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June 14, 1924

Gaston Doumergue, President of French Republic

Enquiry Into Mississippi Disaster Being Held—Irish Free State Appoints Professor Smiddy Representative at Washington—Robbery on the Chicago Express Amounts to \$100,000.

FRANCE'S NEW PRESIDENT.

VERSAILLES, France, June 13. Gaston Doumergue, was today elected President of France by the National Assembly here.

DOUMERGUE BEATS PAINLEVE.

Gaston Doumergue, President of the Republic of France in succession to Alexandre Millerand. The winning of a cannon at half past four o'clock this afternoon announced the election by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies gathered together in National Assembly of one of the grave political crises arising from the May elections. Immediately after the election of the President, Frederic Francois Marshal tendered the resignation of his cabinet to M. Doumergue. The resignation was accepted but M. Doumergue requested the Premier to continue with the routine business until a new cabinet was formed. Edouard Herriot, leader of the Radical party, has been requested to form a new Ministry and undoubtedly will do so. M. Painleve proved a good loser. He was the first of the statesmen to give a successful opponent congratulations.

M. Gaston Doumergue, the thirty-ninth President of France has had a long career in public life, during which he has been Premier and has held a number of portfolios in various cabinets. Born at Vignes Vives, August 1, 1863, he began the practice of law at Nîmes in 1885 and several years later became a magistrate in Nîmes. In 1895 he became a special Justice of the Peace in Algeria to yield that position when he became a Deputy from Nîmes during the same year. M. Doumergue be-

came Minister for the Colonies in 1902 and held that post until 1905 when for a year he was Vice-President of the Chamber, then successively he was Minister of Commerce, Minister of Public Instruction, Senator in 1910, Premier from 1913 to 1914, Foreign Minister the latter year, Colonial Minister again from 1914 until 1917 and finally President of the Senate in 1923.

PAINLEVE PREFERRED.

LONDON, June 13. Some disappointment is voiced in official quarters over the election of M. Doumergue as President of France as the preference would have been for M. Painleve, because he is more closely identified with the political bloc represented by M. Herriot.

MARSHAL RESIGNS.

PARIS, June 13. Premier Frederic Francois Marshal to-night tendered the resignation of his Cabinet to Gaston Doumergue the newly elected President of the Republic, by whom it was accepted.

IRISH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON.

DUBLIN, June 13. Professor Smiddy, Cork, has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State at Washington, it was announced at Dail Eireann today, by Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ENQUIRY BEING HELD.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 13. The United States Navy to-day mourns its dead, three officers and 45 enlisted men, their lives snuffed out aboard the dreadnought Mississippi in the fleet's greatest peace time disaster, which brought a tragic climax to a week of sham-battles and target practice. Aboard the hospital ship Relief, lay the dead and injured, victims of a premature explosion in the Mississippi's No. 2 turret. Aboard the New Mexico flagship of division four of the battle fleet, members of

the naval board of inquiry prepared to open an investigation of the disaster. Aboard the Mississippi, anchored outside the breakwater, officers and men watched the flames shattered turret, where a 14-inch gun with an explosive charge jammed in the breech meant that the danger of still another explosion had not passed. It was a race-back from one of the guns that shot death in flames and poisonous gases back in to the turret through its open breech. A second gun, breech loaded, let loose in the harbor as the Mississippi sailed home with its dead and injured from the drill grounds and landed a steel projectile dangerously near to an outboard passenger liner. Of the injured, there were strangely few, only eight being hurt and their injuries comparatively slight.

LOSS NOT OVER \$100,000.

CHICAGO, Ills., June 13. A. E. Gerner, Chief Post Office Inspector here, declared to the losses through the robbing of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Express Mail train here last night would not exceed \$100,000. Previous estimates placed the loss of currency and securities at from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

NO LONGER A MENACE.

SAN PEDRO, June 13. All danger of another explosion on board the Mississippi, anchored outside the harbor breakwater, was removed to-day when the third charge of TNT in turret No. 2 was taken out, according to Lieut. L. N. Morgan, Flag Communication Officer.

