

ENGLISH COUNTESS
KILLED BY OWN GUN

Earl of Cottenham Finds Wife's
Body in Grounds of His Ox-
fordshire Home.

DEATH CAUSES SENSATION

Woman, Formerly Married to
Wealthy Landowner, Was in
Divorce Scandal.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, May 3.—A sensation was
caused in society circles to-day when it
became known that the body of the
Countess of Cottenham, the wife of the
Earl of Cottenham, had been found in
the grounds of Elvenden Priory, near
Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, with a
bullet wound under the left breast. The
Earl of Cottenham himself found the
body lying against a tree. Alongside
was the gun she had carried and the
barrel was pointing at her.

The scene of the tragedy was the ex-
tensive wood back of Elvenden Priory,
the Earl of Cottenham's bungalow. It
is a pretty spot two miles from the
favorite Thames resort of Goring.
In the dining room of the bungalow
today a jury of yeomen and farmers
heard the evidence which convinced
them that the Countess had met death
by accident through some cause which
was unexplainable, but which probably
had arisen from careless carrying of the
gun.

The Earl of Cottenham, who is tall,
aristocratic and in the prime of life, told
how he had gone to Reading to see off
his boys who were returning to school
after the holidays. He did not see the
Countess in the garden or in the house
upon his return and he went into the
woods to inspect a path which is being
improved. He had not gone many
paces, the Earl testified, when he saw
the body of his wife lying at the foot
of a hill. Life was extinct.

The Earl said his wife was in her
usual spirits during the day and romped
with her boys in the garden, as it was
the last day of her holiday.
A doctor who followed the Earl on
the stand gave evidence that the
Countess probably had been dead for an
hour before her body was found. He
explained that the charge which was
in the gun had passed below the left
breast and had entered into the back.
The Countess, he said, probably had
rolled a little down the hill, where, after
she had been wounded, she had propped
herself against the tree.

The muzzle of the gun, the doctor
said, must have been within ten inches
of her side when it was fired and per-
haps closer. The hole in her clothing
was very small, this showing that the
charge had not time to scatter.

The coroner in summing up said that
there was not a shred of evidence that
would suggest anything but that the
death of the Countess resulted from an
unfortunate accident. The jury's ver-
dict was that the tragedy was due to
the accidental discharge of the gun.

The life of the Countess was as
tragic in spots as her death. The chap-
ter that caused the greatest stir in
English society was made up of events
leading to her divorce from John Blundell
Leigh, a wealthy landowner, and the
marriage to her second husband,
Kensington Charles Edward Pepps, Earl of
Cottenham, who was many years her
junior.

The Countess was a twin daughter of
Sir William Nevill, Marquis of Aber-
cromby, Rose and her sister, Violet,
were born on December 7, 1866, and
she was married to Leigh on June
14, 1887.

On May 18, 1899, a decree was is-
sued by the Right Hon. Sir Francis
Henry Jeune in the High Court of Jus-
tice divorcing her from Leigh on the
ground of adultery. Leigh named the
young Earl of Cottenham as respon-
sible. The testimony disclosed the fact
that the pair had lived happily together
until the Earl became the master of the
Bleeker Hunt, after which Lady Rose
and he were thrown much together.
There were golf games and secret meet-
ings when Lady Rose was supposed to
have been visiting her sister, Lady
Violet, and the whole unhappy tale
came out in court.

Within a few months after her hus-
band divorced her, Lady Rose and the
Earl of Cottenham were married. Eng-
lish society didn't take kindly to the
allegations made against the Earl of
Cottenham and his wife, who was eight
years his senior, and for a time they
were practically ostracized by the best
families, but it wasn't long before they
had rehabilitated themselves in the
most exclusive circles and entertained
on a big scale.

The Countess had a penchant for do-
ing striking things, and at several years
ago society got lots of fun out of her
fad of taking a pet baboon around
with her when she attended social
functions.

The Countess was the mother of
three boys, the eldest of whom is Vis-
count Grosvenor.

Her twin sister Violet was married
on December 17, 1889, to Earl Cowley.
She got a divorce from him in 1897
and was married in the following year
to Robert Edward Myddelton. She died
in 1910.

