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### ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER CLEMENCEAU

#### Would-be Assassin Shot Five Times, One Bullet Taking Effect in Clemenceau's Shoulder—Condition of Distinguished Patient Not Regarded as Serious—Shooting May Delay Proceedings of Peace Conference—Assailant Captured.

##### ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE CLEMENCEAU

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Premier Clemenceau was fired at five times this morning while entering his automobile. He was hit in the back and shoulder but is seemingly not dangerously hurt. The bullet which entered Clemenceau's left shoulder has been found near right shoulder but not yet extracted. Patient coughs considerably but no complications expected. The premier's chauffeur, Brbant, was slightly wounded.

Delegates to Peace Conference, when they learned of attempt upon Premier Clemenceau's life today, began to consider the effect of the event upon their own plans in connection with the conference. The belief was expressed that there would not be any great delay in the execution of the comprehensive plans laid out for proceedings of the Peace Conference during the absence of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson. Premier Clemenceau, when he was shot, was on his way to a conference with Arthur J. Balfour, British Foreign Secretary, concerning more rapid procedure before the Supreme Council. Owing to the fact that Clemenceau had in hand personally certain subjects now under negotiation it follows that so far as these are concerned there must be a suspension of activity for the time being as they related to the consummation of an early treaty of peace.

Policeman Goursat, who was wounded in the right eye, although not seriously, by one of the would-be assassin's shots, said that Premier Clemenceau rushed up to the would-be assassin and grappled with him. The premier's wound was regarded as dangerous in itself but it is felt that there might be serious consequences. At about 11 o'clock this morning, however, it was officially announced that Clemenceau was not seriously wounded. An enormous crowd which observed a respectful quiet, gathered near Clemenceau's residence after the occurrence. Within a half hour President Poincaré arrived. He was quickly followed by various members of the cabinet, high officials of government and representatives of the Army and Navy, as well as of the diplomatic corps. It was learned at the city hall that the assailant of Premier Clemenceau was a man named Emile Cottin, 25 years old, and that he was born at Creil. The man said his home was in Montreux quarter of Paris but the police believe he is a Russian.

The shooting took place at 8.55 o'clock this morning as the Premier was leaving his house in Rue Franklin to go to the war office. The assassin was an ordinary looking man dressed as a workman. Five shots were fired, of which one took effect in the Premier's shoulder. The assailant was arrested. Georges Clemenceau has been one of the leading statesmen of France for decades, but it was not until the critical stages of the great war came and he took reins and guided his country through to the end of the struggle that he became the world renowned figure that he is today. With the war ended, Clemenceau has continued at the helm of the French Government, during the present trying period. He presided at the Peace Conference. Of an extremely vigorous and aggressive personality, Premier Clemenceau, while attracting to himself a large and warmly loyal following, he has as well determined and outspoken opponents. Premier Clemenceau while formally classed as a radical, has come to be known in later years as representative of rather more moderate elements. Extremists have accused him of giving his politics too much of an imperialistic trend.

##### CANADA GIVES CREDITS TO FRANCE AND RUMANIA

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Canada has just concluded a loan to France and Rumania for twenty-five millions each. Negotiations are under way with Belgium for a similar amount.

##### AERIAL SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO AND HAMILTON.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—It is stated here that an aerial freight and passenger line will shortly be started between Toronto and Hamilton.

##### TROUBLE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Eight thousand Costa Rican troops have been mobilized on the Nicaragua border and they threaten the invasion of the latter country.

##### ITALY REFUSES ARBITRATION BY WILSON

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The Italians have refused to submit their territorial differences to arbitration by President Wilson.

##### PRUSSIAN OFFICERS TRYING TO GET A JOB

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Prussian officers are seeking commissions in the United States Army. The applications are refused.

##### FARMERS' CANDIDATE IN NORTH ONTARIO DEFEATS MAJOR CAMERON

UXBRIDGE, Feb. 18.—North Ontario has been won by the United Farmers' candidate after a strenuous fight. The government forces put forward every conceivable effort, and as a consequence the hopes of the farmers may not have been fully realized. But they have no reason to be disappointed. As this despatch is being written Widdifield has a majority of 284, with one poll still to hear from, which may increase the majority, but not appreciably.

The weather was good, there being nice snow for sleighing, and the women's vote came out fairly well. More than five-sixths of the total vote was polled, and in the towns Widdifield had good support.

In an interview tonight, Secretary Morrison of the United Farmers said he was pleased with the result. The farmers had fought a clean fight against a flood of unwarranted personal attack and misrepresentation of the objects of the organization. Major Cameron comes out of the fight with credit. He was defeated on no other grounds than that the issue was made by the government against the farmers, and he accepted that condition.

The following are the votes in the towns and villages:

	Widdifield Maj.	Cameron Maj.
Beaverton	217	251
Vroomantown	69	144
Cannington	144	80
Fairvalley	80	90
Longford	122	125
Brechin	122	125
Uxbridge	125	125

Scott township, including, Townhall, Leaskdale, Zephyr, and Sandford, gave Widdifield a majority of 184.