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Representatives Visit St. Philips

The representatives of St. John's West parish visited St. Philips last night, and held a celebration in honor of their victory. On arrival at the settlement, the members received a warm welcome and a volley of music, which was followed by a grand display showing the pleasure of the people. No meeting was held, but an enjoyable evening was spent.

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Lady Hamilton Watched Nelson Draw His Plans of Battle

POOLE, England, May 22 (A.P.)—A naval officer staying at the old inn, "Lord Nelson," situated on the quay here, recently discovered some curious scrawlings on the wainscot of his room. Investigation revealed these to be plans of naval battles drawn by Lord Nelson who stayed in that inn with Lady Hamilton. Other marks and scrawlings have been identified as dating back to the days of the sea-deeds of the Elizabethan age.

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Spencer College

Bishop Spencer College, on Wednesday night, gave an excellent kindergarten show. The auditorium was crowded with enthusiastic admiring parents and friends of the children. Miss Cherrington, Principal, presided and his Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland, Mrs. White, Rev. Canons Bolt and Jewes, Messrs. L. Outerbridge and E. A. Bowring of the directorate were also present. Professor Stirling was conductor. The programme consisted of Part 1: Songs, Rounds, Cycle of Songs, French songs; Piano solo, "Farantelle" by Florence Cornick; Recitation in costume by Phyllis Dowden, with another solo by Clara Miller proved that the young pupils were being scientifically and magnificently trained. Part 2 consisted of: (1) Drill; (2) Fragments from the Senior dancing classes, consisting of Carpathian Folk dance, Hornpipe, Ball Exercises, Fox trot and Closing exercises. The last half consisted of a graceful and charming demonstration by the junior stars, in the form of (1) Puck and the Fairies dance; (2) Baby Birds; (3) Growing flowers; (4) Curtesies. The programme was concluded with Spencer College Choir singing the Ode to Newfoundland. Miss Jessop, the kindergarten specialist, has done wonderful work with her pupils who showed their training in Wednesday night's demonstration. Miss Nash, who is the specialist in physical culture, continues to train her girls magnificently. The singing of Ethel Salt was delightful for one so young.

During the evening Miss Cherrington made an address and pointed out to the audience that the most important step in Education was to start right. Little pupils by the kindergarten system are taught to think for themselves thus stimulating the brain, eye and ear to activity for later studies. In the interval the audience were invited to visit the school rooms where (1) an exhibition of pupils' work was shown consisting of Kensington Embroidery in which the work of Margaret Crosbie, Irene Stirling, Millicent Roll, Florence Hayward and Jean Dawe was particularly outstanding in excellence. In knitting, senior Guide, Lieut. Grace Watson, Elizabeth Baird (8 years old), Jean Tait, Mary Curnew and Irene Stirling showed themselves to be mistresses of the art. Mary Curnew, nine years of age, showed a pair of stockings knitted beautifully. In the other classes Jean and Eva Stirling, and Marion Cook had some good articles. In millinery Rita Butler exhibited a hat made entirely by her own hand, a credit to a professional. In plain needlework, Margaret Lewis, Marion Samson, Jennie Edgar and Gladys Curnew showed great proficiency, and finally the samples of Kathleen Dodd, Joan Bowring and Silvia Stirling were most favourably commented on. This department is under Miss Mary McKenzie Bremner, who is also a specialist and who deserves the appreciation and gratitude of her pupils. In the drawing section of Miss R. Keefe is in charge. Exhibitions

of wall paper designing, model drawing and work from memory was also shown. We congratulate Spencer College on this satisfactory demonstration to the public of the training of our girls. We also wish to commend specially the charming and graceful exhibition of dancing and deportment as given by Ray Perlin, Ruth Hickman and Jennie Edgar, and in the junior classes by Joan Thompson, Jean Hickman, Joan Bowring, Lorna Bowring, Ethel and Lucy Noonan. Their work shows the results of physical culture along the right lines.

The Supple Claim

Providence, R.I., June 9.—The fight of a Providence mill worker, who has lived in less than moderate circumstances during his 52 years of life, for half of an alleged \$40,000,000 estate left by a St. John's, Newfoundland cousin was revealed when Henry Supple announced that he had engaged counsel to go to Newfoundland to open a legal battle for the huge stakes.

