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## The U. S. is Now Dominant In World Communications

The Matter is Now Under Discussion at the World Conference on Cables and Wireless—Telephone System of Spain is Controlled by the United States—Also Holds a Large Interest in the Canadian Marconi Company.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Feb. 14—It is understood that the dominant position of the United States in world communications is a matter now under discussion at the imperial conference on cables and wireless.

America controls the whole telephone system of Spain, and is also supporting the local companies in the Argentine and Spain for the establishment of wireless, telephone and telegraph communication between those countries. She is likewise operating in Japan, Germany and France.

Moreover, it is known that America holds a large interest in the Canadian Marconi Company and one of the problems before the conference is to coordinate the empire's wireless and cable resources to meet American competition.

One of the ideas for the solution of the problem is to place all the empire's wireless and cable facilities in commercial hands under government control.

### DEMERCHANT ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGE

Was Remanded for Three Days and Will be Further Remanded For One Week.

Perth, N. B., Feb. 13—Arthur DeMerchant this morning appeared before Police Magistrate N. A. Hanson on the charge of murder of Edward E. Armstrong, whose body was found at South Perth in the stable on his farm, December 31. Armstrong's skull had been crushed, death probably occurring at once.

Police Magistrate Hanson gave DeMerchant a remand for three days. When he comes up again a further remand for a week will be requested by the Crown.

DeMerchant had been arrested Sunday night at his home some eight miles from here, the New Brunswick provincial police making the arrest in connection with the murder. This morning in the police court the charge of murder was definitely laid. The accused appeared to be considerably affected. He was not represented by counsel.

Commissioner E. C. P. Salt, head of provincial police who has been here a day or two, was in court when the charge was laid. The provincial police express confidence that the evidence in their hands, in regard to DeMerchant is positive and sufficient.

Charged with Murder

The arrest is the climax to an investigation continuously carried on by the police since the murder and extending throughout the lower part of Victoria county and as far as Carleton Place, Me.

Through the efforts of the police several important admissions have been extracted from the accused man which lend great weight to the case against him. Another suspect, Eddie Donnelly, was detained lately but was released.

Admits Entering House

DeMerchant has admitted stealing goods from Armstrong's house on the night the latter was supposed to have been killed, but denies any knowledge of the death.

The police, it is understood, have considerable evidence against DeMerchant which they refuse to divulge.

### MR. MARCIL TO WITHDRAW HIS MOTION

Says New Facts Have Come to His Knowledge Regarding the Mexican Situation.

Ottawa, Feb. 13—Hon. Charles Marcil intends to withdraw his House motion that Canada discontinue relations with Mexico until "the policy of persecution adopted against Roman Catholics in Mexico has been stopped." The motion also asked for recall of L. Medina Barron, Mexican consul in Toronto on account of Mr. Barron's false and insulting statements regarding the Roman Catholic Church. It further regretted the "recent visit of Sir Henry Thornton to Mexico."

In a statement to the Canadian Press this afternoon, Mr. Marcil said: "When I gave notice of my motion on the Mexican situation my whole-hearted sympathies went to the Mexican people, as they do now, in their sad predicament. I have nothing to take back or retract from what I have said in my letter of protest to the press on the statement made by the Mexican counsel or in my motion. But since that time new facts have come to my knowledge and a new situation has developed."

### STATEMENT ON THE C. N. R. DEBT IS GIVEN OUT

Ottawa, Feb. 13—A statement tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon shows the debt of the Canadian National Railways on December 31, 1926, at \$2,161,046,866. The total is made up as follows: funded debt, unamortized, of \$935,383,109; Dominion of Canada account, \$594,300,369; unpaid interest, \$193,951,336; and appropriations account of the Canadian Government railways of \$437,412,032.

"All government loans to the railways are treated in the public accounts as non-active assets, and no deduction is made from the Dominion debt in respect thereof," the statement declared.

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HICKMAN WILL  
HANG ON FRIDAY  
APRIL 27TH  
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Courtroom, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Feb. 14—William Edward Hickman today was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, April 27th, for the murder of Marian Parker, twelve year old Los Angeles school girl.  
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### CONDITION OF LORD OXFORD IS CRITICAL

All Hope for the Recovery of the War Time Time Premier Has Been Abandoned.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Sutton Courtney, Eng., Feb. 14—Relatives at the bedside of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith today abandoned hope for his recovery.

