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London, May 6.—Important results have followed the appointment of Viscount Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, to the middle east, says the Daily Sketch. That newspaper to-day printed what purported to be the outline of British policy to be pursued in Mesopotamia in the future. This policy has not as yet been officially revealed but the newspaper asserts it has excellent authority for its statement.

"The formation of a series of Arab states," the newspaper said, "is part of the government's plans. This would secure a new overland aerial route to India under British protection. Mesopotamia is to become a great depot and training ground for military aviators in the service of the British Empire."

It is further asserted that Prince Feisal, son of the King of Hedjaz, will become the first sultan of the country, his position being tantamount to that of king in Mesopotamia. The British garrison will be reduced to a little more than twenty battalions, and even this force will be later cut down to twelve battalions, the newspaper asserts.

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WILL YIELD RESULTS**

London, May 6.—"Germany will realize at last that the hour has come when she must loyally carry out her obligations," Premier Briand declared just before his departure for France. "I am leaving with a feeling of complete satisfaction," Briand said. "We have reached the end of our labors under the most favorable circumstances. I believe pressure on Germany will produce profitable results."

## APPOINT DELEGATES TO TALK CHURCH UNION

### Presbyterians in England to Meet Representatives of the Anglicans.

London, May 6.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in England, in session to-day, appointed delegates to confer with a committee of the Anglican church on proposals for church union. Dr. Carnegie Simpson, in moving the matter, said he greatly admired the Anglicans and coveted many things they had, but he did not approve of episcopacy which was the weakest and, in his opinion, the worst feature of the Anglican faith. The General Assembly decided to admit women to elderships and deaconships, but resolved that where women were admitted to the ministry they should resign if they entered the state of matrimony.

## Nearly Two Million British Out of Work

London, May 6.—Nearly two million people are out of work, according to the unemployment statistics issued by the labor department of the Board of Trade this week. Official records show that 89,000 people were thrown out of employment during the past week. While the rapid increase in unemployment is largely attributed to the miners' strike, Socialist and labor papers cite the employment figures as an indictment of the system of things, and something of a sensation has been caused by the action of the Shoreditch Borough Council, governing one of the large industrial areas of London, in declining to approve the emigration of children to Canada.

## Wheat Inch Higher.

Brandon, Man., May 6.—Wheat, sown April 18th, is up an inch on the farm of R. F. Roddick, south-east of the city. This is the first report of wheat being up in this district.

Patrick Maloney and Sein Duffy, prominent officials in the Irish Republican army, are official reported killed in a shooting affray with Dublin police.

President Ebert, it is reported, has asked Prince Von Buelow to accept the German chancellorship.

## British Colonel Asks Reinforcements To Check Polish Insurgents in Silesia

Oppeln, Silesia, May 6.—Two hundred Italian soldiers, commanded by Col. Bond, of the British army, evacuated Gross Strehlitz last night. At that time the town was under artillery fire from Polish insurgents. In making his report to the allied commission here, Col. Bond urged the necessity of sending reinforcements, laying emphasis on the need of machine guns and ammunition. French officials here declared they were unable to furnish more soldiers, saying they were short of men everywhere in the plebiscite zone. The Poles are reported to be in possession of the entire eastern section of Silesia as far north as Rosenberg, which the commission heard

## THE GROUP LEADERS GET LESS SALARY

### Dewart and Ferguson Draw \$400 Less This Year Than Last.

Toronto, May 6.—The two opposition leaders in the Ontario house, Hartley Dewart and Howard Ferguson, are receiving \$400 indemnity less this year than they each received last year, notwithstanding the granting of a bonus of \$600 to all the members. A year ago an act was put through that divided \$5,000 between the opposition leaders. The same measure provided that after October, 1920, each leader of a group of more than fifteen members should receive an indemnity of \$1,500 in addition to the ordinary member's indemnity of \$1,400. The additional \$600 voted this year is a bonus and cannot be repeated without special legislation.

The total amount receivable by the opposition leaders this year is \$3,500 as against \$3,900 last year. The speaker of the house, Hon. Nelson Parlson, receives a salary of \$2,500, which with his indemnity and bonus makes a total of \$4,500.

