

PLOT AGAINST CLEMENCEAU IS LAID TO BOLSHEVIST AGENTS

symptoms technically, just as if they were those of another person. Nothing definite can be known as to what the results of the Premier's injuries are likely to be until an x-ray examination of the wound taken this morning is developed and examined by the doctors. The wound in itself is slight, but necessarily serious for a man as old as is the French Prime Minister.

The physicians say that his heart and arteries are young, and they point out that he has been a lifelong abstainer, and has not smoked for twenty years. His enforced inaction is weighing heavily upon the Premier and the doctors find him a bad patient, unwilling to obey all their orders. He insisted in receiving visitors all day yesterday and in discussing current business with Stephen Pichon, the Foreign Minister, who called upon him late in the evening for the third time after the shooting.

The Premier raised the question as to whether the Supreme Council should sit this afternoon, as had been arranged, and expressed the wish that the decision be left to the delegates of the other great powers. Consequently the Premier, the General Secretary of the Peace Conference, was instructed to call upon the American, British, Italian and Japanese delegations and get their views. It was considered probable that the delegates would suggest waiting for a few days, probably until the beginning of next week, before resuming their work.

BOLSHEVIK PLOT TO KILL CLEMENCEAU IS HINTED IN PARIS

One Account Says Plans Were Laid in Switzerland—Police Had Warning.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Was the attempt upon Premier Clemenceau's life of Bolshevik origin? is a question being being insistently asked here. The Matin to-day recalls that a few days ago a Geneva newspaper announced that the Bolsheviks in Lausanne, Switzerland, were plotting against M. Clemenceau's life and that two Bolsheviks had crossed the frontier to carry out the plan.

The Paris police, says the Petit Parisien, were warned some time ago that a plot was brewing against the Premier's life. It states that the wife of a member of the French consular service formerly stationed in Russia was in the Russian Library in the Avenue Gobelins a fortnight ago and overheard a discussion which made her sure that an attempt against the Premier was in preparation. This library is one frequented by Maximilists. The woman informed her husband of what she had heard and he notified the police, who assured him that the persons in question would be closely watched.

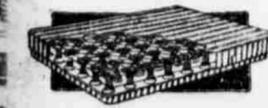
Ernie Cottin, who fired the shots at Premier Clemenceau, was taken last night taken to Sante prison. An examination of the automobile in which the Premier was riding when he was fired upon showed seven distinct bullet marks.

Cottin is a Frenchman, twenty-three years of age. He said he was a cabinetmaker's assistant. He was born at Creil in the Department of the Oise and lived at Mont Rouge.

The father and mother of Cottin are simple working people. They live in Rue Convention, the father working in a factory at Issy les Moulinaux. A brother, aged seventeen, also works in a factory there. A second brother is five and a half years old.

Neighbors of the family describe Ernie Cottin as being addicted to neither smoking nor drinking, but say he was a great reader of novels and books of astronomy and sociology. His father tried in vain to combat the anarchistic ideas of his son, but the youth ridiculed him as being old-fashioned. When the father heard the news of the attempted assassination he was at work, but felt a presentiment, it is said, that the criminal was his son. Cottin has been under treatment for an affection of the heart and a disease of the larynx.

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ASSASSIN'S SHOT HALTS PEACE TALK AT CRITICAL STAGE

Discussions Had Reached Point When Work on Treaty Could Begin.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Premier Clemenceau was shot at the moment he was starting for a meeting that might have had a decisive influence in systematizing the problems of the conference so as to lead the course of the transactions of the body from war conditions and to a state of peace.

It appeared that British, American, Italian and French sentiment was crystallizing on plans to take in hand the construction of the actual peace treaty, and this would undoubtedly have been one of the chief subjects discussed at the conference set for 10 o'clock yesterday morning with Premier Clemenceau, Arthur J. Balfour, Col. E. M. House and Baron Sonnino as participants.

The preliminary soundings on this question had already been taken, and the prospect seemed good for the decision upon an efficient procedure that would secure results within a short time from all the conference commissions, permitting the early drafting of the essentials of the peace treaty—perhaps by the time of President Wilson's return from America. In such an event the enemy delegates could have been called in by April and the actual peace consummated by early summer.

One of Premier Clemenceau's first thoughts after being shot was to send word to Secretary Balfour, Col. House and Baron Sonnino that he could not keep his engagement. Mr. Balfour and Baron Sonnino went to Col. House's office on receipt of the news. It is understood they reached an agreement which will materially advance the procedure of the conference and hasten the conclusion of peace.

Much is still dependent upon M. Clemenceau and French opinion generally, yet the indications are, as viewed in American quarters, that the co-operation will become general to this end.

If reports regarding the Premier's condition are borne out by the later examinations it would appear that M. Clemenceau will be able to resume his activities about the time that President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George and Orlando return to Paris. One of the four vice-presidents elected at the time Premier Clemenceau was chosen President of the conference—Premier Lloyd George and Orlando, Secretary of State Lansing and Margujs Saloni—will preside over the full conference if it is found necessary to hold a plenary session before the recovery of the French Premier.

