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Woman Murderer Pays Final Penalty

REDUCTION OF LAND ARMIES SAID TO BE PLAN LLOYD GEORGE

French Bluebeard Guillotined today Steeped in Crime

VERSAILLES, Feb. 25 .- Henri Landru, the Bluebeard of France, who was recently convicted of the murder of thirteen women and a boy, walked unconcernedly to the guillotine at early dawn this morning and was executed for the crime.

Henri Desire Landru, "the Bluebeard of Gambais," was arrested on April 4, 1919, on eleven counts of murder growing out of the disappearance of a boy and ten women to whom he had promised marriage. The charmer of 283 women of all ages from 20 to 60, many of them foolish and wealthy widows, was born in Paris in 1868. He was a mech-

Versailles Assizes and ended the member of the Paris bar.

following November 30, he par-, This suggestion is advanced

Recruiting Agent.

be surprised at their long ab-

sence. He took a lonely villa as

anical engineer and had been missing women. A few bones well educated. were unearthed as well as some Landru had previously engag- hair but not enough to form a ed the attention of the police corpus delicti. The Bluebeard. through his swindling operations according to the police, killed his for which he was sentenced to victims and incinerated the prison for a term of four years, bodies in a cook stove. grown children. He was a dark- PARIS, Feb. 25.—The idea that EXPORTS AND visaged, man, with shining hald it visaged man with shining bald Henri D. Landru, may have been head and long, black whiskers a master spy who employed as and during the progress of his his agents the ten women he rial for murder which began was convicted of murdering has November 7, 1921, before the been advanced by Henri Javad, a

defense. Lack of Proof.

The backbone of his defense Landru's trial. The absence of was that there was an absolute this evidence caused a feeling lack of proof that the "missing" of uncertainty among most women were dead. The legal Parisiens in regard to this mysaccusations against him was terious case and numerous atcomprised in 50,000 pages of tempts were made to solve the evidence which required three mystery on some other basis hours to read in court. About than murder. 25 witnesses appeared for the Developing his theory, Maitre prosecution and defense. A Javal said: large quantity of charred bones "Eleven persons, ten fiancees and ashes, alleged to be the and the son of one of them, remains of Landru's victims was have disappeared. Landru alone rought to Versailles in five, knew what had become of them, sealed cases as well as many and he said nothing. By his of the personal belongings found silence he put his head at stake. in the little villa at Gambais This could mean only that the where the modern Bluebeard lur- truth, were it known, would be ed his fiancees to death. as fatal for him. But the whole

Landru's motive in commit- affair takes on another com- WILL ing the murders was the sordid plexion if we imagine, for the one of robbing the women of sake of argument, that his vicheir meager savings. The po-tims were his accomplices in lice proved that he rented the crime, and that crime espionage. cottage at Gambais, a few miles from Paris, advertised in various matrimonial papers and enticed his victims to the villa where all trace of them was lost.

After his arrest, the house was ransacked and practically demolished by the police in an effort to find the remains of the

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- A statement has been made by the Secrelary of the Admiralty that the haval estimates for 1922-23 will under sixty-one million pounds, sterling, as against more than eighty-two million pounds, sterling, for the current year. victims with great difficulty and This is in line with the British general policy of retrenchment

CRISIS IN ICELAND talelelelelelelelelelelelele Cabinet Resigns Over Folicy of Prohibition Enforcement.

abolishing prohibition. spies.

SURPRISE DELEGATES AT GENOA

French Newspaper Says Land Disarmament Is Plan of Lloyd George.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Land disarmament is said by Le Temps to be a surprise which it is reported Lloyd George ported that he will propose the reductions personally or get another British delegate to make the suggestion.

The chief opposition to army reduction comes from this country, which has no confidence in Germany and which is the chief sufferer in case of trouble arising.

IMPORTS DROP

Serious Decreases Shown For Year Ending January Last.

licipated dramatically in his own in an effort to account for the fact that no direct evidence of exports during the twelve months . the murders was brought out at ended January 1922 show a decrease of more than 480 million . dollars as compared with the exports for the previous twelvel. months, which in turn decreased by more than 500 millions from totals of the twelve months ending January 1920, according to the trade department figures. The total imports for home consumption fell off by over 525 millions during the twelve months just ended compared with the previous year.

