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London Paper Bares Alleged Pact of French and Wilson

ALL SAVED BUT LAWRENCE ICE

ATTACKS ON WILSON ARE CALLED OFF

The Guardian Gives Version of Facts Connected With Alleged Secret Pact. MOTIVE UNKNOWN Lloyd George's Assertion is Said to be Strange, French Say.

(United Press Cable.) Quebec, Feb. 8.—The Guardian today gives the following version of the circumstances connected with the alleged secret pact between M. Clemenceau and the late President Wilson, referred to by Lloyd George: "M. Clemenceau took advantage of Mr. Lloyd George's visit to London to talk to Mr. Wilson and persuaded the latter to consent to fifteen years' occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, M. Clemenceau prudently taking the precaution to extract a written agreement from Mr. Wilson, which rendered it impossible for him to repudiate the concession."

The Guardian continues: "M. Clemenceau's motive for this singular proceeding is not easy to guess, but one effect thereof became quickly apparent. The violent and scurrilous attacks to which Mr. Wilson had been exposed in the French press, and which affected him cruelly, ceased as if by magic."

Anxiety Now Not Great. London, Feb. 8.—The London newspapers today again devote their principal space to the news of the illness of J. R. Booth, aged lumberman, ill.

Not Likely to Cause Postponement of Marriage of Granddaughter to Prince. Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Postponement of the marriage of Miss Lois Frances Booth to Prince Erik of Denmark here on Monday in view of the serious illness of J. R. Booth, senior, grandfather of the bride, is not likely to take place unless Mr. Booth takes a turn for the worse.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—A boy and girl were drowned and their three companions narrowly escaped death last night when the automobile in which they were riding plunged through a washed out bridge over the by-pass of the city reservoir ten miles west of here and sank in forty feet of water.

Breaks Collar Bone



PRINCE OF WALES

NEVINS WILL CASE IS HEARD AGAIN

Going on At Ottawa Today in Supreme Court of Canada. Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Two Maritime Province cases were before the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday. The first of the two, Kinney vs. Fisher, has already been tried three times. It is a claim for damages for libel by the plaintiff, Fisher. Judgment was reserved.

Wire Briefs

Washington, Feb. 8.—Wm. G. McAdoo will be heard by the Senate oil committee tomorrow. Appearing at his own request, he will explain fully his professional services with the Doherty Oil Companies.

Newton, Mass., Feb. 8.—The condition of Lewis F. Curtis, the wealthy clubman shot by Carl R. Craig, an intruder in the former's Commonwealth avenue home yesterday, was reported as still serious at a hospital here today.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—Whisky valued at approximately \$10,000 was ordered confiscated yesterday by Police Magistrate Gundy after provincial police had explained they seized en route from Montreal to Windsor.

Sydney, Feb. 8.—The Federal Labor Department has apparently taken a hand in the Nova Scotia coal dispute, according to a telegram received at United Mine Workers' headquarters today from Provisional President Silby Barrett, at Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—There will be steps taken to moderate the regulations governing the grading of wheat in Canada within the next month, it was announced last night by Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, at a meeting of the Ottawa Poultry Association.

WALES HAS HIS COLLAR BONE BROKEN

Heir to British Throne Sent to Bed as Result of Accident. KEEPS ON SMILING Prince is Thrown While Trying to Hop High Fence in Chase.

(By Canadian Press.) London, Feb. 8.—The Prince of Wales broke his collarbone while exercising one of his hunters at Billington Manor, near Ascot, this morning. The Prince was putting his mount over a fence when the horse fell throwing his rider heavily on his shoulder. The Prince got up and was remounting with difficulty when his equerry said: "I believe you've broken your collarbone."

The heir to the British throne has 18 hunters at Leighton Buzzard and was expected to do much hunting with the Waddan Chase hounds. He had gone overnight to Mentmore Mansion with Lord Dalmeida, prior to the start of the Waddan Chase this morning at Ascot. He was astride early, taking several hunters over to Billington Manor, the property of Sir Richard Cooper, to give them a preliminary gallop. It was while putting his mount over a stiff fence that the accident happened.