In the towns and villages, therefore, Major Cameron had a majority of over 400, but the farms rolled up a majority for Widdifield. Widdifield's total vote is 2665, and Cameron's 2381, giving Widdifield a majority of 284, with one small poll to hear from.

##### GREAT C.N.R. ELEVATOR THREATENED BY FIRE

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 19.—The world's largest grain elevator, with millions of bushels of wheat, was seriously threatened by fire this morning, when an old workhouse nearby was destroyed by flames. The damage was trifling.

##### PILSUDSKI TO OPPOSE PADEREWSKI

WARSAW, Feb. 19.—General Pilsudski, formerly military dictator of Poland, has resigned his military post to contest the presidency of the Polish republic against Paderewski.

##### FORMAL REJECTION TO MEET WITH BOLSHEVIKI

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Formal rejection of proposal that they meet with delegates of Bolsheviki and other Russian Governments at Prince's Islands was handed to the Peace Conference at Paris today by representatives of Governments of Siberia, Archangel and Southern Russia.

### SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FOR MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. R. J. Graham's Offer Accepted by Committee — He Will Contribute Half the Cost of a Fine Memorial To The Fallen

At a meeting of the Soldiers' Memorial Monument Committee held in the City Hall last evening an offer from Mr. R. J. Graham to pay fifty per cent. of the cost of a first-class monument, providing the citizens subscribe the other fifty per cent. and on condition that the said monument be erected on Memorial Park was accepted.

All members of the executive committee were empowered to receive subscriptions. Major R. D. Ponton was appointed to the executive to represent the G.W.V.A.

The following permanent officers were selected: President—W. J. Carter. Treasurer—A. Jones. Secretary—Ald. Hanna.

### Napanee to Trenton Highway League

Editor Ontario.—The above organization is suggested for the purpose of completing arrangements with the two Governments for the building of the above section of the National Highway.

Personnel: Mayor, of Belleville; Chairman Executive, Chairman of Public Works, Mayor of Napanee, Mayor of Deseronto, Mayor of Trenton, Dominion member for West Hastings, Dominion member for East Hastings, Ontario member for West Hastings, Ontario member for East Hastings, Dominion member for Lennox and Addington, Ontario member for Lennox and Addington.

A meeting could be held at the Hotel Quinte within a few days and this matter could be started off effectively by having a paid representative keep in touch with Ottawa and Toronto until—

Firstly—The work has been officially authorized by the two Governments.

Secondly—Until the appropriations by the two Governments have been set aside.

After these two important matters have been arranged the balance of the work would be purely of a local nature.

W. E. Schuster.

### Who Got the Iron?

The case of Safe vs G.T.R. came up before His Honor Judge Deroche on the 17th inst., and showed some peculiar features. Springer & Co. got a shipping bill on the 29th October last from the G.T.R. showing they had shipped car No. 7075 containing iron to Takefman & Goldblatt, large iron dealers at Hamilton. The G.T.R. also gave Safe & Co. another shipping bill showing that they had shipped the same car of iron to Takefman & Goldblatt at Hamilton. Takefman & Goldblatt only received one car and having received the shipping bill and invoice from Springer & Co. first paid them for it and when they received the second shipping bill given Safe and Co. by the G.T.R. from them, notified Safe and Co. of Springer & Co's shipment Safe and Co. sued the G.T.R. for non-delivery of the iron referred to in their shipping bill. The G. T. R. obtained an order making Takefman & Goldblatt Co. defendant. Takefman & Goldblatt made Springer and Co. third parties, and the matter now in the hands of the court to unravel the puzzle as to who shipped the iron. W. Carnew for Safe and Co., E. Foster, K.C. for G.T.R., W. C. Mikel, K.C., for Takefman and Goldblatt; E. Guss Porter, K.C. for Springer and Co.

### Obituary

Mr. Samuel Hibbard, a well-known painter and decorator of this city, died at his home on Ridley Avenue, West Belleville, at eight o'clock this morning. He had been suffering for several days with spells of heart weakness. Mr. Hibbard was about 55 years of age. Surviving are his widow and the following children: Mrs. Deshane, of Belleville, Mrs. McWiggins, of Toronto, Miss Bessie at home, George of Toronto, Samuel, Jr., William and John at home. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church. He was born at West Huntingdon.

Mrs. Emily Boulter Dempsey, widow of the late William Ryerson Dempsey, M.P.P. for Prince Edward County, died today at her home in Albury.

### Belleville Lost to the Granites

(Special to The Ontario.) Toronto, Feb. 19.—Toronto Granites and Paris are this afternoon contesting finals for Ontario Curling Tankard. This morning the semi-finals, Granites defeated Belleville 39 to 24 and Paris beat Peterboro 36 to 24.

### Belleville Defeated in Tankard Semi-Finals

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Tankard semi-finals resulted as follows: Toronto Granites Belleville T. Rennie 21 Wray 14 Beatty 18 Behar 10 Totals 39 Total 24

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**FRANCE WISHES TO PROCURE \$236,000,000 OF GOODS FROM THE U. S.**

PARIS, Feb. 19.—France is negotiating for the purchase of two hundred and thirty-six million dollars' worth of goods from the United States.