The imports for 1921 wer \$778,702,513 and exports for the the new minister in his same period totalled \$781,858;- wown constituency.

REPRESENT B. C. GOVERNMENT AT KEEN FUNERAL

VICTORIA, Feb. 25,-The gov-"Let us suppose," he continues, "that during the war Landru was ernment is to be represented at a German spy-recruiting agent, the funeral of the late John Keen, He preferred to work through clerk of the legislature and forwomen. At once this expains his mer speaker. Because of the Employers Threaten to Take rope of pearls. meetings, sometimes five in the sickness of three ministers. same day, with hundreds of Charles Nelson, former Liberal women, of whom he chose only member for Slocan, has been delea few, and those few without gated to represent the governfriends or relatives who might ment.

POPULATION 8,769,489.

far from other habitations as possible where he could receive identity papers for them, keep- total population of Canada to be the workers have shown a ready circulation in this country and the incident. ing their own, and sent them 8,769.489. British Columbia is disposition to confer with the em- United States that the Queen forth on their missions of trea- unchanged from Friday's an- ployers. son. Arrested, Landru said nouncement.

nothing, and his "victims" nat-"Can you imagine, by any othe, hypothesis," Maitre Javal conurally did not break the silence. CININI cludes, "why so careful, calculating a criminal as .Landru should burn the bodies of his

yet neglect to throw into the all- In Conference With British Cab- France and England Played to consuming flames such damag- | Inet Over Latest Proposal.

ing evidence as their identity pa-"And does not this theory ex- Griffith and other prominent defeated Ireland by three points plain why he should keep such members of the South Ireland in an international Rugby game an incriminating document as the provisional government are here today. diary, in which reference to his today to discuss with the Brit- France and England played a LONDON, Feb. 25.—There is a victims was made by initals other ish cabinet the recent agreement drawn game, eleven points each, crisis in Iceland over the policy than their own? He needed their reached by the Sinn Fein Nation- in another international match of prohibition enforcement. The identity papers and the entries al Convention in Dublin, to post- under Rugby rules. cabinet has resigned and their in his diary to show to those who pone for three months the elecsuccessors will adopt a policy of employed him as a recruiter of tion of parliament for the Free Mrs. G. Van Hess returned State.

ELECTRICAL WIZARD NOW 75 YEARS YOUNG.



Thomas A. Edison celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday by working part of the day in his West Orange factory and devoted the remainder of his time with old associates and employees.

* INDUSTRIAL QUESTION

employment on insurance.

ROPE OF PEARLS FOR

Guides' Association.

PRINCESS MARY IS THE

LONDON, Feb. 25.— The sum

ments that this might result in

the postponement of Princess

Mary's wedding are without foun-

IN MINERS' STRIKE

CRITICAL CONDITION

dation in fact.

lin prospect.

WILL BE DISCUSSED

MANSON ELECTED IN OMINECA TODAY BY ACCLAMATION +

Word was received in the city late this after- * noon that Hon. Alex. M. Manson, attorney-general, * · was elected by acclamation today. In spite of the ef-+ forts of the leader of the · opposition no candidate + could be found with suf-+ ficient hardihood to face

Action on March 11 Unless Terms Arrived At.

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- While the seriousness of the dispute in the engineering industry throughout OUEEN ALEXANDRA England and Scotland caused by a threatened lockout on March 11 OTTAWA. Feb. 25 .- Revised should not be minimized, there is

> by the employers to involve the good health, and the report of her general industry of the whole illness coupled with the statecountry.

SCOTLAND DEFEATED IRELAND AT RUGBY

Draw in International Games.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Arthur LONDON, Feb. 25.—Scotland

Terrace this morning.

CANADIAN LADIES GIVE PRINCESS MARY WEDDING PRESENTS

Wives of Agents-General and 50 Other Canadian Women in London Make Presentation.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Princess Mary has accepted as wedding gifts a china tea service, which is a reproduction of an old Worces-Kingdom.

