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EDITOR SHOT BY WIFE OF HIGH FRENCH OFFICIAL

Mme Caillaux Emptied Revolver Into M. Calmette for Printing Her Letters.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Crowds Parade Streets Crying "Down With Caillaux!" and the City is in Turmoil.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

PARIS, March 17.—The bitterest political strife since the conflict growing out of the Dreyfus case was predicted for France today following the sensational shooting of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro by Mme. Caillaux, wife of the minister of finance, Joseph Caillaux. Calmette died shortly after midnight from four bullet wounds in his chest.

The beautiful Mme. Caillaux is confined today in the St. Lazare woman's prison. Caillaux has submitted his resignation from the cabinet. In some quarters the resignation of the entire cabinet is demanded.

Government, social and political circles were stirred to their base today by the sensational developments in the bitter feud between Caillaux and the editor but standing out above all was the fact that two women have been the forces behind the political warfare. The former Mme. Dupre who married and then was divorced by Caillaux, had been intimate with Calmette. She is believed to have furnished the editor with letters published in the Figaro which so aroused Mme. Caillaux that she took the editor's life.

The letters which were published, were written to the present Mme. Caillaux before she became the wife of the minister and Mme. Dupre is believed to have turned them over to Calmette that he might be avenged.

Caillaux today was the most pitiful figure in all Paris. The press is merciless in its denunciation. The public is extremely hostile and the minister brazenly escaped being mobbed as he came from the prison last night after visiting his wife.

"I am determined that my resignation as minister of finance shall be accepted and that I may devote my days and nights to fighting for my wife," Caillaux said today. "Dragged into a political fight and helpless to prevent the publication of private letters, she shall not suffer further humiliation so long as I have the strength to fight for her."

Caillaux spent a sleepless night at the home of a relative while his beautiful and talented wife occupied a cell in prison.

The night in the cell and its attendant harrowing aspects; lack of the luxurious surroundings and care to which she is accustomed could not dim the striking beauty of Mme. Caillaux. Though pale and somewhat dazed, she revealed the beauty of the woman was so striking as to command every possible attention from her jailors. She repeated today that she did not intend to kill Calmette and deeply regretted her action.

Informed that nothing could be done, she then determined to face Calmette in his office. "I only expected to wound him," she said, "but I lost control of myself. I fired once; then the meanness of it, the thought of another woman probably furnishing my own personal letters for the entire country to read, welled up within me. I fired and fired, I know not how many times."

Paris did not show any sympathy for her. Feeling against her is as

bitter as against her husband. Great crowds marched through the boulevards shouting denunciation against Caillaux.

Cries of "down with the assassin," "down with Caillaux," mingled with those demanding that Calmette be avenged.

Called the "French Lloyd George" because of his taxation measures, notably the taxation of bonds, Caillaux has been a powerful figure in French politics. As most Frenchmen are bond holders, most of the newspapers are violently opposed to Caillaux and have waged unrelenting campaigns against him. But Caillaux, a trained politician, parliamentarian and fighter, met every attack. He has the powerful support of Ministers Clemenceau and Combes and Premier Doumergue. He called Doumergue on the telephone and resigned from the cabinet soon after the shooting. His resignation was accepted this afternoon.

The specific letter published by Calmette which finally brought on the tragedy and political upheaval was dated "the senate July 16, 1901."

Caillaux at that time was minister of finance in the Waldeck Rousseau cabinet. He had apparently been supporting an income tax law but in this letter declared he had succeeded in crushing the measure.

Jean Jaures, editor of LaPetite Republique and a member of the chamber of deputies at the time the letter was written, today declared that the idea of the political crimes which the newspapers insist on is absurd.

The Paris Midi editorially demanded resignation of the entire cabinet today. Those involved in the political fight or having pronounced sympathies, go so far as to express the belief that Caillaux may have had no knowledge of the act of his wife. The unjudged, however, hold the idea that Mme. Caillaux feared the publication of further private letters and for this reason alone shot Calmette without intending to kill him. The fight between Calmette and Caillaux was of long standing.

Calmette was a warm personal friend of former Premier Barthou, who was overthrown by Caillaux. In opening his fight on the minister of finance, Calmette first charged that Caillaux had offered to settle a claim against the government in favor of the petitioner if eighty per cent of the sum should be contributed to election funds of his party. Caillaux issued a sweeping denial of the charge, as he did to others which followed. Then came the personal letters, and reports that Caillaux intended to prosecute the editor were circulated.

