

BRAND AGREES TO FORM CABINET AS PRESIDENT'S WISH

Work Given to Him After Edouard Herriot, Radical Leader, Declined the Task.

AGAIN COMES TO AID OF NATION

Will Go Back to League Meeting With Full Power After the Cabinet is Formed.

Paris, March 9.—(AP)—Aristide Briand, veteran French statesman, today accepted a mandate from President Doumergue to form his ninth cabinet to succeed the one which fell last Saturday.

Once more M. Briand proved to be the only French leader willing to attempt to lead the country out of the financial bog in which it has been floundering.

As he left the Elysee Palace this afternoon after notifying the President of his acceptance, he said "In view of the present situation of my country, I have told the President that I did not feel I had the right to refuse to attempt the task he did me the great honor to offer me. I will do my best to form a cabinet and hope to give President Doumergue a definite answer this evening."

The nucleus of the new cabinet, according to the best information obtainable this afternoon will be: Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Aristide Briand.

War Minister, Paul Painleve. Minister of Marines, Georges Leygues.

There is a strong probability that Raoul Peret, former president of the chamber of deputies, will undertake the difficult task at the finance ministry.

M. Briand announced this afternoon that he was leaving for Geneva Tuesday. This was interpreted to mean that the makeup of the cabinet was already decided upon with the exception of the post of finance minister, and that this would be filled late this evening or early tomorrow.

Request From President

Paris, March 9.—(AP)—M. Briand was asked by the President today to form another cabinet.

The veteran statesman was called in after Edouard Herriot, radical leader, had declined to attempt the formation of a "concentration" ministry of the left, and had recommended that Briand be sent back to the league meetings in Geneva with all his former power.

The Briand ministry resigned Saturday after failure of a vote of confidence on the sales tax provision of its budget program.

UNUSUAL LITIGATION STARTED IN VIRGINIA

Seeks Insurance For Sailor Lost Aboard Collier Cyclops—Has Been Partially Paid.

Norfolk, March 8.—Trial of the suit of Fred Crouch against the government to compel the payment of war risk insurance on the life of his son-in-law, lost on the collier Cyclops in 1918, was begun in federal court here today before a jury.

Judge Edmund C. Waddill, Jr., of the United States circuit court of appeals is presiding. Judge D. Lawrence Greney having been disqualified by reason of his part in the case before he was elevated to the bench.

In 1918 Stephen Konostovich married Crouch's daughter, then 16 years old.

After the mysterious disappearance of the Cyclops on which Konostovich was serving, the young widow put in a claim for the war risk insurance.

This was paid until July 12, 1921, when payments were ordered stopped by the government alleging that by certain conduct Mrs. Konostovich had forfeited her rights to the insurance.

KNOWN DEAD AFTER MINE DISASTER IS STEADILY GROWING

Eight Bodies Found at One Point in Mine at Eccles, W. Va., Where an Explosion Occurred.

TWENTY OTHERS ARE IN MINE

Rescue Workers Double Efforts in Hope That Some of These Will Be Found Alive.

Eccles, W. Va., March 9.—(AP)—The known dead in the mine explosion here last night was increased to nine today as rescue workers broke through a barrier of debris and found eight additional bodies near the shaft bottom of the Crab Orchard Improvement Company's No. 5 mine.

SIMMONS' OFFICE CLOSED TO SCRIBE

Senator Takes Exception to Articles Written by Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—R. E. Powell, Washington correspondent for a group of North Carolina afternoon newspapers, was barred from the office of Senator F. M. Simmons here today because the senator objected to stories about him written by the newspaper man.

It was charged that Powell was "pursuing a systematic purpose of misrepresenting and belittling" the senior North Carolina senator. It was stated at the senator's office that the break was brought to a head by a statement with regard to Senator Simmons by Powell which appeared in North Carolina papers on Saturday.

The theme of the news story was that the Democrats in the Senate had capitulated to the Republican majority and that thus far the minority had not developed a single vital issue.

The part of the story to which Senator Simmons took violent exception was as follows:

"Years ago there used to be a saying in the Senate press gallery—where the group Sir Edmund Burke made more or less famous meets to watch the greatest deliberative body on earth—that—

"If you want to know what Penrose is thinking about, see Simmons."

"The irrelevant axiom of the gallery," the story states, "was a doubtful compliment to the senior senator from North Carolina, who by the way, succeeded in the occupancy of the office which Senator Penrose had during the Wilson administration. But it possibly throws some light on the hopeless situation in which the Democratic party, in the Senate finds itself."

KIND DEEDS 30 YEARS AGO ARE REMEMBERED

Little Girl Cheered Man Ill and He Remembers Her in Will.

Winston-Salem, March 8.—The will of the late W. O. Crofts, well known citizen who passed away several days ago, was filed for probate today. It contains one very interesting provision. According to this provision, in the early 90's the deceased became seriously ill with typhoid fever in the town of Danville and while he was convalescing a little girl cheered him and on many occasions brought him flowers.

The building gives way to a brick building to be erected by M. Hampton Pratt, of Madison. For some time two Greeks have held forth as restaurateurs in the famous tailor shop.

