

ABOUT FRENCH FATHER BY ASSASSIN IN DUBLIN

Jury Quickly Acquits Sixteen-Year-Old Clara Bartel, Who Shot and Killed Her Father

**'OH, I'M SO HAPPY,'  
GIRL SINGS WHEN  
SHE HEARS VERDICT**

Throws Arms Around Neck of Her Counsel and Weeps With Joy

**MOTHER SHOWERS KISSES ON QUIVERING DAUGHTER**

Claps Child Tight in Her Arms. It Takes Only 24 Minutes to Reach Decision

From a Staff Correspondent  
Doylestown, Dec. 19.—Clara Bartel is acquitted.

The sixteen-year-old girl, charged with the murder of her father, Charles Bartel, was exonerated by the jury at 11:31 o'clock this morning, after the jurors had deliberated twenty-one minutes.

"Oh, I'm so happy, I'm so happy," the girl exclaimed when the foreman, Heenan S. Houston, a twenty-six-year-old Newtown farmer, pronounced the words that brought her from the dread of disgrace and death.

The girl's face was lighted with such joy as only a child can know who has been freed from a terrible fear. She turned, with mingled relief and emotion, and then, child-like, began to cry.

Mother Claps Daughter in Arms The mother in whose defense she had braved her anxiety, was instantly embraced by her and she tenderly pressed to her cheeks and forehead.

The trial began with the reading of the indictment, which was followed by the testimony of the prosecution. The girl's defense was presented by her attorneys, who argued that she was mentally unstable at the time of the shooting.

Verdict Reached at 11:40 At 11:40 word was sent out from the jury room that a verdict had been reached. The judge called for the clerk to read the verdict and the spectators sat tense in their seats.

The judge then announced that the jury had acquitted the girl. The courtroom immediately erupted in a roar of celebration. The girl's mother was seen embracing her daughter.

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"Not Guilty" Clara had risen a moment before. She stood, swaying a little, with lips parted and intent eyes. Unafraid, she looked directly at the foreman of the jury as if she would read his thoughts.

"I'm so glad, I'm so glad," she burst out in the high voice of a happy child. And then she cried, and the room echoed with her.

Judge Ryan's charge to the jury had been brief. He had urged to the fact that it was their duty to decide whether she was guilty of a crime, and it was her duty to acquit her.

**Conwell's Spirit Message Probable, Says Dr. Erwood**

Minister Here Declares War Awakened Interest in Subject of Communication With Dead

Pastor Tells of Numerous Inquiries for Information on Tenets of the Faith

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN  
"Do the spirits of the dead communicate with the living?" "Questionably."

It is the oldest spiritualistic society in the world, Dr. Erwood has been minister for eight years. He is the author of a number of essays and books on spiritualistic and social subjects.

He is a lecturer and is also secretary-treasurer of the Liberal Club, of this city, an organization of ministers of various denominations. He is a smooth-tongued, scholarly gentleman, whose personality is suggestive of the diaphanously spiritual. His earnestness of manner is unmistakable, though his manner is unassuming.

And the spirits hold communication with men in this twentieth century?" "Questionably," was the reiterated reply in the same even tone. Then he added: "Primitive Christianity and spiritualism are synonymous. If there is any difference it is purely a theological one."

**BIG COUNCIL FEAST IS CALLED 'JUNKET'**

Proposed \$3000 Dinner Assailed as 'Abuse of Public Money'

Action of Councils in voting \$3000 for a \$15-a-plate dinner on December 30, with the councilmen as the beneficiaries, was condemned today as "a junket" and "an abuse of public money."

The dinner, sponsored by Common Councilman John H. Baizley, of the Thirty-ninth ward, is designated to be a farewell testimonial to the members of both branches, which are soon to be superseded by a single-chamber Council.

"I think it an abuse of the taxpayers' money," said the Mayor. "The councilmen are entitled to a dinner. I don't believe that \$3000 is a small amount of money. I don't believe that \$50 a week is a small amount of money."

