of the automobile in which he was riding, the premier without a glance in the direction of Cottin started to walk towards the front door of his home.

**May Become Acting Premier.**  
If the Premier's disability becomes permanent, Louis Nail, the Minister of Justice, will become Acting Premier. It is understood, however, that Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States, will undertake the discharge of the Premier's duties with respect to the Peace Conference, should M. Clemenceau himself be unable to perform them. M. Tardieu having been associated with the Premier in every stage of the work of the Conference in which he is one of the French representatives.

**Lived George Anxious.**  
Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, made constant inquiries by telephone from London throughout the morning and early afternoon, concerning the condition of Premier Clemenceau. The news of his shooting was telephoned to the British Premier shortly after it occurred and since then he has kept continually in touch with Paris.

**King's Sympathy.**  
LONDON, Feb. 19. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The King has telegraphed to Premier Clemenceau of France as follows: "I am shocked to hear of the cowardly attack on you this morning and earnestly trust that the injury is not serious, and thanks to your splendid energy and courage you will soon be restored to health to continue your great and valued effort for France and the Allies."

**No Serious Results.**  
LONDON, Feb. 18. An official despatch received in London says that the doctor, after an examination of Premier Clemenceau, said that owing to his great physical powers, the Premier had been able to ward off serious results.

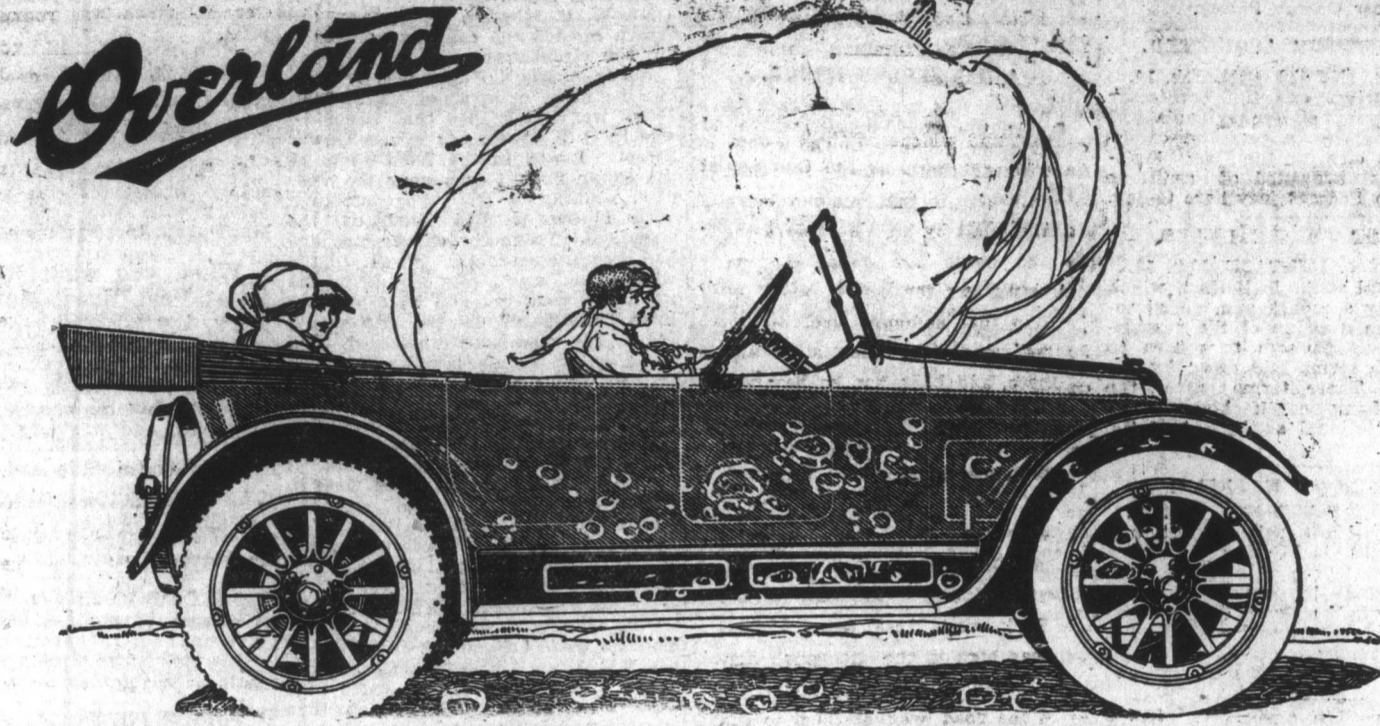
**Permanent Armistice Terms.**  
PARIS, Feb. 18. The special commission of the Supreme Council charged with drafting the terms of a definite armistice which will hold good until the peace preliminaries are signed has almost completed its task and it is possible, says a Havas report, that Marshal Foch will be able to notify the Germans on Thursday or Friday of the military and naval terms which will be essentially those of the preliminary peace treaty. It is understood that the terms will include clauses by which Germany will be allowed to maintain only 25,000 men under arms. War material beyond what is necessary to equip these troops would according to these reports be placed under control of the Allies who will also head Germany's munition manufactures.