With Our Advertisers. See the pictures about Goodyear tires in the new ad. today of Yorks & Wadsworth Co.

The Rud tank heater special offer of the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. lasts till March 20. These heaters cost only \$22.75, and you pay only 75 cents down, balance \$20 a month. See ad.

New fashions are now being exhibited at Robinson's.

Last time today of "Sally, Irene and Mary" at the Concord Theatre. Wednesday, Corinne Griffith will appear in "Declasse." The Charleston contest will close and willer will be announced tonight.

Germany's Application Not Acted Upon. Geneva, March 9.—(AP)—On the proposal of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, the commission named by the league of nations assembly to consider Germany's application for membership adjourned this afternoon immediately after it had convened. No date for a new meeting was set.

Have You Voted in Prohibition Poll Yet? Here Is Your Opportunity

PROHIBITION BALLOT. Have you cast your ballot on the prohibition question yet? Yesterday The Tribune printed ballots so that its readers could join in the nationwide poll that is being conducted by 700 newspapers in all parts of the country.

BUDGET FIGURE NOT BASIS FOR ACTION. Senate Would Give Shipping Board More Than Provided in the Total in the Budget. Washington, March 9.—(AP)—The senate appropriations committee in reporting today the independent offices appropriation bill, stood on the budget recommendation of \$13,900,000 for the shipping board for the next fiscal year, notwithstanding the House in passing the bill had increased that sum by nearly \$5,000,000.

ROBERT HILL WANTED IN RICHMOND COUNTY. Loom Fixer in Charlotte Charged With Inducing Married Woman to Leave Home—Other Charlotte News. Charlotte, March 8.—Fifty-five alleged violators of the federal prohibition law were arrested during the month of February by the 15 federal prohibition agents operating under J. L. Osteen in the western district of North Carolina, according to figures made public today by Mr. Osteen's office.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE GIVEN NEW LOCATIONS. Col. George McManus Goes to Canal Zone To Be Chief of Staff There. Washington, March 9.—(AP)—Under army orders announced today, Colonel George H. McManus, now in command of Fort Eustis, Virginia, is ordered to the Canal Zone to be chief of staff of the Panama Canal division.

High Point is Warned of Smallpox Spread. High Point, March 8.—Smallpox is spreading over the city at a rapid rate and while the disease has not yet reached the proportions of an epidemic, it presents cause for quick action on the part of city and health officials.

Will Dismiss McCormick Suit. Indianapolis, March 9.—(AP)—Harold F. McCormick's suit to prevent Edith McCormick's removal from the Standard Oil stock revived from a trust fund set aside by John D. Rockefeller for his descendants will be dismissed in U. S. District Court here, it was announced today by Judge Robert E. Baltzell.

Opposes Lease of Virginian Railway. Washington, March 9.—(AP)—The state of Virginia in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today opposed a lease of the Virginian railway to the Norfolk and Western and held that the road could be operated more advantageously by the state than by the railroad.

Playing of Band Causes Insanity? Billings, Mont., March 8.—When the Billings municipal band started its weekly practice on the top floor of the city hall yesterday a prisoner in the cell house in the basement became violently insane and had to be placed in a padded cell. The band was playing "How Dry I Am."

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UNKNOWN BANDIT KILLED BY CAR CONDUCTOR

Man Fatally Shot by L. E. Maness, Who Says Two Men Fired Three Times at Him.

CONFEDERATE OF MAN GOT AWAY

Maness, Street Car Conductor, Says He Shot Twice at Men Who Fired First at Him.

Greensboro, March 9.—(AP)—The body of an unknown bandit lies in a local funeral home awaiting identification. He was shot down last night near Lindley Park while engaged in a pistol duel with L. E. Maness, a street car conductor; the bullet from a 32 calibre revolver entering his head. The incident occurred shortly after 11 o'clock when the car was making its last run to the city. The scene was in a thick pine grove.

Two men were making an effort to hold up the conductor of the car, investigating officers said. They had blocked the track near the park which was in a sparsely settled neighborhood.

The conductor was alone in the car at the time. He told officers that three shots were fired at him from the darkness and that he returned their fire twice, one of the shots taking effect.

The wounded man was taken by ambulance to a local hospital where he died this morning at 3:30 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The only clue to his identity was the name "Bill Romich" carved on his belt. A .45 calibre automatic was found near him by officers. Maness said that the bandit had a confederate and that both opened fire on him. The other man is still at large.

AIRPLANES TO BE USED TO AID DRY AGENCIES

Points Will Be Stationed at Various Places on Atlantic Seaboard at Once. Washington, March 9.—(AP)—Organization of the nation's first dry air corps was ordered today by Rear Admiral Billard, commander of the coast guard.

The deficiency appropriation bill just signed by President Coolidge, allows \$150,000 for establishment of the coast guard air service. With this fund Admiral Billard plans to establish five bases along the Atlantic coast from New England to Florida where patrol boat stations are now located. A plane equipped with a crew of several men will be assigned to each of these places.

