

CRISIS IN FRANCE THURSDAY DID NOT CONTINUE AN HOUR

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PRES. MILLERAND SHOWED JUDGMENT

And His Position Has Been Strengthened by Incidents Following the Resignation of the Premier.

Paris, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—Thursday's ministerial crisis ended as quickly as it arose; to be exact, it lasted a half hour.

The senate will take the first opportunity of giving unequivocal endorsement to M. Poincare's general policy, and the Premier on his part will insist that this endorsement cover his action in representing communist activities.

Marcel Cachin and the other defendants charged with illegal acts against the state, are to be tried by the court as soon as the examining magistrate has prepared the case.

Premier Poincare's position remains unchanged for he will undoubtedly get another vote of confidence in the senate and probably in the chamber of deputies also.

President Millerand, whose reputation for "horse sense" has been greatly enhanced by the energy and decision with which he handled the incident. He informed M. Poincare that if the Premier persisted in his determination to resign the President would avail himself of a rarely used prerogative and send a message to parliament in order to give the country an explanation of why a government, enjoying the unswerving support of a majority of the citizens should withdraw at a moment when the reparations question was approaching a decisive stage.

Poincare Gets Ovation. Paris, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The entire chamber of deputies with the exception of the communists, gave Premier Poincare a great ovation when he entered the chamber today for the continuation of yesterday's interpellations on the Ruhr. The communists booed the Premier, but this seemed only to increase the enthusiasm of the remainder of the deputies.

Important Cabinet Meeting. Paris, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The cabinet has been summoned to meet this evening prior to the departure of President Millerand on a 10 days' trip. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the procedure to be followed in the cases of Marcel Cachin and his fellow communist, charged with acts endangering the safety of the republic.

It was the refusal of the Senate to try the communists as a high court that precipitated the resignation last night of Premier Poincare and his ministers, which the President refused to accept.

The charges against the communists stand in spite of the Senate's decision which was simply on the method of procedure and the ministers tonight are to decide whether the case shall be brought before the assizes court or the action abandoned entirely.

Confidence in office of the cabinet was definitely decided upon last night, it was said at the foreign office today, although there is a feeling in political circles that the situation cannot remain as it was left by the vote of the Senate. M. Poincare's friends declare the Senate's action cannot be interpreted as unfavorable to the cabinet, since only the day before the Premier had been given a vote of confidence on the question of adopting daylight savings for the summer.

M. Poincare himself, however, considers a new expression from the Senate necessary to clear up his position and will probably propose a question of confidence next week on his policy.

Many Killed By London Traffic. (By the Associated Press.) London, May 25.—More persons are killed by traffic accidents in the streets of London in a year than passengers on the whole of the railways in Great Britain in a similar period. During the last year 506 persons in London were killed by automobiles and motor trucks, 63 by motor omnibuses, 52 by horse-drawn vehicles, 35 by trolley cars, and 22 by bicycles.

The major number of accidents do not occur at congested points, such as Trafalgar Square, Oxford Circus, or the Bank, where traffic is especially regulated.

They take place more frequently in the main arteries toward the outer suburbs, where motor drivers are inclined to be less careful in negotiating crossings and corners, and where pedestrians, particularly children, are less vigilant in crossing roads.

Age and health certificates, entitling boys above 14 years of age to work in the cotton mills during the summer, have been issued to about 60 boys during the past month, Jonas Query, county welfare officer, stated. He expects to issue at least 60 more during the next several weeks.

FIVE SOUTHERN STATES DISCUSS PROHIBITION

What the Legislatures of 1923 Did to Tighten the Prohibition Laws.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, May 25.—John Barleycorn found himself more completely barred from two southern states, permitted restricted latitude in one, not a live topic in a fourth and a subject for humorous discussion in a fifth at the conclusion of sessions of state legislatures in five southern states.

In North Carolina and Tennessee the prohibition laws were tightened, in North Carolina by making the state laws conform with the Volstead Act, and in Tennessee state by revising old statutes. A previous law in North Carolina permitted a citizen to receive one quart of liquor every two weeks, and although that statute is superseded by the conformity act, courts may yet convict under the previous law, the state supreme court has held.

Tennessee's legislature passed a bill to make it a felony to transport into the state liquor in quantities of "one gallon or more," or to move it from one place to another within the state. Another act prohibits any person from giving away, selling or furnishing for beverage purposes intoxicating liquor, the drinking of which "shall result in the impairment of health or body or death of any other person."

A third measure bans possession of still apparatus, while a fourth amends a previous prohibition law so as to strike out the words "for the purpose of sale" or liquor, and to prohibit the manufacture of whiskey.

