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WEATHER
Strong southeast winds, rain and some fog today; Wednesday, strong westerly winds, cloudy and cool.

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Battered Hat and Torn Shirt Clue to Hollywood Slayings

Slayings Following Stag Dinner Party at Bachelor Apartments in the Coast Movie Colony.

HOLLYWOOD, April 30—A battered hat and tattered remnants of a shirt tonight offered the sole clues which could lead to the solution of two deaths by shooting following a bachelor dinner party in the movie colony.

These clues were left by a "large blond" man who was a terror-stricken witness and who escaped by leaping through a window, and dashing through bushes.

Another man, believed to have been shot by mistake in a nearby apartment is dying.

Pal Wharton, 25, also known as Paul Ivar, costume designer for Jean Harlow, and other film notables, host at the tragic party, was first killed. He died in the luxurious apartment maintained for him by his foster-mother when William M. Howard, ex-naval ensign, one of his own guests, fired three shots into his body.

Howard leaped 20 feet from a window and escaped, to be followed in a few moments by the other missing "large blond." It was his hat and torn shreds of his shirt which police found on bushes outside the window.

Shot By Mistake

Hours later, Prof. Henry Bolte of the University of California, was shot twice in the spine as he inserted a key in his apartment door on returning from a party. The shots were fired by Howard Wharton's slayer. Police believe the ex-naval officer mistook Prof. Bolte for the missing "large blond," sole witness of Wharton's death and fired at him to still his lips.

Apparently realizing his mistake, Howard then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Wharton, the dead dress designer, was a well-known figure in film circles. In addition to designing gowns for Miss Harlow he had drawn creations for Constance Bennett, Aimee Semple McPherson and other celebrities.

It was through the latter he met Mrs. Wharton and moved into her apartment. She later adopted him. She is paralyzed and was lying helpless in an adjoining room when the first tragedy occurred.

Recognizes a Voice

Mrs. Wharton told police her foster son entertained two men at dinner. She did not see the guests but she heard scraps of conversation, she said, and declared she recognized the voice of one as a man known to her only as "Billie," a former chauffeur.

After she heard the three shots which ended Wharton's life, the paralysis-stricken woman, by a superhuman effort succeeded in reaching the death scene. She saw a stranger in the apartment hallway and in answer to her demand that he identify himself, the man, described as "a large blond," gazed after crying: "I'm one of Paul's friends."

As she reached the side of her dying foster son—it was the first time she had walked since stricken with paralysis—Wharton was vainly attempting to drag himself to a telephone, gasping, "Office, office!"

Dies in Her Arms

Shot three times, he died just as Mrs. Wharton cradled his head in her arms.

In linking Howard with the killing of Wharton as well as the attempt on Bolte's life, police said a small roadster, similar to one which was seen racing from the Wharton apartment shortly after the killing, was found parked in the shadowed street near where Howard ended his own life.

A neighbor in the Wharton apart-

The Franco-Russian Treaty

The French are, after all, a cautious people. They know what they want; but they also are careful to ask the price, to see whether they are getting a bargain.

The Franco-Russian defensive treaty has hit a snag because of conservative French second thought. It would be wonderful to have Russian assistance if Germany made war on France, for the French are convinced that they will never attack Germany. But suppose an alliance is made, and in some way Russia goes Germany into making the first offensive move. In that case an alliance obligating France to go to war would not be so good.

French second thought finds the western side of Germany comparatively quiet, now that the Saar has been restored to Germany. But on the eastern side there are plenty of possibilities of trouble, in which Russia might take a hand—Memel, the Polish Corridor, the Baltic states, the Ukraine. Any German move to extend eastward into the buffer nations could be interpreted in Russia as an attack on her interests. Indeed, Litvinov wants France to guarantee the boundaries of the Baltic states.

Moreover, France wants a brake on immediate action, an outside judgment on what constitutes attack, such as a decision of the League of Nations Council, while Russia wants the alliance to become effective at the call of either nation. France, relying on British aid in case of a surprise attack, feels safer than Russia.

Finally, there is the question of Russia's good faith, plus distrust of Communism. Is the price too much to pay? There are powerful conservative elements in France that think it is, and it begins to look as if Pierre Laval's treaty, which he was so eager last week to sign, will be quietly dropped unless safeguards can be found to satisfy the more cautious Frenchmen.

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt To Visit Campobello

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 30—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the United States president, today said she hoped to spend some time during the summer at the family cottage at Campobello, N. B. Mrs. Roosevelt did not indicate when she would make the trip, or whether the President would accompany her.

ment verified Mrs. Wharton's identification of one of the visitors to the dress designer as a "large blond" man. She said she saw the man as he fled the building, and said there was a "look of utter horror on his face."

Police said they had identified Howard, not only as a chauffeur, but as a former ensign in the United States navy. They said that at times he had loaned his automobile to Wharton.

No Sound of Quarrel

Mrs. Wharton told the officers that after entertaining his two guests at dinner, the dress designer and his friends stacked the dishes in the kitchen and then went to the living room. She said she heard the rumble of conversation but could not distinguish the words, although she was emphatic in her statement that at no time were any of the voices raised as though in anger.

