

SHOOT ME, JEES BOY TRAIN VICTIM

French May Offer New Plan to Pay

Finance Policy Expected to Specify Time and Amount of Installments to U. S. Britain.

Moratorium Is Predicted

By DAVID M. CHURCH, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

London, April 4.—When the French finance policy is announced Tuesday it will state terms of a definite attempt on the part of France to begin payment of its debts to the United States and Great Britain. It was learned here tonight.

This element of the new French policy will be for the purpose of restoring French credit in the United States and England. French experts who have been studying the problem in London for several days have been carefully going over the Davies plan. It is expected France will endeavor to pay Great Britain what it pays the United States. It is probable, it was said, France will ask the United States for a lower rate of interest and possibly a moratorium.

Great Britain is watching the French situation with the greatest interest. It is the capital levy on wealth is put into effect by the Herriot government. It is predicted that such action would have an adverse influence on French credit here. The tax levy would prompt English bankers to tighten up on loans to France because, it was said, such a socialistic measure would be the means of strengthening the position of the laborites in England. The Tory government therefore will, it was pointed out, emphatically oppose that solution of the French financial problem.

TAXI SPEEDS DEAD MAN TO HOSPITAL

By International News Service.

New York, April 4.—A taxicab rushing to Roosevelt hospital early today carried a dead man for a fare. It was disclosed when William O'Connell, the driver, reached the hospital with the man whom two well-dressed men had pushed into his cab, saying he had been hurt in an accident.

The slain man was about 30 years old. Police believe he was an actor. There were two bullet wounds in the left side of the man's head. Nothing found on his person indicated his identity.

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BUILDING WORK HALTED BY JOKER

Washington, April 4.—Someone endowed either with a flair for practical jokes or a healthy grudge has been making bolsheviks out of several Washington building contractors.

Riding up to construction jobs in what appears to be an official automobile, he introduces himself as a building inspector, calls loudly for the boss, makes many complaints about the work in progress and finally orders the project stopped and rides away.

After serving for several days as a shambles for hot volleys of contractual profanity, the department of building inspection has asked the police department to find the "inspector and put him in jail."

FUGITIVE NABBED AFTER GUN FIGHT

Paris, Tenn., April 4.—Following a gun battle of more than an hour during which he and two federal officers received minor wounds, Ernest Gallon, wanted for a \$75,000 post-office robbery in Mayfield, Ky., in October, 1923, was en route to Memphis today in custody of United States deputy marshals.

Gallon was re-captured near here last night after he had barricaded himself in the woods and stood off half a score of officers until rifles of high power were brought into play.

DEATH OF FALL VICTIM PROBED

Bisbee, Ariz., April 4.—The death of Robert W. Wodson, who died here last year, presumably from a fall down a flight of stairs, was opened for investigation today when the body was discovered.

Interred and County Attorney Ross left for Los Angeles to have the vital organs analyzed for traces of poison. The investigation, it was learned, was ordered after E. J. Conroy with which Wodson had his life insured refused to pay the claim and asked the probe.

Divorce Court Judge Draws Moral From Deserted Wife That Nests on Window Ledge Just Outside Office



By J. T. ARMSTRONG. District Judge L. B. Day of the domestic relations court is being forced to worry over a slightly different variety of wife desertion case.

On the wide stone ledge just outside the judge's office in the court house is a pigeon's nest. In the nest are several newly-laid eggs, and on the eggs is a cooling female pigeon, doing her best to hatch four little pigeons. Frequently, however, the mother pigeon must leave her nest in quest of food and occasionally after little twigs to repair the nest.

Different This Year. There was a nest in the same place last year, all feathered, and with little pigeons and home life and everything of which a divorce judge is supposed to approve.

And Judge Day did approve, particularly when he saw that the male bird hovered about continually during the hatching and raising of the little pigeons. Last year the female pigeon was fed by the male, and did not need to leave her nest. The male also kept the nest in good repair.