An express train which was stopped at Leighton Buzzard to take the Prince before noon. After receiving further medical treatment he returned to St. James' Palace and went to bed.

An official statement says the collarbone was broken "about as slightly as is possible."

Thrown Before. The Prince of Wales is a great lover of horsemanship and has frequently been thrown but has always escaped serious injury. In addition to following the hounds, the heir to the throne is keen on racing, both over the flat and the jumps, and has taken part in actual competition against professional jockeys.

A London despatch of Tuesday this week told of his rising at an early hour and motoring to Epsom Downs, the historic British race course, where he looked over the horses entered for the forthcoming meets and engaged in impromptu races with the jockeys.

Liquor Exporter Shoots Himself. Sir John Stewart, of London, Kills Self Following Losses in Boozie Trade.

By British United Press. London, Feb. 8.—Sir John Stewart, head of the firm of Aitken Milroy, Limited, liquor exporters, shot and killed himself yesterday at his home, Pings Castle at Edinburgh, as a result of losses experienced by his firm in smuggling whisky into the United States. His losses during the last year and a half amount to about one million and a half dollars.

The whisky was shipped to bootleggers, who seized it, sold it and refused to pay a nickel. A recent shipment was cleared for Vancouver. The Canadian customs prevented it from landing and it was landed in California greatly to the bootleggers' profit but without a cent of return to the exporting firm.

Matters came to a climax yesterday and Sir John took a taxi from his disheveled home to his castle and sent for his fellow directors. When they arrived he was dead.

5 Negroes Executed in Electric Chair

Huntville, Texas, Feb. 8.—Four negroes were put to death in the electric chair at the state prison here early today and the fifth was granted a one hour stay of execution by Commissioner Walker Sayles, in order that his attorney might confer with Lieutenant-Governor Davidson, who is reported to be en route to Austin to act as governor while Governor Neff is out of the state.

Melville Johnson, the fifth negro to be executed at the state prison here today, went to the electric chair at seven minutes after two o'clock this morning. Johnson's execution was postponed one hour.

EXECUTE CHINESE WITH LETHAL GAS

First of Kind in United States—Official Witnesses Observe Through Window. Carson City, Nev., Feb. 8.—Geo. Jon, a Chinese tong lawyer, faced death this morning in the first execution by lethal gas in the history of the U. S. Until last night two men had been doomed to die in this execution of the Nevada state prison, but the sentence of one was commuted to life imprisonment.

The body of the elderly miner was brought to the surface at daylight when it was viewed by hundreds of comrades, their wives and children, who had kept vigil the long night through, hoping against hope that the efforts of the diggers would not be in vain.

Undaunted by the human silence from within, the diggers continued their strenuous efforts and penetrated the great wall of debris at four o'clock this morning, but too late to save their comrade whose vitality was not sufficient to survive the long hours of waiting.

The members of the party are pledged to support the demand for a round table conference. Measures for the establishment of a responsible government, which will come up for discussion in the assembly today.

Gandhi Sorry to Be Free. Bombay, Feb. 8.—The Indian Nationalist "Mahatmas," Mohandas Gandhi has written to the President of the National Congress, expressing regret that the Bombay government released him from prison owing to ill-health because he does not regard the illness of a prisoner as affording grounds for liberation.

He says his release has not brought him relief because he is overwhelmed with a sense of the responsibility which he is now not fit to discharge. He declares the national problems are more perplexing today than when he was in prison, owing to the deplorable disunion of the Hindus and Muslims, and he appeals for unity.

Two years of solitude and hard thinking, he says, have convinced him of the necessity for a constructive programme, in the prosecution of which the people need never resort to civil disobedience although his belief in the latter plan has not weakened. Gandhi urges his followers to refrain from quarrelling with them overseas, because they also are well wishers of the country.

Says English Friends. "The Englishmen are also friends, don't work them as enemies," he writes. "The struggle against the system for which the British Government stands is not against the Englishmen who are administering the system. Those who fall to bear in mind this distinction harm the cause."