Strategic points on the coast guard campaign against rum smuggling will be selected, and navy type seaplanes will be used. Attention will be given to navigation protection as well as to rum fighting.

A board was named today by Admiral Billard to outline the policies of the new air service. It includes Lieutenant Commander S. S. Yeandle, aide to Admiral Billard; S. V. Parker, commanding officer of the destroyer McDougall; E. F. Stone, who piloted the NC-4 in the first airplane flight across the Atlantic; and C. C. Von Paulson, commanding officer of the coast guard base at Gloucester, Mass.

Additional appropriations will be asked next year, Admiral Billard said, for air bases on the Great Lakes, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast if the new service proves successful.

Everybody Happy

Durham, March 9.—Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University, told a hundred men, guests at a Durham Kiwanis club dinner last week, that no one was happier that he had decided to stay in North Carolina than he was. Representatives of several colleges were present and, with other distinguished citizens, told him of their appreciation that he would stay. Speakers were Lieut. Governor J. Elmer Long, Secretary of State W. N. Everette, Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, President W. L. Poteat, W. P. Forest, President Raymond Binford, of Guilford; Dr. T. L. Harrison, of State College; Dean W. H. Wannamaker, of Duke; Dean A. L. Hooker, of Elon; Dr. D. H. Scanlon, representing Dr. W. J. Martin, of Davidson.

State Sunday School Conference

Durham, March 9.—Dr. Arlo A. Brown, of the University of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dr. E. D. Soper, dean of religion at Duke University, will be the principal speakers at the third annual meeting of the North Carolina Sunday School conference of the Methodist Church, to be held at Goldsboro April 6-8. Several others are on the program.

The Coming Baseball Season

Gastonia, N. C., March 7.—(AP)—With two college games scheduled for this city during the coming baseball season, officials of the local high school athletic association are busy with final details of the construction of the new \$50,000 stadium here. Davidson is to play N. C. State and Davidson is to play Duke University.

Pope Pius XI. raises at 6 in the morning and seldom retires before midnight.

Fair tonight, Wednesday increasing cloudiness. Moderate to fresh northwest winds.

CONGRESSIONAL ACT ON MUSCLE SHOALS PLEASES PRESIDENT

Chief Executive Thinks Commission Should Be Appointed to Receive Bids For the Plant.

WANTS NITRATES TO BE OFFERED

Thinks Plant Can Make Nitrates For Both Our Munitions and Commercial Fertilizer.

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—President Coolidge feels that any lease for Muscle Shoals should make definite provisions for production of nitrates for use in the manufacture of both war munitions and commercial fertilizer.

The President is gratified at the adoption in amended form yesterday by the senate of the house resolution providing for the commission to receive bids. He believes it is adequate for the proper disposal of the government's property.

The President feels, however, that the public has not adequately realized how dependent on foreign countries the United States is for its nitrate supply. It would be a grave mistake in his opinion to lease the Muscle Shoals property unless nitrate production there is guaranteed so that the United States would be assured of an adequate supply in war emergency.

The President is anxious to have power developed at Muscle Shoals for use of industries in that territory and he believes that additional dam up the Tennessee River from Muscle Shoals will be constructed by private enterprise to supplement the power generated there, and that no lease need be entered into if an inadequate supply of power will be available.

If provision is made for nitrate production the President feels that the farmers of the country will receive a peacetime benefit because the product could be used for fertilizer production, thereby affording them protection from foreign producers.

PERCENTAGE INSURANCE ONLY FROM LICENSED COMPANIES

Mr. Wade Advises Our People Not to Do Business With Other Companies. Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—(AP)—In advising people of the state to avoid doing business with insurance companies which are not licensed by the State of North Carolina, Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, called attention to the fact that "the State is being flooded with literature offering insurance policies in the Federal Reserve Life Insurance Company, of Kansas City, and the Union Mutual Casualty Company, of Des Moines, Iowa," two unlicensed companies.

"These companies, says Mr. Wade, are not licensed in North Carolina, and those who purchase insurance in unlicensed companies run considerable risk, because, in case of the failure of an unlicensed company to meet its obligations under a policy, the policy holder has no redress on the courts of the state.

"I would strongly advise," says Mr. Wade, "that you purchase insurance only from licensed companies of the United States are licensed to do business in North Carolina and they offer every line of insurance, at standard rates, and they are safe and sound."

"There is no good reason for any citizen of the State running any risk whatsoever in connection with his insurance and I hope that they will do no business with companies that are not properly licensed in this State."

Veteran Minstrel Says Charleston Is Not New

Hollywood, Cal., March 9.—(AP)—George Marion, of the original Dock-stader minstrels, who is engaged in the films here, said to declare that the Charleston, instead of being a new dance, is as old as minstrelsy itself.

Marion, who is celebrating his golden anniversary as an actor, says the leg-throwing, knee-shaking dance of today has evolved from the "Twist," a step popular with the black faced minstrels a half century ago. Except that it is done to a slower tempo, the Charleston is much the same as the "Twist" which, Marian asserts, is an adaptation of the negro "Ee-sence," a barbaric ritual of Africa.

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