

M. RIBOT'S RESIGNATION.

The French Premier and His Ministry Retire to Private Life.

A ROW OVER RAILROAD SCANDALS

Precipitated the Present Ministerial Crisis. The Government Charged with Laxity in Punishing Swindlers—President Faure Promptly Accepts the Resignations.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday M. Rouanet, who has been prominent in exposing those who were connected with the Panama canal and Southern railroad syndicates, questioned the government regarding the South of France railroad scandal, it being alleged that a number of senators, deputies, and others have made large profits out of the company by fair or unfair means. He declared that the good repute of parliament was involved and asked for explanations as to the partiality which had been shown towards those involved in the scandals, claiming that the authorities had been afraid to prosecute them because the deputies and senators involved with the late Baron Reinach, of Panama canal fame, had disposed of \$8,850,000 francs in devious ways, and he demanded that the minister of justice, M. Trarieux, publish the documents in the case which were in his possession and which would throw light on the subject.

M. Binder, a member of the Right, then charged the minister of justice with culpable leniency, and demanded that the guilty parties be punished.

M. Trarieux replied, denying that he had long had in his possession documents



M. RIBOT, which required the arrest of M. Edmond Magnier, formerly senator of the Var, and recently editor in chief of The Evénement.

who were recently sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having received part of the profits of the syndicate. Continuing the minister of justice said that whenever the government believed it had incurred responsibility it had prosecuted the parties involved. No deputy, he added, was indicted among the guilty parties.

After several Radical interruptions M. Trarieux proceeded to say in addition that several names were known to the government as having figured in the scandal, the expert, M. Flory, who made an inquiry into the finances of the South of France railroad. He was interrupted by several cries for names.

M. Flory M. Trarieux said: "Rouvier, Jules Roche, Etienne, Dolancle, Bardoux and others."

When he was able to make himself heard the minister of justice added that the majority of those whose names had been mentioned had explained their position, and he concluded with the remark: "The chamber knows the truth, and if parliament considers its dignity and honor compromised the government will join the chamber in voting for repressive measures, and in the face of these explanations asks the chamber for a vote of confidence."

The order of the day, pure and simple, was then submitted to the chamber and rejected by a vote of 406 to 105.

M. Haberts then moved that the chamber agree to prohibit members of parliament from joining in financial syndicates. The motion was accepted by the premier, M. Ribot, and was adopted unanimously.

Later M. Rouanet submitted a motion demanding that full light be thrown on the South of France railroad scandals, asking the government to prosecute all those who have been found to be implicated in them, and submit to the chamber the report of the expert who inquired into the finances of the company.

M. Ribot thereupon said it was useless to submit the expert's report, and, as to the prosecutions, he added, the work of justice had been accomplished and could not be reopened.

M. Rouanet's motion asking for an explanation as to the partiality which had been shown towards those involved in the scandals, claiming that the authorities had been afraid to prosecute them, and demanding that the minister of justice publish the documents in the case, which were in his possession, was then adopted by a vote of 275 to 136.

After the adoption of this motion the ministers left the chamber of deputies in a body amid ironical Radical cheers, and went to the Elysee Palace, where they handed in their resignations to President Faure. The resignations have been accepted, and the chamber of deputies has adjourned for a week.

The ministry which has just resigned was formed on Jan. 26 by M. Ribot after the fall of the Dupuy ministry. It was composed of the following members: M. Ribot, prime minister and minister of finance; M. Hanoteaux, foreign affairs; General Zurlinder, war; Admiral Besnard, marine; M. Trarieux, justice; M. Leygues, interior; M. Poincaré, public instruction and worship; M. Dupuy-Dutemps, public works; M. Lebon, commerce; M. Gadand, agriculture; M. Chau-

ville, who recently resigned to a former employment for having received part of the profits of the syndicate. Continuing the minister of justice said that whenever the government believed it had incurred responsibility it had prosecuted the parties involved. No deputy, he added, was indicted among the guilty parties.

The Figaro recently said that the following named members of the chamber of deputies were members of the South of France railway syndicate made the profits set against their names: Jules Roche, 28,000 francs; M. Rouvier, 6,750 francs; M. Etienne, 8,000 francs; M. Dolancle, 5,000 francs; M. Passy, 12,500 francs; M. LeMerlier, 4,500 francs.

