

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNED; EX-PRESIDENT POINCARÉ TO FORM NEW MINISTRY

Resignation of Briand, Coming After An Eloquent Speech Setting Forth His Policies at Cannes Which Had Apparently Won Over Majority to His Side, Seemed to Overwhelm Chamber—Declared He Was Willing to Fight the Enemy If Assured He Shall Not Receive Bullets from Behind—France's Situation as Gloomy as Blackest Days of War.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Aristide Briand today resigned from the premiership, and Raymond Poincaré, former president of the republic, will likely succeed him. M. Briand's resignation came with dramatic suddenness in the Chamber of Deputies, for the premier, returning this morning from his conference with the British prime minister at Cannes, had apparently won over the great majority to his side. His blunt eloquence evoked a tremendous ovation, and when he abruptly declared his intention of withdrawing from the government the members of the chamber seemed overwhelmed.

Retorted Acts at Home. Although the retirement of Premier Briand was unexpected, it was apparent, from the beginning, that he felt deep resentment against the many obstacles placed in his way in the important negotiations in which he has been engaged. He had the appearance of a man aged and physically fatigued through his entire speech. Notwithstanding this, however, Briand has been noted for his high pitch of eloquence attained today when, in a voice trembling with ill-suppressed emotion, and facing his colleagues on the Ministerial benches he said: "A statesman has no right to go to his post of battle if he has not the certainty that he shall not receive bullets from behind. He can face the bullets of the enemy, but he must not receive any from his own country."

Poincaré to Form Ministry. With M. Briand went his entire cabinet, and, after conferring with the President of the Senate and Chamber, M. Millerand called upon M. Poincaré to form a new ministry. M. Poincaré tentatively agreed to this, but asked for a few hours in which to consult his friends. He promised to give a final answer tomorrow. M. Peret, President of the Chamber before proceeding to Elysee Palace, said to the Associated Press correspondent and others: "France is facing a situation which is as gloomy as the blackest days of the war."

The Allied Supreme Council Adjourned Indefinitely. Action Taken Following Receipt of News of Resignation of Premier Briand. Cannes, Jan. 12.—The Allied Supreme Council adjourned indefinitely tonight, following receipt of news of the resignation of the French premier. Adjournment was taken after Walter Rathenau, German financial expert, had finished addressing the council, and no action or comment was made upon his remarks concerning Germany's default of her January repayment payment.

POPE BENEDICT CONGRATULATES KING GEORGE ON IRISH PEACE

London, Jan. 12.—The following telegram from Pope Benedict to King George, congratulating him upon the conclusion of the Anglo-Irish treaty, was made public here tonight: "Overjoyed at the agreement happily reached regarding Ireland, congratulate Your Majesty warmly on having contributed effectively to this great work of peace."

RAILWAY STRIKE IN IRELAND

Dublin, Jan. 12.—A general strike on all the Irish railways is announced for Saturday, at midnight, owing to a refusal of the railway managers to meet the chairman and secretary of the Locomotive Society to discuss the proposal of the companies to abolish the regulation wages and hours which were settled by an award of the National Wages Board in June, 1920. The men declare the strike has been called to resist an attempt to throw them back into the position of low wages, long hours and bad working conditions of a decade ago. The strike will affect 23,000 workers.

MANITOBA FARMERS CONSIDER DRAFT OF POLITICAL PLATFORM

Platform Deals With School Problem, Encouraging the Consolidated School Idea and Placing Main Burden of Secondary Schools on the Province—Opposes Any Change in Liquor Laws.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The United Farmers of Manitoba this afternoon considered a draft of a provincial political platform submitted by a committee for their consideration. "We hereby," says the preamble, "formally declare our purpose concerning ourselves directly with the problems of government in the province."

Broad Powers Asked By Pres. Harding Over Tariff Laws

Washington, Jan. 12.—Broad powers asked for by President Harding in administering the proposed new tariff law, with a view to meeting unusual and changing world conditions, which could not be granted by Congress, would be granted, under amendments to the Fordney Bill proposed today by Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee. The President would be authorized to increase or decrease tariff rates by not exceeding 50 per cent of the rates fixed in the bill, to protect American industries from the effects of assessing duties on any given list of imports; to change rates within the limit of fifty per cent so as to meet situations arising in the United States markets, as a result of depressed foreign exchanges; to prevent dumping in United States markets and to prevent discrimination against United States foreign commerce by foreign countries.

Wedding Gift For Princess Mary From Daughters' Empire

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Thirty-five thousand Daughters of the Empire in Canada are uniting to present Princess Mary with a magnificent gift, of the finest Canadian fur, on the occasion of her marriage to Viscount Lascelles. The kind of fur that will be chosen, and the form it will take, has not yet been decided, but it is certain that the garment present will be the most regal example of the furriers' art.

Three Murderers Put To Death In Sing Sing Prison

Oshtemo, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Edward Persons, William Marweg and Raymond F. Hillford, convicted murderers, were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison tonight, following Governor Miller's refusal to interfere with the execution of the sentences.

PROGRESSIVES TO OPPOSE HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

A. K. Patterson to Contest Grenville Riding With Former Premier in By-Election. MR. MEIGHEN MAKES STIRRING SPEECH. Said He Was Denounced in Quebec Because of His Attitude on Conscription.

Prevcott, Ont., Jan. 12.—Nominations in the by-election for the Federal constituency of Grenville were held here today, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, being the Conservative candidate and A. K. Patterson, the Progressive nominee. The Liberals did not nominate a candidate in the fight. At the meeting which followed the nomination proceedings A. C. Casselman, who was returned at the December general election, said he had felt it his duty to offer his seat to Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen and he deplored the fact that the Progressives had declined to allow Mr. Meighen an acclamation.