The marital complications of Caillaux was one of the chief topics of discussion in the cafes today. The minister of finance has been married three times and twice divorced.

Mme. Dupre was one of his former wives. She was divorced from Dupre because of her relations with Caillaux and was in turn divorced by the minister. Caillaux married his present wife in 1911.

Profit Sharing Plan.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, March 17.—Profits of the Majestic Range company are to be shared with 500 employees, similar to the plan of the Ford Motor company. President Robert H. Stockton admitted today that a profit-sharing plan would be announced probably this week. No details will be made public until then.

Although on a small scale, the St. Louis concern is believed to be the first to emulate the Detroit industry which marked an epoch in the industrial history of the world.

Duchess Makes Speech.

LONDON, March 17.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, opened the headquarters of the home workers' league for non-factory workmen. She attacked the government insurance act in a speech.

MRS. THOS. MCCAULEY. JOHN MCCAULEY, six years old. JOSEPHINE CALLAGHAN, a servant.

Thos. McCauley, the proprietor of the hotel, was awakened to find the whole lower part of the building in flames. He made a desperate attempt to save his wife and child but was driven back badly scorched, by the fire. A bucket brigade, the village's only fire department, failed to check the flames and the hotel was entirely consumed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BRECHIN, Ont., March 17.—Two women and the little son of one of them were burned to death here today when flames ate up the Brechin hotel. The dead:

ELECTION RESULT IN DES MOINES

Mayor Hanna Won His Third Nomination Under Commission Form.

ROE TO OPPOSE HIM

Cross Comes Back at Burlington and Will be Candidate for Mayor Again.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

DES MOINES, March 17.—Mayor James R. Hanna won his third nomination under the commission form primaries yesterday receiving 8,850 votes against 4,520 for Zell G. Roe, present councillor and 1,815 for Fralley.

But the big fight was over the eight nominations for the council with thirty candidates in the field the winners being Mitchell, with 6,640; Galbraith, 5,670; Myerly, 4,750; Hamery, 4,680; German, 4,370; Leonard, 4,100; Fraze, 4,450 and Conroy, 4,430.

Vanlew and Needham, present councilmen, were defeated and will not go on the ticket at the city election March 30. Vanlew was defeated because of the police scandal and loan shark exposures, although he led the ticket two years ago.

Hanna and Roe will make the race for mayor at the election but Hanna's lead is so great he is conceded a third term. For the council Mitchell and Galbraith are backed by the business men. This is likely to force labor to vote for Myerly, Hamery, German and Leonard who may capture the votes cast for the defeated candidates and win. Hamery and Leonard are union labor men.

Burlington Result.

BURLINGTON, March 17.—The primary election passed off very quietly yesterday. There was no excitement and the average observer would scarcely have realized that an election was under way. W. C. Cross, the first mayor under the commission plan, demonstrated that he is a man who can come back, and received the highest vote cast for any candidate. His opponent at the regular election will be Chas. H. Schick, the socialist candidate who made a remarkable run and defeated Frank Canny by 147 voters. Cross got 358 more votes than Schick.

The nominations for councilmen are:

T. L. Porter.
F. W. Haskell.
Alfred Wesley.
J. H. Hunger.
Henry P. Scheurs.
A. J. Cockrell.
W. J. Wohlwend.
George Woesek.
Alfred Wesley and A. J. Cockrell are socialists.

STATIONS FOR TESTING BABIES

Take Snookums in, Drop a Nickle in the Slot, and See What It's Like.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., March 17.—As a result of interest in eugenics, a movement for baby health testing stations has been started by a group of Denver women.

The plan is to have stations where parents may bring their babies to be tested according to eugenic standards.

The idea was outlined today by Mrs. Agnes Lillie, a club woman of Denver, and founder of the Housewives' League.

Eminent physicians will be in charge and the babies will undergo the same sort of examination as at the better babies shows.

Where the baby falls below the standard of physical perfection, the defects are pointed out and ways suggested to remedy them. No medical treatment is given.

Another Bomb Thrown.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 17.—Bomb warfare in Little Italy was renewed early today when a shell was hurled against the window of the grocery of Nicholas Pisano. The bomb failed to explode properly but set fire to the building and a colored family living on the second floor was rescued by firemen.

