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## MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA WOULD BE STUPID, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE MUNICH IS REPORTED IN STATE OF COMPLETE ANARCHY CONDEMNED MAN ESCAPES FROM TORONTO JAIL

### MURDERER AWAITING EXECUTION DRUGS DEATH WATCH, SAYS AWAY CELL BARS AND GAINS LIBERTY

Frank McCullough, Awaiting Hanging On May 2, Uses an Ingenious Method To Gain His Liberty From Toronto Institution—Had Good Start and the Chances of His Capture Are Regarded Slght.

Toronto, April 16.—Drugging his guard, Frank McCullough, the young American who was under sentence of death and who was to have been hanged on May 2 for the murder of Acting Detective Frank Williams, escaped from his death cell at the Toronto jail some time between 11 o'clock last night and 5 this morning.

McCullough's escape is the most sensational in the history of the police. He cut away two heavy iron bars in the window while his guard, E. Curral, a returned soldier, slept in McCullough's cell. The prisoner cut his way through the bars with a sharp saw, pulled himself through the opening, dropped down on the wall which skirts the jail and jumped to freedom.

On the floor in the cell, McCullough left a note, hastily written in a straggling hand, stating that he had doped Curral's coffee. Curral was arrested.

### M'CULLOUGH IN NOTE TO GUARD TELLS HOW HE GOT THE POWDER

[Special To The Advertiser] Toronto, April 16.—Before his escape McCullough left a note on the cell floor addressed to Ernest Curral, his guard, whom he drugged. The note, written in pencil on an ordinary white business letter-head, in rather a poor hand, but quite legible, reads: "Curral old man, I am sorry, but I had to do it. No do not get scared for I isn't your fault, I got your coffee with a sleeping powder of venereal, and so you see, kid, they cannot blame you, am leaving the paper on the wrapper in which I had the stuff so that you can have the evidence if necessary. If you do not want this note shown to them who pay the paper on the floor and somewhere where you will find it accidentally find it. You understand, I got the stuff, I am using from a friend who came here as a person on purpose and managed to slip it to me. Wish me luck, I am sorry but you know life is sweet, old man. So long Frank."

### FRANK M'CULLOUGH IN LETTER TO TORONTO STAR DESCRIBES ESCAPE

[Special To The Advertiser] Toronto, April 16.—At noon today while reporters with the police were searching for Frank McCullough, the condemned murderer, who escaped from the Toronto jail, a letter written by McCullough to the Daily Star after his escape from prison reached the Star office. In it McCullough describes how he effected his escape. It opens with an expression of thanks to "his Christian friends," who, while he was in prison wrote him letters of cheer, and affirms that he is a Christian, and they proceed: "I am making an attempt for my liberty. Can I be blamed? No, I do not believe that you can. I am as long as I commit no sin in doing so. I do not deserve liberty I know, but in my own heart I know that neither do I deserve the fate which

Curral's Story.

Curral's story is that he came on duty at 10 o'clock, and at 11 he fell asleep after having something to eat with McCullough. He did not wake up till 5 o'clock this morning. Finding McCullough gone and the bars cut, Curral rang the alarm bell at 5 o'clock and the other guards ran to the death cell.

McCullough must have worked fast while cutting the bars away. He used chewing-gum, butter and soap to smother the noise of the saw. How McCullough obtained the saw, the exception of police officials and the man's spiritual adviser his only visitor was a young woman who was admitted two days after he was confined in the jail. She was given a pass by Sheriff Movat and was searched before entering the death cell.

In making his escape McCullough fulfilled an oft-repeated boast that he would "beat the gallows."

### FIRST BRIGADE, 6,000 STRONG, ARE GIVEN GREAT SEND-OFF AS OLYMPIC SAILS FOR CANADA

Men From First Battalion and Other Units Set Sail Tuesday On Giant Liner—Brig.-General McQuaig Is in Command of Homecoming Troops.

London, April 16.—The First Brigade of the First Canadian Division, 6,000 strong, embarked yesterday at Southampton, home-ward bound aboard the Olympic under command of Brig.-Gen. McQuaig. They were accorded an enthusiastic send-off by the townspeople. The quayside was densely thronged with spectators. The mayor and members of the corporation attended and a band played military airs.

