FRENCH WAR COMMITTE WILL HAVE WIDE POWERS

Will Sit Practically Permanently, and Decide All Questions Relating to the War—Joffre to Take a Place in the Meetings

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The official announcement of the constitution of the new cabinet was made last night when Premier Briand submitted to President Poincare decrees naming the new members. Soon afterward the Premier presented his new colleagues to the President.

The number of members in the reformed ministry is ten beside whom there are three under-secretaries of state. The cabinet is thus considerably restricted compared with the old formation, while certain branches of the government, formerly separate, have now been fused. Premier Briand, who, since the adoption in the chamber of deputies last Thursday of the resolution demanding the reorganization of the conduct of the war, has been indefatigably at work on the new ministerial cobination, will appear before parliament on Thursday to present the list of members.

The so-called War Committee, which is part of the reformed ministry is composed of five members. It will have wide powers, will sit practically permanently and will take all decisions regarding the war. Gen. Joffre, as technical military adviser of the government, has been authorized to participate in the meetings of this committee.

One of the principal changes in the cabinet is that in the war department. The head of this section is given to General Hubert Lyautey, who has long been reagrded as combining high political capacity with uncommon military ability. General Lyautey has been employed in Morocco isnce the war began, where he procured the adherence to the French cause of a number of the great Moorish chiefs. Some of these, at their own expense have equipped from five to ten thousand men for the French army. Alexandre Ribot, who has ably guided France's financial affairs since the outbreak of the war, retains his old portfolio and Albert Thomas, who was a member of the old ministry, has been included in the new war committee.

Among the new names are those of M. Herriot and M. Loucheur. M. Herriot is one of the most striking among the new cabinet members. He is a senator from Lyons and also mayor of that town. He organized the Lyons Exposition in 1914, and was influential in procuring a French appropriation for the Panama Fair at San Francisco. Senator Herriot gives the impression of extraordinary mental and physical energy.

M. Loucheur is one of the youngest members of the new administration, being forty four years old. Within a few months after the war began he constructed for the government one of the largest shell factories in France and an equaly extensive establishment for making asphyxiating gas and explosives. At present he is establishing two immense factories for the construction of large guns. Prior to the war he took a prominent part in development of French water power and has constructed roads in the Far East. He recently returned from an important government mission to Russia.

Early in his career he was engaged in railway work.

LESS MEAT IF BACK AND KIDNEYS HURT

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Take a glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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GREEK PRESS IS OPTIMISTIC

Although Entente Diplomats Continue Preparations for Departure

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 13.—A Reuter despatch from Athens, dated December 12, says that the Greek press continues optimistic in regard to the International situation, but the Entente demands have not yet been formulated as all the legations have not, up to the present received full instructions. In the meantime practically all the Entente nationals have embarked on Allied ships and every arangement has been made for the departure of the Entente diplomats. There is no direct news from Athens in regard to the regrets expressed by the Greek minister at Paris on behalf of King Constantine's government, respecting the attack made upon the British and French marines in the Greek capital.

Kent County Council passed resolutions to the Government asking that Indians be granted the franchise and that manufacturers affix all war stamps on medicines, relieving druggists and retailers of that responsibility.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

WANT TO KNOW POLICY OF GOVT.

Have No Quarrel With Dictatorship, But John Dillon Calls For Discussion.

London, Dec. 13—When the House of Commons yesterday assembled, Mr. Bonar Law immediately moved adjournment until Thursday, when Premier Lloyd George will move the vote of credit. Reginald McKenna suggested that the premier make his statement next Tuesday, when Mr. Asquith could be present. Mr. Bonar Law promised to consult the premier.

Mr. Bonar Law said he thought Mr. McKenna's suggestion a reasonable one, but added that the vote of credit must be passed this week. He suggested, therefore, that the discussion of Thursday be confined to a statement regarding the war, and that the premier's general statement be reserved until next week, when Mr. Asquith will be present to reply.

Mr. Bonar Law said he was glad to hear a remark interjected by one of the members to the effect that there were no parties now, whereupon James Hogge, Liberal member from the east division of Edinburgh, Scotland, exclaimed: "Cant! Humbug!"

John Dillon urged next a motion to discuss the Government's statement of policy, to which everyone was looking forward with intense interest.

"I am not quarreling with the dictatorship which has been reached," said Mr. Dillon. "We probably have reached the stage when some form of dictatorship is absolutely necessary, but we have embarked on a system of government absolutely revolutionary, and the premier should make a frank statement of the character of the machinery under which we are expected to work."

After a short discussion it was agreed that the vote of credit be taken on Thursday, and that the wider discussion on the policy of the Government and the circumstances which led up to its formation would be held next week. The House then adjourned.

