

## WAS SHOT AS TRAITOR, HONOR IS VINDICATED

Pet Pigeons Were Innocent  
Cause of Frenchman's  
Death

Scared by a Boche Shell—  
Jules Strimelle Seized by  
Poilus When Birds Were  
Seen Flying from Smithy  
at Boussois.

(Special Cable to the New York Times  
and Montreal Gazette.)

Paris, Jan. 25.—Guy de Maupassant in his most powerful tales of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 does not attain the heights of simple tragedy of the pitiful story of Jules Strimelle, the village blacksmith of Boussois, who was wrongfully shot as a spy on the ramparts of Maumeuze in 1914, and whose innocence was proclaimed today after eight long years of sorrow by his widow.

It was September 14, on the very eve of the fall of the fortress, that Strimelle fell from the bullets of his own countrymen, who believed he was a traitor to France.

Strimelle's smithy was situated in the little village of Boussois, on the outskirts of Maumeuze, close to the fort bearing the same name. On September 14 the village was bombarded heavily by the enemy. All the men of military age were gone excepting Strimelle, who, because of his utility to the military, was kept working at his forge. Women, old men and children were hiding in cellars. Suddenly the soldiers from the fort saw amidst the bursting shells two pigeons rise from the smithy.

That was enough for them. A few moments later three soldiers rushed the smithy and seized Strimelle and dragged him before the military officers. Strimelle was a spy. They had seen the pigeons released from his house while he was the only living being above the ground. Only one conclusion was possible. He must die the ignominious death of a traitor.

Mobbed By Poilu.

While Strimelle was being dragged through the streets of Maumeuze by the excited soldiers—three territorials who had lost their heads completely under the strain of events—the furious populace fell upon Strimelle, and when he reached the military headquarters it was as a shattered, man-handled wreck, bleeding from countless wounds, hardly able to stand up and with one of his eyes gouged out.

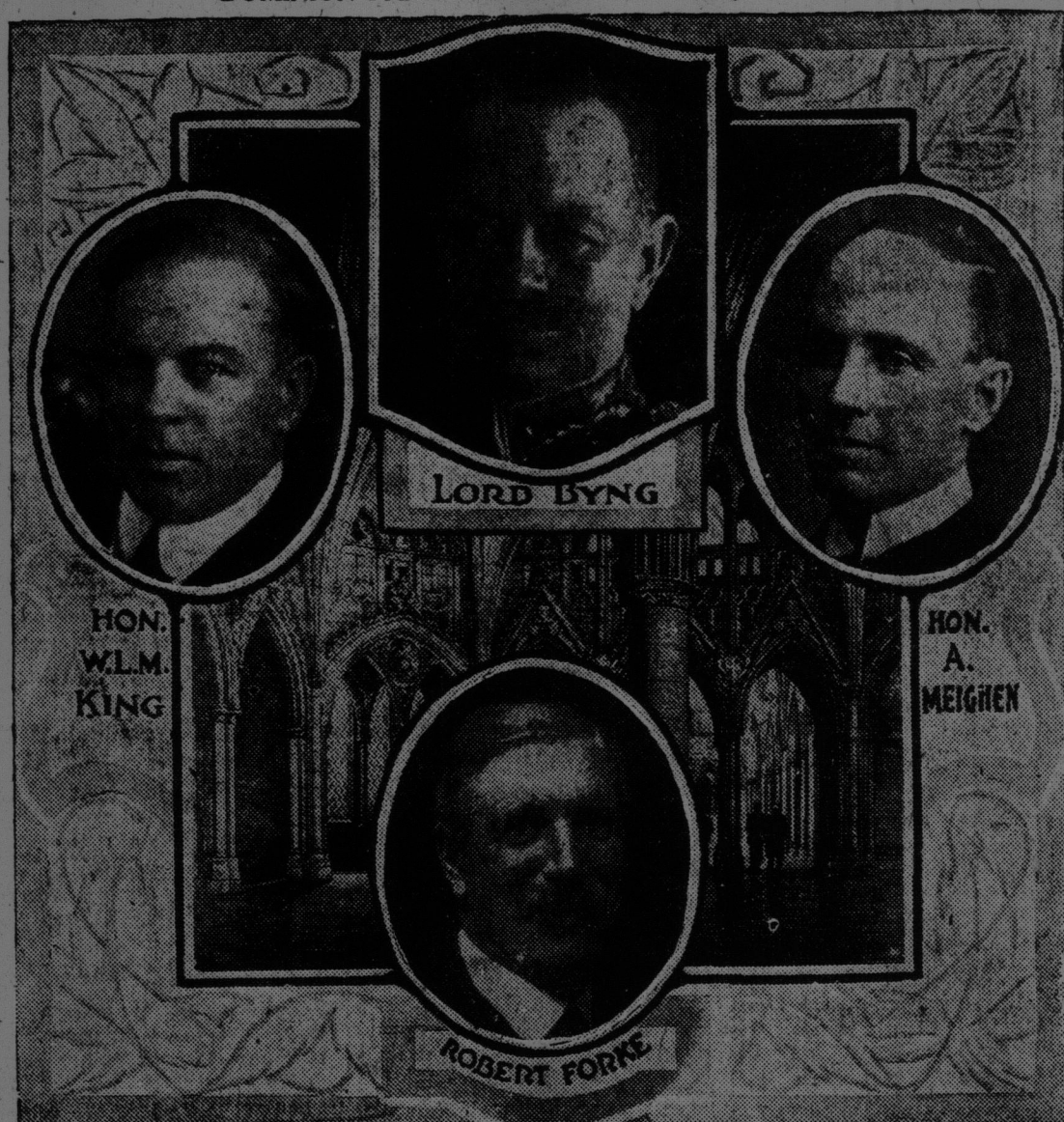
Stunned and hardly conscious of what was happening, Strimelle was unable to say a word in his own defence, even to deny the accusation brought against him. His silence was considered an admission of guilt, and three days later, on the eve of the fall of Maumeuze, the unfortunate smith fell, felled by the bullets of the firing squad.