Those witnessing the departure of the vessel included Divisional-Gen. MacDonnell. Many of the men sailing today practically fought through the whole war. The mayor of Southampton paid eloquent tribute to the prowess of the Canadians and the tenacity with which they held their own in engagement after engagement against overwhelming odds. As the vessel cast her moorings the band struck up "Auld Lang Syne"; afterwards the troops frantically cheered for the King and Canada.

### EBERT'S EASTER MESSAGE SAYS ENTENTE HAS STRANGLE HOLD

Germany's President Wails Because Peace Is Still Withheld.

DENOUNCES DISTURBERS

Burden Is Greatest Any Nation Has Had To Endure, He Declares.

Copenhagen, April 16.—President Ebert of Germany, in his Easter message to the national assembly, said: "Five months ago we accepted our enemies' terms. We agreed with them on the basis for a conclusion of peace. We have fulfilled the hard armistice conditions, disbanded our army and surrendered enemy prisoners, but peace is still withheld from us. Though defenseless and economically exhausted, we are still cut off by the blockade, and our prisoners are still detained, which is equivalent to a continuation of the war. It is a burden such as no nation has yet been compelled to endure. We have done everything to obtain peace from our enemies and to liberate our nation from this intolerable torture. The responsibility for all the consequences which must follow the continuance of the present situation, for us and the world, must fall on their shoulders. President Ebert concludes by denouncing the internal disturbers of the country, whose aim, he says, "threatens to completely destroy our economic life."

### PARLIAMENT TO TAKE UP SOME BIG ISSUES AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Easter Vacation For Members Commences This Evening.

RESUMES NEXT TUESDAY

Budget Will Be Brought Down Early in May.

Ottawa, April 16.—Parliament will adjourn at 6 p.m. today for the Easter holidays. Business will be taken up Tuesday next, when strenuous days are promised for the ministers and members. The big issues of the session are expected to come rapidly to the fore when the House resumes. The budget will be brought down it is expected, not later than the first week in May, while prohibition legislation and the Dominion franchise act will be introduced with as little delay as possible. Sir Robert Borden, it is thought, will be back in the capital about the night after peace has been signed. There is no expectation that the business of Parliament will be concluded before July. This is the last private members' day of the session. When the House resumes everything will be given over to the consideration of Government proposals.

W. F. Nickle's resolution asking for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into divorce procedure has the first place on the order paper today, and is likely to be discussed at some length.

REV. JOHN FIGGIS DIES.

London, April 16.—The death of Rev. John Nevill Figgis is announced here. He died quite suddenly on Sunday.

Mr. Figgis was one of the best-known writers on historical and theological subjects in England. He was born at Brighton on October 2, 1856.

### What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Majestic—Rhapsody Sweet in "The Unpardonable Sin."  
Grand—Marion Davies in "The Belle of New York."  
Patricia—William Farnum in "Les Miserables."  
St. William Russell in "Brass Buttons."

OTHER EVENTS.

Boxing bouts at armories, Dominion Lodge, 8 o'clock.  
King Solomon Preceptory, 7:45 p.m.  
Order of the Eastern Star, 8 p.m., K. of P. Hall.

### POINTING THE WAY



—Kirby, in the New York World.

### CAPT. ASA MINARD, FORMER HEAD OF DOMINION POLICE HERE, FACES SEVERAL CHARGES OF FORGERY

Arrested in Windsor Tuesday Night by Inspector Duncan, And Will Be Tried in London—Policemen Failed To Receive Their Pay Checks.

Capt. Asa K. Minard, for some time head of the civil branch of the Dominion Police here, was arrested last night in Windsor by Inspector V. Duncan, who succeeded him in office, on numerous charges of forgery. Capt. Minard, who left London a few months ago to become the secretary and treasurer of the Windsor branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, was well known and well liked in London. Those who came in contact with him were astounded when they heard today of his arrest and impending trial for so serious an offence as that alleged against him.