But this year no mate has appeared to assist the female pigeon. A flagrant case. "It's a flagrant case of wife desertion," said Judge Day, quite angrily. "I'll soon add child desertion to the charge, too."

"It's a shame that that pigeon must leave those eggs for food. But there's a moral to it. I'm sure this pigeon has divorced her first husband and taken on a new one. The moral is, if you find a husband who is a good, kind provider, don't divorce him."

"Master Bandit" Sentenced to Hang June 25

Jury Finds Notorious Mail Robber Guilty of Policeman's Death After 11 Hours' Deliberation.

By International News Service. Hartford, Conn., April 4.—Gerald Chapman, arch outlaw of a decade, must die on the gallows.

He will pay the supreme penalty on June 25 for the slaying of Policeman James J. Skelly, who was shot and killed during a holdup in New Britain, Conn., on October 12, last.

A stern-visaged jury in superior court today found him guilty of the murder and within an hour Judge Newell Jennings sentenced him "to be hanged by the neck until dead," at the state prison at Wethersfield on June 25.

"What I expected." Chapman said, his face gray and grim. "I was pictured as the arch criminal of a century—what else could I expect?"

However, Chapman had expected a disagreement. There had been much betting he would be found not guilty. Chapman's pale countenance hardly changed expression when the foreman of the jury, in a solemn voice, announced the verdict.

"Guilty as charged." Bats Eyes at Verdict. Chapman's eyes batted nervously. But that was all.

He folded his arms, gritted his teeth and eyed the jurors, one by one, as they passed out of the box.

25,000 MILES OF NEW ROAD PLANNED

Washington, April 4.—About 24,000 miles of highway, nearly enough to circle the earth, are scheduled for construction during 1925 by the various state highway departments, reports to the bureau of public roads show. Maintenance of 217,794 miles of road also is planned.

Approximately \$405,000,000 was reported available for construction and \$135,000,000 for maintenance by state departments, while it was estimated that counties would spend approximately \$163,000,000 for road work.

2 DEAD, 7 MISSING IN MINE ACCIDENT

By The Associated Press. Essen, Germany, April 4.—At noon today 2 of the men who were in the cage which fell early today at the Klippis mine near here, were reported to have been accounted for. Of this number, two were killed, three badly hurt, 43 were slightly injured while 15 suffered no harm. Seven of nine of the men are still missing and it is assumed they are dead.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; FOUR MEN DEAD

Jackson, Mich., April 4.—Four men are dead here today as a result of a collision between the fast Michigan Central passenger train and an automobile at Grass Lake. They are: Peter Ehrig and George W. Brighton, both of Jackson.

TEUTON-BELGIAN TREATY SIGNED

Berlin, April 4.—The great world war faded farther into the background of history when Germany and Belgium today signed a commercial treaty whereby commerce between the two nations will be resumed.

Woman in Train's Path Dies in Leap

Cozad (Neb.) Resident Jumps to Death in River When Caught on Trestle. Confused by Danger

By The Associated Press.

Austin, Minn., April 4.—Authorities of Cozad, Neb., late today identified the body of a woman who jumped from a trestle here when she was overtaken by a passenger train, as that of Kristine Jorgensen of that place.

The identification was made through a description of the woman's clothing during a long distance telephone conversation between Austin police and authorities of the Nebraska city. Two certificates of deposit found in her clothing, were also identified.

According to information received from Cozad, the woman was on her way to Alden, Minn., to visit friends and had left for the Minnesota town Friday. She arrived in Austin at 4 a. m. today and told a policeman she was going to the St. Paul, Milwaukee depot a few blocks away to take a train for Alden. Becoming confused in her directions, she started to cross the trestle and, when in the middle of the structure, was overtaken by the train and jumped to the Red Cedar river.

No instructions as to the disposition of the body has been received here and it will be held until relatives have been heard from.

