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French Government Has Resigned; The British Lose Cruiser on The Scottish Coast

Briand Now is Head Of French Government

Viviani to Have Position in New Cabinet But Re-organization Likely Not Complete Till Tomorrow — Second Time Since War Began

Paris, Oct. 28.—The Viviani ministry resigned today. Aristide Briand has been asked to form a new cabinet. The following statement was made by M. Briand: "Premier Viviani took steps to enlarge his cabinet. I am continuing them in my turn, but I have no official mandate, since there is no ministerial crisis. Accordingly, the conversations I have had with various political leaders have been only semi-official and I ask you to explain that it is in that sense that my activities must be regarded. Perhaps I may be in a position to say more very soon. It is understood that Viviani will be minister of justice in the re-organized cabinet. The cabinet in its new form will probably not be ready to appear before parliament this afternoon, and Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber, will move an adjournment until tomorrow. Information indicates that M. Briand will become foreign minister as well as premier, with Jules Cambon, who was ambassador to Germany at the outbreak of the war, as his principal secretary. In addition to M. Viviani, probable designations are: Minister of war, General J. S. Gallieni, military governor of Paris; minister of marine, Rear Admiral Lacaze; minister of agriculture, Etienne Clementel, former minister of agriculture and finance; minister of commerce, L. L. Klotz, former minister of the interior and of finance, or Joseph Thierry, under secretary in the ministry of war; minister of instruction, Emile Combes, former premier. The other members of the present cabinet, according to this programme, will continue in their present positions. The Paris Journal states that there will be six ministers of state without portfolios, of whom four will be senators and two deputies. It is also said the under secretariats will not be filled except in the case of the minister of war in which department Albert Thomas is to be continued in office, in charge of the output of munitions. (Continued on page 2, fourth column)

Two of St. John's Wounded Soldiers



Private Roland K. Kingston, of North End, of 24th Battalion, wounded in France. Private John Vincent, of North End, wounded in action with the 26th Battalion.

Former Commander of Bulgars To Lead Russians Against Them

General Dimitrieff, "Little Napoleon," of First Balkan War, Said to be Choice for Head of Czar's Army in New Field

Milan, Italy, Oct. 28.—The Corriere della Sera learns that General Radoo Dimitrieff will command the Russian forces sent against Bulgaria. He is now at Bucharest, trying to induce the Roumanian government to permit the passage of Russian troops through Roumania. General Dimitrieff, at the opening of the war, was Bulgarian minister to Russia. He resigned and offered his services to the Russian War Office. His offer was gladly accepted, for he had been commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army in the last part of the first Balkan war. In the war between Serbia and Bul-

INNER WAR COUNCIL IS TO BE "OFFICIAL"

No Re-constitution of the British Cabinet Considered

POWERS TO COMMITTEE

Will Be Able to Decide on Executive Matters of War — Daily News' Parliamentary Correspondent Says That Winston Churchill Will Not Be a Member

London, Oct. 28.—No reconstruction of the cabinet or constitution of a smaller cabinet, is being considered by the government, at the present time, says the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily News. But it has been decided, he says, to give official recognition to a hitherto unofficial "inner war council or committee." Seven to ten ministers have heretofore taken part at various times in the deliberations of this body which is now to be officially appointed with an exact definition of powers and principles. The committee, the newspaper says, will sit daily and will decide on executive acts of war. Such decisions, moreover, need not in future be referred for approval to the full cabinet. It is not yet decided whether membership in the new council shall number three, five or seven. Two proposals as to its formation are being considered. The first is that the balance of political opinion represented in the full cabinet should be preserved in the council—in other words that the council should be a miniature of the cabinet. The other proposal is that the council should contain only ministers directly concerned with the conduct of the war. In the former case there would be seven members; in the latter case either three or five. In either case it is understood that Winston Churchill will no longer serve on the inner body. Since the resignation of Theophile Delcasse, a famous French statesman, as foreign minister, on October 18, it has been understood that there would be further changes but reports have not indicated such a sweeping reorganization. Delcasse's resignation had been previously reorganized since the beginning of the war. The Viviani ministry resigned on August 27 of last year and a coalition cabinet was formed, with M. Viviani remaining at its head. M. Briand held several cabinet positions and was premier from January 21 to March 18 of 1913. He is minister of justice in the present cabinet.

EIGHT BARRELS OF LIQUOR SEIZED AT FREDERICTON STATION

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 28.—The police last night seized eight barrels of bottled liquors at the C. P. R. station. It was shipped from St. John and consigned to fictitious persons. An advance party of one officer and nine men of the 8th Battery arrived here last night. At a meeting of the school board yesterday B. B. Barnes, a New Brunswicker, now teaching in Massey, Sask., was appointed Sloyd instructor for the city schools. The Brunswick Street Baptists held a very successful congregational social last night in connection with the centennial celebration. Dean William Cooper, the oldest member of the church, assisted in receiving the guests.

FOOTBALL MATCHES

The last game of the Interscholastic Football League will be played on the Rothesay College gridiron tomorrow afternoon between the College fifteen and the St. John High School squad, champions of the league for 1914 and for the present year. The St. John team's lineup will be unchanged. The second team from the High School will also play the collegians second team. This game should be very interesting as the teams are evenly matched. The lineup of the local team will be Fullbeck, C. Seely, halves, J. Dunlop (captain), Powers, McGovern and Russell; forwards, Barnes, Ritchie, Rustin, Phares, K. Seely, Regan and Taylor.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Summary—Another shallow disturbance is passing eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather is fine and comparatively warm throughout the domain.

Shower Tomorrow. Maritime—Moderate winds, fine and mild; Friday, fresh south and southwest winds, becoming showery. New England—Partly cloudy, warmer in the interior; Friday, local rains, moderate winds, becoming south.

