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THE RIBOT MINISTRY GONE. RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY THE FRENCH PRESIDENT.

HIS GOVERNMENT DEFEATED OVER THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY CANAL—THE LATEST FRENCH MINISTRY TO COME TO GRIEF.

PARIS, October 29.—As predicted in these despatches the Ribot Ministry has fallen.

Since the Commune, September, 1870, no less than thirty-three Ministries have come and gone in France, and in a period of little over twenty-four years twenty statesmen have been called to the premiership, one of whom, De Freycinet, was at the head of affairs four times in different periods within eight years.

The Ministry having the longest life was that of M. Ferry, formed February 22, 1883, and continuing in power until April 5, 1885, a space of 25 1/2 months; the shortest lived those of M. Rochebout, formed November 20, 1877, and M. Falliers, formed January 29, 1883, each lasting for the short space of 24 days.

M. Ribot's first ministry was defeated after an existence of 36 days, from December 5, 1892, to January 10, 1893. He was able to form another cabinet, but with little better success, having been defeated on a question of taxation of liquors, being replaced by Dupuy, who was succeeded by M. Casimir-Perier, the former President, upon whose resignation M. Dupuy again took office, which he held until replaced by M. Ribot in January last.

For a long time the Southern Railway scandal, so-called, has been brewing in France. In this connection M. Ribot's ministry was overthrown by an adverse vote of M. Rouanet's interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies, condemning the Government's course in regard to this scandal. President Faure has accepted the resignation.

PARIS, October 29.—President Faure spent the whole day in consultation with leading politicians, including General Zurlinden and MM. Lebon, Poincare and Leygues, of the Ribot ministry. Problems involved in the budget were the chief matters of discussion. After the conference of the President with MM. Challemel-Lacour and Brisson, it was predicted by persons in positions enabling them to obtain the best information, that a tentative cabinet would be formed, with M. Bourgeois as premier and minister of the interior; M. Peytral, minister of finance; M. Doumier, minister of commerce; M. Cavagnac, minister of war; M. Bernard, minister of colonies; M. Guoyot-Dessaigner, minister of justice, and M. Doumergue, minister of public works. In case of M. Bourgeois' refusal to form a ministry, MM. Constans, Dupuy, Sarrien, Loubet and Brisson are mentioned, though M. Brisson's refusal is virtually certain.

The Journal des Debats, the Dix Nourvieme Siecle and other Moderate papers deplore the fact that the Chamber of Deputies did not accept the statement of the Ribot ministry regarding the Southern Railway scandal, instead of voting the Government down.

The result is, these journals say, that the Chamber has afforded the country a spectacle of inconsistency and recklessness, the consequence of which it will probably be the first to regret. The Radical and Socialist press are delighted at the result. The Conservative papers declare that the ministry has fallen on the question of public morals, a majority of the Chamber of Deputies becoming expert at seeing the ministers always

inclined to hush up public scandals. Journals of all shades of opinion appreciate the difficulty the situation presents for the President and the future cabinet. A despatch from Carmaux says the striking glass workers at that place held a meeting last evening to rejoice over the defeat of the Government in the Chamber of Deputies.

OBITUARY. Peter McElroy Polan.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. M. J. Polan and family over the sad loss sustained last week in the death of their youngest and beloved son Peter McElroy. The bright and promising lad was only two years of age and had reached that period when a child is most interesting and most cherished by fondly expectant parents. While there is the consolation that a bright angel has winged its flight to heaven, there remains the sad and fond memories that will long cast a gloom over the home. We beg of Mr. Polan and his household to receive the expression of our sympathy and of the hope that many years will go past before death again shadows their threshold.

Death of Mrs. John Deruchie.

At the ripe age of sixty-eight years, Emily Perry, beloved wife of the late John Deruchie, of Glen Walter, has been called to the better world, after a long illness, which she bore with exemplary patience and resignation. This announcement will be learned with sincerest sorrow, not only by her immediate relatives, but also by the large circle of her acquaintances, hosts of whom had known, respected and loved her from her childhood. Mrs. Deruchie leaves seven children to mourn her loss: Mr. Donald J. Deruchie, of Cornwall; Mrs. Edward Thompson, of Glen Walter; Mrs. John McLennan, of Cornwall; Rev. Charles E. Deruchie, C.S.V., of Bourget College, Rigaud; Mr. Norman Deruchie, of Glen Walter; and Messrs. J.A. and Nelson Deruchie, both in California. The distinguishing characteristics of Mrs. Deruchie during her life on earth were fervent, solid piety, the fear of God and a love for Him and her neighbor, which grew more ardent as life wore on. She prayed much; indeed it might be truly said that her life was one constant prayer, so devoted was she to this holy exercise, the food of our souls. She loved best to pray in the house of God, because in that holy place one's prayer ascends to heaven on golden pinions and the devout soul can best unite its prayer with the prayer and sacrifice of our Lord.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning from the residence of her son, Mr. D. J. Deruchie, East End, Cornwall, to the Church of the Nativity, where a Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Paul DeSaunhac, the beloved and zealous pastor of the church, after which the remains were interred in Flanagan's Point Cemetery, in the family lot. The Rev. Father Robus, curate, read the burial service at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. Angus R. McLennan, Joseph Robidoux, Donald Roach, Terrence Fitzpatrick, Joseph Primeau and Joseph Lalonde.

A very large number of prominent citizens and many from a distance attended. There was as large, if not the largest gathering on such an occasion, that has ever been seen in the Church of the Nativity. Seldom has a funeral taken place where there were so many expressions of deep sorrow shown as at this one. No person ever knew her but to become attached to her, and the happiest moments of her life were when she could make others happy about her. She was generous to a fault; unkindness was something unknown to her. She will be greatly missed as well as mourned. May her soul rest in peace! —Com.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

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Sambo: I have neither time nor inclination to pass paregorics on the deceased. Pompey: Paregorics. Sambo: As you please, sir. The words are synonymous.

Optician to his new clerk: Now, in sending out those new price-lists write the addressee as small as possible, so that those reading them may feel how badly they need glasses.

Lawyer: What's that book you are reading? Law Student: Oh, it's a book on common sense. Lawyer: Yes, sir, and reading such a book as that would ruin your mind for legal work for ever.

"I am on my way home, doctor," said a parsimonious city alderman, who was fond of getting advice gratis, meeting a well-known physician, and I am thoroughly tired and worn out. What ought I to take? "Take a cab," replied the intelligent medico.

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