Alcohol, as contained in patent medicines and flavoring extracts, failed to find a majority of enemies in the South Carolina assembly. One bill to restrict the sale of flavoring extracts to female heads of households, and another restricting the sale of patent medicines containing alcohol, were voted down.

Here also was lost a bill to make the buyer of whiskey a lawbreaker as well as the seller, as suggested to Congress by Representative Uphaw of Georgia.

Prohibition failed to find a place on the agenda of the Alabama legislature. In the Virginia Assembly the subject was discussed only during the closing session, and then only in a humorous manner, according to the records.

GOVERNOR CONSIDERS SUCCESSOR TO WALKER

Number of Men in State Being Endorsed for State Supreme Court.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, May 25.—While Governor Morrison up to this afternoon had made no appointment of a successor to the late Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, it was learned at the executive office that endorsement was coming in from all parts of the state by telegraph and telephone for the appointment of a successor.

No one has made application for the appointment, it was learned, but the friends of several of the leading lawyers of the state have become busy in their behalf.

Of the endorsements so far received, it was learned this afternoon a large majority are in behalf of Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, while quite a number have been received for T. C. Guthrie, also of Charlotte. Among others endorsed are Judge Ben F. Varner, of Statesville, Senator L. R. Varner, of Lumberton, Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, and E. E. Raper, of Lexington.

BALDWIN ANNOUNCES NEW BRITISH CABINET

Lord Robert Cecil Appointed Lord Privy Seal—Few Other Changes Made.

(By the Associated Press.) London, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The official list of the new cabinet of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, issued this afternoon, shows that Lord Robert Cecil has been appointed Lord Privy Seal, and that G. Davidson, who was secretary to former Premier Bonar Law, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr. Baldwin continues the premiership and the chancellorship of the exchequer. The other members of the cabinet are practically the same as the Bonar Law ministry. The list shows that Prime Minister Baldwin failed to persuade Sir Robert Horne or Austen Chamberlain of the Lloyd George cabinet, to join his ministry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS HEARD BY SYNOD

Reports of Standing Committees on Overtures Heard.—Business Matters Discussed.

(By the Associated Press.) Hickory, May 25.—Reports of standing committees on overtures of the state of the church, and reference of many important matters to committees were among the business matters that transgressed the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in session here today.

At least one question of orthodoxy which has been referred to a special committee will come before the Synod next week, it was indicated today.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Palmer, of Thomasville, N. C.

Clarkson for Supreme Court Bench is Talked in Charlotte. Charlotte, May 24.—Heriot, Clarkson, of Charlotte, to succeed the late Associate Justice Platt D. Walker on the Superior court bench developed here today among the lawyers.

Managers of Stores, Their Families and Employees Get No Chances On Free Autos

Managers of business houses in Concord which are co-operating in Trade Week are not eligible to draw for the autos to be given away on June 2nd by the merchants of the city. They are not entitled to tickets which make purchases. This rule applies to members of their immediate families also, and to employees in stores which are taking part in the event.

This rule has been adopted by the Merchants' Association as a precaution. If some one in the stores won the prizes, it is pointed out, some one else might claim the drawing had not been conducted on the square, and for the purpose of keeping down such reports and opinions, no tickets will be given to store managers, their families or employees.

The drawing for the cars will take place at 7 p. m. June 2nd, at Central Graded School. To win one of the prizes a person must be present at the time the tickets are drawn. If the person holding the first number drawn is not present, another number will be drawn and this plan will be followed until some one present holds the number corresponding to the one drawn.

Favors 12-Hour Day for Steel Mills of Country

Committee Appointed to Make Inquiry Says It Would Hurt All Business to Cut Down Hours of Work in the Plants Now, When Material is Needed Badly.

New York, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The committee of the steel and iron institute appointed recently to investigate the feasibility of abandoning the 12-hour day in the steel industry reported today through Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, that it could not at this time recommend such a step.

Mr. Gary made it plain that the committee did not consider its report conclusive or final. But under present conditions, he said, the shortening of the work day would create an acute situation in the industry due to the dearth of labor and the extensive demands for steel and iron products.

He said at least 15 per cent. would be added to the cost of steel and iron production and the industry would require 60,000 more employees.

The committee found, he continued, that the 12-hour day was not of itself detrimental to their employees physically, mentally or morally.

The committee also recommended that industries of the country in need of labor could obtain it from that source.

As Mr. Gary walked to the edge of the platform he was met by his Secretary and led from the banquet hall. Hotel employees hastily drew up a couch in an adjoining hall upon which Mr. Gary remained until after his address was read. He and his secretary insisted he was not ill—that he was merely very tired.