## Weekly Summary of Sinn Fein Attacks in Ireland

Dublin, May 6.—Thirty-six attacks on crown forces, with twenty-eight casualties, one of which was fatal, are reported in the weekly summary of events in Ireland issued from Dublin Castle to-day. There were twelve unsuccessful attacks on police barracks, the summary says, and three Sinn Fein murders of civilians. Forty-two raids were made on mails. Arrests for outrages and political offenses numbered forty-eight, and 125 internment orders were issued, making a total of 2,700 persons interned.

## PRISON NO PUNISHMENT

### Brooklyn Judge Favors Short-Term With Lash.

New York, May 6.—Revival of the whipping post for criminals was advocated in Brooklyn by Supreme Court Justice Fawcett in sentencing a highwayman to a term of imprisonment of from 10 to 20 years. "Shorter sentences and the generous use of the lash would rid the community of hardened criminals," said the court. "The prison, with its moving pictures, theatricals and other forms of entertainment is not considered punishment by many prisoners. The time has come when judicious use of the lash would meet a long felt want in making our streets and parks safe, and in protecting the lives and property of our people."

## Cornwall Woman Dead.

Cornwall, May 5.—Mrs. Monroe, wife of Duncan Monroe, well-known insurance and real estate agent, passed away at her husband's residence, "Cedar Brae," yesterday in the 79th year of her age. Mrs. Monroe's maiden name was Jennie Loney. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Johnson, Montreal. The funeral takes place on Thursday afternoon.

## A QUEEN'S GOWN

### Presented to Violet Selfridge on Wedding Day

London, May 6.—Society was interested yesterday in the fabulous gifts to Violet Selfridge at her wedding late yesterday to Viscount Jacques de Sibour. The wedding was pronounced the most gorgeous of the London season. The bride's father, Gordon Selfridge, former American and owner of London's greatest department store, presented his daughter the wedding dress which once belonged to Marie Antoinette, queen of France. The titled groom is in Selfridge's employ.

## Found Liquor at Tamworth

### Tamworth, May 6.—Officer Wheeler of this place unearthed a cargo of liquor that had been hidden to celebrate referendum night, and shipped it to the government dispensary at Toronto, after waiting a week for the owners to claim it. The losers, however, did not feel like paying a fine of \$200 and their identity is only surmised.

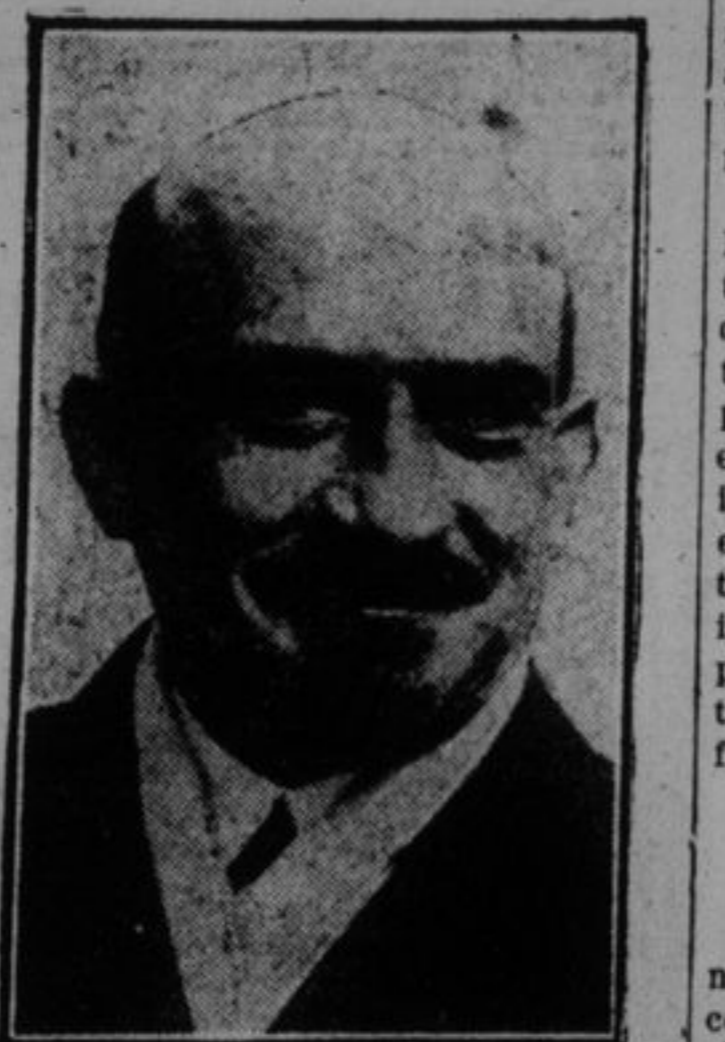
## A "Love Letter."