But the truth he was unable to tell is being told today by his widow, who has opened proceedings to have her husband's memory freed from the shameful verdict and proclaimed an innocent victim of those terrible days.

Strimelle, like many another blacksmith, was a great big simple fellow. He loved his two children passionately, but in his big, warm heart there was place for other affections, including his favorite pets, two pigeons, which he kept close beside him in a special cage in the forge. A German shell which burst on that fateful morning just outside the smithy hurled the cage to the ground and the frightened pigeons escaped and fluttered through the open door. The soldiers saw them and that was enough evidence to condemn the poor man.

**COUGHS THAT PASS  
IN THE NIGHT**  
are generally  
those helped  
by  
**GRAY'S SYRUP**  
RED SPRUCE GUM  
Ease and Comfort  
come with the very  
first spoonful

DOMINION PARLIAMENT TO OPEN ON JANUARY 31



The interest of the country is now turning to Ottawa where the parliament will soon commence work on the government of Canada for another year. The opening will be attended by social festivities of pre-war brilliance, before the members settle down to the sober affairs of government. The opening will be conducted by His Excellency, Lord Byng, of Vimy, representing His Majesty, the King. Premier Hon. W. L. MacKenzie-King, and the leaders of the opposition parties are seen in the picture, Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party, and Robert Forke, the new leader of the Progressive party. In the background is seen one of the stately corridors of the new parliament buildings.

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## INDIAN TRIBE LOOKS UP CLAIM TO BIG PHILADELPHIA TRACT

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Two Oneida Indian chiefs from Green Bay, Wis., have been here looking up valuable property in the wholesale district which they had been told belonged to their tribe. The chiefs, Dr. War Eagle and Amos S. Baird, told Mayor Moore that they had been advised by several women interested in Indian affairs and also by a Philadelphia lawyer that their tribe still owned a big tract known as the "Wampum Belt Tract," in the vicinity of Second and Walnut streets, and that the reports had arisen through certain lawyers imposing upon alleged relatives of William Penn, Stephen Girard and others, and advised them to exercise caution in any proceedings that they might contemplate instituting. He instructed Assistant Director of Public Works Wagner to escort the Indians through the district to show them that no wigwam sites or other Indian apartments were located there.