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**HEAVY STORM SEEN AS SNOW KEEPS ON; TRAFFIC IS DELAYED**

Six to Ten-Inch Fall Is Predicted by Weatherman, With Greater Possibilities

RAILROADS AND FERRIES ARE HAMPERED BY STORM

Trains Are Delayed on All Roads; P. R. R. Suspends One. Temperature 14 Degrees

The snowstorm which swept down on the city at midnight will continue throughout the day and tonight, the forecaster says.

The temperature at 8 o'clock this morning was 14 above. At 12 noon it was 19. At 1 o'clock, 18. There was a fourteen-mile wind from the northeast. Tonight a minimum temperature of twenty degrees is expected.

R. R. Traffic Disorganized Already railroad traffic is somewhat disorganized. The Pennsylvania Railroad reports that trains from the west are from a half hour to an hour and a half late at Broad street.

The grading railway reports that its traffic is being hampered by the snow. Delays are slight, officials say.

**CAMPANINI, OPERA DIRECTOR, IS DEAD**

Pneumonia Proves Fatal to Impresario of Chicago Grand Opera Company

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cleofonte Campanini, director general of the Chicago Grand Opera Co., died of pneumonia this morning.

Maestro Campanini was in a weakened condition when he came to Chicago to direct preparations for the opening of the grand opera season on November 20. At that time it was not thought his illness was serious.

He gradually grew weaker and three weeks ago was removed to a hospital. There pneumonia developed and heart trouble defeated efforts of four physicians to aid his recovery.

For the last few days his condition had been critical with gradually weakening action as the chief source of anxiety. A bulletin issued two days ago by his attendants said that the pneumonia was dissolving under treatment.

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**GOVERNMENT WON COAL STRIKE FIGHT, PALMER DECLARES**

Termination Was Not Settlement, but Victory for U. S., He Asserts

TESTIFIES AT HEARING BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Wilson and Garfield Plans Differed but Slightly, Says Attorney General

By the Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 19.—Termination of the soft-coal strike was not a settlement, but a victory for the government, Attorney General Palmer today told the Senate subcommittee investigating the strike.

Palmer said: "There was no settlement, in actuality; the men and the union officers have complied with our demands and returned to work."

Palmer told the Senate subcommittee that the Department of Justice sought to prevent the coal strike by enjoining the union officers from carrying on the strike they had already ordered.

The injunction was not so successful as he had expected. "The government has won its fight," Mr. Palmer said.

**NO FUND TO REMOVE SNOW FROM STREETS, BUT IT WILL BE DONE**

Appropriation Transferred by Councils to Other Purposes. Work Begins Tonight

The snowstorm caught the city at a financial disadvantage, with no money to pay for snow removal.

Councils had appropriated \$25,000 for this work, but there was very little snow last winter and the money was transferred to some other item.

The work will be done with the probability that the new Council will pay the resulting bills as moral obligations.

**WATER FAMINE THREATENED**

Will Hit West Philadelphia Waste Charged by Chief Davis

Warning of a threatened water famine in West Philadelphia was issued today by Chief Davis, of the Water Bureau.

If waste is not stopped at once, he said, West Philadelphia would be virtually without water and the Fire Department would be greatly handicapped in fighting fires in that section.

He said West Philadelphia has been without water for several days. The cause of the great waste of water during the cold spell is being investigated.

**LORD LIEUTENANT ESCAPES BULLET; ASSAILANT KILLED**

Policeman Also Victim in Daring Crime Near Entrance of Phoenix Park

MILITARY TANKS CAUSE UPROAR IN IRISH CAPITAL

Crime Attributed to Sinn Fein Agitation—Attackers Use Bombs and Revolvers

By the Associated Press  
Dublin, Dec. 19.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock this afternoon to assassinate Viscount French, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Lord French was driving through the Ashgrove gate of Phoenix Park and the Viceregal Lodge when a shot was fired. A civilian nearby was struck and instantly killed by the bullet.