NO PROVISIONS FOR HUN SUBS

Bill Enforcing Such a Rule Introduced by Spanish Statesman

By Courier Leased Wire.

Madrid, Dec. 12—via Paris Dec 13—Alejandro Leroux, leader of the Radical party in the chamber of deputies, has introduced a bill prohibiting Spanish subjects and vessels from provisioning German submarines in any way.

Warden M. McDowell, reeve of North Walsingham, has decided to turn over the usual honorarium of his office to Red Cross purposse.

Mrs. Thomas Boyne, her baby and a lady friend, of Kingston, were thrown from a buggy when boys with firecrackers frightened the horse.

SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

HARD TO GET ALONG WITH.

"Why is she so hard to get along with?" I asked someone the other day in regard to a woman who has that reputation.

"Well," he said, "she's one of those people who are always imagining that other people are thinking this or that. She won't be in the house twenty-four hours before she'll be saying, 'I know you think so-and-so.' And so-and-so is something you think she shouldn't have done. If you say you don't think that, she'll say, 'You acted as if you did,' and you can see she still thinks so. She keeps any home she's in stirred up."

Making Hard Work of Human Relationships.

Do you recognize that woman? I do. She is one of those unhappy people who make hard work of human relationships instead of taking them simply and happily.

Perhaps I should call it a tendency rather than a type, because it is so common, almost universal.

She Wasn't Tired, Just Worked Up.

I taxed a friend of mine with being tired out from overwork. "No," she replied, "but I got all worked up. I promised I'd spend the day with my sister, and then I remembered I had promised a friend I'd try to go to a lecture with her that day. So I telephoned my sister. Well, she had made some plans and she thought I ought to give up the lecture. She does a lot for me and I hated to refuse. Finally I put it up to my friend, and she said it would be all right, and afterwards I found out that she was awfully hurt. It's a dreadful mess. I've been almost sick over it."

Just think of it, nobody sick, no financial trouble, nothing real to make them unhappy, and yet these thre women had managed to get all stirred up and unhappy.

She Almost Wished She Had No Machine.

Another woman told me that she almost wished she didn't have a machine sometimes, because it fretted her so lest one friend should think she was not being taken to ride so much as some other.

Some people are always worrying lest other people hurt their feelings and others (a much smaller class) are always worrying lest they shall hurt other people's feelings.

The s ensitiveness of the first comes from self-consciousness and self-centredness; of the second, from an over-developed sympathetic imagination. The second is more forgiveable, but neither is a happy state of mind.

TANKS OF THE ENEMY ARE REPORTED TO BE VERY SWIFT

Germany Claims Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour—Cars Used With Great Effect in Roumanian Campaign

At General von Falkenhayn's Headquarters in Roumania, Dec. 13.—One of the most interesting features of the Roumanian campaign from a German standpoint, has been the spectacular work of the new armoured automobiles evolved soon after the advent of the British "tanks" on the Somme front.

Even in the brief tests it has had since the Germans crossed the mountains into the Roumanian plains, the new German armored car has shown itself an efficient auxiliary to the cavalry in patrol work, as it frequently can inflict infinitely more damage than a whole squadron, and is far more difficult to destroy than the English car. Its achievements so far include an attack on Roumanian infantry, in which 300 men were killed.

Carries Crew of Ten Men

The car is 25 feet in length, with wheels a foot wide and encased in solid rubber. Each carries a crew of ten men, including the machine gun operators, the chauffeur and one substitute and one officer. The machine guns can be operated in almost any direction through narrow slits. At one end, under the customary hood, is a 100 horse-power motor, and at the other end, under a similar hood, is the gasoline tank.

Each man in the crew is an expert mechanic and chauffeur, so if by any chance a stray bullet bursts through the slit through which the operator looks in driving, there are others ready and competent to take the injured man's place.

The automobile engine is both air and water cooled. The car shell is impervious to machine gun and rifle fire. When no opponent is in sight the top of the turret can be opened so that a man can get his shoulders out and make observations. When the turret is closed periscopes are used to observe the surrounding landscape from all angles.

HOW THE TANKS DELIVER ATTACKS

Yorkshire Soldier Describes Terror Caused by New Armored Cars

A story of how the famous British "tanks" go into action was issued recently by the Official Press Bureau in London. The story was written by a Yorkshire enlisted man and is as follows:

"During my first day with the 'tank' we were working with a Yorkshire battalion. For that reason our 'ship' had its name changed from 'Biting Billy' to 'The Tyke,' It was a strange experience at first, but we got used to it, and soon found it the most exciting kind of joy-riding imaginable. Our first experience of putting the fear of God into the heart of Fritz was the day they tried to cut off the West Yorkshires. They delivered one of their steam-hammer surprise attacks just after the West Yorkshires had settled into a new trench that had been captured after very hard fighting. They had tried to smother the defenders under heavy gun-fire before making the attack, and the Yorkshire lads were greatly outnumbered all the time. They put up a game fight and were holding their own when we got there, though they were being hard pressed and obviously needed a rest.

