

HOW FRANCE CHOOSES PRESIDENT

METHOD DIFFERS FROM
UNITED STATES.

Parliament Appoints the President, Who in Turn Appoints His Own Prime Minister.

France has just elected a new President—Alexandre Millerand. But no fiery campaign of speeches to the electors preceded his appointment. France does these things in a manner utterly at variance to procedure in the republic to our south. Not a single perfunctory oration, not one platform promise did Millerand have to make to the "people." Without any reference to France's forty million souls, the National Assembly appointed Millerand, and he in turn appointed his own Premier, Georges Leygues, and the latter's Ministers.

Physically unfit to hold the position, M. Deschanel has, after a brief and rather farcical tenure of office, stepped out to make place for France's new President, Millerand, who has appointed Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine in Clemenceau's cabinet, to be Premier. At this moment of dangerous unrest the accession of such strong and tried men to the head of the Republic will gratify Britain and all allied nations.

Birth of the Republic.

The form of Government in France to-day has something in common with that of Canada, and especially of the United States. From the absolute tyranny of the Bourbons in 1789, France lapsed into virtual anarchy. Then she swung back to autocracy under Napoleon, afterwards to limited monarchy ideas under the restored Bourbons and Bonapartes, and finally to her present Republican form of government, whose constitution dates from 1875, although it was provisionally established in 1870 after the disastrous war with Germany.

Millerand, like other French Presidents, was elected by the National Assembly, the French Parliament which is composed of the combined Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. His term of office is seven years. The Chamber of Deputies resembles our House of Commons in that its members are elected for four years by direct suffrage. The French Senate, however, is not made up of men directly appointed by the Premier, as at Ottawa, but is elected by an electoral body comprising delegates chosen by the Municipal Council of each Commune and by deputies, councillors-general and district councillors of the departments.

Minister Needn't Be M.P.

Upon his election the President selects his own Cabinet—the Premier and the various Ministers—and, contrary to the Canadian usage, but like that of the United States, they need not necessarily be, though they usually are, members of the National Assembly. As at Washington, a man who has never run for a seat in the Legislature or who has even been defeated in doing so, could be chosen as a Cabinet Minister. The Ministry constitutes the executive power of the Government in France.

The retention of the term "province" for the great divisions of Canada is a relic of the old French regime. Notwithstanding that during the late war it was customary to speak of the "fighting in Champagne," "Picardy," "Artois," etc., these old provinces have to-day no legal or territorial existence. After the ousting of the Bourbons and the nobles the provincial system was abolished, and all France cut up into smaller divisions.

How France is Divided.

For purposes of local government France is divided into 87 departments and the three departments of Algeria. These departments are sub-divided into arrondissements of which there were 362 in 1913, into cantons, of which there were 2,915, and into communes which numbered 36,241. A perfect model of the Government is in charge of each department. Sub-prefects supervise the arrondissements and the communes are under the charge of municipal councils elected by direct suffrage. So the actual voice of France's 40,000,000 people makes itself heard back of all the nominations.

France's colonial possessions are second only to those of Britain, counting her share of the German colonies—small recompense for France's losses in blood and treasure—France has to-day overseas possessions in all parts of the world totalling about 5,000,000 square miles in area. The "Dominion" idea has not yet taken hold, however, and this enormous territory, whose population is about 90 per cent. native races, unfitted for self-government, is still politically part of France—little France which with Alsace and Lorraine has an area of only 212,000 square miles—and represented in her councils by but four Senators and ten Deputies. Other of France's colonies are represented in the Superior Council of the Colonies, which is composed of colonial officials.

Paddington Station, London, is now free from women ticket collectors for the first time since the war.

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POOR HEALTH LIFE'S HANDICAP

Rich, Red Blood and Strong Nerves Needed to Win Out.

It has been well said that life is a race. The full blooded man with sound nerves, the bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked woman, invariably win. The nervous, dyspeptic man, and the ailing anemic woman are left behind. Success in life is largely a question of good health and sound nerves. It is never the shaky, undecided men who are chosen for promotion; the sickly looking, pale woman is not sought after like her happy, rosy sisters.