"It is only a question of time," Sir Maurice Bonham-Carter, Lord Oxford's son-in-law, said. "Although there is no change we have given up hope." His family physician, who visited him for a brief time shortly after 9 a. m. told the press he was virtually without hope for the patient's recovery.

A bulletin issued at 12.30 p. m. announced that Lord Oxford had become weaker and still was sinking.

Lady Oxford, worn out, after 48 hours at Lord Oxford's bedside which she left only for meals, refused to rest.

Lord Oxford has not been able to take nourishment for some time.

### MR. SINCLAIR IMPROVING

Chatham, Feb. 14—That E. Hubert Sinclair, of Newcastle, who more than two weeks ago sustained severe injuries to the muscles of his back while moving a trunk in his winter home in Ottawa, was progressing favorably toward an early recovery in an Ottawa hospital, where he is a patient, was the report given out at the home of William Sinclair today. It is expected that Mr. Sinclair will be confined to the hospital for another two weeks at least.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair left yesterday for California, where they will remain for the rest of the winter.

### THE GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR RETURNS HOME

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13—Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh landed safely at Lambert's Field here, this afternoon at 5.01 o'clock.

Lindbergh completed a 1,200-mile non-stop flight from Havana, Cuba. His arrival was delayed by adverse weather along the route.

He appeared above the field at 4.56 p.m., circled four times, flying low, and made a perfect landing in front of the National Guard hangar amid the cheers of a crowd of approximately 800 which had gathered to welcome him.

The flyer stepped out of his cabin, smiled in his usual manner, posed for flashlight photographs and was immediately taken in an automobile to the home of H. F. Knight.

### CONFESSES TO THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE

Former U. S. Army Officer Was Trailed to Philadelphia.

### KILLED WIFE IN N. Y. HOTEL

Claims That Death Pact Was Responsible for the Crime.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14—A confession by Cecil Clyde Campbell, a former major in the American army, that he killed his wife with a hammer in the Grand Hotel in New York eight days ago was in the hands of detectives here today. Arrested by New York detectives who had trailed him here Campbell admitted he was the murderer of the forty year old woman whose body was found in bed by a maid, the head crushed in by the blows of a shiny new ten cent hammer which lay nearby.

A death pact was responsible for the slaying, Campbell told detectives. After killing her he was to have committed suicide by jumping from the window of the hotel he said but decided to wait until he "had paid off some debts."

### C.P.R. DECLARED THE REGULAR DIVIDEND

Montreal, Feb. 3—At a meeting of directors, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, today, the following dividends were declared:

On preference stock, 2 per cent for half year ended Dec. 31 last.

On common stock 2½ per cent for quarter ended Dec. 31 last, from railway revenues and special income.

Both dividends payable March 31, next to shareholders of record 3p. m. March 1.

### THE N. S. HOUSE OPENED TODAY

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 14—With the usual pomp and ceremony the third session of the thirty-eighth Legislature of Nova Scotia, was opened this afternoon by His Honor the Lieut. Governor. A salute of fifteen guns was fired from the citadel. The members of both Houses assembled in the Legislative Council Chamber where His Honor read the speech from the throne. The address in reply was moved by Mr. McKenzie of Annapolis and seconded by Mr. Ancoine of Inverness. The vacancies in the House caused by the resignation of Frank J. D. Barnum in Queens and Hon J. C. Douglas in Cape Breton have not been filled.

Funeral at Marysville

The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry M. Hanson, of Marysville, who died on Monday morning, took place this afternoon from the late home and was largely attended, by friends and relatives. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. MacPherson assisted by Rev. J. M. Rice. Favorite hymns of the deceased were sung by members of the Baptist choir after which the funeral service of the Pythian sisters was conducted by Mrs. Jacob Pine. Following were the pallbearers: William Cameron, Fred Collings, John Stephenson, Hugh Gallely, Ritchie Gorman and Henry Pickard. Following is the list of mourners: Henry M. Hanson, Israel Grasse, Miles White, Ralph Hanson, Harry Hurder, Harold and Percy Morgan, Melbourne White, George Hanson, John Hanson, Claude Simms, John Pickard, Chesley Pickard, Elbridge Harrison. A large number of floral tributes were sent in by sympathizing friends. Interment was made at the Baptist Cemetery.

