FRANCE FIXED ON

Socialists In Parliament Insist Germany Must Pay All She Can

T. H. Thomas in N.Y. "Evening Post" All the party groups in France, and practically sll sections of political opinion, have now made clear their position in regard to full execution of the Versailles Treaty, and the result justifies the exceptional statement French parties are in agreement. I striking absence of factious opposi tion to Millerand is that, face to face

with the one overwhelming issue of the treaty, there are no factions. The out and out parties of the Right Conservateur and Action Liberale are those from which the nature of things are most intransigeant in regard to Germany and the most exposed to the charge of nationalisti nims and militaristic conceptions. It would be superfluous to cite proof of their attitude. The Conservative Re-Gauche-who gained the crest of who undoubtedly represent best the present temper of the country, owe to their vigorous stand on war issues in general. In every way and on every occasion they have called for the rigorous execution of the treaty. It is they who have exerted the strongest and most consistent pressure upon Millerand.

The most active and spirited among them form a sort of opposition among his supporters; although they eventuline up inside of his majority, their attitude there is that of an exacting and never satisfied minority. They have continually put Millerand on the defensive and forced him to take a fairly clearly defined attitude of resisting their demands for an unvary-ing "more." It was they, for instance, who endeavored to force Milleto make an issue of the atfacks on French officers in Germanyto make an example of it and "teach them a leson." He refused flatly, but on this occasion they carried their insistence so far as to cast a considerable vote against him. It is fair to say that in doing so they evidently lost credit rather than gained, but their nction at any rate indicates clearly the attidude of the most active and ambitious element in the Chamber. We turn, therefore, in searching for

au "anti-militarist" or revisionist minority, to the traditional opponents of the groups mentioned: to the parties of the old Radical Left (Radicals, Radical-Socialis:s and Republican-Socialists). We turn to them all the more confidently because ever since the offsire Dreyfus their guiding principle in addition to anti-clericalism) had been a determined opposition to nationalist adventures and to military domi-nation; indeed, they had been jealous of even the elightest military interfernce in political policy. But we are disappointed in our expectations and find among them no traces of a dissentient minority.

To begin with, these groups are not out of control in the councils of France, but very decidedly in power. They are in a decided majority in the Min-(among the appointments from Parliament) and form what is in a sense a political inner Cabinet, holding the posts in which questions of political policy or orientation have to be deter-mined. Millerand himself, Andre Lefevre (the Minister of War) and three others are Republican-Socialists (t. e., five out of a party of only thirty), and re are seven I

their colleagues.
It is true that appointments to office of certain members do not commit the parties, and a French party rarely sees things en bloc. But in this case they de. In a recent party, conclave the Radicala and Radical-Socialists of the Chamber voted a formal party declaration calling for the application integ-rale of the treaty. It is worth noting that the few men among them who dissenters as regards Millerand himself are only the more orthodox in regard to the dogma of the execution integrale, and make a point in debates of taunting Millerand with his failure to "produce the coal."

Even the Unified Socialists, although they vote against the government on general principles, do not provide a miclous of opposition to the enforcement of the financial and economic clauses. They are occupied for the time being with the mixed-up and confined and c fused and contradictory state of affairs within the party. Their party declar-ations turn upon Lenine, the Third In-ternationale and the approaching downfall of capitalism; but awaiting this denouement the Socialists voter is as set as any other Frenchman on making the German pay. The Unified Socialists as a matter of fact are still in a mood of convalescence after their defeat in the elections, and in the Chamber they

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are very much on their good behavior. discretion of the appointing officers to How far they are willing to go in this direction was shown in the debate Burthou's interpellation of behalf of the Socialists, said: necessary to insist to the fullest posalble exists upon the repurnious due us from Germany." At this outspoken statement the Chamber, remembering the old-time temper of the Socialists, broke out in murmurs of astonishment, so much so that Cachin had to ery out in protest: "You have given us credit for so many absurd opinions," adding in explanation that the present difficult circumstances should be taken into acsible for Germany to pay us." He reiterated his point still more explicitly: "We must obtain from Germany the maximum of what can be got out of her." Il faut obtenir de l'Allemagne

le maximum de ce qu'on peut en tirer.) When the Unified Socialists take this ground the temper of the Chamber as a whole, is sufficiently evident. Alsothough this is another story-it & interesting to note that the spokesman of the Socialists defended the maintaining of the Sultan in Constantinople.

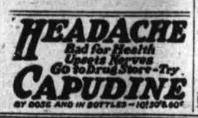
U. S. LARGEST SINGLE

N. Y. Evening Post. Opportunities for women in the gov erument service have been extended dur ing the past year commensurate with istes and certain of the Republicans the recognition of their abilities along many new lines. Previous to Novem the wave in the recent elections, and ber, 1919, women were excluded from 60 who undoubtedly represent best the per cent of the Civil Service examinations held, and this with frequent in their present strength in Parliament consistencies. Women, for instance, were considered competent to experiment with potato growing, but not with the culti-vation of the tobacco plant; they were permitted to study human diseases and plant diseases, but were not eligible for investigation of animal life; they acted as assistant weather observers and as sistant horticulturists, and yet were ex cluded from the study of climatology in its relation to agriculture. They allowed to test foods and drugs, but no lyes; to classify and catalogue reptiles but not cotton or corn. Women have acted and are acting as aids in restoring disabled soldiers to a normal frame of mind and in reeducating them to per form mechanical tasks; but the work of the Federal Board for Vocational Education has been reserved for men. Is certain instances women were permitted to do work for one department which they might not do for another. Navy Department has recognized the value of women as draughtsmen, and all its examinations, whether for gen-eral engineering work or for specific lines of draughting, have been open to them for some time. This was not, how-

ever, true of the War Department, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronauties and the Bureau of Public Reads. These facts were revealed in Part of a report made by the Women's Bu reau of the United States Department of Labor, submitted to the Civil Service Commission on October 27, 1919. On November 5, ten days after receiv ing the report, the commission passed a ruling opening all examinations to both women and men, leaving it to the

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specify the sex desired when requesting certification of eligibles. On November 19 a bill was introduced in the Marcel Cachin, who spoke on Senate by Scuator McLean of Connecticut, amending an old statute which places at the discretion of department heads the appointment of women to any clerkship in the Government service. The amendment provides appointing officials shall not specify sex unless sex is a physical barrier to the proper performance of the duties to be fulfilled. The facts have sembled, the remedy was quickly sup-plied, with benefit already to thousands of women. For the United States government is the largest single employer of men and women in the country. Prior to our declaration of war it gave em-playment in civil positions to over 530, 000 persons. During the war its ranks swelled to almost a million, and the number of those who will be affected by the new regulation is still very high.
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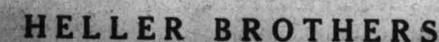
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