Pisano told detectives that he received a black hand letter demanding \$2,000, a few weeks ago. He secretly moved his family from the rooms above the grocery to another part of the city.

CRITICIZE BILLY SUNDAY

Ministers of Many Attan Do Not Think Ministers of Baseball a Vengeance.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW YORK, March 17.—Red hot criticism of Evangelist Billy Sunday and his methods, called ineffectual, and undignified, was current among Methodist ministers of the Manhattan, Brooklyn and Jersey conference in which attacks on Sunday became so bitter that finally the doors were closed.

"If you criticize Sunday he tells you to go to hell," said Rev. E. E. Piper of Pittsburgh, who also asserted that Sunday abused the protestant churches with the worst kind of biliousness but never once said against the Roman Catholic church.

More than 300 ministers were present at the meeting and most of them loudly applauded the attacks on Sunday.

The Rev. Piper said the expense of Sunday's recent revival was \$90,000 and its returns of 341 alleged converts, showed \$280 was the cost of each convert. Particularly were the New York ministers aghast at Sunday's repeated demand that churches close up during a planned campaign here. Former Superintendent Chadwick of the local conference, said: "Are we ready to get down on our knees to Sunday? Do we want to close up sixty-six of our churches that Sunday may manage them? Shall our protestant churches in New York go out of business for a month that Sunday may have something to do?"

The general impression of the conference was that they would not.

KIDNAPED IN HER NIGHT DRESS

Six Men Hold up Cheap Hotel and Carry Off Girl at Day Break.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, March 17.—Clad only in her night dress, Margaret Muller, 20, waitress in a cheap hotel, half a block from the Desplaines street police station, was dragged from her room at daybreak today by five young men, carried in an automobile stationed in an alley in the rear of the hotel and hurriedly driven away.

Lucho Evanoff, proprietor of the hotel, was forced into a baggage room at the point of a revolver by a sixth man while the screaming girl was being carried through the lobby. Tony Francis, a roomer, was threatened with instant death when he poked his head out of his door.

The "kidnaping" was reported to the police. Detectives are searching for a jilted sweetheart of the girl.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight. Light to moderate west to northerly winds, becoming variable.

For Illinois: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight. Moderate northwest winds.

For Iowa and Missouri: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight. Light to moderate west to northerly winds becoming variable.

Weather Conditions.

Unsettled weather and scattered light rain from the Missouri river to the eastern states, have attended the depression, which has remained nearly stationary near Lake Superior, while the weather has been generally fair in all other sections.

The pressure is highest in the extreme northwest, and extends thence to the central mountain and plains regions, where it is slightly cooler, and conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, with cooler tonight, and the lowest temperature about 35.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage Height Change Weat'r.
St. Paul ... 14 -0.3 0.0 Cldy
La Crosse ... 12 2.6 ... Clear
Dubuque ... 18 4.3 ... Cldy
Davenport ... 15 3.3 x0.2 Pt Cldy
Keokuk ... 14 3.3 -0.8 Cldy
St. Louis ... 30 8.1 -0.1 Cldy

River Forecast.
The river will probably rise slowly for several days.

Local Observations.
March. Bar Ther. Wind. Weather.
16 7 p.m. ... 30.19 50 W Clear
17 7 a.m. ... 30.07 41 W Cldy
Rainfall for the past 24 hours, 2 hundredths.

River above low water of 1864, 3 feet, 3 tenths.

Change in 24 hours, fall 3 tenths. Mean temperature, March 16, 48.

Highest temperature, 54. Lowest temperature, 42.

Lowest temperature last night, 39.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

GIRLS FLEE IN THEIR NIGHTIES

Four Hundred of Them Scamper Out of the Burning College Dormitory.

AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

One Building Totally Destroyed at an Early Hour This Morning With a Loss of \$200,000.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WELLESLEY, Mass., March 17.—Four hundred college girls many of them but partly clad, escaped from the main dormitory and administration building at Wellesley college when fire broke out at 5:30 a. m. today and totally destroyed the building with a loss expected to reach \$200,000.

The fire is believed to have started in the chemical laboratory on the fourth floor. Girls on the third floor were awakened by the smoke and reported to the night watchman. The fire whipped throughout the halls of the long building with great speed and girls in the west wing were forced to hurry from the building in night attire.