What makes all the difference is the condition of the blood. Your blood is thin and poor, your nerves are bound to suffer, because they have to depend upon good red blood for nourishment. Headaches, undecided will, a shrunken figure and pale, unattractive face tell only too plainly that the blood is at fault.

Both men and women in great numbers have found deliverance from their inferiority in life's race, caused by impoverished blood, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are a remedy that has been a household word for a generation, because they tone up the whole system, make the blood rich and red and strengthen the nerves. Mrs. S. B. Miller, Elmira, Ont., says: "I look upon Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a family medicine, and have reason to praise them for what they have done in our home. Some years ago, while we were living in Alberta, my husband was so completely run down that he was unable to do any work, and even to carry a pail of water would exhaust him. A doctor was called in who said his heart was affected, and that medicine would be of little use to him. This greatly worried me and I finally urged him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He began their use and in a short time the swelling in his hands and feet disappeared. We decided to return to Ontario, but the doctor said he could not stand the trip. But the doctor was mistaken, for through the use of the pills he gained such strength as to be able to look after the harvest, and in a month later we returned to Ontario. My husband still takes a box or two of the pills twice a year, and they keep him in good shape. I have also found the pills good for my growing daughters, and we are never without them in our home."

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Telling a Little-Known Secret of Success

We all know how the weather makes us cheerful or depressed. We don't realize so readily how much we are affected by the aspect of things we meet every day. Our gloom is dispelled by the mere presence of sunny, courteous people. They are easy to get on with. Nothing about them jars. Their frank smiles suggest that they wish you well and like you. And we all like to be liked.

Sheer ability doesn't get its full marks when it goes hand in hand with unattractiveness, "airs" and offensive personality. You feel that so-and-so may be a good man for his job, but you don't want to see more of him than you can help! And employers are as human as you are yourself. There is something about good humor, courtesy and kindness which hits the bull's-eye. You cannot fail to be pleasantly impressed by the ready, helpful man or woman who never fails to perform those graceful acts which cost so little yet mean so much. Such persons diffuse sunshine wherever they go. They are efficient in business because their relations are easy and smooth with everyone they meet.

Politeness pays! Human nature can't resist it. And doesn't try! When a man, however rich and powerful he may be, is treated with a quiet courtesy which is neither fussy nor fawning, he instinctively respects the man he meets, and wishes to have his good opinion. He shows his best side. He will try to show himself just and generous.

Unfailingly do unto others as you would have them do unto you; show exactly the same attitude to the lowliest and the grandest of your acquaintances, and you will assuredly get on, because good-humor and quiet helpfulness are urgently needed by every man of business.

The worker to whom nothing is a trouble will never be sacked. Rather will he rise. The bright, smiling salesman draws customers—because cheerfulness is a magnet which attracts us all. In our dull business world smiles are sun-rays ever welcome.

It is so very easy to be breezy and bright and kind. The habit of courtesy and politeness soon becomes second nature. Business sacrifices themselves entirely to their ideal of social service. Business doesn't make so severe a demand. But wherever that principle is shown in business it is promptly recognized and usually rewarded by rapid advancement. The rules and usages dictated by courtesy had not their basis in sand; they have evolved slowly and solidly out of the need for ease, grace and decency in life. Therefore apart from the decided advantages that accrue to ourselves when we are gentle, considerate and helpful to others, we show appreciation of the fact, too often overlooked, that for all our happiness we are very much dependent one upon another.

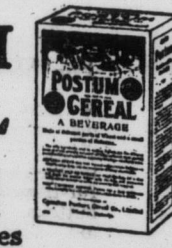
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Seven Ages of Man. The seven ages of man have recently been tabulated on an acquisitive basis, as follows:
First Age—Sees the earth.
Second Age—Wants it.
Third Age—Starts to get it.
Fourth Age—Decides to be satisfied with half of it.
Fifth Age—Becomes still more moderate.
Sixth Age—Now content to possess a six by two foot bit of it.
Seventh Age—Gets the strip.

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