## President Coolidge Willing to Curtail His Naval Program

Has Notified the House Naval Affairs Committee That He Will Be Satisfied With a Considerable Reduction—Size of Program Had Called Forth Many Protests.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14—President Coolidge has sent word indirectly to the House Naval Affairs Committee that he will be satisfied with a considerable reduction in the proposed naval building program, whose size has aroused so much protest, it was learned today.

The committee was informed the president would insist only upon the twenty-five new 10,000 ton cruisers proposed and is willing to drop at this time the rest of the program which consists of thirty two submarines, nine destroyer leaders and five aircraft carriers.

### PLEASED OVER SAFE ARRIVAL OF LINDY

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14—Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh began another day of chemistry instruction at Cass High School here today, content in the knowledge that her son Charles, was safe after another conquest of the air.

During Lindbergh's flight from Havana to St. Louis yesterday Mrs. Lindbergh went quietly about her work.

At the close of her afternoon classes she went to the home of her brother to receive news bulletins of her son's progress.

When she was informed that he had arrived safely, her only comment was "that's fine."

### SPUD PRICES ADVANCE IN AROOSTOOK

Presque Isle, Me., Feb. 13—Aroostook potatoes hit the \$3 a barrel mark today for the first time this season, although it is said that buyers have been making offers at that figure for several days, with no sales of any account reported. The growers, who have large stocks on hand, are apparently not satisfied with that price. Shipments from storage hold up around 200 carloads a day.

In Dry Halifax.

Halifax Chronicle: Six drunks, one a woman, were taken into custody over the week-end by police, when a sudden wet wave seemed to sweep Water street district. Police were at a loss to explain the sudden abundance of liquor which caused the inebriation of such an unusually large number of down town residents. Most of the arrests were made Saturday night, although the woman in question was taken in last evening.

Hockey Tonight.

The Devon Tigers, winners of the first section of the York County League, will battle with the Fredericton Intermediate team this evening in a County League fixture at the Arctic Rink in the first half of a double bill. In the second contest the University squad leaders in the Intercollegiate league will exchange puckers with the Marysville sextet, tailenders in the loop, but who however always put up a game battle to all contenders. The fans will see some good hockey in both clashes.

### WILL TRY TO SAVE LIFE OF MRS. McDONALD

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 13—A fight to save Mrs. Doris Palmer McDonald, Oklahoma City girl, from the gallows at Quebec on an insanity defense was planned today by relatives of the girl here.

Mrs. McDonald and her husband were convicted of the murder of a taxi-cab driver.

Dr. Frances P. Palmer, foster-mother of the girl, said she was sure Mrs. McDonald was insane. She said she was awaiting financial aid from relatives in Pennsylvania before taking up the fight.

Dr. Palmer said the girl left Oklahoma City three years ago after she married Kenneth Allen of New York, whom she met one evening and married the next.

The foster-mother claimed that the girl lost her mind when she bore a child. Her marriage to Allen was then annulled, the girl later marrying McDonald, a sailor.

"I adopted Julia when she was 14 months old and she lived with me until her marriage with Kenneth Allen, of New York, three years ago. She was but 17 then."

### IMMORAL PERIODICALS ARE SEIZED

Ottawa, Feb. 13—Members of the cabinet gave information of a variety of subjects at question time in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The Postmaster-General stated that efforts were being made to negotiate lower postal rates between Canada and France but that the necessity of the French government considering the postal service as a source of revenue was a handicap.

The Postoffice Department paid out \$7,324,546 for the carriage of mails on railways during past fiscal year, the amount being divided as follows, Canadian Pacific \$3,070,530, Canadian National Railways \$3,169,609, other railways \$484,405.

In answer to a question as to what steps were being taken to prevent undesirable publications from entering Canada, it was stated that collectors or other customs officers seize "goods which are obviously immoral or indecent" and that in other cases reference is made to the Department where if the publications are found to be "treasonable, seditious, immoral or indecent," they are prohibited.

Add smiles: As entertaining as the other side of the phonograph record.