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## Hon. Violet Gibson Who Shot Italian Premier Goes to Insane Asylum

### HOLD WOMAN IRRESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON MUSSOLINI

Italian Authorities Will Not Charge Her in Court—Youth Slain for Not Doffing His Hat to Fascist Procession—Mussolini Says His Trip Is No Menace.

Rome, April 10.—It was learned last evening that the British Embassy has been officially informed that Hon. Violet Albina Gibson, sister of the Irish Lord Ashbourne, who shot Premier Mussolini through the nose Wednesday morning, will not be charged with the attack before a court, but will be committed to a lunatic asylum. Doctors, who have examined her since her arrest, agree that she is completely irresponsible for her actions.

Chiasso, April 10.—Because he did not doff his hat to a procession of Fascists, who demonstrated in sympathy for Mussolini, a youth named Ferdinando Gafforio was stabbed to death Thursday night by an officer of the Fascist militia. The murderer was arrested after a dramatic encounter between the regular police and his squad of Fascist militiamen, who tried to prevent his arrest.

Voyage No Menace.  
Rome, April 10.—Premier Mussolini was streaming across the Mediterranean to-day for Tripoli, leaving Italy to the care of the new Fascist directorate, but before sailing he left

a personal message with officials of the Foreign Office, calculated to assure foreign powers that his dramatically-heralded visit to Africa involves no threat to the interests of other countries.

"My voyage to Libya contains no menace," the dictator wrote, as set forth in a statement made by officials to-day. "In spite of the pageant presented by our warships, my voyage is merely a matter of prestige. We wish to concentrate attention on our colonies, to make them better known, better appreciated and better developed. But I refer only to the colonies we possess." The dramatic events of the past three days in Italy—the attempt on the Premier's life and his spectacular departure for North Africa—have brought the chief currents of the Italian situation vividly to the surface.

### SEVEN CHILDREN SAVED BY 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Got Them Out of a House That Was Destroyed by Fire.

North Bay, Ont., April 10.—Seven children, all under the age of fourteen years, were saved by their fourteen-year-old sister when the house and store of Mrs. W. G. Percy, post mistress at Boston Creek, was destroyed by fire. The girl managed to get the children out, though they were all sleeping on the second floor, and the stair case was ablaze. The origin of the fire is believed to have been the overheating of a stove. Mrs. Percy was absent at the time, but T. A. Case, post office assistant, was in the house. He escaped without injuries. The damage amounts to \$15,000.

### DIRIGIBLE READY FOR FLIGHT TO NORTH POLE

Amundsen and Ellsworth Will Board it at King's Bay, Spitzbergen.

Rome, April 10.—The Dirigible Norge of the Amundsen-Ellsworth North Pole expedition left here this morning for Toulon, France.

It is the intention of the navigator of the Norge to fly her to Oslo, Norway, and thence to Spitzbergen, where a great hangar has been erected. The flight over the pole will begin probably next month. The ship is in command of Commander Nobile of the Italian navy.

Capt. Roald Amundsen and his co-director in the Arctic flight, Lincoln Ellsworth of New York, will not board the Norge until its arrival at King's Bay, Spitzbergen. They hope to have everything in readiness for the Norge, including a mooring mast, when the air craft arrives. The Norge, formerly an Italian navy craft, recently made several successful trial flights.

### Conservatives Would Contest

Ottawa, April 10.—If the Government decides to precipitate a by-election in North Bruce, the seat will be contested by the Conservatives. This was made clear last night by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader.

### KEEP CANADA READY FOR WAR EMERGENCY

Is the Advice of Saskatchewan Chief Justice at Calgary Vimy Dinner.

Calgary, April 10.—"I would sooner have been a private in any regiment that served in the Great War than anything I have been. I envy your share in that glorious fight," said Sir Frederick Haultain, chief justice of Saskatchewan, chief speaker at the Vimy dinner which was held last evening. He intimated, as did other speakers, that Canada should be kept in a state of preparedness by sustaining a trained militia.

### News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Quebec courts will be asked to decide if Montreal aldermanic candidate's deposit can be seized by garnisher.

Bishop Farthing, of Montreal, reports exodus of English-speaking from rural Quebec to cities has ceased.