SOVIETS PUT FIFTEEN NOBLEMEN TO DEATH

They Were Charged With Plotting Against the Present Government.

(By the Associated Press.) Moscow, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—Fifteen persons, all of them nobles, generals or noblemen, have been executed as a result of the discovery of an active counter-revolutionary plot in the soviet republic of Georgia, says a dispatch from Tiflis to the Pravda today. The names of those executed are not given, but it is said all were active participants in the movement.

The counter-revolutionary activities in Georgia are alleged to have begun early in 1922 with a combination of a five non-bolshevik parties, the plans including a general uprising for last September. The conspirators are asserted to have been in communication with the former Georgia premier; one of the Kerensky cabinet members and other anti-Bolsheviks abroad who promised money and arms.

WANT NEXT MEETING OF CAROLINA MOTO CLUB

Charlotte, Raleigh, Blowing Rock and Pinehurst Bidding For New Convention.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, May 25.—According to a deluge of telegrams and letters received by Secretary C. W. Roberts, of the Carolina Motor Club here today, a number of cities are bidding for the next annual meeting. Charlotte, Raleigh, Blowing Rock and Pinehurst are among the bidders.

Telegrams from the Chamber of Commerce in Charlotte, urging that the next annual meet be held there were received, along with similar messages from merchants associations, and all the civic clubs of Raleigh.

Ballinson, Is Convicted

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 25.—Abraham S. Ballinson, secretary of the Society of Independent Artists, today was convicted of exhibiting a picture that outraged public decency in the much-criticized painting "Father, forgive them," depicting derelict advocates raiding Christ as he turned water into wine at the wedding feast.

Signs Treaty With Great Britain. London, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—King Hussein of the Hedjaz, it is announced, has signed the treaty with Great Britain, which recognizes Arab independence and regards Palestine as within the Arab zone. It does not modify the present form of government for the Holy Land.

Rudyard Kipling as a schoolboy was considered dull and lazy by teachers.

ARMED COMMUNISTS REPORTED ON WAY TO CITY OF ESSEN

Germans Are Alarmed Over Reports, and Ask Permission to Send Police to Keep Off Any Attack.

SOME MINERS ARE ON STRIKE NOW

Strike Not General Throughout the Ruhr, and It is Not Expected to Spread to Great Proportions.

London, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The German government is alarmed at reports that armed communists bands are marching on Essen, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin this afternoon. It has asked permission of the French authorities to send forces of German police from the occupied districts to Essen and Gelsenkirchen.

No General Strike. Berlin, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—Dispatches from the Ruhr this morning gave rise for a time to the belief that work had ceased in all the Ruhr mines, the correspondent reporting a general walkout with the assumption that a strike throughout the Ruhr had been declared in sympathy with the Dortmund strikers. Later advice, however, showed the movement was confined to the Gelsenkirchen district.

Strike Is Spreading. Essen, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—The strike in the Ruhr, inaugurated by the communists, is gaining in numbers and now includes thousands of iron and steel workers in addition to the miners previously out. The latest to join were 20,000 employees of the steel works at Remscheid, near Elberfeld, whose demand for a 50 per cent. increase in pay was refused.

THE COTTON MARKET

Unfavorable Weather News Made the Market Irregular at the Opening.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 25.—The cotton market was irregular at today's early trading. The unfavorable weather news brought in buying, however, and the undertone was fairly steady. The first prices were 5 to 10 points higher, with July at 27.26 and October 24.88, and after reaching to 26.90 and 24.67 respectively, the market staided up a few points from the lowest. It was rumored that 10 or 12 of the Fall River mills would be closed from today until June 4th or even longer if there was no improvement in the trade.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 27.15; Oct. 24.80; Dec. 24.35; Jan. 24.05; March unquoted.

With Our Advertisers.

The prices of the entire stock of J. E. Love have been reduced, and with every purchase of \$1.00 is given a prize coupon which gives you a chance to win one of the automobiles to be given away.

The Calarrus Savings Bank makes a specialty of the accounts of women. See new ad. today.

The Calarrus Cash Grocery Co. is offering a number of Dollar Specials for Trade Week. See ad.

For Trade Week H. B. Wilkinson will sell for cash one Simmons bed, either white or copper oxidized, one 45-pound cotton mattress, and one pair of coil springs for only \$18.50. Regular price \$29.50.

You will find a great feast of bargains at Fisher's for the next nine days. In this paper today you can read some of the many bargains ready for you at this store.

The York & Wadsworth Co. has a complete line of floor mops, wall brushes, comode, bottle and hair brushes and furniture dusters. Also flower pots and hanging baskets.

