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Earl of Ashburnham Dies on Way to Ancestral Home
POINCARRE LOSES HEAD ON FRANCE

SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK IN LONDON

Left Fredericton Only Two Weeks Ago to Visit His Estates.
WAS 70 YEARS OLD
Warning Cable Came Saturday Night—Countess Belongs to Fredericton.



COUNTESS OF ASHBURNHAM

FALL DOWN FOUR STEPS KILLS HIM

New York Man Had Lived For Eight Years With Broken Neck.
New York, May 12.—(By Canadian Press)—After going about for eight years with a broken neck, John M. Echlin, a machinist, was killed by falling down four short steps at his home in Seventy-second street. Death was due to a fractured skull.

POSTAL SALARY NEWS TOMORROW

Government is Expected to Make Announcement of Decision Then.
Ottawa, May 12.—Officers of the Dominion Postal Workers Association expect the Prime Minister to announce the Government's decision on their salaries in the House on Tuesday afternoon, the Journal says this morning.

Election Sends The Franc Down

Paris, May 12.—(United Press)—The French franc dropped sharply today to 174.0 to the dollar when it became apparent that the Government had been defeated in the national elections. Saturday's closing was at 167.8.

Wire Briefs

Toronto, May 12.—A meeting of the members of the National Hockey League was held here on Saturday. The officials declined to give out any statement.
St. John's, Nfld., May 12.—The opposition party has been lined up under W. S. Monroe to fight the government party under Premier Hickman. Nomination day is set for May 23 and polling day ten days later.

IS ASHORE ON THE GOODWIN SANDS

Large Freighter Goes on Dangerous Place on English Coast.
Deal, England, May 12.—A big cargo steamship, whose name and nationality could not be determined because of fog was discovered aground on the Goodwin Sands this morning in a most dangerous position. Keen anxiety was felt.
Life boats and tugs were rushed to her aid from all ports in the vicinity. No wireless call has been reported from the vessel.
A message from Deal this afternoon says the steamer is high and dry.

ROUMANIA SEEKING SYMPATHY

Would Also Accept Financial Aid From Britain for Development.
A ROYAL VISIT
Attitude of Labor Government Not Likely to be Favorable to Appeal

London, May 12.—(British United Press, by R. N. Moore)—The visit of the Roumanian royal family, which is interesting London society, is much more than a social affair. The real purpose is understood to be an endeavor to raise loan in Britain for the development of Roumania's oil fields, forests, fish-ries and also to attempt to arouse British sympathy with Roumania in her dispute with Soviet Russia over Bessarabia.

REFUSES FRENCH PLAN

Roumania has turned down the French suggestion for a mutual guarantee treaty modeled by and after the Czecho-Slovakia convention. She refused the proposition, suggesting that France should place an army in Bessarabia in the event of Russian aggression, with which suggestion France in turn refused to comply.
The possibility of any active sympathy towards Roumania on the part of the present British government is very unlikely, considering the attitude of the Labor Party towards political conditions in that country. The Herald's Labor Party organ, says editorially today.

WATERS RAGE IN STREETS OF CITY

Cumberland, Maryland, Feels Flood Effect—Potomac Goes on Rampage.
Cumberland, Md., May 12.—For the second time within less than two months flood waters were lapping menacingly at the heart of the Cumberland business district this morning. Wills Creek, taking its course through the town section, has left its banks. Water in Mechanic street, one of the principal business thoroughfares, has reached a depth of eighteen inches. Merchants worked throughout the night moving their stores to second floors.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN BURNED

Maine Man Used Kerosene to Start Fire and Tragedy Resulted.
Millinocket, Maine, May 12.—Mrs. John Brown and four of her children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home here today. The father, John Brown, a mill worker, and two sons jumped from upper windows. They were taken to the Bryant hospital, where it was said two of them probably would die.

DEADLY CHOLERA INVADES MYSORE

There Were 391 Deaths Last Week—In Champanan 200 Daily.
London, May 12.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Daily Telegraph's Allahabad correspondent says the cholera epidemic which has been raging in several districts of India has broken out in the State of Mysore, where there were 690 cases with 391 deaths last week.
The epidemic in Bihar, where there have been 10,000 deaths since the beginning of the year, is abating. In most of the districts where the cholera has been raging, including Champanan, Darbhanga, MithaFarpur, Shahabad and Saran, the situation is fairly well hand except in Champanan, where the deaths number 200 daily.

KITE CARRIES BOY UP; HE FALLS TO DEATH

Tokio, May 12.—Kite-flying is not generally considered a dangerous sport, but its fatal possibilities have been revealed by a strange accident in Gumma prefecture.
A 12-year-old boy was helping three men fly a kite measuring 12 by 9 feet. The line was attached to his waist. A gust of wind carried the line out of the grasp of the men and the boy was whirled into the air before his belt broke and he fell to death. The three men were held for investigation on charges of manslaughter.