The Countess's brother, Lord William
Nevill, got into trouble on several
occasions and spent a term in jail,
making use of his spare time there by
writing a book. His most notable es-
cape was in fraudulently obtaining
the signature of Capt. Spender-Clay,
husband of Pauline Astor, the daughter
of William Waldorf Astor, to a prom-
issory note for \$50,000.

Kensington Charles Edward Pepps is the
fourth Earl of Cottenham. He is
keenly interested in sport and is mas-
ter of the Bleeker and Warden Hill
hunts. The Pepps family is believed
to have settled at Cottenham in the six-
teenth century. It received a baronetcy
in 1784. A barony was conferred in
1829, when Sir Charles Pepps
was appointed Lord Chancellor. He
died in 1859 with the title of Earl.
John Pepps, a member of the family,
was the father of Samuel Pepps, who
wrote "Pepps's Diary."
The Cottenham residence is at Elven-
den Priory, Goring, Reading.

PRINCESS FLEES FROM INDIA.

Breaks Her Engagement With
Wealthy Prince, Causing Sensation.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
BOMBAY, May 3.—Princess India, the
only daughter of the Gaekwar of Baro-
da, one of the wealthiest men of India,
is on her way to England after having
broken her engagement to Prince Jiten-
dra, the son of the Maharajah of Kuch
Behar, another powerful Indian ruler.

The marriage was to be cele-
brated at Calcutta next Monday and
very elaborate preparations had been
made. It was only last night that the
Princess informed the Prince and her
parents that she had decided that she
would not marry the son of the Ma-
harajah of Kuch Behar, and that she
had booked passage for England to-day.
While the trouble leading up to the
breaking of the engagement has not
been learned, the general belief is that
the Princess probably objected to the
question of caste.

The Princess has been greatly influ-
enced by her visits to England and
America and may have imbibed some
opinions which acted against becoming
the wife of Prince Jitendra. The sud-
den decision of the Princess and her de-
parture have created a sensation here,
as such an occurrence as a broken en-
gagement is extremely rare among the
ruling houses of India.

The Gaekwar of Baroda, the father of
the Princess, rules more than 8,000
square miles of territory, and has 2,000-
000 subjects. He is very well known in
England, and is also known in the
United States, having visited America
some time ago. His son, Shrimat
Jaisingrao, studied at Harvard.

During the Delhi Durbar in Septem-
ber, 1911, when King George and
Queen Mary came to India and were
proclaimed Emperor and Empress at
the new capital, it was reported that
the Gaekwar of Baroda insulted the
King by turning his back to him.

BOSTONIANS VISITING PANAMA.

Chamber of Commerce Men Much
Entertained on the Isthmus.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PANAMA, May 3.—The delegation from
the Chamber of Commerce of Boston
arrived at Colon yesterday on the steam-
ship Metapan at 7 A. M. The voyage
from the United States was very de-
lightful. The delegation was met by
an envoy of the merchants of Panama,
the American Consul and the American
Minister and a group of merchants of
Colon. The Governor of Colon extended
a greeting to the visitors.

A special train was chartered at Colon
and the Bostonians went off for an in-
spection of the canal. At 2 o'clock yester-
day afternoon the train pulled into
the city of Panama, and the Americans
were greeted by a delegation of mer-
chants, the American Consul here and
a large and enthusiastic crowd. The
Mayor of Panama welcomed the Ameri-
cans and extended to the merchants an
invitation for a tour to Taboga Island.
The invitation was accepted for to-
morrow.

President Porras of Panama gave a
splendid reception last evening in honor
of the members of the Boston delega-
tion. The Mayor of Boston spoke, after
which he left with those making the
Colombian tour. The Mayor of Boston
will attend several banquets in Colombia.
There was a reception for the American
visitors at the American Legation here
to-day.

POPE PROMOTES DR. AMICI.

Had Promised Him Post if He Should
Hasten Recovery.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

ROME, May 3.—Pope Pius promoted
Dr. Amici, who was only the Vatican
night physician ordinary, to the position
of pontifical physician to-day in
place of the late Dr. Petacci, whose post
the Holy Father had abolished. The
Pope promised the promotion to Dr.
Amici on the condition that his recovery
was hastened, and he added that he
would sign the necessary decree when
he was allowed to resume his audiences.
Dr. Amici told the Pope this morning
that he would allow him to grant an
audience to Cardinals de Lai and Im-
pelliti to-day, whereupon the Pope im-
mediately signed the decree.