You can buy now and pay later at James K. Farley's. Let him help you fit out the family from head to foot. See big three-column ad. in this issue.

Senator Overman to Address Kiwanians

Senator Lee S. Overman, junior senator from North Carolina, will address the members of the Concord Kiwanis Club this evening. Senator Overman will be present for the regular weekly meeting of the club, having on Wednesday accepted an invitation to be the club's guest this evening.

After the business session Senator Overman will make an address before the club members and any invited guests. In extending the invitation to the Senator local Kiwanians asked him to speak on any subject that he desired, and he has not announced what his subject will be.

The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock and as usual will be held at the Y. M. C. A.

Brings Down Gray Eagle.

(By the Associated Press.) Hickory, May 25.—Slipping up on a number of crows which he suspected of robbing guinea nests, E. K. Knaupp, a Catawba County farmer, found that the birds were quarrelling with a gray eagle, whose wing he broke with a shot. The eagle, which measured 7 feet 2 inches from tip to tip, was brought here today by Knaupp.

NIELS GRON AS A FIGURE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Once Recommended for Position as United States Minister to Greece.—Fought Germans Politically in the World War.—Negotiated With Washington for Sale of Danish West Indies.—Wants to See His Nine Year Old Boy.

(The following article is taken from a recent issue of a Portland, Maine, paper. Mr. Gron's present wife was Mrs. Saidee Dusenbery, of Concord, and she was married to Mr. Gron in New York, February 15, 1923.—Editor.)

Niels Gron, Who is he? What is he? These are two questions that have undoubtedly been asked many times since the latter's most unusual, if not spectacular attack on Maine jurists and clergymen, because of the decision of the Cumberland Superior Court relative to the custody of his nine year old boy.

In view of the unique situation which the Danish diplomat, as he is more familiarly known in Maine, has created and because of the singularity of his claim which has brought him most forcibly before the public eye of the Pine Tree State, the following interview was sought:

In order to bring Mr. Gron's position in Maine up to date, attention is called to the Gron divorce suit which was settled in the January term of the Cumberland Superior court in favor of Mrs. Madeline Gron. The case at the time did not attract unusual attention in this vicinity as neither of the principals was known here. Judge Sanborn, who heard the case, granted Mrs. Gron the divorce and gave the custody of the child to her. Mr. Gron went away for a time, during which period he became remarried.

Several weeks ago he re-appeared in Portland and sought to see his boy, which privilege he was denied.

Harvard Graduate.

In a secluded corner of the Mansion House piazza at Poland Spring, where the Grons are stopping, Mr. Gron in answer to questions put to him, related facts concerning his career in this country and his diplomatic relations between the United States and Denmark over the purchase of the Danish West Indian Islands. He told of his coming to this country as a young man of limited means, of his receiving his preparatory education here, and of his subsequent graduation from Harvard college in the class of 1894.

From time to time he produced substantial proof of his various statements, which conclusively prove him to have at all times a dominant figure in the political and diplomatic life of this country.

Cited by Mary A. Hanna.

In the McKinley presidential campaign of 96 Mr. Gron was the Republican National chairman of the Scandinavian Political Bureau and as such was later credited by Mark Thimble, the great Republican leader, with having turned fully 40,000 Scandinavians in favor of McKinley. He had become a citizen of Boston in 1895, re-remaining as such until 1905 when he returned to his own country in order to wage a fight against a faction that was trying to get a destructive toe hold on Denmark through unfair dealings with this country over the sale of the West Indian Islands.

Recommended for Foreign Posts. Shortly after the election of President McKinley, Mr. Gron was recommended by Senators Hour and Lodge, of Massachusetts, backed by every Massachusetts congressman, for the ministry to either Siam or Greece. He was personally taken to the President by some of these Senators and recommended for whatever position he would like in recognition of his work in behalf of the party and because of his vast amount of knowledge of international problems. Senator A. B. Cummings of Iowa, who is still representing his State in the Senate, as early as '97 in a letter to the President urged that Mr. Gron be given whatever foreign post he desired.

Broke Treaty.

About that time, Denmark, desiring to enter into negotiations with Washington for the sale of the Danish West Indian Islands, made a bid for his services. Mr. Gron accepted and withdrew his application for a foreign ministry. But it was however several years later before he returned to Denmark as a citizen, not until after he had made and then through rare strategy broke a treaty with the United States for the purchase of these islands for two million dollars.