### New York, May 6.—An alleged "love letter" from Fred. Beaurais, French-Canadian guide named as co-respondent in the Stillman divorce suit, to Mrs. Pitt Potter Stillman, was admitted to the records yesterday by Justice Daniel J. Gleason, referee before whom the case is being tried in secret.

## METHODIST HEAD SHOT IN BELFAST

### Prominent Orange, Ulster Clergyman Receives Bullet in Head.

Belfast, May 6.—Two shots were fired at the Rev. William Maguire, former vice-president of the Methodist church in Ireland, and his son-in-law, the Rev. Frank Mettrick, were leaving the headquarters of the North Belfast mission Wednesday evening. The Rev. Mr. Mettrick received a wound in the forehead, while a passerby was wounded in the eye by fragments of glass as the second bullet passed through a glass panel at the side door of the mission. The Rev. Mr. Maguire is a prominent Orangeman and one of the best known clergymen in Ulster. He had a narrow escape from being shot in the rioting last August, a boy standing close to him in York street being fatally wounded. He is the father of the Rev. Charles Wesley Maguire, who toured Canada with a party of clergymen from Ulster in January of last year.



VERNON G. CANDY  
Of United Hotels staff, appointed manager of Clifton House, Niagara Falls, Ont.

## PROVINCES EULOGISED

### G.T.P. Interest Payments Are Appreciated.

London, May 6.—The fact that the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta have come forward with the interest on the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway branches which they guaranteed, is the occasion of appreciative references in the financial columns of the papers here to-day. It was feared, says one financial writer, that the provincial authorities might follow the example of the Dominion government, but Alberta and Saskatchewan are to their credit, he said, acting scrupulously in accord with their guarantees.

## A LOCKOUT OF 30,000 STEWARDS AND COOKS

### Who Refused Wage Cut Decided on by the Shipping Companies.

London, May 6.—A lockout of thirty thousand sea-going stewards and cooks began to-day, this step being taken by the shipping companies because of the men's refusal to accept a wage cut of about seventeen per cent. The lockout may interfere with the comfort of steamship passengers but the vessel owners are said to be confident that all the vacancies can be filled. The transport workers' federation has promised its support to the stewards and cooks' union.

## ELLIS HAD BIG YEAR AS CANADA'S HANGMAN

### He Made \$12,500 and Had to Pay Quite an Income Tax.

Montreal, May 6.—Arthur Ellis, known from coast to coast as a hangman of particular merit, arrived in this city yesterday en route to Amherst, N. S. It was ascertained that during the past year Ellis made \$12,500 by executing men for the government, and in consequence had to pay quite an income tax. "I had a big year of it," he stated, "and let me tell you that there was not a single hitch in anything I carried out." The significance of this announcement is obvious. Ellis is worried. On July 8th he has two large contracts.

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## THE EMPIRE BUILT FIRM

### Premier Meighen Says New Mechanisms of Government Not Needed.

London, May 6.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada, has an important pronouncement on the constitutional problem of the place of the dominions in the Empire, in the special number of the Manchester Guardian, celebrating its hundredth anniversary.

In his message Premier Meighen, after stressing the doctrine that the relations of the dominions to the mother country must be based on the recognition of the complete freedom and equality of status of the daughter states, says that it is a common experience to encounter questions and disputes as to whether we have, in fact, arrived at such a status, or whether it has been generally accepted as an actual working basis in the conduct of imperial affairs.

"In this controversy," says Mr. Meighen, "the dominions may be said to be unique, for no other occidental countries enjoy such speculative exercises, as their constitutional position is fixed and taken for granted. The result in our political life is that there is much discussion, often exceedingly interesting, but on the other hand often unduly distracting; the strain upon the conduct of public affairs arising from this factor alone must be experienced to be fully appreciated."

This year's Conference "Much of it should be quite unnecessary, but no one of the nations concerned can settle it alone, and the problems involved must doubtless be left for the attention of the special constitutional conference contemplated by the Imperial War Conference of 1917, whenever it may be held. This much being assumed, it will be seen that the task of those who meet in the Imperial Conference of this year should not be conceived as being primarily concerned with the erection of new mechanisms of government for the empire."