Western Miners Want New Terms. Calgary, Feb. 8.—A long term agreement, adjustment of certain conditions and possibility of an increase in wages, will be sought by the miners of District No. 18, of the United Mine Workers of America, William Sheridan, district president announced last night.

FOUR MINERS KILLED IN C. B. MINES

No Warning Given as Portion of Mine Roof is Caved In. BROTHERS KILLED Large Slabs of Rock Hold Back Rescue Work at Inverness.

By Canadian Press. Inverness, N. S., Feb. 8.—The coal mines of Inverness are idle today and the whole town is in mourning for four miners who were crushed to death in No. 1 colliery yesterday when, while the slightest warning, a portion of the mine roof caved in, burying under five hundred tons of rock and stone, the four men who had just previously resumed a pillar.

The dead are: Dan McDougall, 62, survived by widow and two children. Dan C. McIsaac, 30, veteran of the 8th Battalion, C. E. F., survived by a widow and two children. Neil McIsaac, 45, survived by a widow and seven children. Archie A. McIsaac, 28, survived by a widow and two children.

Archie and Dan McIsaac are brothers. The funerals are expected to take place on Saturday. T. J. Brown, deputy minister of mines, has gone to Inverness to hold an investigation.

Following the cave-in rescue parties immediately went to the mine and started to remove the debris. Huge slabs of rock made their progress slow and difficult. Dan C. McIsaac's body was recovered at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The body of the elderly miner was brought to the surface at daylight when it was viewed by hundreds of comrades, their wives and children, who had kept vigil the long night through, hoping against hope that the efforts of the diggers would not be in vain.

ACCEPTS IDEA OF COLONEL CARNEGIE. League of Nations Committee Adopts Plan of Canada's Representative as Treaty Basis.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.) London, Feb. 8.—Col. Carnegie won a victory before the special committee of the League of Nations on the operation of private firms in the construction of war materials when the project which he put forward as the representative of Canada was adopted and accepted as the basis of a treaty and plan of war materials.

It is generally understood that the treaty will be drafted along lines which provide for Government control of the manufacture of war material with licenses granted to established and recognized manufacturers.

HALIFAX MAN HELD. C. G. McKenzie, of Nova Scotia, Captive in Mexico—Ransom \$200,000.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—C. G. McKenzie, son of Archibald McKenzie, who has been in Mexico for the last ten years and occupies the position of manager of the Mexico Northern Power Co. at Buquilla, in the State of Chihuahua, is held captive by the Mexican bandit, Hippolito Villa, who demands a ransom of \$200,000, according to word received here today.

Villa proved impervious to the pleadings of the captive's wife, Mrs. McKenzie, a daughter of the late B. P. Pearson of this city, who visited him last Sunday imploring for her husband's release.

Something New in Fag Holders?



Much Of Interest Revealed as Historic Dufferin Is Dismantled

In its gayest hey-day the historic Dufferin Hotel could not have been a busier place than it is just now with the demolishing crew at work on every floor and at the exterior. Gradually and quickly the structure is being emptied as one might suppose an egg.

The general public knows little of the work being done. It is a systematic reduction of the plant to its original elements. Piping, heating equipment, window-sash weights, plumbing outfittings, lighting fixtures and even the smallest item of sheathing and wood materials in general is being sorted and neatly piled for the many purchasers who are fixing up their homes, summer places and so on.

One of the sons of Contractor Flood in charge of the busy place says he has received a request for some bath-tubs, etc. for a New Brunswick summer camp from a former resident now in Miami, Florida. This same man, who comes here each year, is enthused over the prospect of another hotel here.

It is interesting to see the oldtime materials now coming to light out of the Dufferin. One particular item is a soft stone chimney flue. The timbers that have come out of the wooden ell of the hotel would nowadays be considered heavy enough to trust a large structure.

A rather interesting discovery yesterday was the finding of a bunch of Bank of New Brunswick cheque forms with the dateline reading "St. John N.B." belonging to the piping times of the seventies. The papers were found in an old chimney-pipe.