The Figaro added that these deputies were not prosecuted because the official accountant, M. Flory, was of the opinion that the formation of the syndicate was perfectly regular, and, therefore, its members were not guilty of corruption.

More Armenian Outrages. CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 29.—Another massacre of Armenians, accompanied by the outraging of women, is reported to have occurred recently at Balbut, between Erzerum and Trebizond. According to the report received here a mob of about 500 Mussulmans and Lazos, the great majority of whom were armed with rifles, made an attack upon the Armenians inhabiting several villages of that vicinity and set fire to their houses and schools. The men and women who were captured by the rioters were fastened to stakes and burned alive. During the disturbances 150 Armenians are said to have been killed.

No Cuba Day at Atlanta. ATLANTA, Oct. 28.—At yesterday's meeting of the exposition directors many directors who were not present when a day was set aside for Cuba brought the matter up again, and insisted that the exposition company should not take part in matters of international concern. After discussion the day was postponed from Nov. 6 to 17. This is regarded as virtually an indefinite postponement, for the day is so near the close of the exposition that it is not likely it will be further considered.

Madagascar Accepts French Protection. PARIS, Oct. 28.—The treaty between France and Madagascar has been published. The queen accepts the protectorate of France. The latter represents Madagascar in all foreign relations, questions concerning foreigners will be in the hands of the French resident general, and the republic undertakes to defend Madagascar against all dangers.

Japanese Ex-Minister Arrested. TOKYO, Oct. 28.—General Miura, the deposed minister at Korea, whose name has figured in the accusation regarding the murder of the queen, was arrested on his arrival in Japan. He had previously been dismissed from the imperial service. Formosa has been completely subdued. Five thousand captives have been brought north.

Lieutenant Gallegos Acquitted. HAVANA, Oct. 29.—The trial by court martial of Lieutenant Gallegos, the commander of the small Spanish guardboat Dos de Mayo, which was captured by insurgents near Santiago de Cuba on Oct. 19, has resulted in his acquittal by a vote of four to three.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Oliver Ames, ex-governor of Massachusetts, died at his home in North Easton yesterday, aged 84.

Meadow Valley, a village of 100 inhabitants in Kingstons township, Wis., has been wiped out by flames.

By the explosion of a factory boiler at Lomax, Ill., John Holmes and James White were killed and two others fearfully injured.

Miss Frances E. Willard was yesterday re-elected president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the Baltimore convention.

Democratic members of South Carolina's constitutional convention have as yet failed to agree on a suffrage plan to be supported unanimously.

Thursday, Oct. 24. Gustav Droz, the noted French painter and author, died in Paris yesterday.

Charles Day Rose has withdrawn his challenge for a series of yacht races for the America's cup in 1898.

At Fulton, Ill., the 2-year-old child of Mrs. Georgia Richards was devoured by hogs. Only an arm was saved.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage last evening assumed his new position as copastor of the First Presbyterian church in Washington.

The meeting of the national Republican committee to determine the time and place of the next national convention has been called to meet at Washington Dec. 10.

At Syracuse, N. Y., three indictments are pending against Charles Oberlander, son of the superintendent of the Tabor orphanage, for alleged crimes against the girl inmates.

Friday, Oct. 25. President Cleveland and party returned to Washington from the Atlanta exposition at 8 o'clock last night.

A. K. Ward, who absconded from Memphis with \$300,000 of others' money, has arrived at Puerto Cortez, Honduras.

Charles H. Van Wyck, ex-congressman from New York and ex-senator from Nebraska, died in Washington, aged 71.

Arthur B. Irwin, late manager of the Philadelphia Baseball club, announces that he will manage the New York team next season.

By a rear end collision at Hyde Park, Mass., between an express and an accommodation train, Brakeman Austin was killed and several others injured.

Saturday, Oct. 26. A London cablegram says that Mr. Rose has cancelled his order to build the Distant Shore.

Spencer C. Millard, lieutenant governor of California, died at his home in Los Angeles yesterday, aged 38.

United States Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois, has authorized the announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

The Democratic state central committee of Louisiana has decided upon Dec. 18 as the date, and Shreveport the place, for the next state convention to nominate a candidate for governor.



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