ERZBERGER ACCUSED BY ALLIES OF FALSELY REPORTING NEGOTIATIONS

Official Note Shows That German Delegate Changed Phrases in the Text of Letters.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Communications and declarations made to the press by the German Government or Matthias Erzberger, Chairman of the German Armistice Delegation, contain "flagrant inaccuracies which require immediate correction," declares an official note issued here. The note says:

"First—The text of Chancellor Scheidemann's protest communicated to the press by the German Government differs notably from the original text handed to Marshal Foch by Erzberger at Treves on Feb. 16 at 6 o'clock P. M. The first phrase as communicated to the press follows: 'The German Government is conscious of the grave consequences that acceptance of the convention must entail for the German people.' The first phrase of the text as handed to Marshal Foch by Herr Erzberger reads: 'The German Government is conscious of the grave consequences that either acceptance or refusal of the convention must entail.' (In German 'sowohl die Annahme wie die Ablehnung des Abkommens')."

"In the same way a whole new phrase has been inserted into the text communicated to the press as follows: 'It cannot yet be said if we are able to follow the instructions of the Allied High Command.' This phrase does not figure in the text as given to Marshal Foch by Erzberger."

"Second—Herr Erzberger declared at Weimar, in reference to this protest: 'This German note was handed to Marshal Foch before the signing of the convention and was accepted by him. From our point of view, then, it must be considered as forming part of the new armistice convention.'"

"Marshal Foch has already informed the President of the German delegation several times that the

27TH DIVISION MEN READY TO BE MUSTERED OUT SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN MARCH

Col. Kincaid Reports New York Guardsmen Are Fit and Records in Shape.

PARADE PLANS ARE UP. Vanguard of O'Ryan's Organization Begins Work on Reception Here.

"When the men of the 27th—the New York State National Guard Division—arrive here about the middle of March every man will be fit to be demobilized and put back into civil life within twenty-four hours. Moreover, there won't be anything in the way of a hitch in 'paper work' to delay demobilization."

So spoke Lieut. Col. J. Lester Kincaid, Judge Advocate of the division, to-day when asked whether it would be likely that the New York troops would be held at Camp Upton for an indefinite period before being discharged.

Col. Kincaid arrived here yesterday with nineteen other officers of the 27th to make arrangements for receiving the New York soldiers. He brought with him full authority from Major Gen. O'Ryan to make all arrangements, not only for the embarkation of the troops, but also for the great parade which is to be given by the complete division. This afternoon Col. Kincaid expects to confer with Major Gen. Shanks, commanding officer of the Port of Embarkation, and Brig. Gen. McManus, in charge of troop movements.

Until after conferring with these generals, Col. Kincaid preferred not to be quoted at length on the suggestion which has been made by The Evening World and thousands of citizens up State that the New York men be discharged from service immediately, or as soon as possible after their arrival, and not be kept for weeks at Camp Upton.

"This much I can say, however," said Col. Kincaid. "When I left the division on Feb. 2 in the Le Mans area, about 200 miles from front,

texts duly signed by the Allied and Enemy Plenipotentiary States along formed part of the armistice negotiations. This note does not agree with that category. It is absolutely independent of the convention. It constitutes a mere manifestation of the purely platonic activity of Scheidemann."

"Third—Finally, Erzberger, alleging certain pretended declarations of Marshal Foch, has affirmed that 'Poupartiers would be opened at an early date on the question of peace preliminaries.' The fact is that Marshal Foch categorically refused to give the slightest intimation on this subject, notwithstanding the lively insistence of Erzberger."

WILSON SENDS WIRELESS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Deeply Shocked at News of the Attempt to Assassinate Premier Clemenceau.

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—President Wilson sent the following message of condolence, to be conveyed to Premier Clemenceau:

"Secretary Lansing and the American mission in Paris: 'These convey to Monsieur Clemenceau my heartfelt sympathy and my joy at his escape. I sincerely hope that the report that he was slightly injured is altogether true. I was deeply shocked by the news of the attack.'"

EX-KAISER'S SON ARRESTED.

Prince Joachim Accused on Suspicion of Intrigue.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—Prince Joachim of Prussia, youngest son of former Emperor William, has been arrested, according to a despatch from Munich. The despatch states his arrest was on suspicion of his being connected with "certain intrigues."

EX-KAISER IS ILL AGAIN.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20.—The former German Emperor has suffered a recurrence of the serious affection of the ear for which he was recently treated, according to advices from Amerongen.

Shot Wife and Himself. "Shotgunner Brown, after quarreling with his wife Blanche, according to her story, went over to New Jersey this morning and, getting a revolver, returned and shot her in the right breast and thigh. Then he shot himself through the head with fatal effect. His widow is in Harlem Hospital, not expected to live.