Magistrate Jones of Toronto favored public defender idea in address before Legal Aid Association in New York.

A special commission intends to take stringent measures to obliterate illegal traffic in opium in Japan and its possessions.

London public backs motor bus companies which defied order restricting number of buses on the streets.

Radio engineer sailed from New York for England to place at London apparatus for receiving pictures by wire.

New York authorities are moving to prevent marriage of Frances Heenan, 15, to E. W. Browning, 51-year-old millionaire.

Serious charges against J. A. Smythe, deposed Windsor school principal, were withdrawn and he was freed.

August Thyssen, European industrial leader just deceased, is said never to have spent more than \$20 on suit of clothes.

British War Office is said to have acquired aerial torpedo invented by New Zealander which can strike a city 100 miles away.

Paris is annoyed at acceptance of exile by the Duke of Guise, royalist, decorated for war service, and law of exile is attacked.

Gen. Andrews, head of P. S. prohibition bureau, told the Senate coastguard captures less than 5 per cent of imported liquor.

Countess Cathcart, at London, says she will soon return to New York in order to produce her new play, "The Strange Set."

Consultation of doctors will be held as result of slow progress towards recovery made by Luther Burbank at Santa Rosa, Cal.

Dr. Franz Klein, jurist, who framed the process of civil law put into operation in Austria in 1893, is dead at Vienna, aged 71.

An unprecedented wave of insolvencies is sweeping Hungary. More than one thousand business houses have failed since January 1st.

After he admitted renting a barn for storage of alcohol, F. Secord, high bailiff for County of Lincoln, was suspended by judge.

Two Brantford doctors were acquitted on charges of selling drugs to addicts on grounds that such is only treatment available in Canada.

Capt. G. H. Wilkins, American explorer, returned to Fairbanks, Alaska, after aeroplane trip said to be further north than any other.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, former London, Eng., pastor, has left Cincinnati after difference with officers of First Presbyterian Church there.

Constable Maclellan Transferred. Provincial Constable Maclellan, who has been stationed in Kingston for the past nineteen months, has received word of his transfer to Belleville. He will be succeeded here by Constable G. V. Clutte, Belleville. The change will go into effect on April 16th.

### Tangible Expressions of Affection Are Given to Lord and Lady Byng

Ottawa, April 10.—Officers of the overseas forces of Canada during the memorable years 1914 to 1918 gave two tangible expressions of their affection for their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada, commander of the Canadian Corps, 1916-17, and his gracious consort, at the Vimy dinner held at Government House last night, at which were present over 200 officers who fought under General Byng.

One was in the form of a seven-passenger, 75-horsepower, Canadian-made limousine, and the other was a portrait of His Excellency, which was presented to Lady Byng.

The presentations were made in behalf of the officers by General Sir Arthur W. Currie, now president of McGill University, Montreal, who succeeded General Byng as commander of the Canadian Corps.

The dinner was one of the most memorable functions ever held at Government House.

### PREMIER OF ULSTER TO VISIT CANADA



Belfast, Ireland, April 10.—Sir James Craig, Premier of the Ulster Government, is to visit Canada in August and September, it is officially stated.

### WALKING ON ROAD MET TWO BIG BEARS

Ben Bordoff Had a Thrilling Experience Near Sharbot Lake.

To be walking along the road only a quarter of a mile from the village of Sharbot Lake, and to see two big bears staring him in the face, was the thrilling experience of Benjamin Bordoff, of this city, on Friday night.

Mr. Bordoff was walking along the road towards the village, between 7 and 8 o'clock, when he noticed two large black objects just inside a fence about five feet from the road. Mr. Bordoff walked up for closer examination and was confronted by the two bears, the biggest he had ever seen. He lost little time in getting to the village, but the bears had no intention of giving chase, and when still standing inside the fence when he started his "Pavo Nurmli" exhibition.

Mr. Bordoff with another man from the village, returned to the place, but there was no sign of the animals. They followed the tracks of the bears for a distance, but apparently the bears feared a search for them, and had taken refuge in their hiding place. Several men were out searching for the bears Saturday morning.

### LORD BYNG OF VIMY AT R.M.C. MONDAY

Will View Infantry Parade and Watch Cadets at Work.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Byng of Vimy, will arrive in the city Monday morning, by his special train at 11 o'clock, and will arrive at the Royal Military College at 11.30. His Excellency, after being received, will view the infantry parade after which he will be entertained at luncheon.