PRIEST MAKES COMPLAINT TO MRS. STILLMAN

As Result Her Retinue of American Servants is Dismissed from Grand Anse. Three Rivers, Que., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, who was to have returned to Montreal to appear before the Rotary Commission, intends to stay at Grand Anse for the next three or four days. She will be back in Three Rivers, Monday or Tuesday next, said Mayor Jean Crete, of Grand Anse, tonight, to a representative of the press. Mayor Crete is here from Grand Anse where he has been aiding Mrs. Stillman in gathering evidence for her defense. James "Bud" Stillman arrived at Grand Anse yesterday from New York. When Mrs. Stillman arrived at Grand Anse, said Mayor Crete, she heard from the Rev. Father Damphousse, the parish priest of the St. Theodore de Grand Anse mission, that the steward of Mrs. Stillman's property had refused to assign to one of his employees to go to the parish church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Stillman immediately dismissed the steward, together with all the American servants imported by him, replacing them with French Canadians.

Admits Handling Stolen Automobiles

Toronto Man Arrested at Halifax When About to Sail on S.S. Finland. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12.—Fred W. England, of Toronto, who was arrested here just as he was about to sail on the steamship Finland for Europe, at the instance of the Toronto police, confessed today that he had handled stolen cars in Toronto during the past year, according to statements made tonight by Detective Sergeant Mitchell, of Toronto.

Police Auxiliaries Will Move Out of Dublin Tonight

Dublin, Jan. 12.—The first evidence of the relinquishment of British control in Ireland will be given to the people tomorrow when a contingent of police auxiliaries, numbering between 250 and 300 cases, will march out of Dublin to be demobilized in England. Carrying rifles and side arms and with hand playing and singing, the auxiliaries will emerge from their barracks at 4:10 o'clock, and march through the streets to Westland Road Station. Neither the Castle authorities or the members of the Griffith Government anticipate any trouble in connection with the public withdrawal of the Black and Tans, as the auxiliaries, as well as the

SINN FEIN TO MEET IN CONVENTION FEBRUARY SEVEN

Executive Calls the Gathering to Decide Upon Future of Organization and Its Policy. OPPOSING FORCES IN ORGANIZATION. De Valera and Followers Determined to Fight Those Favoring Irish Free State. Dublin, Jan. 12.—The King's proclamation of amnesty, an announcement of the departure of the auxiliaries and the resolution of the Sinn Fein Executive Council to summon an extraordinary convention for February 7 to decide upon the future of the organization and its policy, after Eamon De Valera had predicted a split in the organization, were the chief developments in the Irish situation today. Behind the Daily Eireann stands the Sinn Fein organization of nearly 1,000 clubs, from every district in Ireland. It is responsible for the success of parliamentary and other elections, and is regarded as the authentic popular voice by all Sinn Feiners. De Valera is still its president, and all its machinery, heretofore, has been directed exclusively toward independent republican aims.

Montreal Star Makes Discovery in Death of College Student

Claims Raoul Delorme Was Frequent of Road House; Easy Mark for Women. Montreal, Jan. 12.—The Montreal Star has the following in its late issue in connection with the death of the 24-year-old Ottawa College student, Raoul Delorme, whose dead body was found with six bullet wounds in the head in a shack in the northwest end of the city Saturday morning last: "The Star has been informed, upon the best of authority, that young Raoul Delorme was seen in a roadhouse in the outskirts of the city on the evening of Dec. 24, in company with two young women."

Deaths From Flu in London Show Decided Increase

London, Jan. 12.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The registrar general's vital statistics, published today, show that last week's deaths from influenza throughout the country doubled those of the previous week. In London 151 from influenza increased from 75 to 244. The number of deaths in some of the towns from the same cause were: West Ham, 44, against 40 in the previous week; Manchester 27; Leeds 21; Bolton 19; Burnley 18 and Bradford 16.

JUGO-SLAV TROOPS MASSES ALONG ALBANIAN FRONTIER

Geneva, Jan. 12.—Jugo Slav troops, to the number of eighty thousand, are reported to the League of Nations Council by its Albanian Commission to have been massed along the Albanian frontier with the intention, the Albanian Government charges of re-occupying the territory recently evacuated.

Transport Crook Maintaining Fight To Reach Land

New York, Jan. 12.—Buffeted by mountainous gale-swept seas and partially disabled by engine trouble, the army transport Crook tonight doggedly maintained her fight to reach land with her 1,000 foreign service veterans, war brides and children. Wireless messages, picked up at Governor's Island, reported the troopship still several miles away at sea, but steaming toward New York at a two-knot clip. Up to early tonight the St. Michael, sent out to aid the Crook, had not reported. Despatches from the transport declared the morale of all on board was high, despite the order last night to be ready to man the lifeboats. Women, they said, hung over the rails laughing and joking with the men who sang as they made all ready to meet the catastrophe if it should occur. Many, however, were seasick.

Induced Boy to Set Fire to Mattress in Reform School Dormitory.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—For having induced a boy to set fire to a mattress in the dormitory of the Reform School in the east end of this city, thereby endangering the lives of 400 inmates, Armand Couture, 17, and Henri Roby, 18, were each sentenced to a seven-year penitentiary term here today. Both youths were known as incorrigible characters and had been frequently before the juvenile delinquent officers in the past few years.

Incragible Youths Sentenced To Seven Years In Prison

Bank and File Men of the Royal Irish Constabulary, are Indiscriminately Seized, but in Other Quarters Concerns a Manifested over the possibility of disorder. The Castle officials think that any attempt to make political capital through street demonstrations would injure the cause of the opponents of the treaty in the eyes of the Irish people, rather than that of the new Government. Asked why the departure of the auxiliaries was made a public ceremony, one official replied: "After all, we are Englishmen."