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NOTED FIGURE IN POLITICS OF FRANCE IS DEAD

Leader of Commune After Franco-Prussian War Who Was Once Condemned to Death, Dies Highly Honored

Paris, Dec. 19 (1:29 a. m.)—Edouard Vaillant, a member of the chamber of deputies from the department of the Seine, is dead at the age of 74 years. He was first elected to the chamber of deputies in 1892.

Edouard Vaillant was a member of the Paris commune. He was born in 1840, was a doctor of science and studied medicine both in France and Germany. During his sojourn at Heidelberg university he affiliated himself with the international—the International Workmen's association.

At the time of the Franco-Prussian war he was captured by Paris, being attached to the national guard and during the siege of Paris devoted himself to spreading the doctrine of the internationalists.

When the insurrection of the Paris commune was suppressed in 1871, M. Vaillant was obliged to flee to England and was condemned to death. When amnesty was declared he returned to France. He connected himself with a new political movement and was elected in 1881 a municipal councillor of Paris. Later he was elected several times a deputy and in 1912 was a candidate for the presidency of the republic. On that occasion M. Vaillant was elected on the second ballot, with 481 votes.

TYPHUS RAVAGES CAUSE MEXICO TO TAKE ACTION

Fight Is Being Made on Disease in Federal District; House to House Inspection Ordered.

Mexico City, Dec. 18 (1:10 a. m.)—The official Carranza organ, today published a plan which has been adopted to check the ravages of typhus fever, which has spread over the entire central portion of the republic. The effort is to be a strategic one and includes establishment of a special sanitary police corps, working under orders from the federal board of health. Not only will public and private structures be thoroughly cleaned, but measures are being taken to enter from every public square or locality will be "impregnated" with a view of deterring any whose appearance might lead inspectors to suspect them of hostility of transferring the disease. The sale of alcoholic beverages in restaurants and saloons is to be strictly prohibited, and all theaters and other places of amusement are recommended to close at 11 o'clock each night.

House to House Inspection. As it is now generally admitted that the only propagating agent of the disease is the human government officials will make a house to house canvass in the poorer sections of the city and in such other places as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of stamping out typhus.

In all this work the military is co-operating with civilian officials. General Gonzalez has detached 500 soldiers to disinfect and clean barracks and public offices. In all the latter are to be seen printed notices reading: "For hygienic reasons, department heads and employees must refuse to shake hands with visitors." Hand-shaking is a universal custom throughout Mexico, but the dread of typhus has put a stop to its promiscuous practice.

Latest statistics showed the epidemic spreading more rapidly than ever. So far the foreign consuls have evaded serious duty, although British consuls have been reported up to date in the American and English columns. The desire to stamp out the disease of health crises as outlined is shared by Minister of the Interior Avendaño and is obligatory for residents of the federal district. It is hoped operative December 18 and is to be extended to other parts of the republic as occasion requires.

COMMISSIONER MAKES RULING FOR SHREVEPORT

Shreveport, La., Dec. 18.—The most important feature developed today in the Shreveport rate case, hearing before Interstate Commerce Commission Henry F. Hall and Special Examiner Thurlock, was a ruling of Commissioner Hall that evidence as to the low in-bound rates from the producing markets to Shreveport as compared with in-bound rates from the same producing markets to Texas points, particularly north and west Texas points, would be given no consideration or weight.

It is evident that the Interconers, Dallas, Fort Worth and Amarillo particularly, and possibly Houston and Galveston, expected to rely largely on their ability to show the alleged discrimination by reason of the favorable in-bound rates to Shreveport.

With this feature of the hearing eliminated, it developed upon Shreveport to show that the previous ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, sustained by the supreme court of the United States in favor of east Texas is concerned, should not only stand but should be broadened out to embrace west Texas as well.

Evidence intended to prove this contention was introduced at length by the Shreveport interests.

MOTHER AND BABY TWINS NEARLY DEAD FROM GAS. Two baby girls, twins of 15 months, were found dead and their mother, Mrs. Louise Pierce, almost dead from inhaling illuminating gas in a rooming house here tonight. The discovery was made by the woman's husband. The Peters are Belgian refugees. The gas was escaping from an open jar at the police are unable to explain how it came to be open.

Art Connoisseur and Pretty Secretary Win



Mrs. Elsie Morosini.