This is not one of the many instances of many years, during which the Spanish war was fought and settled. Through the waging of a relentless fight in his own country, Denmark was saved from the hands of conspiring politicians and firm relations were again established between that country and America. The American press during this period devoted no little space as shown by numerous clippings which Mr. Gron has preserved of his activities in the matter.

Fought German Control.

During the world war working in co-operation with American and European allied heads, Mr. Gron played an important part in keeping Denmark out of the war and in driving the Kaiser out of Denmark. He states that there was a time when the Danish foreign office was completely in the hands of the Germans but that he was instrumental in breaking this control before the war had advanced very far.

Organized "Potentia"

Some time around 1914 he conceived the idea of world justice. He got many of the greatest national and international figures, on his side and organized "Potentia" which has grown steadily, becoming commercialized and adopted in foreign countries as well as to some extent in this country. Already great corporations are using the "Potentia" seal as a guarantee of good faith and integrity. The scope of "Potentia" is far reaching in its effect, though to some possibly impractical, of such importance that many of the

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Monterey, May 25.—Detectives today arrested on the streets here a man believed to be one of the band involved in the big Denver Mint robbery several months ago. The suspect is being held for identification by the Colorado authorities.

Albemarle Sudent Is Tapped by Red Friars.

Albemarle News-Herald. As the Red Friars, a fraternal organization at Trinity College, sent their mysterious red swathed figure among the student body last week, John B. Harris, an Albemarle boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Harris, of this place, was one of the fortunate seniors who received a "tap" on the back, indicating that he was chosen as one of the lucky.

ALL FOUR ARE DEAD

Three Daughters Try to Rescue Their Mother From Burning Building. Mountain Lake Park, Md., May 24.—Fate today intervened in summer vacation plans of Mrs. Mary O'Connor, aged 94, and her three grown daughters, who arrived here this morning, and as a result the four are dead.

HEAVY FIRING NEAR BANDIT STRONGHOLD

Just What Caused the Firing, or Who Did It, is Not Known in the Locality in Which It Occurred.

CAPTIVES MOVED BY THE BANDITS

With the Government Troops Forming Cordon Around Stronghold, Bandits Are Taking More Precautions.

Tientsin, May 25 (By the Associated Press).—Considerable mystery is attached to heavy firing heard six miles north of Tsoochwang last night in the direction of the Patzouk stronghold of the Sighow train bandits, according to advices received here.

It is assumed that the brigands may have encountered government troops and are attempting to escape to the hills in the rear of Patzouk, or that more bandits have joined the outlaws, who are holding the foreign captives in the mountains, and the combining forces are attempting to break the government cordon which is supposed to have surrounded the mountain retreat. Another theory is that the bandits are fighting among themselves.

Although messengers arriving from Patzouk informed the relief workers at Tsoochwang that the captives have been removed two miles farther back in the mountains, letters received from the bandit stronghold do not mention the removal.

DEATH TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF RAILWAY PASSENGERS

Death Overtook 129 Persons in 1922 While Trespassing on Southern Railway Property.

(Special to The Tribune.) Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—Death overtook 129 persons while trespassing on the property of the Southern Railway system during 1922.

While walking tracks, 90 trespassers were killed and 42 injured, 39 were killed and 91 injured while stealing rides on "hopping" trains, and 18 were injured in miscellaneous accidents.

According to a preliminary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 2,431 trespassers were killed and 2,845 injured on the railways of the United States in 1922. Even this heavy sacrifice of life and limb to carelessness is an improvement over past years. In the fifteen-year period from 1901 to 1915, deaths and injuries to trespassers on American railways averaged 10,736 per year.

As a part of its effort to discourage trespassing on its property, the Southern is enlisting the aid of school teachers in pointing out to children the grave danger of this practice. A very large proportion of the trespassers killed and injured have been school children. Wage earners, walking to and from their work on tracks, have also contributed a large proportion.

The popular impression that a large percentage of the trespassers killed on railroads are tramps is shown to be entirely erroneous by figures compiled by the Southern from its records running over a period of years.

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The four met death when burning leaves ignited accumulated gas in the cottage occupied by Mrs. O'Connor. The three daughters were some distance from the cottage when the explosion occurred. When they reached the building it was a mass of flames. Disregarding their own safety the daughters rushed into the cottage in an attempt to rescue their mother. They never came out.

The dead beside Mrs. O'Connor, who lived at Clarksburg, W. Va., are: Miss Kate O'Connor, Clarksburg; Mrs. Jett Grannon, Fairmont, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary E. Rooney, Clarksburg.

When rescuers removed the four bodies from the debris late today \$2,000 in gold was found hidden in a chimney. It was turned over to the authorities.

Several other cottages near the one occupied by the victims also were destroyed.

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