Pope Pius expressed a desire to-day
to receive Cardinal Ferrata, who has
just returned from Malta, where he pre-
sided over the Eucharistic Congress.

The Pope's convalescence is proceed-
ing very satisfactorily. He goes to the
library every day and spends several
hours there engaged in work.

PLOT TO KILL ALFONSO.

Anarchists Planned Attack on Occa-
sion of His French Visit.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 3.—It was reported to-day
that the police have been informed that
a plot to assassinate King Alfonso of
Spain when he visits France has been
discovered at Montpellier. It is under-
stood that a Spanish anarchist is under
arrest at Montpellier and that letters
which have been seized implicate two
other men and a woman. It is believed
that the anarchists chose Montpellier
in order to assassinate the Spanish
monarch before he reached Paris, where
he will be the guest of President
Poincare.

A despatch received from Madrid
says that anarchists in the Spanish
capital are busy and that the police
have discovered an evident attempt
to take the life of the papal
nuncio. It is said that a deadly bomb
was picked up near the nuncio's resi-
dence. If it had exploded it would have
demolished the house.

OPERATE ON MRS. CHAMBERLAIN.

Wife of British Statesman a Sufferer
From Appendicitis.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

CANNES, May 3.—Mrs. Joseph Cham-
berlain, who was formerly Mary End-
cott of Massachusetts, was operated
to-day for appendicitis. It was
reported that peritonitis had supervened
and that Mr. and Mrs. Austen Cham-
berlain had been summoned from Eng-
land.

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 3.—
Neville Chamberlain received news late
to-night that Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain
had borne operation well and was get-
ting on nicely.

FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED.

Military Flying Man Falls When
Maneuvering at St. Cyr.

PARIS, May 3.—Sergeant Battin, a
French military aviator, was killed in-
stantly this afternoon at St. Cyr when
the military biplane which he was using
turned over and fell from a height of
100 feet.

TURKS AGREE TO END
WAR IN THE BALKANS

Porte Replies to Powers' Offer
and Prepares for Peace
Conference.

ITALY TO AID AUSTRIA

Transports and Warships Held
at Brindisi Ready to Cross
to Albania.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.
CONSTANTINOPLE, May 3.—The Porte
has replied to the Powers' note in refer-
ence to peace negotiations for a settle-
ment of the Turco-Balkan war.

The Ottoman Government accepts the
invitation of the Powers for the Turkish
army to cease hostilities and having ap-
pointed its plenipotentiaries, suggests
that the conference take place in London.
ROME, May 3.—The reported agree-
ment between Italy and Austria-Hun-
gary regarding Albania is officially de-
nied.

The allied Powers, it is said, have
agreed scrupulously to apply the previ-
ous conventions intended to assure Al-
bania's integrity and autonomy com-
monly known in London.

The above statement confirms the re-
port that there will be cooperation be-
tween Italy and Austria if armed inter-
vention in Albania is necessary. In the
seawarlike troops, transports and men-
of-war are concentrated at Brindisi in
readiness to cross the Adriatic bound
for Avlona.

The details of the concentration of
the troops are withheld and censored.
Likewise the date of the departure of
the expedition is a well guarded secret.

The Italian Government has instructed
its Consul at Durazzo to warn Essad
Pasha, the former Ottoman commander
of Scutari, who has set up a Govern-
ment at Tirana, Albania, that Italy
will not tolerate an occupation of any
portion of the southern coast of Al-
bania, especially Durazzo and Avlona.
The Ottoman General is to be informed
that Italy is prepared to resort to im-
mediate action to defend the territorial
integrity and independence of Albania.

CHURCHILL PRAISES NAVY.

War Secretary Compliments the
British Army Too.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 3.—Government Minis-
ters made important speeches at the
Royal Academy banquet to-night. Win-
ston Churchill, the First Lord of the
Admiralty, in responding to a toast to
the navy said, among other things:

"I am certain that you will not be in-
cluding in any unreasonable expectation
of horse if you believe in the ship
and man for man our people have no
reason to be deemed unequal to any task
they may be called upon to perform."