### ONTARIO LIBERAL CONVENTION LIKELY

Toronto Mail and Empire Hears It Will Be Held in June.

Toronto, April 10.—A June convention is the expectation of the members of the Ontario wing of the Liberal party. The necessity of a convention before entering upon the expected provincial general election, has been strongly urged upon the provincial executive for some time past by party supporters, and intimation that such a gathering will be held during the month of June, says a Mail and Empire front page story.

The demand for the convention is understood by the Mail and Empire to have been intensified by Provincial Leader Sinclair's recent announcement in the Legislature of a dry policy. Matters of policy and leadership accordingly will be uppermost upon the convention agenda.

### Five Aviators Are Killed in Collision

Honlow, Eng., April 10.—Five members of the Royal Flying Corps were killed today when two aeroplanes collided over an aerodrome here. The planes fell 300 feet and burst into flames, burning the occupants, two officers and three men.

### QUOTA ALREADY EXCEEDED

Of British Emigrants to Settle on Canadian Farms.  
London, April 10.—The rush of British families desiring to emigrate to Canada has swamped the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London. The quota of 1,500 families to be settled on Canadian farms this year under the Government's scheme has already been exceeded, and no more applicants are acceptable for 1926.

### Increase in Revenue

Ottawa, April 10.—When Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, brings down his budget, it is expected he will announce an increase in ordinary revenue during the fiscal year ending March 31, of rather more than thirty millions and a reduction in the net debt of about twenty-four millions.

### PRESSURE TO BE USED FOR A COAL PACT

Deadlock Threatened Between British Owners and Miners.

### WAGE CUTS REFUSED

The Districts Yet to Be Heard From—The Door Open for Joint Conferences.

London, April 10.—A serious deadlock is threatened between mine owners and coal miners on the question of wages. In conference here yesterday, miners' delegates from all the English coal fields adopted a resolution against acceptance of wage reductions, lengthening of hours, and substitution of district for national agreements regarding minimum wages.

Acceptance of some of these things is suggested as part of the panacea for England's crisis in the present report of the coal commission, but the miners have been careful to state, ever since publication of the report, that they have not refused to follow it as a whole in seeking to end the crisis. Despite this, the fact that they disagree with the suggestions of the coal commission in such vital matters as those above stated is a reason for pessimism as to the feasibility of a general settlement of the crisis along the lines laid down in the report. And there are only three weeks left for such a settlement. On May 1st the coal subsidy will be withdrawn and some new way must be found of adjusting the serious difference between mine owners and miners.

### STEAMER BURNS; CREW ON FLOES

Vessel in Ice Fields—Newfoundland Government Boat Goes to Aid.

St. John's, Nfld., April 10.—Burning furiously and with smoke and flame pouring from her engine-room, the sealing steamer Seal was sighted eight miles off Bay De Verde early last night. The telegraph operator who witnessed the sight said that the crew had left the vessel and were on ice floes with their boats, awaiting assistance.

First reports said that the steamer, which left here Thursday for her second trip to the ice fields, had been badly damaged by fire or an explosion and that the crew of thirty men were on ice floes. The government steamer Eagle was sent to aid the Seal and was expected to reach the burning ship this morning. All efforts to communicate with the Seal by wireless failed.

### MAJ. CROWE, GUELPH, HEADS BISLEY TEAM

Pick of Canada's Shots Will Sail June 12—Team is Announced.

Ottawa, April 10.—Major C. R. Crowe, of Guelph, Ont., will be the commandant of the Canadian 1926 Bisley team, it was officially announced here last night by the Council of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association. Major R. O. Wheatley, M.C. of Ottawa, has been appointed team adjutant. The team, comprising the two above-mentioned officers and 13 marksmen, the pick of Canada's shots, will sail on the S. S. Alania from Montreal on June 12th, and will probably return to Canada on the S. S. Ansonia which sails from Liverpool on July 30th. The 63rd annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley this year will be held from July 5th to July 17th.