For 40 years Henry Supple has lived in Olneyville, coming there from Boston. He lived in the latter city after coming from St. John's, at the age of 7.

About a year ago he learned that a first cousin, Samuel Baird, had died in St. John's, leaving a vast fortune, the existence of which had for many years been unsuspected by members of the family. Relatives visiting Newfoundland just previous to Baird's death came back with stories of the affluence of Baird.

Samuel Baird, Jr., a cousin of the late Samuel Baird, living in St. John's at the time of the wealthy man's death, is said to have taken over the fortune. Learning of this, Mr. Supple made inquiries and received from a Newfoundland attorney an offer to furnish information on the matter upon receipt of \$20.

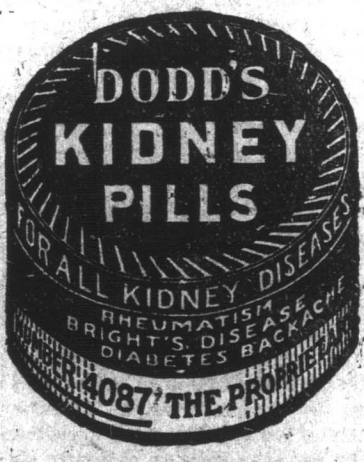
Mr. Supple declares he sent the required amount, but has never received the promised information. He then filed a protest with the courts of St. John's and now claims to have established beyond doubt his relationship to the dead man and his claim to one-half of the fortune.

Mr. Supple has one sister, Mrs. Annie Sever of Brooklyn, N.Y. But says that under the English law which prevails in Newfoundland the females of the family are not eligible to inherit unless specific bequests are made in a will. It is said that Baird left no will.

Mr. Supple's first real move in his fight to gain what he says is his legitimate share of \$40,000,000 was made when he retained George Helford, a Providence attorney, and instructed him to proceed to St. John's to start the legal battle.

Last night the Olneyville man said that he had not yet determined whether Samuel Baird, Jr., who took charge of the properties after the death of his cousin, is still alive. Asked why he did not make an effort to prove his right to half of the estate when he first learned of his cousin's death, Mr. Supple declared that he had always been satisfied with his lot and had never felt the necessity of seeking a share in the vast holdings at stake.

Mr. Supple was married to Nellie McDonough 36 years ago. A son, John, born of the union, died several years ago at the age of 28. Three children



of a sister who died years ago now live in Brooklyn, according to Mr. Supple.

A Non-Starters

An irritable old sportsman was aroused from his bed at three o'clock in the morning by the insistent ringing of his doorbell. On answering it, he found a man struggling hard to maintain his equilibrium.

"What do you mean by waking me up at this hour?"

"Ish you Mr. Smithers?"

"Yes, yes. What of it?"

"Ish you the gent what advertised for a partner to go lion-huntin' in Africa?"

"Yes, I'm the man. What do you want to know about it?"

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In an instant the same thought struck everyone, and the same word left every lip: "Fire!"

A stampede seemed imminent. Then the hero of the hour arose from his seat in the stalls.

"Keep your seats," he shouted. His words and manner reassured the terror-stricken people. Shamefacedly they sank back into their seats. Slowly the man strode to where there was an open avenue of escape. Then, without a moment's hesitation, he rushed for the door. Once outside, he mopped his forehead and murmured, breathlessly, "Well, someone's saved, anyway."

THE TEACHER SMILES.

Amongst Dr. MacNamara's large budget of stories relating to schools and scholars the following strikes me as being exceptionally good.

A lady teacher was addressing her class on the subject of kindness to dumb animals, and calling to mind the cruel custom prevalent among dog fanciers of cutting off certain dogs' tails, thought it a splendid opportunity to point a moral.

"Now, which of you little girls can tell me why it is cruel to cut off puppy-dogs' tails?" she asked.

For a moment there was no answer. Then a small child put up her hand.

"Well, Mabel, can you tell?"

"Yes, teacher," piped the child's voice, "because of the text."

"Ah!" said the teacher, busily revolving in her mind those texts which might apply to puppy-dogs' tails, what text, dear?"

Back came the text, albeit a little misquoted:

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