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AGELE PREMIER OF FRANCE ATTACKED IN THE STREET GRAPPLES WITH ASSASSIN

Clemenceau Slightly Wounded by Fire of Young Man Now in Jail

DOCTORS GIVE GOOD REPORT Police Standing by Is Shot in Eye by Flying Bullets

London, Feb. 19.—Premier Clemenceau will be up in a day or so, Andrew Bonar Law, governor spokesman, announced in the House of Commons to-day. Cotton, who shot Premier Clemenceau, is known as a dangerous anarchist, according to a Central News dispatch from Paris. When questioned, Cottin took all responsibility for the shooting.

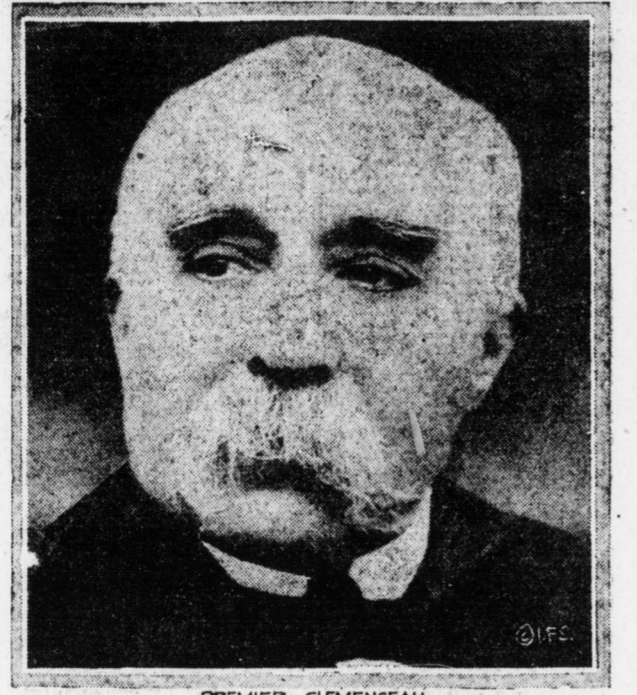
Paris, Feb. 19.—Georges Clemenceau, France's aged but vigorous premier, was shot and slightly wounded this morning as he was entering his automobile for a drive. Five shots were fired by the assassin, and it was at first reported that the premier had been wounded in the head. It developed later, however, that the wounds were in his back and shoulder and that he seemingly was not dangerously hurt.

Grapples With Assassin Policeman Goursat, who was wounded in the right eye, although not seriously, by one of the assassin's shots, told a representative of The Associated Press that Premier Clemenceau rushed up to the assassin and grappled with him. Policeman Goursat gave his description of the shooting to The Associated Press representative in the city hall, where the man arrested was brought. Wound Not Dangerous An enormous crowd which observed a respectful quiet gathered near M. 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 the government, and representatives of the army and navy, as well as of the diplomatic corps, including William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador. The premier's wound is not regarded as dangerous in itself, but it is felt that it was the serious consequences from it, considering his age.

May Be Russian About 11 o'clock this morning, however, it was officially announced that M. Clemenceau was not seriously wounded. It was learned that the assailant was a man named Emile Cottin, 25 years old, and born at Creil. The man said his home was in the Montreuil quarter of Paris. The police, however, do not believe the papers he possesses belong to him and are inclined to think him a Russian. He is tall and fair, with long, light hair. Roughly Handed One of the witnesses of the shooting, Henry Moulin, a barber's assistant, told The Associated Press representative that when he heard the first shot he believed it was the Americans firing in the air "as they are in the habit of doing," he said. Moulin rushed out of his shop when he saw what was happening, however, and he said he had assassinated Clemenceau. He closed with the premier's assailant, Moulin added, and the man threw away his revolver and held up his hands. Empty Weapon Waiters from a nearby restaurant obtained in holding the assassin, whom the police had some difficulty in getting from them. Before the police secured the assailant he was beaten by the crowd, as was also another man who seemed inclined to help him. According to Policeman Goursat, the assassin emptied his weapon. All

(Continued on Page 2.) THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; little change in temperature, lowest to-night about 22 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday; little change in temperature; moderate north and northwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly. Floating ice will increase in streams now open and some tributaries not already frozen, may become ice-bound to-night. A stage of about 4.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

The "Tiger" of France



PREMIER CLEMENCEAU

WORLD PEACE PAUSES WITH CHIEF STRICKEN

No Great Delay, However, Is Anticipated by American Delegation to Paris; Conference President on Way to Confer With House and Balfour When Shot Paris, Feb. 19.—The American delegates to the Peace Conference, when they learned of the attempt upon Premier Clemenceau's life to-day, began to consider the effect of the event upon their own plans in connection with the conference. On the assumption that the official reports minimizing the nature of M. Clemenceau's injuries were correct, 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 President Wilson and David Lloyd George, the British premier. There had already been some discussion of this situation privately between the premiers of the various powers and it is believed that all were in accord regarding the wisdom of speedy action except Premier Clemenceau himself. The French Government was desirous of an early peace, doubted whether the moment had yet arrived when this could be arranged without great danger of sacrificing the fruits of victory, and it had pointed out to the other powers what were regarded as grave omissions by Germany to comply with the terms of the armistice. Premier Clemenceau, when he was shot, was on his way to a conference with Colonel E. M. House, of the American peace delegation, and Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary. The conference had been fixed for 10 o'clock at the war office, when an important question was to be taken up concerning more rapid procedure before the Supreme Council.