**Wrecked Crew at New York.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 18. The British steamship Freshwater arrived here from Seville, Spain, today with Capt. Keeling and three members of the crew of the British schooner William Morton lost on January 5th, ten miles off the Spanish coast. Three members of the crew perished when the boat in which the men left the schooner capsized. The William Morton was bound from Santa Pola, Spain, for St. John's, Nfld., her home port, with salt, when she sprang a leak and began to sink. The crew took to the lifeboat in heavy sea and rowed fifty-three hours before reaching land. The schooner registered 169 tons gross.

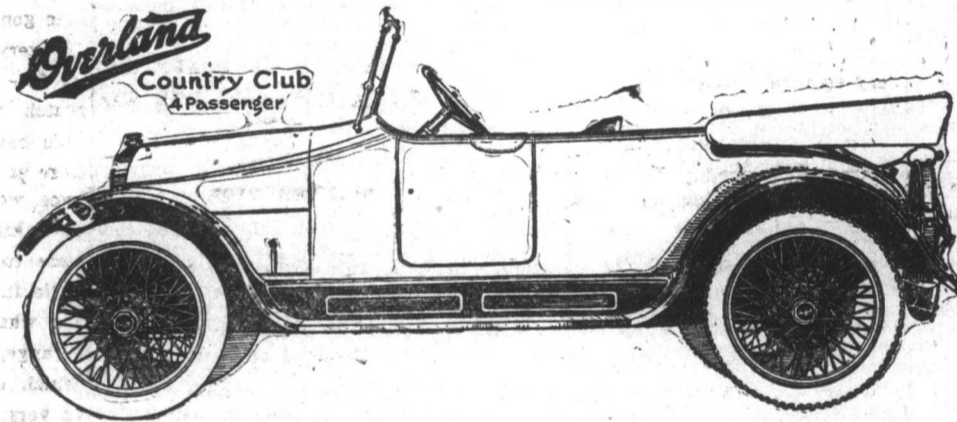
**South African Debate.**  
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 18. (Via Reuter's.)—The Assembly today continued the debate on the Republican propaganda. Sir Thomas Watt, Minister of the Interior, declared that it would be impossible for any League of Nations to treat South Africa with more consideration or more sympathetically than Great Britain had done. Col. Mentz, Minister of Lands, speaking as a former Transvaal Republican, declared that as long as Great Britain kept faith he would keep his word given a Verwoerd, but they must show that they intended honorably to stand by the pledges given at the time of the Union. (Continued on 9th page.)

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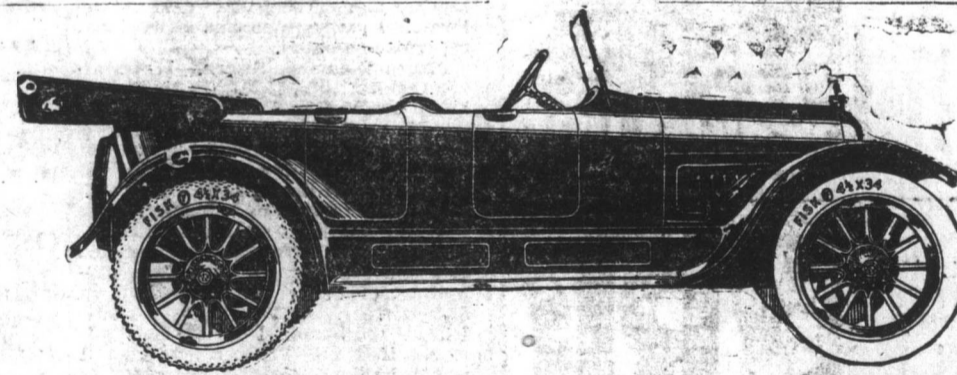
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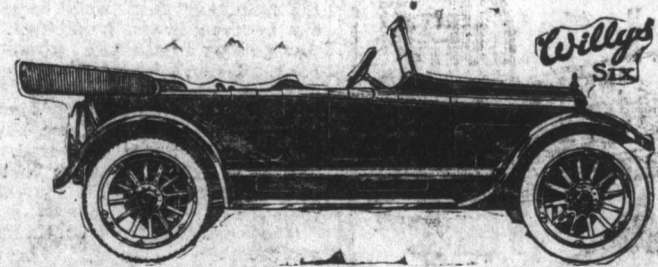
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