Lord French, however, escaped the fate evidently intended for him.

Several shots are said to have been fired by Lord French's assailants. The military present promptly returned the fire and one of the assailants was shot dead.

**'JACK' ALCOCK DIES AFTER PLANE CRASH**

First Nonstop Transatlantic Aviator Succumbs to Injuries in France

Nansen, France, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a nonstop airplane flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as a result of injuries he received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cotterard, department of Seine-Inférieure, Normandy.

Alcock was flying from Newfound-land to Clifden, Ireland, a distance of more than 1900 miles, in sixteen hours and twelve minutes. This was the first straightaway flight across the Atlantic ocean, and it brought Alcock great fame and resulted in his being knighted by King George.

The trip across the Atlantic was a thrilling one, though mists and the darkness of night had been his only mishap.

**FILL BERGER SEAT TODAY**

Milwaukee Socialist Avers He Will Be Returned to Congress by Voters

Milwaukee, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—Great interest is shown in the outcome of today's special election in the fifth Wisconsin congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor J. Berger, Socialist.

Berger, again the choice of his party at the primary election, is opposed by Henry H. Bodenstab, Republican, nominated on union ticket.

Berger claims he will be elected by more than 10,000 majority, while the Good Movement League, which claims to be the party of the people, claims similar figures for its candidate.

**REAR ADMIRAL TAPPAN DIES**

Was a Former Commandant of Philadelphia Navy Yard

PEALE AND WHITE TO BE ARBITRATORS

Judge Gray May Be Third Member of Soft Coal Commission

Washington, Dec. 19.—The soft coal strike arbitration commission will probably be announced today. The coal operators have chosen the man, Rembrandt Peale, an independent operator of the central Pennsylvania coal field.

For the public, President Wilson is said to have two names under consideration, Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and Henry M. Robinson, of California.

Robinson is a member of the commission which settled the anthracite coal strike in 1902.

Peale is one of the best-known coal operators in the country. He owns forty-five mines along the New York Central Railroad, and is one of the largest central Pennsylvania operators.

**FIRE DRIVES FAMILIES OUT**

Flie Into Snow and Cold When Homes Are Threatened

A score of families were driven out into the snow today when their homes were threatened by fire that destroyed the contents of the brick building occupied by the Camden Bag and Burlap Co., 280 Cherry street, Camden, Eighteen horses in the stable of John H. Burdick, 280 Cherry street, were rescued from suffocation.

The remainder of the block in which the burned building stands is occupied by ten tenements. Many of the occupants removed their belongings. The firemen were hampered by the severe cold and heavy storm.

**'WETS' APPEAL TO WILSON**

President is Asked to Proclaim Demobilization Immediately

Washington, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—Representative Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, called at the White House today to urge President Wilson to proclaim demobilization immediately with a view to lifting the wartime prohibition ban.

Mr. Olney said his request was backed on completion of demobilization; that the Supreme Court in upholding the validity of the wartime law virtually had invited the President to proclaim demobilization, and that it had been the intention of Congress to give the liquor interests one year before constitutional prohibition in which to dispose of their stocks.

Officials at the White House refused to bring his views before the President.

Viscount French was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland more than a year ago. Being an Irishman himself, the British Government believed he would be able to deal with the Sinn Fein movement in the way of the government and the Irish people themselves.

The attack on Lord French recalls a similar crime at the same place more than thirty-seven years ago, of which the chief secretary for Ireland, Lord Frederick Cavendish, and the permanent under-secretary, Thomas Henry Burke, were the victims. On May 6, 1882, during the agrarian agitation, the two were shot down by a band of assassins and hit by a bullet in the forehead. Burke was struck by a hand of assassins and hit by a bullet in the forehead. Burke was struck by a hand of assassins and hit by a bullet in the forehead.