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Washington Views Calmly
Fall Of Briand Ministry

Indeed, Feeling of Administration is That Clearing Up of International Situation Hastened Rather Than Retarded by Result French Elections

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Washington, May 14.—For more than a year, Washington has waited patiently for just what has happened in France in the last twenty-four hours—a change from the uncompromising nationalism of Raymond Poincare to the flexibility of a new administration unembarrassed by the commitments of its predecessors.

The evacuation of the Ruhr, long advocated by the United States government, and now the big stumbling block to the effective operation of the Dawes-Young reparation settlement may be agreed to by the new administration in France as a means of getting funds immediately.

The radicals came into power in the French elections on promises to obtain the money needed to reconstruct the remainder of the devastated regions. An international loan together with the application of the Dawes-Young plan would give France a new financial start, not only raising the value of the franc but reducing the necessity of further borrowings inside the country and increases in the debt.

It was inevitable a year ago that the Poincare administration would be wrecked on financial issues unless compromises were made. The gradual drop in the franc helped materially to soften the Poincare attitude but the rise of a labor ministry in Great Britain together with the insistence of all the allied experts that the Ruhr should be evacuated to make Germany a single economic unit has brought about an important change in the whole situation and it is felt here that a new premier in France will be able to deal with the other allies in a much more accommodating way than would Raymond Poincare had he been continued in power.

Isolation has in a sense been defeated in France, and if, as reported, Aristide Briand, six times premier of France, takes hold once more, an international conference of the allies may be looked for. It was he who was overthrown just at the moment when an interallied agreement seemed possible. The policy he advocated then has been vindicated. He saw the need of making concessions to the other allies in order to get an agreement on reparations. He was not as intransigent as his successor, M. Poincare. In fact the deadlock of the last year has been attributed solely to the nationalistic conceptions and stubbornness of Poincare. The policy of Edouard Herriot, the radical leader, if chosen premier, would no doubt follow the Briand policy.

While no doubt internal political issues influenced the French result, there is no doubt that externally the situation is looked upon as having been greatly improved by the change of ministry. The radicals in France are probably as eager as the laborites in Great Britain for a better understanding with Russia as well as Germany. This does not mean that the French radicals are as friendly to the Germans as those in England; for the bitterness of feeling engendered by the war has not been erased. The questions at issue are not sentimental but economic and there are evidences that the French radicals will approve a program such as the Dawes-Young commission outlined, even though it does involve economic and military evacuation of the Ruhr. On the whole the feeling here is that the clearing up of the international situation has advanced rather than retarded by the French elections.

BILLY SUNDAY IS NOW SERIOUSLY ILL.

Memphis, May 14.—Billy Sunday, seriously ill was last night rushed in a special train to Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment by the Mayo brothers.

ORGANIZING HOOD BANK IN CITY OF GOLDSBORO

Gurney P. Hood is in Goldsboro this week organizing a Hood System industrial bank in that city. Elizabeth City has the distinction of having the first Hood system industrial bank in the world.

At First Christian
Mrs. C. N. Downey will speak at the First Christian Church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and her talk will be especially interesting to young ladies.

FINE DEVILED CRABS

Deviled crabs \$1 a dozen. Call day for Goldsboro, where she will at Coney Island Cafe, phone 429, tend the Methodist Missionary meeting now in session.

HISTORIC JAMES BEGINS TO RECEDE

Property Damage of More Than Two Millions Feared and Epidemic of Typhoid May Follow Flood Disaster.

Richmond, May 14.—The historic James, last of virtually every river and stream in the piedmont and Shenandoah Valley sections of Virginia is to remain turbulent as a result of heavy rains last week, began to recede today at daybreak after reaching 21 feet above the normal high tide stage.

Anxiety still prevailed last night that the tide due during the afternoon would force it to back up. Reports here today stated that the other rivers continued the recession begun yesterday leaving in the wake of the wall of water property damage estimated at more than two million dollars.

Fear of an outbreak of typhoid fever and similar troubles caused State Health Commissioner Williams to issue a warning to people to take every precaution.

LEAGUE INSTITUTE CONVENES TONIGHT

The Elizabeth City District Epworth League Institute begins Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at City Road Church with devotional exercises by Rev. W. T. Phipps, an address, "All for Christ" by C. R. R. Pugh, the play "To Vision Heights" by City Road Senior League and a social hour.