Courtesy Club New Scheme of Safety Council

10,000 Members to Be Sought to Pay \$1 Fee and Observe Traffic Rules.

A "Highway Courtesy club" is being organized by the Omaha Safety Council. Members pay a fee of \$1 and sign a pledge to observe certain rules when driving and when walking.

The goal is 10,000 members. Pledges and membership cards may be obtained at the safety council headquarters, 1311 Harney street.

Many activities are planned including organization of junior safety councils in the schools, marking dangerous intersections, translating of safety material into foreign languages and distributing it among foreign people. The council is also planning a campaign of education on swimming.

"Everybody interested in the safety movement should join the Highway Courtesy club and help finance the work," said W. S. Stryker, chairman of the finance committee.

WOMAN COMPANION OF BANKER SOUGHT

Denver, Colo., April 4.—Federal officers in this district are restoring to one of the trustees of manufacturing—"Chorchez la Femme"—in an effort to recapture Coney C. Slaughter, Pueblo, Colo., bank wrecker, who escaped from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., last January 31.

Slaughter, officers believe, is traveling "somewhere" with a young woman, who has been his companion during the eight years he has been doing in the county jail to apply on my sentence, and my attorneys are doing all in their power to have my term reduced. But even if everything goes against me, I won't spend more than four years there—I will be eligible for parole then."

Dr. Cook's attorneys have prepared a pardon petition addressed to the president, seeking their client's release, and it is being widely circulated throughout this federal district.

Bass Made Gasoline Tax Administrator

New York, April 4.—Leading figures in the world music paid tribute today to Jean de Reszke, Polish tenor, who died yesterday at Nice.

"The name of Jean de Reszke," said Giulio Gatti-Casazza, director of the Metropolitan Opera company, "will remain in the history of the Lyric theater, and particularly of the Metropolitan, as that of a supreme artist, with a true personality, a great singer, a great actor, of perfect elegance and of an uncommon versatility."

Louis Hasselmann, conductor of French opera at the Metropolitan, said he had been the last. They were giants, but Jean de Reszke was king of them all."

John McCormack described the dead tenor as "the grand old man of opera."

"Take him all in all," said Mr. McCormack, "we shall not see his like again."

CUBA RAIL STRIKE TIES UP TRAFFIC

Havana, Cuba, April 4.—Traffic was almost completely tied up today on the Cuba & North Coast railroads as a result of the labor strike called on those roads several days ago.

Laborite leaders today called a general strike for next week. It is feared that all railroads on the island as well as other industries may be tied up.

TRAIN DERAILED; TWO MEN HURT

Denver, Colo., April 4.—Two men, an engineer and fireman, were injured, the former probably fatally, when Denver & Rio Grande Western passenger train No. 16, from Grand Junction to Denver, was derailed at Cog Creek, between Pueblo and Florence, Colo., early today. No passengers were injured, according to reports received by the dispatcher's office here.

Woman Twice Widowed, Six Times Divorced, Is Now Honeymooning With "True Love," No. 3 Was Favorite

One Husband Died From Natural Cause, One Killed, Three Desert.

Uranian, La., March 4.—"I know now that I have the man of my heart," smiles Mrs. Caroline Hatfield, who is honeymooning in her home in Uranian with her ninth husband. She is 35.

Her first husband died from natural causes, one was killed accidentally, three disappeared after domestic upheavals and were subsequently divorced, and three were present when she divorced them.

To her only son Mrs. Hatfield attributes her present happiness. It was this son who met Mr. Hatfield and invited him to her home. They had been working together. Hatfield accepted the invitation.

"It was love at first sight," said "Aunt Caline," as she is affectionately known in these parts. "Or rather, it was love at first sight, so far as I was concerned," she corrected. And then she added, with just a suggestion of pride, "and I believe it was mutual."