The arrest came as a result of investigations which Inspector Duncan has been engaged in making for some time. The fact that several men of the staff over which Capt. Minard had control had failed to receive pay checks on various occasions during 1918, first led to an investigation, and Inspector Duncan, who was formerly an inspector of detectives on the police force of Toronto, was instructed by the Government as to whether the bank or banks which cashed the checks can be held responsible for one which is being discussed among the men who were the losers. Not only of those competent to settle this point who were approached to day would give their opinion.

Inspector Duncan went to Windsor and last night placed Capt. Minard under arrest. He is at present in custody in the Windsor City, and will be brought to London for trial tomorrow morning. The inspector did not reach the city on his return journey from Windsor until 10 o'clock this morning, and a number of documents have to be prepared before the prosecution will be ready to proceed. For this reason a remand may be asked.

Many Charges. Between fifteen and twenty separate offences, all of the same nature, are charged against Capt. Minard. The allegation is that, during 1918, before the force of which he was the head was taken over by the Dominion Police, he forged the signatures of the payees on the backs of a number of checks which were issued by the military authorities to men on the staff in advance of each check the exact date of the claims of 1914 and of the cessation of hostilities.

Who Should Pay. Inspector Duncan is of the opinion that the Government should not make good the money out of which the men were cheated, but that it should take steps to recover it from the culprit, whoever he may prove to be. The question as to whether the bank or banks which cashed the checks can be held responsible is one which is being discussed among the men who were the losers. Not only of those competent to settle this point who were approached to day would give their opinion.

### LIMERICK FACTORIES AND STORES CLOSED

Martial Law Is Being Rigidly Enforced in Irish City.

Limerick, Ireland, April 15.—All factories and stores in Limerick were closed today except provisions and bread shops. During the day the military forces which are enforcing martial law in this region erected barriers across all the roads entering the city, and no persons except those with military permits were allowed to pass. All bridges over the River Shannon and other strategic points are being guarded heavily by the soldiers, while pickets are on the alert throughout the district. The strike notices given by the rail-roadmen expire at midnight tonight. Efforts are being made to bring the employees on all the Irish railroads. The length of the Limerick strike, it is believed, depends on the success of this movement. No disorders had been reported up till a late hour tonight.

### Armed Intervention in Russia Would Be Stupidity, Declares Lloyd George in Speech Today

### ANARCHY REIGNS IN MUNICH: ALL WORK CEASES

Trains Discontinue Running While Robbers Loot Houses.

BANKS THREATENED

First Infantry Regiment Is Reported To Have Joined Spartans.

London, April 16.—Complete anarchy reigns in Munich, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. All work has ceased, trains are not running and robbers are looting houses and threatening the banks, the dispatch states. The first Infantry Regiment is said to have joined the Spartans.

### GERMAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS OCCUPY THE TOWN OF MAGDEBURG

Copenhagen, April 16.—German government troops occupied the entire town of Magdeburg on Tuesday, according to a Weimar dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. It is reported there has been fighting, with many casualties on both sides.

### BRITISH ASTROLOGIST PREDICTS ANOTHER WAR IN JUNE, 1926

Claims To Have Prophesied Beginning of World War in 1914 and Its End.

SIGNS HIMSELF SEPHARIAL

Another Allied Victory Is Predicted by This Prophet.

London, April 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—There will be another world war beginning in June, 1926, according to a writer in the British Journal of Astrology. This prophet, who signs himself "Sepharial," asks for a serious hearing, inasmuch as he claims to have indicated a year in advance each check the exact date of the claims of 1914 and of the cessation of hostilities.

"The first phase of the next war," he stated, "will begin with Turkey, whose perfidy will lead to its final overthrow in 1922-23. At this time Prussian intrigue will dominate the position in the Near East, affecting Greece, Turkey and Russia. But, according to my calculations, the great crisis will not be reached until June, 1926."

"In this great war, which may be regarded as France's counter to the war of 1914-18, the malevolent forces, take their rise in Vienna and Berlin, extend to Petrograd, penetrate through the whole of Russia, and descend via the Black Sea and Turkey in Asia on to Syria and Palestine."

Another allied victory is predicted by "Sepharial."