A general alarm brought all the Wellesley fire apparatus and later aid was summoned from Newton, but the building was almost entirely wrapped in flames before the firemen had their hose lines trained on the building. It was impossible to check the flames, and there was time to save only a few bits of furniture from the lower floor. The building destroyed was the first built by the college. It had a frontage of 200 feet and contained 200 dormitory rooms, a reception hall, dining room, phone office for the college laboratory and the general college administration offices.

Girls in the west wing of the big buildings, known as College Hall, were rushed out partly clad, frightened and crying. Superintendent Austin, fearing a panic, immediately sent a call to the Wellesley police station but the fire gong caused the girls in rooms some distance from the fire to fall into fire drill order and leave the building as the flames were already mounting the roof. The building was emptied in three minutes.

When the fire apparatus arrived, the roof of the west side of the building was already ablaze. Firemen and police made certain that all of the college girls had escaped from each of the five floors. Within half an hour, the flames had spread throughout the entire length of the building. The burned building was on a hill overlooking Wellesley and the flames were visible for miles. The dormitory and administration building were erected in the early seventies.

Mary O'Mahoney, chief of the college fire brigade directed the rescue work, arousing the girls and rushing them partially dressed into the campus. Through the quick work of the brigade of girls, the building, more than four hundred feet long and five stories high, was emptied in three minutes with a minimum of hysteria and fright. Mary Smith, secretary to the dean of the college, rushed into the smoke filled administrative offices and saved the dean's records, the only college record saved.

At chapel, which was held as usual today, President Helen Penleton announced that the college will be closed until the end of the regular spring vacation April 7. There was not a girl in the school, it was said, who did not attend classes in college hall which is a combined dormitory, class room and administration building.

Pressing the Button.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. PAUL, Minn., March 17.—How ex-President William H. Taft, meeting James J. Hill, upon his arrival here for a speaking engagement, slipped the railroad builder on the back and inquired, "Jim, can you tango yet?" was the story told by Hill's associates today.

"I can't, but I could if I wanted to," was Hill's reply.
"Bryan and I have reached the veto stage," Taft said at a luncheon. "You can push a button with us any time or place and get a speech on any subject almost regardless of whether we have an audience or not."

An Important Room.

Mr. McCorkle was showing some visitors over the house. Arriving at the nursery he remarked, "This gentlemen, is the bawl room."—Tit-Bits

THE TANGO TROUSERINES

What Women and Men Are to Wear This Spring if They Wish to be Stylish.

[By Marie Moore, written for the United Press.]

CHICAGO, March 17.—There was a merry war of fashion in Chicago today when the Chicago Dress Makers' club and representatives of Mme. Paquin began their second day exhibit of American and French modes at Michigan boulevard hotels.

The Chicago fashion designers proved conclusively that American made gowns are just as chic and artistic as are those made in France by one of the greatest designers of Paris. There is more wonderful variety in the American designs. Some of the members of the dress makers' club contend that women should dress as flowers and they showed a Killarney rose evening gown and a tulip walking suit in shades of brown that were very stunning.

One Chicago dress maker showed a gown with a small hoop around the bottom which disclosed what she called "white chiffon tango trouserines." Our grandmothers made these necessary adjuncts to the hoop skirts of lawn and called them pantelettes.

The Society of Merchant Tailors of America also showed at the American clothes show what all sorts and conditions of men should wear.

Said Mr. Mathews: "American men do not pay any attention to English style any more. I do not even keep a book showing English fashions for men. Indeed many of my customers buy a number of suits in America before going abroad, because they want enough to last them until they come back."

The new tango suit is cut close to the form, of very light wool material, in a modified tuxedo. It weighs only a pound and while it is form fitting, it is made loose enough to give the dancer plenty of room to make any of his graceful movements. A light gray evening suit with waistcoat of embroidered silk is among the innovations shown by the merchant tailors. With this is worn a cape of white broadcloth lined with black satin.

The Norfolk jacket will only have a belt across the back this year and with it the "rah-rah" boy will wear a soft white felt hat instead of a straw.

But the battle between American and French designers was the real theme of interest along the boulevard. To paraphrase a famous general, the American style makers met the French enemy and the French designer promptly capitulated. After this battle cry will be—"American fashions for Americans—a la mode Francaise!"