The Guardian, in commenting, concludes that Premier Meighen's statement puts a bound upon the boom of the elaborate and well-meaning plans of the round table group of imperialists as well as upon such later day devices as the so-called imperial cabinet. If our own statesmen are alive to the meaning of such friendly counsel as comes from Canada in Mr. Meighen's message, constitutional forms for the reconstruction of the empire may look to themselves, is the verdict of the Guardian.

## USED CORPSE AS BAIT TO KILL IRISH POLICE

### Sinn Feiners Laid It in County Kerry and Slew Eight.

Belfast, May 6.—A fight the Border Regiment had with rebels at Tournakedy early in May resulted in twelve rebels being killed and wounded. Eight out of nine policemen were killed in a trap at Rathmore, Kerry. The rebels murdered a man and sent the body to the police, who seldom move the body. As they stooped to lift it Sergeant McCormack, Constables Phelan, Woodcock, Doyle, Hillaire, Watkin, Brown and Clott were killed by rifle fire from both sides of the road, where one hundred rebels were concealed. Constable Hickley alone escaped. The murdered man was over 70 years of age. A large number of arrests were made in various parts of Ulster today.

Unfortunately they are on opposite sides of the continent; one at Quebec that will cost two lives, and the other at Vancouver, where five condemned men will mount the scaffold for the biggest hanging event in the history of the dominion. As he cannot be at both places at once, Ellis has decided to accept the Vancouver job.

## HIS BRIDE'S PRESENT KNOCKS HIM DIZZY

### Bottle Hits Fiance on Head and Leaves Him Too Dazed to Dive.

New York, May 6.—The King Alexander of the Greek Line docked yesterday with 3,141 passengers from Athens. Forty of them were sent to Hoffman's Island for sanitation purposes. Among the others were 400 "picture brides"—girls who have come to America to marry men who know them only by their picture. One of these brides was an Armenian, Marie Zagorian.

Her fiance, who had recognized her after a voyage around the ship in a "bumboat," sent her carnations when she let down a cord to him. She returned the compliment by tossing him a bottle of cognac, but it bounced off his head and plunged into the deep. He was too dizzy to dive for it.

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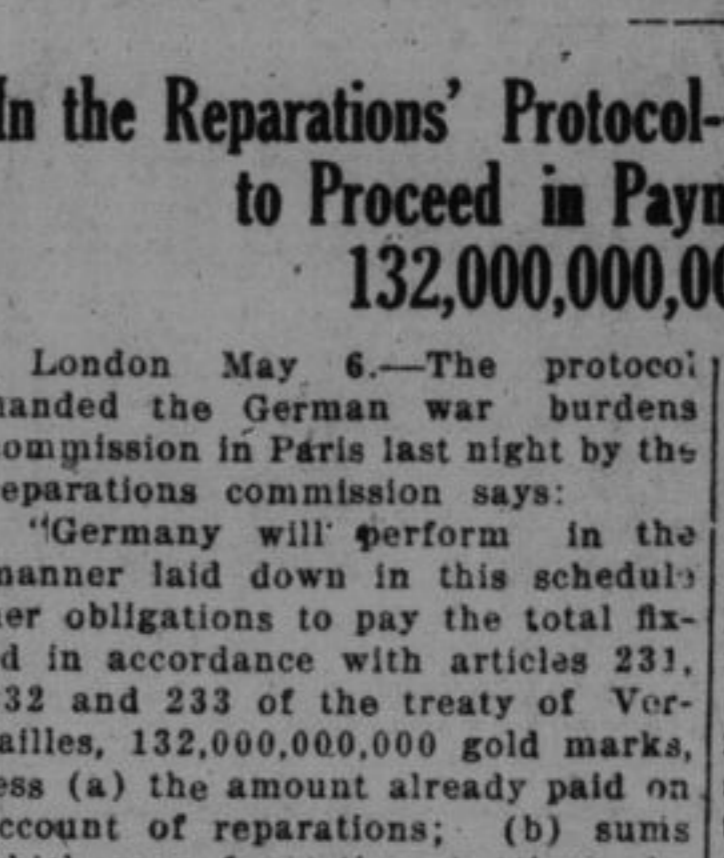
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