COOL-HEADED, HE PREVENTS A PANIC

Official Gets People Out of B. C. Provincial Library While it Burns.
Victoria, B. C., May 12.—Fire broke out in the provincial library here on Saturday night during an official reception for the British Columbia poets' reunion. Those in attendance were forced to make a hasty retreat from the building while flames battled with the fire. The origin of the fire, which was extinguished in about 20 minutes, is unknown.

YUKON ICE RUNS; DAMAGE CAUSED

Great Jam at Selkirk Extends as Far as Eye Can Reach.
Dawson, May 12.—The vanguard of the big ice jam ran down the Yukon river on Saturday and crashed into the docks, leaving tangled ruins. The huge platform of White Pass was opened by the force of the impact, the enginehouse and lifting crane toppling over. The dock at the rear of the Bank of Commerce was also smashed but the bank was not damaged.
At Selkirk the big ice jam extends as far as the eye can see. The Stewart is open at Mayara.

N. S. POSTMISTRESS IS ARRESTED

Mrs. G. Brown, Sheet Harbor Road, is Taken in Money Letter Case.
Halifax, May 12.—Mrs. Grace Brown of Sheet Harbor road, a postmistress, has been placed in custody by County Constable Wirrell on a warrant charging that on or about March 29 she unlawfully took \$18 from a post letter. The warrant was issued on the information of I. L. Rothenizer. It is alleged that the money was contained in a letter to a Toronto department store concern and that on sending the letter, which is said not to have reached its destination as an address enclosed. The report is that one of those notes was later noticed in circulation in the county and hence the warrant for the postmistress was responsible for the safety of the letter.
The accused was arraigned before Sundry McCleod and remanded for examination and released on bail in \$1,000.

"Mrs. Liberty" Seeks Freedom in Court

Washington, May 12.—(By Canadian Press)—Mrs. Alice Liberty has filed a suit for divorce from Thomas Liberty. She charges her husband with cruel and barbarous treatment. Despite her name, the wife's bill declares she has practically no liberty. She declares that she has been forced to submit to a life of drudgery that has become unendurable.

SUICIDES 310 LAST YEAR IN MOSCOW

Moscow, May 12.—(United Press)—The number of suicides in Moscow is increasing. In 1921 there were 198 cases, in 1922, 230, and in 1923, 310. Of these, 60 per cent. were women. Nearly all of the suicides were between 18 and 21, or over 80. Economic reasons caused 22 per cent. of the suicides.

BORDEN MAY HEAD IRISH COMMISSION

Name Mentioned in Connection With Ulster Boundary Settlement.
BRITISH REQUEST
Premier Craig Says Choice Will Not Affect His Stand in Matter.

(Canadian Press.)
Belfast, May 12.—The London correspondent of the Northern Whig says he is informed in official quarters that Sir Robert Borden, former Canadian Premier, has been requested by the British Government to act as chairman of the Irish boundary committee and that his conditional acceptance has been received.

Premier Sir James Craig of the Ulster Government declared, however, that he knew nothing of the Borden appointment. He was informed from London that within three weeks of his assent being received—if at all—the British Government would place their men on the ground in London and the commission would immediately operate.
This would exclude the possibility of Premier Smuts of South Africa, Premier Massey of New Zealand, or Premier Bruce of Australia being chosen. The matter of choice, Sir James said, would not affect his determination in the matter.

KEEP TEAR GAS TO CHECK BURGLARS

Many Banks Are Equipped—Police Also Are Making Use of It.
Washington, May 12.—(By Canadian Press)—The commercial use of tear gas is steadily increasing. A firm in Chicago, which manufactures devices for projecting this gas, has equipped 3,000 banks and 250 Police Departments.

IS AGAIN AFLOAT

Steamship Kamouraska Resumes Voyage With Coal For Montreal.
Sydney, N. S., May 12.—After jettisoning between 300 and 400 tons of her cargo the steamer Kamouraska, which went aground on the shoals of Schooner Pond off Big Glace Bay, was refloated early this morning. She was not damaged to any apparent extent and is now proceeding to Montreal. She has 7,000 tons of coal for Montreal from Sydney.