Argyll Aground; Likely Total Loss

Cruiser Ashore in Bad Weather But All Hands Have Been Saved

London, Oct. 28.—The British cruiser Argyll has run aground and may be a total wreck. All hands were rescued. This was made known by the Admiralty today, in the following announcement: "H.M.S. Argyll, Captain James Tancred, R.N., grounded this morning off the east coast of Scotland. Owing to bad weather prevailing, it is feared she may become a total wreck. All her officers and the crew have been saved." The Argyll, 10,850 tons displacement, was laid down in 1902. Her normal complement is 685. She is 450 feet long. Her largest guns are 7.5 inches, of which she carries four. She has six 6-inch, two 3-inch, and twenty-two 3-pound guns and two torpedo tubes.

ITALY BELIEVES FALL OF TWO IMPORTANT AUSTRIAN CITIES IS NOW IMMINENT

Little Happened on Western Front Last Night — Varying Reports Come From the Balkans

Rome, Oct. 27, (via Paris, 28).—In political circles here the fall of Gorizia and Riva is considered imminent, notwithstanding the heavy reinforcements Austria is concentrating on the Italian front. LITTLE IN THE WEST Paris, Oct. 28.—The official communication given out by the French War Office this afternoon follows: "There was reported last night nothing more than some outpost engagements and reconnaissances of small importance, which everywhere resulted in our favor."

IS MADE LIFE MEMBER

Hampton Red Cross Honors Mrs. Chas. Dickson Who, at 79, Knits 70 Pairs of Socks For Soldiers

The weekly meeting of the Hampton Branch of the Red Cross Society was held on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. G. Fiewelling. A shipment to the provincial branch was reported. It contained seventy night shirts, sixty surgical pads, sixty-two pairs of socks and ten property bags. Mrs. Ryan, in a few appropriate words, presented a life membership to Mrs. Charles Dickson, who is seventy-nine years old, and has knit seventy pairs of socks for this branch. The members are glad to show their appreciation of her good example and interest in the work by making her a life member.

GOES TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

The case of Elizabeth Wentzell, administratrix of the estate of Charles Wentzell, against the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway Company, was settled on appeal to the supreme court of Canada before Mr. Justice Grimmer in chambers this morning. This case was twice tried in Westmorland county; the jury at the first trial disagreeing, and the jury at the second awarding a verdict of \$1,200 to the plaintiff. The company appealed, and the court of appeal on September 23 dismissed the appeal with costs. The case will now be appealed to the supreme court of Canada.

RECRUITING MUCH BETTER IN MOTHERLAND

London, Oct. 28.—There has been a great increase in recruiting throughout the country during the last week, according to several newspapers. The Manchester Guardian says that recruiting is now going on at a higher rate than any reached since the early months of the war.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL ABLAZE; MANY OF LITTLE ONES DIE

Fire Sweeps St. John's in Peabody and Children in Panic Break From Control of Sisters — Dead 30 to 50

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Fire swept through the three story brick building occupied by the St. John's Parochial school today, burning or driving to death in the panic that followed the alarm probably thirty of the 600 boys and girls who a few minutes before had assembled for their daily lessons. An hour later twelve bodies had been removed from the vestibule, where the janitor terrified little ones had resulted in the greatest loss of life. The police had estimated the dead as high as fifty. Many were injured in their flight down the stairways and a few jumped from the windows of the third floor. The students who ranged in years from seven to thirteen, were in charge of eighteen sisters. When the fire broke out the sisters marshalled their charges as for a fire drill and started them from the building. The procession was orderly until those from the third floor joined others pouring from the class rooms on the second floor. Suddenly there was a cry of fear from one of the throng. It was taken up by a hundred others and panic ensued. The sisters made frantic efforts to stop the pushing, struggling mass, but to no purpose. The smaller children fell under the feet of those behind them and soon the vestibule was so jammed with living and dead, that the firemen could not force an entrance. The sixteen sisters escaped.

FIVE STRING RECORD OF 596 BY WILSON

Great Bowling Work in Competition Last Night

Thomas L. Wilson of Black's Bowling Alley made a new five-string record last evening. In competition he made a grand total of 596 for five consecutive strings, which was twenty-two pins more than the alley record held by Aerial Duffy. The strings followed—122, 111, 121, 119—596. The consistent bowling was a feature in itself, and the new record will undoubtedly stand for some time. This is the second record which has been broken this year. Clarence Lunney only recently setting a new three-string record of 378.

BOTHA SUES CANDIDATE FOR SLANDER OVER A MATTER OF GOLD BARS

Johannesburg, South Africa, Oct. 28.—The last days of the South African public figured in a trial that opened here today. Premier Botha is proceeding against Mankie, a nationalist candidate for parliament, charging that during the recent political campaign Mankie slandered him by asking the premier what he had done with 184 bars of gold valued at 750,000 pounds sterling, left in possession of Botha and two others, on the departure of Paul Kruger, and never accounted for.

KRUPPS TO BUILD CRUISERS FOR DUTCH?

London, Oct. 28.—A despatch to the Express from Copenhagen says that the Krupps have obtained a contract to build two cruisers for the Dutch government. They will be built at Amsterdam and ordered under immediate control of German engineers.

CITY GRANTS TO THE FUNDS

If the proposed grant of \$25,000 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund is voted, the share to be paid by residents of the city—about ninety per cent.—will be \$22,500, and this, added to previous grants, will make a total of about \$55,000, to be provided by the city taxpayers. At the last meeting of the common council the resolution providing for a grant of \$25,000 for the patriotic fund was referred to a special committee for consideration, and this committee will meet on Friday afternoon to decide upon their recommendation to the council.

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