Police, in checking Bolte's statement that he was not a guest at the Wharton apartment, established he had been driven home from the dinner party of law students by Carl Schlichter and his wife, who also attended the gathering.

He had just inserted his key in the lock of the door when Howard's shots rang out behind him and, just as he fell, Mrs. Bolte who heard her husband enter and was waiting to greet him, opened the door.

She told officers Howard took several steps toward the outside entrance of the building, placed his revolver to his head and fired. He died instantly.

Funeral of Late Walter Butcher

The funeral of the late Walter Butcher, 76-year-old Regent st. baker, who died in Saint John General Hospital earlier this week, was held this afternoon, with many friends attending to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased, who had been held in the highest regard by those with whom he had been acquainted in the quarter century which he had conducted a bakery in this city. The remains were brought here yesterday, and this morning were taken to Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 o'clock.

Here the body rested until 2 o'clock this afternoon when Very Rev. J. H. A. Holmes officiated at a short but impressive ceremony. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery extension. The deceased gentleman had no immediate relatives in this vicinity and the pallbearers and mourners were selected from the various orders to which he belonged.

Mrs. Mary A. Gervin Died Last Evening

Mrs. Mary Agnes Gervin, aged 86, years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James MacLellan, 552 Needham street last night after a lingering illness. Deceased was the widow of Samuel T. Gervin and was well known and highly regarded in this community where she lived for the past number of years. Surviving are four sons, Bruce of Ardath, Sask.; Stephen B., of Montreal; James S., of Detroit; and Harry H., of Coal Branch Kent county; also one daughter, Mrs. MacLellan; twenty grandchildren and four great grandchildren; two brothers and one sister. The funeral took place this afternoon with service from the home of Mrs. MacLellan with Rev. George Telford conducting the service. The remains will be taken by train to Coal Branch for interment at Clairville on Wednesday. Many attended the funeral service this afternoon.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES MAY 15

42 Applicants For Degrees at St. Francis Xavier University.

ANTIGONISH, N. S., April 30—St. Francis Xavier University commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at Immaculata Hall. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Morrison, chancellor, will preside. The address to the graduates will be delivered by Judge Neil R. McArthur, Sydney. After the conferring of degrees, the alumni banquet will be held in the university dining hall. The baccalaureate sermon will be given in the Cathedral Sunday evening by Rev. J. M. Kiley, Whitney Pier, N. S.

This year, three new prizes will be awarded—the Alexander Johnston prize in philosophy of \$50 to be given annually; the Mason Johnston prize of \$50, to be awarded in competition in economics in 1934-1935; the Sir Joseph Chisholm prize for an essay on G. K. Chesterton.

There are 42 applicants for degrees. There are two new Brunswickers among these, Bernard M. Broderick, Kedgwick, and Chalker Abbas, Edmundston, both applicants for the bachelor of arts degree.

LATE FLASHES

BROCKVILLE, Ontario, April 30—Frank Carley, Brockville taxi driver, was taken to hospital yesterday in serious condition from what police said was poison. Police said Carley's car hit a wagon at a street intersection and the taxi driver was later stricken at his home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30—The United States joined with Argentina, Chile and Peru yesterday in a note sent to Rio de Janeiro requesting that Brazil reconsider its refusal to participate in a co-operative effort to end the Chaco War.

LIBERAL, Kansas, April 30—Two additional deaths from pneumonia occurred yesterday in peca County, Colorado, as the Red Cross rushed dust masks into the high plains area and took other steps to halt the spread of respiratory diseases believed aggravated by soil blowing.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 30—Four hundred friends and neighbors attended funeral services yesterday for Stanley Plusdrak, 17, who was electrocuted last Thursday at Sing Sing Prison with Bruno Salek, 21, for slaying Police Lieut. George L. Uhl in Buffalo street August.

CHICAGO, Illinois, April 30—With the Illinois relief crisis growing hourly more acute, employees administering aid to 620,000 persons in 101 downstate counties were fired yesterday, effective today.

MONTREAL, P.Q., April 30—Knocked down by an automobile at Wellington and Bridge streets at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Miss E. Colle, 40 1172 Forfar street suffered a fractured left leg. She was given emergency treatment in the western division of the Montreal General Hospital and then removed to the Women's General Hospital, Tupper street.

WASHINGTON, April 30—The Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision regarded in Government circles as "a severe blow to the Boulder Dam project", when it refused to restrain Arizona State officials from interfering with construction of the Parker Dam.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

It was reported this afternoon from the Victoria Public Hospital that Mrs. H. W. Estabrooks, who has been undergoing treatment for some time past, was resting fairly comfortably today.

King And Queen Go To Abbey Tuesday

VERMILYEA TO DIE ON GALLOWS MAY 2

Cabinet Refuses to Alter Sentence—Montreal Appeal To Be Made.

OTTAWA, April 30—A report adverse to commutation was made by cabinet council which reviewed the death sentence passed at Belleville upon Harold Vermilyea, Ontario, Cal. fruit farmer, who was convicted for the murder of his mother.

