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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 mechanical engineer and had been well educated.

Landru had previously engaged the attention of the police through his swindling operations for which he was sentenced to prison for a term of four years. He was married and had two grown children. He was a dark-visaged man with shining bald head and long, black whiskers and during the progress of his trial for murder which began November 7, 1921, before the Versailles Assizes and ended the following November 30, he participated dramatically in his own defense.

Lack of Proof.
The backbone of his defense was that there was an absolute lack of proof that the "missing" women were dead. The legal accusations against him was comprised in 50,000 pages of evidence which required three hours to read in court. About 125 witnesses appeared for the prosecution and defense. A large quantity of charred bones and ashes, alleged to be the remains of Landru's victims was brought to Versailles in five sealed cases as well as many of the personal belongings found in the little villa at Gambais where the modern Bluebeard lured his fiancées to death.

Landru's motive in committing the murders was the sordid one of robbing the women of their meager savings. The police proved that he rented the 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

OVER TWENTY MILLION DROP NAVAL UPKEEP

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A statement has been made by the Secretary of the Admiralty that the naval estimates for 1922-23 will be under sixty-one million pounds, sterling, as against more than eighty-two million pounds, sterling, for the current year.

This is in line with the British general policy of retrenchment.

CRISIS IN ICELAND
Cabinet Resigns Over Policy of Prohibition Enforcement.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—There is a crisis in Iceland over the policy of prohibition enforcement. The cabinet has resigned and their successors will adopt a policy of abolishing prohibition.

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 intends to spring at the Genoa conference. It is reported 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.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DROP

Serious Decreases Shown For Year Ending January Last.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Canadian exports during the twelve months ended January 1922 show a decrease of more than 480 million dollars as compared with the exports for the previous twelve 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 were \$778,702,513 and exports for the same period totalled \$781,858,107.

WILL REPRESENT B. C. GOVERNMENT AT KEEN FUNERAL

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—The government is to be represented at the funeral of the late John Keen, clerk of the legislature and former speaker. Because of the sickness of three ministers, Charles Nelson, former Liberal member for Skeena, has been delegated to represent the government.

POPULATION 8,769,439.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Revised figures of the census shows the total population of Canada to be 8,769,439. British Columbia is unchanged from Friday's announcement.

SINN FEINERS VISIT LONDON

In Conference With British Cabinet Over Latest Proposal.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Arthur Griffith and other prominent members of the South Ireland provisional government are here today to discuss with the British cabinet the recent agreement reached by the Sinn Fein National Convention in Dublin, to postpone for three months the election of parliament for the Free 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.

MANSON ELECTED IN OMINECA TODAY BY ACCLAMATION

Word was received in the city late this afternoon that Hon. Alex. M. Manson, attorney-general, was elected by acclamation today. In spite of the efforts of the leader of the opposition no candidate could be found with sufficient hardihood to face the new minister in his own constituency.

ROPE OF PEARLS FOR PRINCESS MARY IS THE PLAN OF OTHER MARYS

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The sum of £8000 has been received by the central committee of the Marys of the British Empire toward the gift to Princess Mary, which probably will take the form of a rope of pearls.

Princess Mary favors the giving of the money to the Girl Guides' Association.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA NOT ILL AS REPORTED

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Reports in circulation in this country and the United States that the Queen Mother Alexandra is ill are untrue. On the contrary she is in good health, and the report of her illness coupled with the statements that this might result in the postponement of Princess Mary's wedding are without foundation in fact.

SCOTLAND DEFEATED IRELAND AT RUGBY

France and England Played to Draw in International Games.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Scotland defeated Ireland by three points in an international Rugby game today.

France and England played a drawn game, eleven points each, in another international match under Rugby rules.

Mrs. G. Van Hess returned to Terrace this morning.

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.

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 Worcester example in the Trapnell collection consisting of 84 pieces, and also a leather screen from the wives of the Canadian agents-general and fifty other Canadian ladies resident in the United Kingdom.

SHOOTING NOT ALL STOPPED AT BELFAST

BELFAST, Feb. 25.—One Protestant and one Catholic were shot here yesterday. A commercial traveller named Burns was shot in County Donegal. Religion un-stated.

A bomb was thrown into a class for Ulster constables, three of whom were wounded.

LORD BEAVERBROOK SOLD NEWSPAPERS AT ONE CENT EACH

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Lord Beaverbrook, in an afterdinner speech last night recalling experiences as a newspaper proprietor, recalled the first farthing he ever made was selling one-cent papers in Newcastle, New Brunswick.

SHOTS WERE FIRED AT PRINCE OF WALES MOTOR PARTY, INDIA

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Shots were fired on several members of the Prince of Wales' party when motoring in the Punjab. No one was hit and no arrests have yet been made in connection with the incident.

QUEBEC LADY DIES AT 105 YEARS OF AGE

ST. AGATHE, Feb. 25.—Madame Jean Baptiste Dufresne is dead here at the age of 105 years and 6 months.

INTENSE COLD

Severe Weather Still Has Newfoundland Railways Tied Up.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Feb. 25.—Owing to the long period of intense cold weather, the railroad system of Newfoundland, which suspended service a week ago, is still tied up completely and it will be another week probably before a wheel turns on the system.

EXAMINING A CROSSING FOR POWER CABLE

Engineer and Manager for Pulp and Paper Co. Are Investigating.

H. P. Crowell, resident engineer for the Prince Rupert Pulp and Paper Company accompanied by E. F. Duby, local manager, left on the train this morning for Skeena City where they will investigate 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 Estabill River and Khtada, which flows into the Skeena. In any case the cable crossing would be near Skeena City and the ice flow in the river would affect it.

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

FIVE CASES OF WHISKY DISCOVERED

Part of Thirteen Cases Reported Yesterday Stolen From Warehouse.

Part of the whiskey stolen from the bonded warehouse of Olier Besner on First Avenue, has been recovered. It was found not far from the warehouse and has been identified as part of that missing yesterday, following the discovery yesterday that 13 cases of liquor was missing, a search was instituted and 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, showed me an empty case which he had found. I told him to run 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.—W. A. Patchell, with a record of 32 years of service in the British Columbia penitentiary, has been appointed warden.