Thursday morning's session will be opened by devotional exercises by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, and the speakers are Rev. N. C. Yearby of Hertford, Mrs. Daniel Lane, Rev. J. Knight of Edenton, Rev. H. E. Myers of Durham and Rev. T. M. Grant, conference league president. On the afternoon program are Rev. A. B. Crumpler of South Mills, Miss Bernice Dozier, Rev. W. G. Lane of Plymouth, and Rev. Daniel Lane.

THIEVES BREAK INTO SIX FREIGHT CARS

Freeport, Illinois, May 14.—Thieves today broke into six cars of Westbound merchandise on a train of the Chicago and Great Western railroad supposedly in search of a valuable silk cargo. The burglary gave rise to the report that the Chicago and Northwestern Passenger train had been held up.

SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN THROWN OUT OF CART

W. W. Beals, 5 Richardson street, driver of a street cart, was seriously injured Tuesday morning about 10:30 when the horse he was driving became frightened and threw him out of the cart across one shaft and then kicked him until he fell through between the shafts. Neighbors saw the accident and came to his aid and rushed him to the hospital where an X-Ray was taken and it was found that his right leg, near the hip, and his right arm was broken. At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning Mr. Beals was put in a plaster cast and his bones were set. Afterwards an X-Ray will be taken of his stomach to see what, if any, internal injuries there are.

Mr. Beals has been employed by the city for two years and has five children, Mrs. J. H. Gibson of Richmond, who has not arrived, W. A. Beals of Norfolk, J. W. Beals of Columbia, H. R. Baker and Mrs. Francis Perry and one adopted son, Frank White of this city.

GOVERNOR MORRISON ISSUES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Raleigh, May 14.—Governor Morrison today issued a financial statement of the State current fund showing a balance in the State treasury as of December 31, 1923, of \$422,963.79.

Miss Elizabeth Bagley left Tuesday for Goldsboro, where she will attend the Methodist Missionary meeting now in session.

Hope Congress May Adjourn June Seventh

Washington, May 14.—An agreement was today reached by Democratic and Republican House leaders at a conference with Coolidge to work for the adjournment of Congress on June 7.

NOT THEIR BUSINESS SAYS THE CONFERENCE

Springfield, Mass., May 14.—The charge that the Methodist church has been brought into ill repute as a supporter of Communism and the Third International today threw the Methodist Episcopal general conference into an uproar.

It was finally voted that Harry Ward, chairman of the Civil Liberties Union and editor of the Methodist Federation of Social Service, was beyond the jurisdiction of the conference.

ALTON SPENCE HURT WEDNESDAY MORNING

Alton Spence of Newland, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Spence, was painfully hurt Wednesday morning while at work for the Highway Commission in the Dismal Swamp. He was operating a skidding machine which pulls up stumps when the accident occurred. His right hand is said to be badly cut and his body and leg bruised, but no bones are broken and his condition is not considered serious. He was brought to the Community Hospital shortly after one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Spence is a brother of Mrs. Earl Sawyer of Elizabeth City.

TO PORTSMOUTH MONDAY

Rev. A. W. Crawford, D. D., superintendent of Home Missions in the North Carolina Synod, left for Portsmouth Monday, accompanied by Rev. F. H. Scattergood and Horace Wise. While in the city Dr. Crawford filled the pulpit of Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Scattergood and Horace Wise returned home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. George Smith returned Saturday from Marion, where she attended the meeting of the Great Council of Red Men and also visited friends at Asheville.

Baptists Have Made Great Gains Says Dr. Mullins

In Annual Address Before Southern Baptist Convention President Calls Upon Churches of the South to Gather Up All Their Energies for Great Victory

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—"Great gains have been made in the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign," Dr. E. Y. Mullins said today.

- "First, a new sense of unity.
"Second, a new sense of power.
"Third, a new position of influence in the world.
"Fourth, we have achieved a new world vision."

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—Making a strong plea for successful culmination of the \$75,000,000 campaign, President E. Y. Mullins in his annual address before the Southern Baptist Convention at its opening session here today, called upon the churches of the South to "gather up in the remaining months of the campaign all the energies in our power and go forth to a great victory."