ELECTRIFICATION OF THE C. M. & ST. P.

First Unit on the St. Paul, Between Avery and Harlowtown is Being Installed.

[Gate City Special Service.]

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—Electrification of the first unit of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway's main line between Avery, Idaho, 110 miles east of Spokane and Harlowtown, Mont., will begin March 23, according to C. A. Goodnow of Chicago, assistant to President A. J. Earling of the Milwaukee railroad, who came west recently to complete preparations for beginning the work. Operations will be started at Deer Lodge, Mont., and will continue eastward to Three Forks. This constitutes the first unit of the Avery-Harlowtown division, which will be in operation January 1, 1915, and the entire division will be electrified and ready for electric operation January 1, 1918, it is stated. F. Beuwkes, an electrical engineer of New York city, will be in charge of the electrification of the road, according to Mr. Goodnow.

Whether this is true has not been definitely learned, but it is generally credited by newspapers here. Codes prepared by the few correspondents in the field have thus been rendered useless.

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MEXICAN WAR FILLS CEMETERY

Five Hundred Rebels Reported Killed in Canon by Huerta's Men.

ESCALON IS ATTACKED

Dictator is Not Worrying Over Trifling Incident of Murder of American Postmaster.

[By a United Press staff correspondent.]

MEXICO CITY, March 17.—General Huerta does not believe Mexico is in any way responsible for the killing of the postmaster at Tecate, Calif., or the burning of the American custom house. He told Charge O'Shaughnessy that he believed investigation would show the postmaster was murdered by robbers. O'Shaughnessy motored to the office of the foreign minister in a downpour of rain shortly after midnight for a conference regarding the Tecate affair. Early in the evening he had talked with Huerta. The dictator readily discussed the California development but displayed little concern over charges that the postmaster was murdered by Mexicans. Huerta is especially solicitous of O'Shaughnessy. He provides a guard for the American embassy each night and has doubled the body guard accompanying O'Shaughnessy during the day. The possibility of a commission of United States senators visiting Mexico City has been discussed in official circles here and so far no objections are voiced. At the foreign office it was said the senators would be gladly welcomed.

Getting Down to Business.

EL PASO, Texas, March 17.—Escalon, the constitutionalist base, north of Torreon, was in grave danger Monday of falling into the hands of the Mexican federalists, according to a code press telegram received here today. So serious was the situation, say the dispatches, that General Francisco Villa, commanding the constitutionalist army, General Felipe Anselme, commanding the rebel artillery and their staffs hastened to the front. The dispatches state that General Eusebio Avila Benavides, with 3,500 rebels and many cannon was compelled to fight desperately all of Monday to prevent the fall of Escalon. Federal troops under General Ricardo Pena are said to have performed brilliantly but could not take the rebels' stronghold with its enormously valuable supplies. Pena retired at night fall. No report of casualties in this engagement has been received at Chihuahua and General Villa has received no report from any other part of the Torreon battle field. When Villa and Angeles left here they were escorted by 1,000 cavalrymen. They were due at Escalon Monday night.

Since Villa first began preparing for the Torreon campaign he has been concentrating his provisions and supplies of ammunition at Escalon. Food for a long campaign and millions of rounds of ammunition are stored there. Hence the vital necessity of holding that city.

The dispatch saying the federalists were attacking Escalon, caused great surprise here as none had supposed they were that far north of Torreon. It is stated that General Villa, before leaving for the south, ordered the censor to tighten his lines and forbade newspaper correspondents to file anything today.

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THREE WERE BURNED WHEN HOTEL WAS DESTROYED

Proprietor's Wife and Six Year Old Son and Woman Servant.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

BRECHIN, Ont., March 17.—Two women and the little son of one of them were burned to death here today when flames ate up the Brechin hotel. The dead:

CARUSO TO BE PAID \$3,000 FOR ONE NIGHT'S SINGING

Highest Salary Ever Paid to Opera Star Will go to Him.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW YORK, March 17.—Enrico Caruso is to receive a salary of \$3,000 a night.

a night after next season. A contract signed by the noted tenor sets a new record for salaries paid to opera stars.

Under the new contract Caruso will probably receive at least \$200,000 for his appearance in New York season after next and his income will be further augmented by the royalties from his phonograph records.

Geraldine Ferrar receives the largest salary of any woman singer, \$1,000 a night.