This Is Her Last. That evening Hatfield almost forgot it was time to leave. Something seemed to be holding him back. The next day Hatfield again found happiness in the companionship of "Aunt Caline." The fates worked swiftly. Hatfield told Aunt Caline of his deep interest in her. And she confessed an interest in him.

On the third day in the little church in Uranian Aunt Caline became a "Mrs." for the ninth time. And she is certain it will be her last matrimonial venture.

"For," she said, "there is nothing except death that can possibly interfere with my present happiness."

Explaining her brief courtship, she said: "I don't think it is necessary to know a person such an awful long time to love him. There is something far more powerful than the mind that tells you that happiness lies in certain paths."

Five in a Row. Aunt Caroline first went to the kitchen in her teens—back in the eighties, changing her name from Caroline Frost to Caroline McDonald. She entered upon her second matrimonial venture some months after her first husband's death, she became Mrs. Walters. Shortly after she disappeared and she secured a divorce by default. Then shortly after she became Mrs. Bronson.

Following Bronson's death Burgess, Uranian blacksmith, came awooing. And he was successful. But after a few weeks she could not bear up under the domestic strife, and she divorced him. Then along came Pamp Chevallier, her fifth husband. This marriage, too, was short-lived. It ended when Chevallier disappeared, and again she became Caroline Frost.

Eight Husband Was Luis. The eight husband was Luis, a native of Serbia. For more than two years they lived happily together. One day Luis left Uranian suddenly and disappeared. Some domestic friction preceded his disappearance, and when at the end of a long period she did not hear from him, she divorced him.

"Of my previous husbands, Mr. Bronson was the best," she says. "Oh, how good he was to me, and how happy I was with him." Then a cloud came over her as she told of the bitterness of that day when he met a tragic death in Uranian.

But the bitterness of the past has all been brushed from her memory as she looks in the love of another such husband as was Bronson, she declares.

JEAN OF RESZKE GIVEN TRIBUTES

No. 1.—The bathing season began (7) March 28 at Arnold's Park on Lake Okoboji, Ia. Descending the bathhouse steps, two young misses debonairly approached the water's edge. But ah! Old Sol had not freed the lake from winter's icy blast.

No. 2.—Gazing across the floating ice cakes, these dauntless young things spied an open space that looked like a good "swimming hole" just beyond the diving platform. So they started out, Eliza fashion, over the ice. Arriving at their destination, they took the dip without a shiver.

No. 3.—And came up smiling. Omaha and Edith Kellogg of Arnold's Park, Ia., who have held the record for early swimming at this spot for several years.

PLOT TO STEAL BUILDING FOILED

Detroit, April 4.—The "theft" of a three-story brick building was thwarted here yesterday and three men were arrested as involved in the larceny.

Carl Singer owned the building, which has not been occupied for some time. Passing the property yesterday, he observed three men industriously engaged in razing the building. The men told him they were employed by a nearby wrecking company, which denied all knowledge of the work.

Police arrested Andrew Choba, 50, Stanley K. Krtmarsky, 30, and Albert Rudinsky, 32. The first two were charged with grand larceny and the third with receiving stolen property, as he was carrying away the bricks as the others tore them from the building.

The roof had been removed and one wall torn down when Singer stopped the wrecking.

MUSSOLINI MADE MINISTER OF WAR

Rome, April 4.—Premier Mussolini was appointed by King Victor Emmanuel today as war minister and in turn following the resignation of War Minister DiGiorgio, whose army reform bill was withdrawn from the senate yesterday by Mussolini.

It was said that Mussolini also may take over the aviation and navy portfolios. This would make the fascist cabinet a one-man affair.

Lieutenant Wood Makes \$357.50 on Realty Deal

Tampa, Fla., April 4.—Osborne C. Wood, realty salesman for D. P. Davis, sold his first lot today to Mrs. Robert G. Hastings of New York. The purchase price was \$7,150. Wood's commissions amounted to \$357.50.