When Professor Ella Velpe Vold, wealthy and famous art connoisseur, who had expressed admiration for and otherwise dealt with J. Herman Morosini, and his secretary, Mrs. Elsie Morosini, arrived in the United States the other day, and were taken to Ellis island, later to be ordered back to Ellis island in the United States were advised. Professor Vold brought with him some \$750,000 worth of Italian works of art for sale here, and these were held while he was in trouble. An Italian enemy had called to the immigration commissioner making charges against him and his beautiful secretary. Not until an appeal was taken to the Washington authorities, who the order of the New York immigration officers was reversed.

in \$45 per thousand, the report says, although normal operations were 7.25 per cent at the preceding year.

RUBBER FORWARDED IN MAIL BAGS SEIZED

London, Dec. 18 (1:14 p. m.)—The British consuls of mail bags on the steamship Helio off New York, the foreign office states that out of 200 bags of parcel mail on board the vessel for Sweden, 109 contained nothing except rubber, all of which were contained in a well known forwarding agent in Sweden. It is estimated that the weight of the bags containing rubber was 3,000 pounds. Various other conditions were found. Innocent persons of mail were told by the Helio crew will be forwarded to their destinations at speed.

Alfred French Stationary. London, Dec. 18 (1:10 p. m.)—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from London states that the office of Alfred French stationary, the Holborn show no disposition to invade Greek territory and there are no signs of Austro-German activity.

DENVER SOCIETY LEADER BECOMES USEFUL AS NURSE

Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps Answers Call Personally and Watches Over Patient Two Days.

Denver, Dec. 18.—How Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, local social leader and well-known in the east, personally nursed Arthur Sittow, a workman, for two days and two nights in his private mountain cabin, was told here today when Sittow was reported resting comfortably at a local sanatorium. Early this week, it was reported, Sittow, who was employed as night watchman at Tremont in west summer resort in the mountain town of Snow, was seized with a hemorrhage. Tremont is presently deserted at this time of year.

Sittow finally succeeded in crawling to the telephone and call for help. Mrs. Phipps, from her summer home at Estes Park, arrived in Denver and remained the rest of the night and returned to her residence until he could be brought to Denver in a motor ambulance.

Mrs. Phipps is the sister of wife of Lawrence S. Phipps, of Denver, and being widow of the Pennsylvania steel family.

VILLA HAS ANOTHER WIFE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—The report from El Paso that General Villa had decided to abandon the fight against Carranza crossed a wire today in the household of Mrs. Juana Villa, the young woman who arrived here several months ago with a baby girl and declared herself to be the wife of the Mexican chief. Members of the household household, however, to the credit of the report.

Andrea Perillo, of Torreon, who has acted as agent for Mrs. Villa, said that no word had been received from Villa for three weeks. At that time the chief said he was on his way to Chihuahua to renew his fight on the de facto government.

MANY DESERTERS FROM ARMY ARE RE-ENLISTED

Washington, Dec. 18.—Of the 110 enlisted men sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army for desertion 72 have been re-enlisted and 102 now are serving with the colors, according to records made public tonight in the judge advocate general's annual report. The others taken back either deserted again or were discharged for cause.

The report also shows that of 174 who deserted or were discharged for cause during 1915 but whose re-enlistment was authorized under acts to liberalize army laws, 141 were returned to the ranks and fourteen of these later deserted or were discharged. The 174 desertion record for the year

TENSE FEELING IN GERMANY IS CAUSED BY NOTE

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg Sends for American Ambassador to Discuss Relations of Two Nations.

Berlin, Dec. 18 (via London, Dec. 19, 1:42 a. m.)—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor, today sent for James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and the two held an extended conference concerning German-American relations. No statement regarding the subjects discussed was obtainable, but the American affair threatened reflex effect on German-American relations, which it has been learned here is a matter of concern to higher German authorities, and may possibly have furnished the occasion for the conference.

It was learned only today that the text of the American note published here on which Austro-Hungarian newspapers based their comment is incomplete, the phrase regarding the stopping of the ship having been omitted in transmission and never reached Berlin. This error in transmission not only accounts largely for the tone of the general German press account but points at Berni Borian's uncertainty regarding the propriety of taking a diplomatic policy on newspaper publications.

HERR PROFESSOR THINKS LAUGH IS ON UNCLE SAM

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ments and has indicated a willingness for a further discussion. Washington cannot break off diplomatic relations without a further exchange of notes. If America fails to comply with the Austrian request to submit documentary proof, this could only be interpreted that America has none.

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