## FINDS DEFENCES AGAINST POISONS

Secretary Weeks Says Research is Providing Protection from Every War Gas.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Inquiries at the War Department as to the possible use in war of the botulinus bacillus, discovered in connection with deaths resulting from the eating of certain preserved foods, drew a statement from Secretary Weeks that the army was making progress in finding means of defense against all new gases or poisons.

"It is reassuring to know," Mr. Weeks wrote in a letter made public, "that for every poison there is an antidote and that for every war gas there is a protective mask or protective clothing devised or in the process of being devised."

The secretary added that army research work had produced as its most outstanding result "the means of saving life rather than the discovering of startling means of destroying life."

Among the discoveries enumerated was the finding of chemicals for use in gas masks to protect against carbon monoxide gas, frequently found in coal mines, and ammonia gas. It was said new methods also had been discovered for fighting germ diseases and agricultural pests.

EIGHTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. J. F. Estabrooks, of 197 Main street, celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday yesterday and the members of her immediate family gathered for supper at her home when a beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to her and she received heartfelt congratulations. Mrs. Estabrooks is enjoying the best of health and was delighted with her birthday party. Those present were three of her sons, W. G. Estabrooks, H. S. Estabrooks and A. J. Estabrooks, her daughters-in-law, Mrs. W. G. Estabrooks and Mrs. H. S. Estabrooks, her two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Cowan and Mrs. J. W. McAlary and her sons-in-law, J. R. Cowan and J. W. McAlary. One son, R. W. Estabrooks, of Perth, was unable to be present. A big birthday cake held the place of honor on the supper table and the cutting of the cake was an occasion of some ceremony.

## MASHER BANDIT SLUGS AND ROBS GIRL IN STREET

Leaps as She Passes and Ignores Advances, Knocks Her Unconscious and Gets \$750 Payroll.

New York, Jan. 25.—A youthful bandit, posing at first as a masher, running a lone trail and scoring to use firearms robbed Miss Dorothy Schwartz of a \$715 payroll and escaped in a two-seated automobile after beating the girl almost unconscious with his fists. Miss Schwartz lives at 299 Brook

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NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

Avenue, the Bronx, and is employed as cashier for the Automatic Wire Goods Manufacturing Company, at 386 Canal Place, the Bronx. The firm banks at the Twenty-third Ward Bank, 137th Street and Third Avenue, which is three blocks from its office.

Following her usual procedure, Miss Schwartz left her office a little before noon to go to the bank. A short distance from the factory she encountered a good-looking, well-dressed young man who sat at the wheel of a rakish automobile of the speedster type. He raised his hat as she passed him and suggested a lift. Miss Schwartz did not answer, but continued on her way to the bank.

Leaps at Her From Behind.

Upon her return with the pay roll cash in a leather bag she found her admirer standing on the curb by the

side of his car. Again he suggested that she take a ride. She pointed her chin a little higher and strode coldly past. The idea of an attempted hold-up was not in her mind. She was satisfied that the man was merely flirtatious and did not consider him dangerous.

She had reason to change her opinion quickly, for the man leaped suddenly upon her from behind, throwing his right arm around her neck, choking off her cries. She struggled against his grasp and he struck her in the face with a clenched fist. The girl clung with both hands to the bag which contained the pay roll money and her assailant hit her again, this time in the mouth, cutting her lips and drawing blood.

Miss Schwartz collapsed and the bandit, seizing the bag, jumped into his car and vanished, leaving the girl on

the sidewalk. When she had recovered sufficiently to walk she reported the robbery to Patrolman O'Rourke. A general alarm was sent out from Bronx Police Headquarters. Miss Schwartz gave the police a detailed description of the thug.

## FATALLY SHOT 100 FEET FROM POLICE STATION

DelGoldi Left Dying in Doorway By Companions.

Boston, Jan. 25.—Shot and fatally wounded within 100 feet of the Hanover street station, Antonio DelGoldi, who, the police say, was a bootlegger, was left dying in a doorway at Cross and Salem streets by several of his companions.