Col. J. A. B. Smedley, Secretary of State
for War, contented himself with saying:
"I do believe our army, though small, is
a good army." Viscount Morley, Lord
President of the Council, who followed,
declared: "We believe, as the repre-
sentatives of foreign Governments believe,
that in the maintenance of the concert
of Europe you have the greatest security
against a great disastrous and ruinous
conflagration, and on the other hand
the key of settlement of a system on the
Balkan peninsula which is conformable
to the facts and forces of the case. To-
night there is nothing new to report,
but there is even reason to believe that
on Monday we will be nearer to and in
sight of a solution of the international
situation which might be unanimously
agreed to."

AIRSHIP DANGER AT PANAMA.

Col. Goethals Says Locks Are Well
Protected Against Attacks.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PANAMA, May 3.—The flight a few days
ago of Powell's aviator, over the
route of the Panama Canal, has start-
led anew the discussion of the vulner-
ability of the canal to attacks from the sky.
About four months ago Miss Mousant
while visiting on the Isthmus said that
explosives could easily be dropped from
an aeroplane with sufficient accuracy
to put out of service any flight of locks;
this is tantamount to putting the canal
out of service. At that time Col. Goethals
expressed his entire confidence
that no airship could come sufficiently
close to the locks to drop explosive
without being exposed to fire.

Powell's flight was made for the ex-
press purpose of taking a series of
birdseye moving pictures, and to this
end he sailed low, at no time being
much higher than 2,000 feet above
the canal. He is, however, also
of the opinion that an aeroplane stand-
ing so high above the locks that it
would be out of range of gunfire
would yet be in position to drop ex-
plosives upon vulnerable parts.

The locks are great chambers of con-
crete with walls fifty feet thick, and
in the chambers there will always be
from ten to fifty feet of water. The
only part of them that could be injured
is the gates. These are steel forms from
40 to 80 feet high, seven feet thick
and 65 feet wide. The part exposed
to an explosive will be 65 feet long and
seven feet wide. This would make a
small target at a distance of a mile.
On the other hand the machines that
move the gates are exposed upon the
lock walls, being covered with only a
thin roof of concrete. They would form
a better target, and yet this also would
be only twenty-five feet in diameter.
If these machines were shattered the
gates could still be moved by hand
winches. The smallness of the areas
that could be affected by an explosive
dropped upon them is, therefore, a nega-
tive protection for the locks against air
attacks.

Positive protection will be afforded by
an elaborate series of batteries, con-
structed for the primary purpose of re-
pelling land attacks, but also available
for use against aviators. No airship
would be safe within a mile of these
batteries, and none would be effective
in an attack unless it could come closer
to its targets than a mile. In short, if
an explosive thrown from an airship
were to disable one of the lock gates
it would be more by accident than by
good aim. This is the kind of accident
that Col. Goethals and his fellow offi-
cers on the Panama Canal fortification
board do not think it worth while to
worry about.

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of Nainsook or Cambric, with or without underlay.

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of Nainsook, in close fitting models, with or without underlay.

Corset Covers, 48c, 59c, 75c, 85c to 1.95
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PHILADELPHIA, May 3.—The balloon
Pennsylvania I, carrying three members of
the Pennsylvania Aero Club, made its first
ascension of the year this afternoon at
Holmesburg. In the balloon were Clarence
P. Wynne, president of the club; Arthur P.
Atherholt, former president, and Harold
Kner.
The balloon rose to a height of 1,500 feet
when it encountered a slight air current
and drifted southwestward. A landing
will be made to-night, probably in the
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Irish Embroidered Bed Spreads, at 4.50, 5.75

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FOREIGN DELEGATES ARRIVE.

Will Help Plan to Celebrate Centen-
nary of Ghent Treaty.

Fourteen delegates to the international
conference that will formulate plans for
celebrating the centenary of the treaty
of Ghent and the hundredth anniversary
of peace among English speaking nations
will arrive this morning by the Cunard
Caronia.
Lord Wardlaw, heads the British delega-
tion, which includes Sir Arthur Lewis,
the Earl of Stanhope, Sir Herbert Eustace
Maxwell and six Members of Parliament.

Alderman C. De Bruyne and Alphonse Van
Werveke will represent the municipality
of Ghent and Sir George Houston Reid,
High Commissioner for Australia, is the
Australian delegate.
A committee of which William Church
Osborn is chairman will go down the bay
in a tug to greet the delegates and will
escort them to the Plaza Hotel.

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others, is a disgrace. It is a habit that
is a disgrace to the race. It is a habit that
is a disgrace to the race