The news of the attempted assassination reached Colonel House by telephone from the Foreign Office just as he was starting from the Hotel Crillon with Secretary Balfour to meet Premier Clemenceau at the Quai d'Orsay. The two men at once began to consider what steps should be taken regarding the general situation created by the event. Halt in Peace Work Word soon came that the results of the first examination indicated the wound was not serious, but it was realized that owing to his advanced age the Premier might for some time be unable to give his personal attention to the completion of the Peace Conference's work. Since he had in hand personally certain subjects now under negotiation, it follows that so far as these are concerned there must be a temporary suspension of activity. These subjects were very important, affecting the whole plan of the conference's operation, inasmuch as they related to the consummation of an early treaty of peace. Italian Minister Objects When the Jugo-Slav claims for territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic came before the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference it was tentatively decided that they should be referred to the commission to which was entrusted the examination of Rumanian demands, says a Havas report. Baron Sonnino, the Italian Foreign Minister, objected to this plan, however, declaring that treaties dealing with those territories had been concluded between Italy, France and Great Britain in February, 1918. He said that these treaties were still in existence and, consequently, the signatures alone were qualified to modify them, acting in agreement, it is said. This objection was supported by Premier Clemenceau, of France; but A. J. Balfour, British Secretary of

POINDEXTER CAN SEE NO GOOD IN WILSON'S LEAGUE

Says Entrance Into Covenant Means Surrender of Rights; Has Red Taste

FEARS GREAT BURDEN Washington Senator Says Discussion Can Do No Harm to Treaty

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 18.—In the first prepared address on the League of Nations delivered in the Senate since the constitution of the proposed league was made public, Senator Poindexter, of Washington, Republican, today declared the entrance of the United States into the league would mean a surrender by American rights, privileges and sovereignty, the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine, and a violation of the Constitution. The Constitution of the league, he asserted, was conflicting, indefinite and uncertain, and the machinery which it proposes to set up, "similar to the Soviet government of Russia."

Fertile Seed of War. "No such colossal burden or entangling alliance was ever before conceived in the world," the Senator said. "Instead of being an instrument of peace it is the fertile seed of war—the dragon's teeth from which, when sown, armed soldiers will spring." Through participation in the drafting of the league's constitution, the Senator declared, the United States had been led to a point where it was now facing an abyss. If the Senate should ratify the proposed constitution and sanction the entrance of the United States into a League of Nations, without submission of the question to the American people in a political campaign, where it shall have been made the issue and upon which they will have an opportunity to render judgment in an election, he declared, "the self-government in America will have disappeared."

Threaten Sovereignty "In adopting or rejecting this constitution," said Mr. Poindexter, "and thereby becoming or not becoming a member of the league established under it, the government and the people of the United States will determine whether they are to remain the great sovereign and independent nation, a people controlling their own destiny, determining for themselves the extent of their military preparations, the size of their armies and navies, and establishing for themselves the terms of their foreign relations."

Working on Russian Problems Several plans for a solution of the Russian problem have been laid before the Supreme Council and the members now have had an opportunity to consider them more or less fully. Only one of these plans involves the use of force. It is based on the higher economic council, it is announced, will be Etienne Clemenceau, Minister of Finance, and Louis Loucheur, Minister of Reconstruction.

DECISION COMES TO NO Although council conferred late yesterday afternoon on the evidence presented in connection with charges against three city patrolmen of petty graft and misconduct no decision was reached, commissioners said today, and a meeting will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when action will be taken.

ERZBERGER HITS BACK AT VOGLER IN WEIMAR TILT

Armistice Commissioner Assails Delegate Who Criticizes Him

Weimar, Feb. 19.—Matthias Erzberger, of the German armistice commission, again held the center of the stage at yesterday afternoon's session of the National Assembly, Princeing the entire history of the armistice negotiations, from the time they were begun last fall. His statement was in reply to a bitter personal attack made upon him by the first speaker to be heard under the rule giving time for an interpellation regarding the recently renewed armistice, Delegate Vogler, of the German people's party. The house was in an uproar for nearly an hour, first in protest against Herr Vogler's attack and then in enthusiastic support of Herr Erzberger as he defended himself and scathingly denounced his assailant. Herr Erzberger told the house many things about the armistice which were either unknown to or had only been suspected by his hearers. One of these was his unqualified statement that it was Prince Maximilian of Baden, who had approached the Entente because of the "iron compulsion" of the high military command for peace. It was Field Marshal Von Hindenburg who demanded and authorized the signing of the first terms, Herr Erzberger declared.