Sergeant Butler and two patrolmen were sent from the Hanover street station, but could find no trace of the par-

ticipants. While they were still searching, a man entered the station house and said that "someone was dying" in a nearby doorway.

Taken to the Relief Hospital, the man died a few minutes before midnight.

Although DelGoldi's address was given as 813 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, New York, he has lived in Boston for some time.

Two of the creditors of George Wilcox, who conducted a grocery business in West St. John, have filed claims against the estate. Sheriff Wilton said yesterday that the creditors who had filed claims met yesterday afternoon but another month must elapse before the assets may be distributed. Wilcox was declared an absconding debtor in November.

## Bankrupt Fur Prices Bring Long Pony Coats to \$41.75

Capes—Coatees at Half  
All in Superb Paris  
Ideas and Finest  
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Liquidation Sale Prices make this \$600 Mole and Ermine Cape Coatee just \$300. And a spare shawl collar of Mole goes with it. It is a circular cape back, coatee front and an imported Paris Model. Mallinson's Pussywillow silk lining.

A combination of Mole and Hudson Seal Jacket with Hudson down the front and border, mandarin sleeves and shawl collar. \$350 value—Liquidation Price, \$175.

Mole Cape with large crush shawl collar and lining of veiled Georgette over figured white Satin. Same value \$300—half price.

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HUDSON SEAL CAPE with long stole front and shawl collar of Taupé Siberian Squirrel, suitable for middle aged ladies especially. Value \$300—Liquidation Price, \$150.

HUDSON SEAL COATEE with detachable collar of Grey Siberian Squirrel and a silver grey brocade satin lining. The most beautiful of Hudson Seal. Worth \$225—Liquidation Price, \$112.50.

HUDSON SEAL COATEE with wide flaring sleeves, brown crepe lining and fur buttons like every one. Value \$300—Sale, \$150.

ONE ELECTRIC SEAL COATEE worth \$130 for \$65—another worth \$150 for \$75.

Pony at One-Half, Pony  
at One-Third First  
Price in General  
Liquidation

3 BLACK PONY COATS—the real silky Russian Pony, from 40 to 45 inches long with the new crush and deep shawl collars and cuffs in Taupé, Fox, Opossum and Australian Black Lynx. Silk lined. Values \$200 to \$250 for \$110.

3 BLACK PONY COATS—Similar lengths with Taupé Opossum trimming, 1923 collars, three-way belts and fancy Poplin lining. \$160 value—Liquidation Sale Price, \$85.

Ninety-thousand dollars' worth of Furs in this notable Sale—and one-third of them 1923 Models below 1923 wholesale, and that is saying the least. Come for your turn.

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## COATS

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21 Mannish Coats; values to \$27.00; for .... \$12.50 and \$17.95

4 only, Black Duvelyn Coats, all silk lined and interlined, for  
Wonderful value. \$19.50

6 Velour Coats, fur collars, small sizes only; values to \$30.00;  
for ..... \$9.95

11 Velour Coats, fur collars, all silk lined; values to \$35.00;  
for ..... \$17.50

14 Duvelyn Coats, fur trimmed, all silk lined and interlined \$21.00

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1 Chapelle Seal Coat, large collar and bell cuffs of skunk; handsomely lined and finished; \$250.00 value for ..... \$165.00

1 Chapelle Seal Coat, No. 1 squirrel collar and cuffs; very nice silk lining; \$250.00 value for ..... \$165.00

1 Chapelle Seal Coat, self-trimmed, large cape collar and bell cuffs; nicely lined and finished; \$150.00 value for ..... \$85.00

1 French Seal Coat, self-trimmed (traveller's sample) ... \$65.00

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Friday, 9 a.m.

## DRESSES

11 Serge Dresses; values to \$15.00, for ..... \$6.50

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for ..... \$18.50

A few very beautiful dresses at ..... \$23.50

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A very pleasing lot of Canton Crepe Dresses, in navy, black, brown and henna. These dresses arrived within the last ten days and are very new in design. From ..... \$14.50 up

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