The case was reviewed by the Governor-in-council some time ago and decision was made public today that there would be no interference with execution of the sentence. Vermilyea is scheduled to be hanged May 2.

Seek Commutation

MONTREAL, April 30—His last appeal for a commutation of the death sentence rejected by the Supreme Court of Canada, Joseph Alisero, convicted of the murder of Graziella Viens here last summer, will present a plea for his life to the Earl of Bessborough, his counsel announced.

A petition signed by many of Montreal's Italian residents will ask the Governor-General to grant commutation to life imprisonment on the occasion of the King's jubilee. Alisero is condemned to hang Friday.

Mrs. J. Cowperthwaite Passed Away Today

Mrs. Josephine A. Cowperthwaite, wife of the late Charles H. Cowperthwaite, passed away today at the home of Harry Atherton, Woodstock Road, after a lingering illness, in her eighty-sixth year. Mrs. Cowperthwaite (nee Allingham) was born in Saint John of Loyalist stock. Her husband, Charles H. Cowperthwaite, was for a great many years principal of Richbucto Grammar School. Mrs. Cowperthwaite was a resident of Fredericton for a number of years. She suffered a bad fall some weeks ago, from which she never fully recovered.

Surviving are, one brother, Horace S. Allingham, South Lee, Mass.; one sister, Mrs. Ella A. Harris, this city, and one son, Arthur Cowperthwaite, principal of the Provincial Normal School at Winnipeg.

The funeral will take place at the home of Harry Atherton, Woodstock Road, at 8.30 p.m., on Thursday, May 2. The remains will be taken to Doaktown on Friday for burial.

HENS HELP CHURCH

JACKSON, Tenn., April 30—This is the report received by the Rev. Lud Estes, presiding elder for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from the Gibson, Tenn., church:

"Each Sunday members of the congregation bring all eggs laid on the Sabbath. We've sold \$80 worth and are putting the money in the benevolence fund."

SPOKE ON WATER SUPPLY

Dr. H. H. Hagerman principal of the Normal School, was the speaker at today's Rotary luncheon. His subject was "The Filtration Plant and Water Supply of Fredericton. Dr. Hagerman reviewed the history of Fredericton's water supply, how filtration work was carried on here over a period of years. His remarks were most interesting and there was a large attendance of Rotarians to hear him. Major Frank H. Rowe was chairman.

Not every man who starts out to paint the town red can be classed as a Communist.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald Will Deliver An Oration in the Abbey—First Time in History Premier Speaks There.

LONDON, April 30—May 7th, the day after the King's Silver Jubilee day, will be the first occasion on which the Abbey authorities have invited any prime minister to deliver an address within its portals. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald will deliver the oration on Tuesday in connection with the ceremonies.

Mr. MacDonald will speak for an hour on the King's reign and on the spiritual significance of the Christian monarch.

Probably the only Canadian layman ever to speak in Westminster Abbey was Hon. P. C. Larkin, former Canadian high commissioner to London. Before a great congregation 12 years ago, he asked the Dean and Chapter to accept the Canadian colors to hang permanently over Wolfe's monument in remembrance of the many colors of Canadian battalions deposited there while the battalions were fighting in France during the Great War.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Canadian high commissioner to London, returned to London today from Bournemouth. He was much improved in health, following a recent severe cold. The high commissioner met Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, who returned from Windsor Castle where he spent the week-end.

Carriage Processions

A series of carriage processions will provide spectators with a colorful sight on Monday, the day of the thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral. According to present arrangements, Mr. MacDonald and the premiers of the Empire will constitute the first of these. Mr. MacDonald and his daughter, Ishbel, will occupy the first carriage. In the second will be Mr. Bennett and Prime Minister J. B. M. Hertzog of South Africa. The third will contain Prime Minister J. A. Lyons of Australia and wife, followed by Prime Minister G. W. Forbes of New Zealand and his wife.

Next in order will be Sir Joseph William and Lady Bore, representing the government of India, Prime Minister G. M. Huggins of Southern Rhodesia and his wife, and Viscount Craigavon.

The premiers will start from Clarence Gate and on their way will pass the Speaker of the House of Commons and his retinue, comprising the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Secretary and the Train-Bearer. Edward A. Fitzroy, the Speaker and his procession will rumble slowly along in the Speaker's coach. This vehicle, weighing a ton and a half, is something like the Lord Mayor's coach. It has not been used since 1911, when it took the Speaker from the House of Commons to Westminster Abbey—a distance of 400 yards—for the coronation.

Viscount Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, will head the third procession, consisting of two carriages. His Lordship's retinue includes the Clerk of the Chamber, a Purse-Bearer and a Train-Bearer. Five carriages will pass in the Lord Mayor's procession, headed by the City Marshal on horseback.

The Duke and Duchess of York and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will have their own procession. Following closely behind them will be the Prince of Wales with the Duke of Gloucester. The Queen of Norway will ride with the Princess Royal, Princess Victoria and the Earl of Harewood in a second carriage.

King's Procession

Finally will come the King's procession. The King and Queen will

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