HUNS SURPRISE REBS By Associated Press. Basle, Switzerland, Feb. 19.—German troops on the thausonian front surprised the Bolsheviks and captured the town of Murawjewe, near Shavli, on Saturday, according to a report received from Libau.

GOVERNOR SPROUL HAS GREAT PLANS FOR CO-OPERATION BY HARRISBURG AND STATE GOV'T

Program Outlined at Big Reception to Legislature

GET BUSY NOW IS HIS ADVICE

Commerce Chamber Members Hosts to State Officials

Harrisburg, with the Chamber of Commerce as host, entertained Governor Sproul, Lieutenant-Governor Beidleman, members of the Legislature and state officials with a brilliant reception at the Penn-Harris last night, and in return got a message of encouragement, good feeling, neighborly kindness and constructive criticism such as it has never before received at the hands of a state executive. It was a "get-together" meeting from start to finish and the good fellowship and sociability that prevailed were intermingled with an atmosphere of big things in prospect and to be done in which the state and the city have a common interest. Governor Sproul in his response to Lieutenant-Governor Beidleman's address of welcome outlined the state's plans for Harrisburg. The Commonwealth is planning big things for the city, he said. The administration plan is to develop immediately the Capitol Park extension zone with buildings to house state offices; to bring state officials now residing elsewhere to Harrisburg as fast as Harrisburg provides the houses, and to make this city the center of the big road system from north to south and east to west which the Highway Department is planning to build across Pennsylvania. These things the state is going to do for its capital city, and he very properly asked: "What is Harrisburg going to do for itself?" Replying to his own question, he suggested a joint City Hall and Courthouse, intimating that the necessary legislation for joint action by city and county would be easy to procure, and he called attention to the urgent need of houses for the concentration of state employes here.

Brilliant Reception The guests assembled in the lobby of the Penn-Harris where they received cards of identification bearing their names to be pinned on the coat lapel, the members white cards and the guests pink. From there they went to the big lounge where chairs and the valuable which brought the entertainment to a close took place on a raised platform in the lower end of the big room, almost over the same spot that was once marked by when that ancient building occupied the site of the present big hotel. An orchestra provided music for the singing until Governor Sproul, Lieutenant-Governor Beidleman and their party arrived. The Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor were escorted by George S. David E. Tracy, who occupied seats with them on the platform. They received a rousing reception as they entered the hall. President Reinohl, in presenting Lieutenant-Governor Beidleman as the presiding officer of the evening,

Chamber to Help Charles E. Covert will head a committee to be appointed within a few days by George S. Reinohl, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to co-operate with the city and county officials to bring about the erection of an adequate office building for the city and county.

Two Solutions Regarding the housing question, which the newly-organized housing committee of the chamber under the chairmanship of Horace J. McFarland already has started to solve, Mr. Reinohl said there are two solutions to the problem. One, he said, would be to organize a corporation like the Harrisburg Hotel Company, selling stock with the understanding that the investment might not pay dividends at first, but that for the municipal welfare, liberal purchases of the stock should be made. Another plan, he said, would be to encourage a speculative venture by private resources, with the chamber using its influence with the banks to provide funds for a housing development by individuals who would sell or rent their completed houses built to persons who desire to locate in the city.

May Remove Prison County Commissioner Henry M. Stine, in connection with the plans for the construction of the new buildings, said the county officials should consider the removal of the county prison outside the city limits and provide for it. If necessary, he said, the site of the jail, together with that of the present Court-house, might be used for the new building. It is likely that this plan

GERMAN PRESS SPURNS WILSON'S WORD LEAGUE

Schuecking Thinks Teuton Plan For International Bureau Is Better

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The project for a League of Nations which has been placed before the Paris Peace Conference, has evoked sharp criticism in the German press generally. Some of the newspapers even demand that Germany refuse to have anything to do with such a league. The plan, however, has met with a more sympathetic reception from Professor Schuecking, vice-president of the German association for a League of Nations. Professor Schuecking believes, however, that Germany should not be permitted to join the league simultaneously with the other powers. He finds much to criticize in the proposed statutes and thinks that Germany should endeavor to bring about such modifications of them as would protect her vital interests in the projected league. He is, however, of the opinion that Germany should not be permitted to join the league simultaneously with the other powers. He finds much to criticize in the proposed statutes and thinks that Germany should endeavor to bring about such modifications of them as would protect her vital interests in the projected league. He is, however, of the opinion that Germany should not be permitted to join the league simultaneously with the other powers.