### French Deputies Demand That Huns Pay To The Limit

Budget Committee Unanimously Adopts Resolution To That Effect.

Paris, April 16.—The budget committee of the chamber of deputies has unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that complete reimbursement for all damages due to the war be exacted of enemy countries, with priority for reparation claims. To assure the payment of indemnity up to Germany's present ability and future possibilities, it was demanded that effective guarantees and pledges be secured.

British Premier in Reply to Critics Pleads That Conference Delegates Who Are Trying To Solve Greatest Problems Men Have Ever Had To Face Be Let Alone—Situation Is "Still Full of Perils For All Countries," Says the British Statesman.

### ALLIES AGREED ON TERMS.

London, April 16.—The Allied representatives in Paris have arrived at a complete understanding on the great fundamental questions that would effect peace with Germany, Premier Lloyd George declared in addressing the House of Commons today. The Allies have formulated their demands, and he hoped that by the end of next week they would be presented.

London, April 16.—Replying in the House of Commons today to previous criticisms of his activity at the peace conference in Paris, Premier Lloyd George said the situation was "still full of perils for all countries."

He pleaded that "those who were trying to do their best be let alone."

No conference in history, said the premier, had been faced with problems of such variety, complexity, magnitude and gravity. The Congress of Vienna, which was the nearest approach to it, took eleven months for its work, but that congress, Mr. Lloyd George pointed out, sank into insignificance as compared with what had been settled by this conference.

Mr. Lloyd George said it was his earnest conviction that military intervention in Russia would be the greatest act of stupidity.

### BRITISH PREMIER REPLIES TO CRITICS

The Prince of Wales entered the House soon after that body assembled and occupied a seat in the centre of the distinguished strangers' gallery, where the foreign diplomats were also accommodated. Mr. Lloyd George entered the House shortly after the first half-hour of the session had passed. He met with a cordial reception, and was greeted by some of the independent, some semi-independent and some that might be considered as the peace conference. The time spent in the House was devoted to a discussion of the peace conference, and Mr. Lloyd George declared, as the league would provide a means of adjustment of post-war problems.

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"I would rather leave Russia Babelized until they see their way out of it rather than see Great Britain in bankruptcy," was one of the premier's declarations. "It is not true that the United States and Russia are the greatest danger to the world. It is the League of Nations that is the danger. He deprecated attempts to sow dissension among the delegates."

In his reference to the League of Nations, Mr. Lloyd George said the conference had taken more time but for the fact that it was setting by a machinery of peace, and adjusting and correcting possible mistakes, "and that is why the League of Nations must be given time to mature."

"The conference had, he added, to shorten its labors, continued the premier, because the world was in a state of confusion, and the League of Nations was the only way to build in many lands the foundation of a society waiting turning into the dust. No body of men worked harder or in better harmony than the peace conference, and he hoped that the peace conference would provide a means of adjustment of post-war problems."

Shipping Is Suspended Because of Influenza. Melbourne, April 16.—The Commonwealth Government has decided to prohibit the movement of all shipping from Australian ports in consequence of the severity of the influenza epidemic in Australia and New Zealand.

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 47; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 44; lowest, 37.

TOMORROW—CLOUDY AND COLD. Toronto, April 16-8 a.m. Forecast. Today—Strong northeast winds, with rain. Thursday—Northerly winds; cloudy and cold, clearing at night.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria..... 60 46 Cloudy. Calgary..... 58 28 Clear. Winnipeg..... 54 25 Snow. Port Arthur..... 54 25 Fair. Port Stanley..... 45 40 Rain. Buffalo..... 48 42 Cloudy. Toronto..... 47 36 Rain. Kingston..... 50 36 Rain. Ottawa..... 50 32 Snow. Montreal..... 48 31 Cloudy. Quebec..... 38 30 Cloudy. Father Point..... 34 24 Clear.

Weather Notes. The disturbance from the Southwest that has developed into an important storm now centered in Ohio, while the high pressure has moved from Northern to Eastern Canada. Heavy rain is falling in Ontario, while in the Western Provinces the weather is fine and quite mild, and in the Maritime Provinces fair and cold.

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