Both Legs Are Cut Off at Knees

Youngster Later Succumbs From Loss of Blood and Exposure; Suffers Half Hour Before Found.



Baby Sister Critically Ill. "Oh, please shoot me," was the plea of John Dougherty, 14, when police arrived to take him to the hospital after he had been run over by a train at Forty-seventh and Harney streets Saturday afternoon.

"Don't let my folks know I tried to hop a ride on a train. 'Put me out of my misery, please, oh, please. I don't want to live.' Dies in Hospital.

Although Officer John Schwager, who answered the emergency call when the lad was found lying beside the tracks, turned a deaf ear to the cry and hurried the boy to surgical attention at Lord Lister hospital, the youngster's wish came true a few hours later when he died from exposure and loss of blood.

John and seven other boys, according to neighbors in the vicinity of the accident, had been playing in the neighborhood and apparently attempted to board a Missouri Pacific freight train.

Blind in Right Eye. John has been blind in the right eye for several years, and this caused him to lose his balance as he tried to swing aboard. He fell beneath the wheels of one of the rear cars of a long train.

Both his legs were cut off at the knees. He lay, bleeding and writhing in agony for probably 20 minutes, police estimates, before workmen heard his cries, ran to his aid and summoned the police emergency car.

Baby Sister Ill. The train did not stop, residents in the neighborhood said, apparently because none of the trainmen was aware the cars had run over any one.

John was a pupil in the fifth grade at Franklin school. He is the son of John Dougherty, 2111 Charles street, foreman at the Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company.

The foreboding form of ill-fortune frequently has darkened the doorway of the Dougherty home. Four or five years ago John was struck and seriously injured by an automobile truck. His brother William, 12, was not to be led in another ward at the hospital Saturday when he went to see his crippled brother. He was suffering from a high fever.

At the family home, Mary Ann, 2, lies ill with double pneumonia. Physicians say she has just about an even chance to live. When a year old Mary Ann toddled into the street near her home one day and was hit by an automobile. Her leg was broken.

SLAYER RUSHED TO PENITENTIARY

Phoenix, Ariz., April 4.—Fearing that he would make an attempt to escape, officers late today rushed Will Lawrence, Oklahoma and Texas outlaw, to the state penitentiary, where he will be hanged June 12 for the murder of a Phoenix policeman.

Ever since Lawrence was taken into custody here, the officers have feared that he would make a break for freedom, they said, and lost no time in starting him for the prison, which is at Florence, 30 miles away.

The prisoner's aged mother was not informed that her son was going to be taken to the penitentiary, and she was not given a chance to tell him goodbye. She broke out in hysterical sobbing when told that her son had been taken away and now refuses to leave the county jail for fear that her younger son, Babe, will be spirited away in the same fashion.

Rabe is being held for Texas officials and will face a charge of murder in Fort Worth.

MOTHER AND CHILD DIE IN SAME DAY

Denver, Colo., April 4.—While Thomas L. Irwin today was with the bedside of his wife in a hospital, he received word that his daughter, Bertha Elizabeth, four, was dying of influenza at the Children's hospital.

Hurrying to the Children's hospital, he found the child dead. There he was called on the telephone and informed that his wife was dead.

Mother and daughter will be buried in the same grave in a local cemetery tomorrow.

SHOWMEN LEAGUE MEETING HELD UP

Chicago, April 4.—Picked officers from the detective bureau today were on the trail of six bandits who last night raided a meeting of the Showmen's League of America, in a loop hall, a block from the detective bureau and central police station, held up 40 men and escaped with money and jewelry estimated at \$25,000.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., April 4, 1925. Relative humidity, percentage: T. a. m. 75, noon 54, 7 p. m. 55. Precipitation, inches: Jan. 1, 2.17; Feb. 1, 0.00; March 1, 0.00.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m., 4 p. m., 5 p. m., 6 p. m., 7 p. m., 8 p. m., 9 p. m., 10 p. m., 11 p. m., 12 noon.