Important Points in the Governor's Speech

What the state will do for Harrisburg— Will spend some millions of dollars developing Capitol Park Extension and erecting office buildings here. Will make Harrisburg the center of all the great highway systems running north and south, east and west, across the state. Will bring to Harrisburg as fast as the city provides suitable houses all of the state employes now scattered throughout the Commonwealth. All this public work to be gotten promptly under way. What Harrisburg should do for itself— City and county authorities should get together for the prompt erection of a joint City Hall and Courthouse. City should take up its housing problem seriously at once, with especial view to providing homes for the state employes it is proposed to bring here from other places.

CITY ALIVE TO ITS PART IN BIG TASK

Legislative Draft Authorizing Combined Office Building to Be Prepared at Once—Commerce Chamber Throws Whole Support Behind Housing Plans

City and County Commissioners are anxious to start plans for a new Courthouse and City Hall building they declared to-day, and when the necessary legislation is passed permitting the two branches of local government to cooperate in paying the expenses of the new structure there will be no delay. City Solicitor John E. Fox is busy now preparing the bill to be introduced, probably early next week, which will permit the city and county to join in the project. He and County Solicitor Philip S. Moyer were directed to take such action and submit the bill as soon as possible. This authorization was given by council and the board of county commissioners at a joint conference held a few weeks ago. Passage Assured It was said that a similar bill had been introduced and if it is satisfactory for the needs of Harrisburg and Dauphin county no additional one will be necessary. Solicitor Fox said, however, that the bill which he is preparing will be completed in a day or two and then if the bill now before the Legislature is not adaptable for local conditions, early new action will be necessary. City and county officials attended the dinner and reception last night and all expressed themselves as ready to cooperate with the plans of Governor William C. Sproul, who urged early action to give the city and county a suitable building. They said they are anxious to get started as they have already agreed to co-operate in making the project a reality in public improvement work.

Hard Coal Price to Go Up New York.—The government will soon allow an increase of seventy-five cents a ton in the price of anthracite coal. R. V. Norris, an engineer with the United States fuel administration, announced to-day.

Will Play with Giants New York.—Hal Chase will play first base for the New York National League Club this season. First Baseman Walter Holke and Catcher Bill Raden go to Cincinnati in exchange for Chase.

Wilhelm Blamed for Socialism Basle.—At a general meeting of the German peasant union, held at Berlin on Tuesday, the president of the organization declared in an address that the former emperor was to be blamed for having delayed too long the drawing of the sword and that his weakness caused the rise of socialism, according to a Berlin dispatch received here.

Esthonian Troops Fall Back London.—Esthonian troops were forced to fall back before the Bolsheviks in the region of Pskov, according to an official statement issued last night by the Esthonian headquarters.

Plans Tax on French Capital Paris.—Louis L. Klotz, minister of finance, announced to-day that he had completed consideration of a plan, imposing a tax on capital, the payments on which could extend over a long period so that the whole burden would not fall upon the present generation.

Transport Canopic Arrives New York.—The transport Canopic arrived here to-day with 34 officers and 1,201 men of the 162nd infantry of the 41st division; 184 casual officers and men, and 24 naval officers and civilian employes. The Canopic left

MARRIAGE LICENSES David J. Skok and Rachel Schuman, Harrisburg; Vernon B. Sippel and Anna B. Sline, Marysville.

COURT RENEWS LIQUOR LICENSES FOR ALL HOTELS

Hearing Is Being Held on the Application of Fort Hunter Inn

SUBJECT TO NEW LAWS Court Reminds Counsel That Prohibition Amendment and 'Dry' Rules May Intervene

All holders of liquor licenses during the last year were granted renewals for 1919 by the court to-day, subject to any decree or order from President Woodrow Wilson and to the prohibition amendment, President Judge George Kunkel announced when the license court session opened this morning. One applicant for a retail license, who was refused permission to sell intoxicants at the Fort Hunter Inn last year, applied again and the court reserved a decision pending a hearing on the application. Witnesses were called during the morning session to show whether there was any necessity for a license at the hotel. Although brewers and bottlers in the county at present are not permitted to operate their plants all of the licenses have applied. All wholesale and retail liquor dealers also asked for licenses again, some of them hoping for a revocation of the "dry" order effective July 1. Attorneys for the applicants made no request to the court to reduce the license fees should the July 1 order remain in effect. In granting the licenses the court said: "All renewal of licenses of the present holders are granted as no remonstrances have been filed, to be subject to any order of the President and also subject to the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

U. S. EXPRESSES SYMPATHY Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Baker to-day cabled General Pershing for transmission to Premier Clemenceau a message expressing sympathy and hope for his speedy recovery.

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