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## 'FRENCH ROOSEVELT' FUGITIVE AGAIN, 14 TIMES DENIED HIS MAYOR'S SEAT, OUT AS DEPUTY

PARIS, France, May 11—Fourteen times high French authorities decided that Hippolyte Marcellin Philibert Besson was unfit to be mayor of his native village of Vorey in the centre of France and fourteen times his fellow citizens re-elected this engineer. Yesterday the French chamber of deputies decided that Besson was no longer a deputy of the Haute-Loire department, since he has been condemned of a crime in common law, namely, stealing a receipted bill from a lawyer, and resisting the police.

Outside the chamber policemen were waiting to arrest Besson. But he fooled them. Telling a detective who approached him that since parliament had not yet voted him out, he was still claiming parliamentary immunity, Besson jumped into a taxicab. The detective jumped in beside him.

"Keep it," said Besson, and, jumping out at the other side, leaped into another taxi, which drove off quickly.

The police are still hunting for him, but Paris believes, above all, Paris hopes, they will not catch him.

The "French Roosevelt"

After all this is not the first time the police have sought the deputy with two great tufts on either side of his bald pate, who calls himself the "French Roosevelt." Every time since 1932 that the chamber has ceased to sit, he has been sought by the police, who apparently have not forgotten that the 37 year old deputy not only had been condemned for stealing a receipt, but also for resisting the police, who came to catch him—a very grave act in the eyes of the police.

But each time Besson has given them the slip, once escaping on a motorcycle, which is his preferred means of transportation, and once getting to Belgium in an airplane.

Parliament this time refused to support Besson—perhaps because he does not like parliament.

"You are assassins, but I pardon you," he told his fellow members in a farewell speech, in which tears poured down his cheeks at the mention of his ailing mother.

Thereupon he dried his tears and launched into a spirited defense of his theses that assassination is the usual death of French deputies and that Europe needs a common money and a program of peace, bread and work. Peace, he and his friend, another eccentric engineer, M. Archer, believe—peace can best be obtained by replacing the present antiquated railroads by new aerial expresses running high in the air at a speed of 200 miles an hour.

### Amalgamation of Races

All the nations would need to cooperate in this work of replacement and thereby would get acquainted, he contended, with the result that there would be an amalgamation of all races and universal peace.

Work would be provided for mankind by an international currency, a sort of supercommodity paper money, with a unit called the "europe." Archer and Philibert have already produced some of these blue europas, on which one can read that each is good for "thirty grams of gold, 190 grams of copper, two kilograms of steel or wheat, 200 grams of meat, half a liter of wine, 200 grams of cotton, ten kilowatt hours, one kilometer ton or thirty minutes of labor."

Cheap bread to the tune of several thousand tons a day is already being provided by Archer and Besson by a system of direct marketing, called "Philibert Besson loaves," which are already sold in hundreds of bakeries.

All this has made Deputy Besson absolutely sold in his constituency. But it annoys most of the parliamentary members. They declare that Besson is a lunatic whose presence brings parliamentary institutions into contempt. They abhor his wide sweeping gestures, his flowing tufts of hair, his incoherent speeches, his habit of doing startling things, such as climbing a thirty-foot column to address his voters.

### Think He's Dingo

They do not like to be called assassins. Other deputies take another view; they admit that he is probably "dingo," a word which can best be translated "cuckoo," but find him harmless and amusing. A few deputies go further and state that to disgrace Besson—a harmless enthusiast—for stealing a receipt and walloping a copper, while allowing so many complete crooks to remain sitting in parliament, is disgraceful. But there are few who are enemies of the parliamentary regime like Besson himself. Therefore, Besson has lost his seat and is now free game for any sturdy policeman. But naive and eccentric as he seems to be, Besson's previous escapades have proved the presence of sufficient mental power to defy the French police's attempts to catch him.

The Paris police is eagerly awaiting news of Besson's next exploit, and most persons are hoping to learn that he has eluded the police and found refuge abroad, there to continue his propaganda for a bigger and better French New Deal.

## SOCIALIZED BREAD

Municipal bread making is now planned by Ontario's town of Orilla. On May 10 a local bakeshop was taken over and municipal bread making will get under way. The prime purpose is to produce cheaper bread for Orilla's 1,115 relief recipients.

The mayor states that "it is a step in the right direction, and we will have all our bread and milk business socialized in a few years."

But time will tell whether it will be cheaper. Most adventures like these start off with promises of lower prices to the consumers and finally end with higher taxes for the taxpayers.

QUEBEC, May 11—A motion of Laurent Barre (Ind., Rouville) that automobile drivers who do not use their cars in the winter months be entitled to a pro rata rebate of their license fees, was defeated in the Quebec Legislature today by a vote of 25-8.

## Lieutenant-Governor Hon. Murray MacLaren Has His 74th Birthday

Those who have the honor of friendship with the eminent surgeon, Hon. Col. Murray MacLaren, C.M.G., P.C., M.D., and former M.P. for St. John, N.B., are confident that the dominion could have picked no more outstanding representative for the position of Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

His friends are legion and this week he was the recipient of their hearty congratulations, the occasion being the celebration on Tuesday of his 74th birthday.

**Prominent in Medical Profession**  
Colonel MacLaren in the high place he holds in his native city and throughout the Dominion as a surgeon and medical man, also takes his place with the well beloved physicians of another generation.

In the personal affection in which his patients held him, his untiring devotion to his duties and his willingness to serve the public in any worthwhile enterprise he is to be associated with the honored medical names of Canada.

**Fine University Training**  
Coming of a fine old family in St. John, he enjoyed all the advantages of the best training in the humanities and in medicine.

He was educated at the St. John Grammar School, at the University of New Brunswick and at Edinburgh University, with post graduate courses in Vienna, and followed in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Laurence MacLaren, who enjoyed a large practice in his native province.

**Entered Politics in 1921**  
Col. MacLaren, although for many years one of the leading citizens of St. John, did not enter the active political arena until 1921, when he was elected for St. John-Albert by a big majority.

At each general election since that date he has been returned and proved himself a most able member of the House.

Before his appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of New Brunswick, he was a member of the Conservative Government at Ottawa, occupying the portfolio of Pensions and National Health.

Like all good Bluenoses he has a great love for his own province and for all the provinces within sound of the sea.

No question affecting the Maritimes but lacks his earnest attention, and the reforms instituted to assist them to become the flourishing portion of Canada they should be, have in him a continuous champion.

**Active Record in War**  
Col. MacLaren has always taken a keen interest in the active militia.

From 1908 to 1912 he was principal medical officer of District No. 8 and during the Great War served with distinction in England and France and for some time was in command of No. 1, Canadian General Hospital.

His services extended from August 1914 to March 1919.

**Honored by Governments**  
During and after the war his special knowledge was in demand both by his own and foreign governments.

He was Canadian representative on the Inter-Allied Committee on disabled soldiers and also assisted the British Ministry of Pensions on his Advisory Council on artificial limbs and was finally chosen as Canadian representative on the Inter-Allied Council of Surgeons.

## Born in Iceland

Nola Day, sensational new NBC contralto whose dark hair and eyes cause her to be mistaken for a Russian, Spanish or Italian importation, was born in Iceland. She is a featured artist on the Jewel Box program broadcast from San Francisco every Sunday afternoon.

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