"We cut in at the gray dawn of a misty morning, and as we appeared suddenly out of the mist behind our own trenches we must have given the Yorkshire chaps as big a surprise as we were to give the enemy later. We went right over the trench and out into 'No Man's Land.' It was so misty that we could see nothing at first, but gradually, as it cleared we could detect hurried movements of the enemy all around. They hadn't the least idea of anything happening, and were moving about to further their plans for rushing the trench held by the Yorkshires. Right ahead of us a machine gun detachment came up and put its guns into position to cover the attack. Another set of jokers brought up a lot of tackle looking like fire hose and extinguishers. Afterward I learned that this was flamesquirting tackle.

"Unseen ourselves, we were able to watch all this coming and going with interest. We didn't make the least move until the enemy had comfortably settled down. Then we got up steam, so to speak, and careened right in among the whole outfit. If we had been the fatest in sea serpents we couldn't have caused greater astonishment than we did when we poked our ugly nose in among that select little family party of Germans. Horror of the most astonishing kind was painted on the face of every manjack of the 'Fritzes.' A few were so terrified that they stood rooted to the ground as though turned to stone, but the rest bolted as though a carload of fiends were after them.

"We didn't want to collect the petrified chaps, but went off express after the runaways. We got at them with our guns and brought them down before they had run far. Then we returned to await the attack, which was delivered in ignorance of the fate that had overtaken the machine gun party. We kept under cover until the attacking column was well up toward its objective. Then we gave a snort and put ourselves across the line of the advancing enemy. They were frightened out of their wits, I think. The leading troops turned tail and fled, discarding their arms in their flight. We went full blast at them and our guns played great havoc with them all the time. In about twenty minutes their whole plan of attack was knocked on the head, and they were in full retreat. The West Yorkshire lads were relieved and they gave us a good reception when we got back."

There have been many old experiences with these automobiles in Rumania. On one of the first trips a car entered a village not yet captured, where the officer and his crew were taken for Russians because the Germans were not supposed to have armored cars. Three Rumanian locomotive drivers tried to get their engines away, but the automobile was too swift for them. It raced ahead. The crew destroyed a portion of the track and the automobile received the engines with a withering fire which forced their surrender. On the return to the village the crew was again greeted with white flags of surrender.

On another occasion an automobile encountered a force of Roumanian infantry and opened fire before the troops could seek shelter. The Roumanians fled after sixty seconds of firing from the car, leaving 300 dead and 50 wounded.

Sweeps Around Trenches.

The great usefulness of the automobiles has been most apparent in Roumania, where the character of the warfare makes it possible to slip behind the opponent's lines. On a recent exploit of this kind the commander worked his way to the rear of the body of Roumanian infantry which was entrenching, and almost before the Roumanians were aware of the car's presence, it had swept the trenches with machine gun fire and driven the defenders out in disorder.

The chief advantage of the new automobile in contrast with the British machine is that it can run at an average speed of twenty-five miles an hour, as contrasted with the snail-like pace of the entente cars. Its speed frequently enables it to scout ahead of the cavalry, and it can make its way over any road or even a field.

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Sir William Peterson, preside of McGill university, Montreal, w recently visited France, descri some of his experiences in the U versity Magazine. Speaking of Canadian Red Cross headquart in Boulogne, France, Sir Willi says:

"Here are stored all the mun farious supplies which reach Bo ogne, both from Canada and fr London. What an amount of l ing care and foresight on the p of the workers and contribut throughout the world is represe ed in these stores. Nothing see to be lacking, either in the way medical and surgical supplies creature comforts. The need is great that in the month of July contents represented a value half a million dollars. And no m ter how full the warehouses be, their whole consignment is cl ed on an average once a mo Let the workers in Canada and where continue their angelic forts in the full confidence that ery ounce of the goods they su reaches its mark, and that here in everything else I was privil to witness, the work of admini tion is above criticism.

What Is To Be Done?

Since Sir William saw those houses, the Battle of the So has been fought, draining dry accumulated stores of the so "Shall we begin reducing commitments to the French au ities?"

The above question occurs letter dated Oct. 6 to the chai of the executive, from Major in charge of Red Cross stores warehouses in England.

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