Officers of New York's 27th Division Home to Plan Reception for the Boys



Back Row L-to-R. Capt. J. WADSWORTH, Lieut. F. JACKSON, Capt. J. G. MOTLEY, Major W. LANE, Lieut. CHESTER O. JONES, Front Row L-to-R Major CHARLES MACARTHUR, Capt. JEROME LANGER, Lieut. Col. WILLIAM STARR, Lieut. C. MULLANEY, Lieut. G. M. McCABE, Lieut. Col. J. L. KINCAID. Chaplain FRANCIS KELLY

SENATORS APPROVE HEAVY PENALTIES FOR RED FLAG USE

\$5,000 Fine and Five Years Imprisonment for Agitators in New Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Legislation to punish Anarchistic activities or propaganda and the display of flags or other emblems of violence was recommended unanimously to-day by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The committee drafted and ordered favorably reported a measure combining the "Red Flag" Bill of Senator New of Indiana and other bills designed to check unlawful agitation. The new bill, which is expected to meet the demands of Senators New, Jones and others who have insisted upon action to curb I. W. W. and other radical activities, follows:

"SECTION 1.—That the display or exhibition at any meeting, gathering or parade, public or private, of any flag, banner or emblem symbolizing or intended by the person or persons displaying or exhibiting the same to symbolize a purpose to overthrow, by force or violence, or by physical injury to personal property, or by the general cessation of industry, the Government of the United States or of all government, is hereby declared to be unlawful."

"SECTION 2.—It shall be unlawful for any person to advocate or incite or to write with intent to forward such purpose to print, publish, sell, or distribute any document, book, circular, paper, journal or other written or printed communication in or by which there is advocated or incited the overthrow by force or violence, or by physical injury to personal property, or by the general cessation of industry, of the Government of the United States or of all government."

"SECTION 3.—That any person or persons convicted of violating any section of this act shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both."

A sub-committee consisting of Senators Walsh of Montana, King of Utah and Brandegee of Connecticut was authorized to add an additional section extending the bill's provisions to transmission through the mails of proscribed propaganda.

CANADA'S WOMEN MAY VOTE.

Bill Also Will Admit Them to Parliament.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada, declared in an address at the opening of the Canadian Parliament to-day, that a bill enabling women to vote and conferring upon them the privilege of sitting in Parliament would be introduced during the coming session.

U. S. STOPS LIQUOR FLOW INTO STATE OF MICHIGAN

Victory Won by Wets in Supreme Court There is Shortlived—Reed Law is Weapon.

WEEKS CHARGES WILLIAMS SHOWED SPITE AT SABIN

Alleges Comptroller Withdrew \$25,000,000 Railroad Funds From Guaranty Trust Co.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Severe criticism of John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, was made by Senator Weeks, Massachusetts, before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency to-day.

After Mr. Williams became Director of Finance of the Railroad Administration, the Senator asserted he withdrew \$25,000,000 of New York Central funds from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York because of a personal feeling against Charles H. Sabin, President of the company. Sabin is a member of the committee who Mr. Williams had the personal feeling against Mr. Sabin, Senator Weeks said he believed it was because Mr. Sabin had ordered several years ago that Mr. Williams should not be a director in the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Comptroller Williams, who was in the hearing room, told the committee he had never heard of the incident.

TO WASHINGTON, 85 MINUTES

Army Flyer Makes Record Between This City and Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Unofficial announcement was made to-day that Lieut. Frank H. Harmon of the Army Flyer Corps broke all records between New York and Washington yesterday by making the trip in eighty-five minutes with one of the new La Perre scout planes, built for American air fighters under the direction of a French officer.

The little machine carries a 400 horsepower Liberty motor. Lieut. Harmon reported that he made an average speed of about 153 miles an hour with a fair breeze.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

IN FOND and loving memory of a dear son and loving husband, LEONARD F. HAYES, who died Feb. 19, 1919, aged 36 years, beloved by his wife and children. Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, 66th St., Thursday, 7 P. M. FUNERAL on Feb. 18, MARGARET FURST, nee Ritty. Funeral from the parlors of Richard J. Delany, 130 Greenwich ave., to St. Joseph Church, Washington place and 6th ave., Friday, Feb. 21, at 9:30 A. M. Interment Calvary. HAYES—Funeral Feb. 18, PATRICK HAYES, son of the late Peter and Mary Hayes, nee O'Brien, native of Dunaway, County Cork, Ireland. Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. McSherry, 842 Leonard street, Brooklyn, Friday, 9 A. M. Interment Calvary. Services for the repose of his soul, Interment Calvary Cemetery. All papers please copy. NORTON.—HORACE NORTON. Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway and 65th St., Wednesday, 11 A. M. HELP WANTED—MALE. CASHMERE—Wool and leather workers, best pay, long hours, Sun, light, clean factory, 1st Broadway, 1st Madison Lane, New York.

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