The official team is as follows: Team commandant, Major C. R. Crowe, Guelph; team adjutant, Major R. O. Wheatley, M.C., Ottawa; marksmen, Sgt. G. M. Emslie, Toronto; Lieut. A. T. Steale, Guelph; Corp. H. W. Burton, Esquimault, B.C.; Major L. J. Johnson, Ottawa; Gunner E. Regan, Victoria, B.C.; Sgt. J. Borland, Toronto; Capt. G. M. Galbraith, London, Ont.; C.Q. M.S. A. Farnell, Montreal; Pte. A. Houlton, Hamilton; Major F. Richardson, Victoria, B.C.; Sgt. K. McGregor, Ottawa; Lieut. James Bon, Montreal; Sgt. Major E. J. Read, Esquimault, B.C.; Sgt. D. Fyvie, Victoria, B.C.; Sgt. Major H. Russell, Montreal; Major R. M. Blair, Victoria, B.C.; Lieut.-Col. T. Pugh, Ottawa; and Lieut. D. Burke (G.M.), Ottawa.

### IN THE COMMONS

#### Revaluation of Land Bill Gets Second Reading

Ottawa, April 10.—The Government bill for revaluation of soldier settlers' land yesterday got second reading, but after nearly three hours' discussion was still in committee stage, when the House passed to other business. A number of points were raised. One of these dealt with the case of the soldier settler who had left his land and would not benefit by the revaluation.

In committee of supply last night on the marine estimates, several items were passed, including those for the navigation school, the temporary relief of distressed seamen and obstruction to navigation. On the whole, it was a very full and prosaic day.

#### OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Several Are Involved in Belfast Civic Scandal.  
Belfast, April 10.—The corporation of the city of Belfast has suspended the city surveyor and city solicitor and also three members of the housing department. The suspensions are the outcome of an enquiry into alleged overpayments to housing contractors and the supply of alleged rotten timber by the contractors.

The city council was unanimous in voting for the suspension of the officials in question.



PRINCESS VICTORIA  
Sister of His Majesty King George V.  
who has been critically ill.

### CHAPMAN HAD ONLY \$8,700 FOR DEFENCE

But at One Time He Had \$2,400,000 at His Command.

Hartford, Conn., April 10.—Gerald Chapman, reputed to have had at least \$2,400,000 at his command at the time he was arrested at Muncie, Ind., on a murder charge, had but \$8,700 available for his defence. It became known today. Of this amount \$4,000 was contributed by friends. The \$8,700 and more is declared to have been spent by his counsel in preparation of the defence that could not save him from conviction. He was hanged on Tuesday morning.

### EXTORTION CHARGE AGAINST A WOMAN

Father Says He Borrowed Money to Protect Daughter From Defamation.

Millbrook, April 10.—Facing charges of abetting Harold Gilbert, former Ku Klux Klan organizer, in threatening to publish defamatory libel, with the intent to extort money from two Millbrook citizens, Mrs. Edith McNeely, young Peterboro woman, who appeared in police court here yesterday for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Floyd.

It is alleged that the woman, visiting the village in December last along with Gilbert, assisted the latter in blackmailing operations.

Gilbert, in Cobourg on March 15th, was convicted on charge and pleaded guilty to two others. He was sentenced to eighteen months at the Ontario reformatory.

One of the victims whose daughter he is alleged to have defamed was the first witness to be called yesterday.

"Gilbert first told me my girl had been going places I did not want her to go and they would publish her in the papers if I did not settle," said witness. "I told him I was a poor man and would not pay the \$500. He said he would take \$35. He asked Mrs. McNeely if she would OK that and she said she would. I went out and borrowed the money and paid him \$35 and \$10 for a girl's membership fee for her to join the Klan. Mrs. McNeely was not present though when I gave Gilbert the money. He said she was outside. We were in the house."

### Daylight Saving Adopted

Port Colborne, April 10.—Fort Colborne goes on daylight saving on May 15th this year, two weeks later than usual. The daylight saving proposal was opposed by several members of the Council when the matter came up for discussion, but as the voters had voted in favor of the fast time at a referendum three years ago the measure was adopted. Standard time will be resumed Sept. 5th.

### Concludes Sessions

Montreal, April 10.—The third triennial conference of the National Council of Education concluded its session here this morning with a meeting of the executive committee. This evening a concert will be given by a choir of 500 school children and Sir Hugh Percy Allen will give an address.