MAY GET CHARTER BACK THIS YEAR

N. S. Miners' Union Situation is Discussed in Montreal.
Montreal, May 12.—Nova Scotia Miners, District 26, will probably have their charter and their autonomy restored before the end of the year, in the opinion of William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, who arrived in Montreal last evening to attend a session of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 12.—A rather important disturbance which during the last 24 hours has developed over the middle Atlantic states is moving towards the Great Lakes, and rain is now falling in southern Ontario. The weather was quite warm yesterday in the western provinces, but has since become much cooler.
Forecast:—
Gulf and North Shore—Fresh easterly winds; fair and cool today and Tuesday.
Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly winds; showery and cool today and Tuesday.
Northern New England—Rain tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature. Tuesday; strong easterly winds, shifting to westerly Tuesday.
Toronto, May 12.—Temperatures:—
Lowest Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night
Victoria .. 69 76 66
Kamloops .. 48 68 46
Calgary .. 56 70 34
Edmonton .. 28 66 26
Winnipeg .. 42 74 40
Montreal .. 38 60 44
St. John .. 18 68 40
Halifax .. 42 48 38
New York .. 48 59 44

Both Feminine, But—



The two extremes of womanhood. Left: Commandant Mary S. Allen, the mannish type. Right: A fashion model illustrating the "ultra-feminine" type of girl.

Religious Fanatic Makes Lively Scene In Hotel; Gun in Hand, is Shot Dead

Kansas City, May 12.—Peter Gaston, who walked into the lobby of the Federal Hotel here with a Bible in one hand and a revolver in the other, was shot and killed in a battle with police 15 minutes later. Authorities believe he was a religious fanatic. Papers found in his pockets indicated he was from Pleasant, Mich.
Gaston, dressed in high leather boots, corsetry trousers and wide-brimmed cowboy hat, walked into the hotel, changing his revolver to his left hand as he registered. He placed his Bible on the cigar counter. Then he turned on four people in the lobby and calmly asked:
"All of you men believe in God?"
The guests murmured a reply. Beliboy dashed for the elevator. The clerk dodged behind a counter and called police.
"All of you put your left hand on the Bible and your right hand on your heart," he continued.
"Where is the girl you stole from me a year ago at the North Hotel?"
"I'll go get her," the clerk replied.
Then Fleischer, clad in a bathrobe and carrying a revolver, appeared. Simultaneously, a police car stopped in front of the hotel. Gaston opened fire at the officers.
Fleischer shot him dead.

Believe Auto Was Left By Bandits

Chatham, Ont., May 12.—A small car without a license number, abandoned on the Longwoods road near Kent Bridge, is thought to have been owned by four Detroit bandits who on last Monday crossed into Canada with \$5,000, following a street holdup. County police found that four men shipped a trunk at Kent Bridge to an address in Montreal. This may prove to be a valuable clue.

Whaler Wrecked; 86 Are Rescued

Rio Janeiro, May 12.—The Norwegian whaler oil carrier Neko, bound from South Georgia Island for Scotland, struck a reef on Friday 200 miles off Rio Janeiro and is reported to be a total loss.
Advices received here are that the crew of 86 were rescued by the whaler oiler Serilla, which also transferred the cargo of the wrecked vessel.

MAY EASE DOWN ON GERMANY

Opposition Elect Men to 114 Seats More Than Premier Secures.
LEFT IS VICTORIOUS
Eighty p. c. Vote is Recorded—Government Defeated in Rural Districts.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.
Paris, May 12.—These figures show the French Chamber divided as follows after yesterday's elections:
Opposition, 341.
Poincarre parties, 227.
Opposition majority, 114.

The government claims that 49 out of the 156 radicals elected are dissident and will vote with the government in matters of foreign policy. Even if this is correct, however, the government will still remain in the minority.

BY WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Cor.)

Paris, May 12.—Premier Poincarre and his "National Bloc," which has governed France for five years, met surprising and apparently overwhelming defeat in yesterday's national elections.

An avalanche of votes swept into office a majority of the Left, the radical Socialists appearing the strongest party in the forthcoming parliament.
The party in control in the chamber favors moderation towards Germany.

Many of Poincarre's foreign policies are certain to be replaced by others of a conciliatory nature.
May Resign at Once.

The premier may resign at once, and it is possible that President Millerand, who created the National Bloc, which has met its first defeat, may resign as well.
More than eighty per cent. of the voters, an unusually high number for France, went to the polls yesterday. Weather conditions were perfect.

Victory for the Left was achieved by overwhelming majorities in the provinces.
Paris gave M. Poincarre a majority, and those who retired early last night believed him to be winning.
When from 173 of the 584 seats were tabulated, however, the avalanche toward the Left was manifest.

L'oeuvre, a workers' newspaper, claims that the Left is expected control of the Chamber of Deputies and says that the victory exceeded its highest hopes.
In many departments, Communists and Socialists combined forces, sweeping many Communists into office.

Foreign Policy.
Leaders of the Left claim the result is an overwhelming repudiation of Poincarre's foreign policies, including occupation of the Ruhr and insistence upon reservations to the experts' report.
The Premier's supporters, however, say the overthrow was due to dissatisfaction with the cost of living, recent raising of the taxes, and other domestic matters.

The new chamber, despite what Poincarre's followers say, will undoubtedly effect modification of France's foreign policies and lean toward conciliation in relations with Germany. (Continued on page 13, third column)