DIES SUDDENLY. Freedom of London For Prince George

Peter Eagan Found Lying on Wood Pile at Home Near Newcastle. (Special to The Times) Newcastle, Feb. 8.—Peter Eagan died suddenly at his home in Chaplin Island Road about noon on Wednesday. He had gone out to saw wood and when his sister called him and received no answer she found him lying across the wood, dead. Dr. McGrath and Father Brieden were hastily summoned but the man was beyond all human aid, having been dead about two hours.

Mr. Eagan was 52 years old and was a son of the late Bernard Eagan. He is survived by his mother and two sisters at home and Mrs. John McCarthy of Lower Newcastle. The funeral was held this afternoon, interment being in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newcastle.

Parisians Protest High Bread Price

Paris, Feb. 8.—A demonstration against bread at one franc, twenty five centimes and additional taxes was organized by the Communists after the close of yesterday's session of the Chamber of Deputies. A shouting crowd of several thousand gathered in the Place Concorde and attempted to cross the Seine to the Parliament buildings. They were dispersed by the police and Republican guards. Forty arrests were made and many were injured in clashes between the armed force and the manifestants.

NO LIVES ARE LOST WHEN ICE BREAKS

Many Kneel in Prayer as They Float on Ice Cakes. FIVE NEAR DEATH Terrible Experiences Are Related by One of Those in Danger.

(By Canadian Press.) Quebec, Feb. 8.—No lives were lost in the breaking of the ice bridge which formed in the river St. Lawrence from the Quebec to the Levis shores yesterday. While hundreds had narrow escapes and five people drifted upstream on a cake of ice and were given up for lost this morning, a check up by the authorities revealed the fact that everybody had got safely to shore.

The five people when they disappeared into the darkness were given up as lost, and it was not till after eleven a. m. today that the authorities were able to announce they had got ashore.

The ice fortunately floated upstream to a point where the river narrows, to the spot at which the Quebec bridge hangs across it. The ice was jammed together again by the tide and the drifting people were thus able to make shore.

Drifted For Hours. A dramatic story of how the five people who drifted for hours, gave up hope, and after prayers waited for the end, was told by Philip Couture. He said he worked in Levis, but lived in Quebec. He was walking home with about eight people, and was near the Levis side of the river when the ice broke. Three people got to shore safely, but the others were cut off by a quickly widening channel of water. People on shore advised them not to try and jump and shouted that the ice would float ashore unharmed. This was what actually happened, though not till they had experienced a trying time.

Mr. Couture said: "All evening we were governed by the caprices of the tide and must have crossed the river twenty times. I used my flashlight to signal and others lighted matches. We called for help and could hear the people on the shore inquiring but after a while we decided to keep our voices for later on if any craft came in the vicinity. We had a ray of hope when a large boat, which I thought was the Plessis, belonging to the Lewis Ferry Co., passed at about twenty feet from us. We called but apparently were not heard. Our anguish increased as we realized that we had only little hope. Kneeling down we prayed and asked Almighty God to save us. It was our only hope now while we could hear the ice cracking all around and the world on which we were breaking little by little. The night was not too cold but the suspense was awful and we began to think we had been given up as dead. "I had bought a dozen of eggs and one of the party said humorously, we were sure that we would not die of hunger anyway."

POINCARÉ QUILTS French Premier and All of His Cabinet Walk Out of Chamber

Paris, Feb. 8.—Premier Poincaré with all the cabinet ministers, exasperated by the opposition's attacks, walked out of the Chamber of Deputies today. The session was immediately suspended.

Italy Also Gives Soviet Recognition

Rome, Feb. 8.—Normal relations exist between Italy and Russia today for the first time since the overthrow of the Czarist regime. De Jure recognition of the Soviet Government in Moscow was extended simultaneously with the signing here yesterday of a commercial treaty between the two countries, and it was announced that an ambassador to Moscow would be appointed immediately.

Weather Report

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, and other cities, listing temperature, wind, and precipitation.