"It is a good time to consider the mission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the Seventy-Five Million Campaign we have made great gains. Among them are the following: First, a new sense of unity. Second, a new sense of power. Someone says the most depressing expression in the English language is the phrase 'I cannot' and the most inspiring phrase 'I can.' We have learned the meaning, in a measure, of both. But the new sense of power has come, beyond all question. Third, a new position of influence in the world. We have challenged the attention of mankind by a sublime undertaking, a heroic venture, a challenging and daring commitment of faith. Fourth, we have achieved a new world vision. We have been like 'some watcher of the skies, when a new planet swims into his ken.' We have come also to a new epoch in the organized expression of our life, and this has brought new hope and complex problems to be patiently solved.

"The mission of the Southern Baptist Convention can be defined in the light of the spiritual need which gave it birth and which it is destined to meet. In 1814 in Philadelphia, under the stimulus of the thrilling appeal of Luther Rice for missions, twenty-six ministers and seven laymen from eleven states and the District of Columbia formed the old Triennial Convention. In 1845 in Augusta, Ga., 31 messengers from Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Kentucky, and the District of Columbia organized the Southern Baptist Convention. Thus the Convention was the lineal successor of

Tragedy



For 11 hours Helen Dunoon, aged 3, kept frightened vigil beside the bodies of her mother and father. In the presence of the child Earl Dunoon, Kansas City, Mo., murdered his wife and then ended his own life. The child was found huddled in a corner when police arrived.

APRIL COTTON REPORT

Washington, May 14.—Cotton consumed during April amounted to 480,610 bales of lint and 42,289 of hinters, the Census Bureau announced today. Cotton spindles active during April numbered 31,871,665.

CALL CONVICT TO TESTIFY

Washington, May 14.—The Senate Judiciary committee today ordered the conviction of Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Karpis gang, to testify before it. Several witnesses have told the committee that Karpis and business whiskey operations in progress in Ohio for some time involving a number of prominent people. It also has been testified that he has been given special comforts at the penitentiary.

SHIP FIRST CAR LOAD MAY PEAS

Several Brokers Co-operate to Make Carload Wednesday Afternoon and Others Will Go Forward Thursday.

A car was ordered lead in preparation for the opening of May pea shipments through Elizabeth City in carload lots Wednesday. This car will probably be made up by several brokers acting together if it is loaded Wednesday afternoon. None of the leading brokers planned to ship a car on Wednesday morning and at that time there was no plan on foot to co-operate in getting out the first car.

Brook & Scott plan to load their first car on Thursday. N. Howard Smith will have a car on Friday at the latest, he says, and may load one on Thursday. J. R. Newbern had no peas in sight for Wednesday shipment but was making ready for a car Thursday. The Spence-Hollowell Company did not have a car in sight Wednesday morning but were preparing to make up their first car. Cold weather for the past two days has retarded growth of May peas to some extent and the development is very little more than two days ago. Shipments this week will therefore be few while the rush of the season will fall next week and the week after.

Thirty cars of May peas were in New York Tuesday from North Carolina. About ten cars passed through Elizabeth City for New York from the Mackey's section. The price is unsettled.

DR. MCDANIEL HEADS BAPTIST CONVENTION

(By The Associated Press)
Atlanta, May 14.—Dr. George McDaniel of Richmond, Virginia, was today elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECRETARY HUGHES DENIES CHARGES

Washington, May 14.—Secretary Hughes today declared to be "absolutely false" the statement that he had "anything to do with the sale of the steamship Martha Washington" to its former owners by the Shipping Board. In a formal statement prompted by the reading of correspondence before the House Shipping Board investigation committee, the Secretary declared that he had nothing to do with the subject since he entered the cabinet.

INJURED IN COLLISION

Milwaukee, May 14.—Twenty-seven persons were injured several seriously here yesterday in a collision between a bus and a street car.

NIGHT RIDERS IN ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill., May 14 (Special).—Night riders are offering strong opposition to the imposition of insurance to work in the cotton fields of Southern Illinois.

LOOKS LIKE THIS BABY PREDESTINED TO TRAVEL

Washington, May 14.—Just as the Washington and Vandemere passenger train reached the "Y" on the edge of the city enroute from Vandemere, Mrs. H. B. Gifford, of Aurora, gave birth to a baby daughter.