SHOOTING NOT ALL STOPPED AT BELFAST

IN GREAT BRITAIN BELFAST, Feb. 25. One Prot-LONDON, Feb. 25 .- The min- estant and one Catholic were shot ister of labor is circularizing the here yesterday. A commercial employers' associations and trade traveller named Burns was shot unions throughout the country in County Donegal. Religion un- be near Skeena City and the

asking for recommendations in stated. A bomb was thrown into a class regard to schemes for carrying out the Geddes committee sugges- for Ulster constables, three of fion to make industries bear the whom were wounded.

cost instead of placing the re-LORD BEAVERBROOK sponsibility of looking after un-SOLD NEWSPAPERS

LONDON, Feb. 25. Lord Bea-PLAN OF OTHER MARYS verbrook, in an afterdinner speech last night recalling experiences as a newspaper proprietor, re-28000 has been received by the called the first farthing he ever made was selling one-cent papers central committee of the Marys of the British Empire toward the in Newcastle, New Brunswick.

gift to Princess Mary, which probably will take the form of a SHOTS WERE FIRED AT PRINCE OF WALES Princess Mary favors the giving of the money to the Girl

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- Shots were fired on several members of the house and has been identified as Prince of Wales' party when part of that missing yesterday. NOT ILL AS REPORTED motoring in the Punjab. No one Following the discovery yesterday. was hit and no arrests have yet that 13 cases of liquor was misthem. There he fabricated false figures of the census shows the a satifactory note in the fact that LONDON, Feb. 25.—Reports in been made in connection with the sing, a search was instituted

The present issue is declared true. On the contrary she is in QUEBEC LADY DIES AT 105 YEARS OF AGE

STE. AGATHE, Feb. 25.-Madame Jean Baptiste Dufresne showed me an empty case which is dead here at the age of 105 he had found. I told him to run years and 6 months.

INTENSE COLD

Severe Weather Still Has Newfoundland Railways Tied Up.

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- A critical ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Feb. 25. condition again prevails in con- Owing to the long period of innection with the strike of miners tense cold weather, the railroad in and about Johannesburg. system of Newfoundland, which There have been many cases of suspended service a week ago, is -W. A. Patchell, with a record of intimidation and evidences indi-still tied up completely and it will 32 years of sérvice in the British to cate that further trouble may be be another week probably before Columbia pentitentiary, has been a wheel turns on the system.

Duelling is Prevalent Among Aristocrats of Rome: Pope Takes Action

TORONTO, Feb. 25 .- The Mail and Empire has received a cable from Rome which says that a mad wave of duelling of a fury unknown for decades past is sweeping the ranks of the Roman aristocrats. The clash of sabres has mounted into such a deafening chorus of hate that even the sacred walls of the Vatican have been penetrated. The new Pope Pius XI is said to have raised his voice in protest, admonishing the members of the aristocracy to respect the laws prohibiting duelling.

EXAMINING A CROSSING FOR POWER CABLE

Engineer and Manager for Putp and Paper Co. Are Investi-

H. P. Crowell, resident enginter example in the Trapnell col- eer for the Prince Rupert Pulp lection consisting of 84 pieces, and Paper Company accompanied and also a leather screen from by E. F. Duby, local manager, the wives of the Canadian agents- left on the train this morning for general and fifty other Canadian Skeena City where they will inladies resident in the United vestigate the winter conditions in connection with the proposed high power cable across the river to bring power from which ever waterpower source is chosen

in that neighborhood. There are three possible power sources there, Brown's River and Falls River, both on the Eestall River and Khtada, which flows into the Skeena. In any case the cable crossing would ice flow in the river would affect

The Prince Rupert Pulp and Paper Company has examined each of these waterpowers and they favor the one at Brown's

AT ONE CENT EACH FIVE CASES DISCOVERED

Part of Thirteen Cases Reported Yesterday Stolen From Warehouse.

Part of the whiskey stolen MOTOR PARTY, INDIA from the bonded warehouse of Olier Besner on First Avenue, has been recovered. It was found not far from the wareand the police set about trying to secure the thief. Telling of the finding of the liquor, Chief Vickers said this morning:

Found By Boy.

"After going to lunch yesterday, a little boy, who knew that the robbery had been committed, along and see if he could locate any more, which the little fellow did, and subsequently we found five cases of "Sandy Macdonald" within a hundred feet of my new residence. No arrests have been made to date but we are hot on the trail.'

WARDEN AT PEN.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 25. appointed warden.