As soon as the little girl's arrival was announced, Conductor Hollingsworth stopped his train and phoned the Washington hospital. Within a few minutes the hospital ambulance arrived. Both the mother and child were taken to the hospital, where both are reported to be doing nicely.

BAPTIST LAYMEN DRY

Atlanta, May 14.—The laymen of the Southern Baptist Convention in session here, last night passed a resolution urging Congress not to consider modification of the Volstead law or its enforcement act. Six thousand delegates are in attendance. Fraternal delegations from the Northern Baptist Convention also are here.

Mrs. John Whaley left Monday for Baltimore where she will visit her niece, Miss Mabel Chappel, at Franklin Square Hospital. She will also visit friends at Washington.

DR. SUN YAT SEN OF CHINA IS DEAD

Twice Named President, Was Called Father of the Republic and George Washington of the Far East.

(By The Associated Press)
Hong Kong, May 14.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president of the South China government is dead.

Few if any statesmen, past or present, have known more ups and downs, more victories and defeats, more loyalty or more treachery than Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, frequently called "the Father of the Republic" and often referred to as the "George Washington of the Far East."

The name of Dr. Sun first began to appear in newspapers of the Western World back in the late 80's when his vigorous pronouncements against his arch-enemies, the dynastic Manchou Emperors of China, attracted some slight attention. He was then living in the Hawaiian Islands with his widowed mother, who had migrated to Honolulu with her husband, an agent of a Christian mission, when Sun Yat Sen was an infant. Since 1895, however, when he essayed the first of his many revolutions, his name has become almost as well known to the Occident as it is to the 400 million Chinese nationals on behalf of whom he spent a lifetime of unrelenting hardship and constant danger.

Dr. Sun was twice named to the highest constitutional office in China—the first time in the fall of 1911, when he was proclaimed the first provisional president of the Chinese Republic, and again in May, 1921, when he was elected President of all China.

Preceding his first election the Chinese people, rising in their wrath against centuries of bad government under the monarchial Manchou and previous dynasties, overthrew the existing government and set up a republic, naming as president Dr. Sun, who was understood to have engineered the uprising. All of South China and most of the Yang-tze provinces were thus brought under a single banner emblazoned with the principles of republicanism.

Dr. Sun, although few of his associates knew it, was a Christian. He was born in Honolulu in 1862 and received his medical education in the Hong Kong College. He was married quite early in life and was the father of two children, a son and a daughter.

PISTOL SELLING LAW INVOKED FIRST TIME

The law requiring that before a sale of a pistol can be made the buyer must present a permit to buy from the clerk of the court was invoked for the first time within the recollection of Trial Justice Spence during his term of office Wednesday morning when Nathan Mann and V. R. Harris, the former the seller and the latter the buyer, were each fined \$5 and costs for the violation of this statute.

This case serves as a pointed reminder of the fact that one may not without violation of the law buy or sell a pistol unless the buyer presents a permit from the clerk of the court stating that he is a man of good character.

Two colored boys, Wheeler Smith and Irving Whitehurst were held for store breaking on three separate charges and now must face trial in Superior Court on four; Breaking into Zimmerman's mill, breaking into the Elizabeth City Milling Company's plant, breaking into Aydielt & Owens seed and food store, and into Will Williams store on Water street. For the last offense they were held for Superior Court Monday. Items which disappeared from the places mentioned are said to have been found in their possession.

Bradford Sanders was fined \$5 and costs for speeding, and George L. Andrew was taxed with the costs for the violation of the parking ordinance.

SAYS EIGHT MONTHS TERM IS QUITE LONG WAY OFF

Raleigh, May 14.—Ten counties in the State now own more than one third of the total school property and only nine counties have an average term of eight months, according to a statement issued by Supt. A. T. Allen of the Department of Education yesterday. He says that an eight months school for all is far off.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 14.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May 31.40; July 28.92; October 25.10; December 24.45; January 24.07.

At two p. m. futures were quoted as follows: May 31.50; July 28.92; October 25.00; December 24.39; January 24.06.

New York, May 14.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 15 points. Middling 31.75. Futures closed at the following levels: May 31.36; July 28.87; October 24.94; December 24.35; January 23.78.

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