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PARTY GROUPS BEING REPRESENTED

New Cabinet is Remarkable For Its personnel and For Ability of Its Members.

Paris .- A new French Cabinet, headed by Aristide Briand as Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs has wen up its work

This is the first time in the history coalition ministry of all the opposing parties and factions It follows first installment last May. cosely on the recent innovation of of Conservatives and Liberals.

was the culmination of a deep popular sentiment that at the supreme crisis of the war party division should give encountered in observing neutrality. way to united action by all parties. charged Aristide Briand with the formation of a new organization combining all elements.

follows:

Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Aristide Briand.

Minister of State and Vice President of Cabinet, Charles de Freyc'net. Minister of War, General J. S.

Minister of the Interior, Louis J. at sea.

Minister of Marine, Rear Admiral

Lecazee. Minister of Finance, Alexandre

General Secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jules Cambon. Minister of Public Instruction and Inventions concerning National De-

fense, Prof. Paul Painleve.

Minister of Commerce, Etienne Clementel.

Minister of Colonies, Gaston Dou-

Minister of Agriculture, Jules Me-

Minister of Labor. Albert Metin. Ministers without portfolio, Emil Combes, Leon Bourgeois, Denys Cochin and Jules Guesde.

Munitions, Albert Thomas. Under Secretary of State for Subsistence, Joseph Thierry.

Under Secretary of State for San-Itary Service, Justin Godart. Under Secretary of State for Avia-

tion, Rene Besnard. Under Seccretary of State for Marine, Louis Nail.

bert Dalimier.

Affairs were not made public.

J. P. MORGAN UNDER KNIFE.

Opreated on for Appendicitis-Attack Mild Condition Good.

the mad professor of languages, who attempted to kill the financier last July is again confined to his bed, this time from an attack of appendicitis. Mr. Morgan went through an opertion which three attendant specialafterward described as successful hevery way. The appendi was re-Mored at noon by Drs. Markoe, Lyle and Smith; and the official bulletin issued shortly thereafter, said Mr. Morgan was resting comfortably. Continued progress was reported unoffi-

cally during the artefnoon. The attack of appendicitis was mild in character, it was said, and the official statement. patient's condition was very good.

Carranza Asked for Orders. Washington.—Representations have

been made to General Carranza by the United States asking for positive orders to military authorities in the vicinity of Matamoros to pursue and arrest Mexcans raiding into American territory. It is understood that such

orders already have been issued. The state department received the protest of acting Governor Randall of the Villa government in Sonora against the transportation of Carranza troops through American territory en foute to Agua Priets.

WHITE BOOK ISSUED BADIN AND WHITNEY

LIC RECORD ON WAR QUES-TIONS ISSUED.

Both British and German Authorities Complain.-Lansing Always Had Unanswerable Reply.

Washington.-A second installment of the United States Government's White Book has been issued by the state department. It contains important diplomatic correspondence d the French Republic that there is with the belligerent governments of Europe since the publication of the

Besides constituting a public record forming a British coalition cabinet of the position of the United States as precedent for the future, the vol-The action in forming the cabinet ume reveals a series of charges and counter-charges by the belligerents that reflect the difficulties constantly

One of the most interesting features Because the cabinet of Rene Viviani is the publication for the first time of ras representative of only a few a memorandum of the German Forpolitical groups, the ministers pre- eign office referred to in a colloquy that the development work will move sented their collective resignations between Chairman Flood of the House and President Poincare immediately Foreign Affairs Committee and Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, at the hearing on the bills proposing an embargo on arms. Mr. Flood quoted The composition of the Cabinet the memorandum to sustain his argument that Germany did not hold shipments of munitions to the Allies as illegal. The correspondence with the German Government developed as a consequence of a ruling by the United States that it was a violation of neutrality for merchant ships to leave American ports for the express pur-Minister of Justice, Rene Viviani. pose of supplying belligerent warships

TWENTY CHILDREN BURNED.

School Building at Beabody, Mass. Burns .- Many Are Injured.

Beabody, Mass. Twenty children, most of them girls ranging in age from 7 to 17 years, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed St. John's Minister of Public Works, Marcel Parochial School. Another girl has injuries regarded as probably fatal, while others were less severely hurt. The 600 children had just entered their classrooms when the fire was discovered, and although a majority were guided to safety by Sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were their teachers, panic seized a large number as they neared the front door and in their rush to escape they lost their footing nad their bodies block-Under Secretary of State, War, ed the exit.

ll of the sisters escaped, but Mother Superior Marie Carmelita was seriously burned. At the convent house it was said that her injuries probably were not fatal, although she is prostrated by the disaster and the suffering of her charges.

How the fire started may never be known. An early theory that a boiler Under Secretary for Fine Arts, Al- explosion caused it having been dismised, state police officials were of The Under Secretaries of the Min- the opinion that a store room in the stries of the Interior and Foreign basement, where a gas meter was located, was its source.

Austro German Forces Advance. London.-The German official statement records the advance of the Austro-German forces and the capture by New York .- J. P. Morgan, who had the Bulgarians of Zajecar and Kniabeen at his desk a little over two jevats, both on the Timok River months since recovering from bullet northeast of Nish and the heights of wounds inflicted by Erich Meunter, Pirol, almost directly east of Nish, but beyond this there is little or no authentic news of the invasion of Serbia.

> King Peter May Go to Italy. Amsterdam, via London.-A telegram from Budapest to The Cologne Volks Zeitung says that King Peter of Serbia probably will leave that country and go to Italy.

> Four German Steamers Sunk, Petrograd, via London. - British submarines have sunk four more German steamers in the Baltic. This announcement is made in the Russian

Favor National Prohibition,

Baltimore.—Unanimous authorization of a petition to Congress to submit to the states a national prohibition amendment was voted by the Presbyterian Synod of Baltimore in annual session here. Petitions also were approved asking for a federal censorship of moving picture films and a prohibition against the exportation from the United States of intoxicating liquors to Africa. Each of the petitions it was said, would be supported by a national movement of churches to be initiated by the Sypod

BY UNITED STATES HOLDINGS ARE SOLD

NEW COALITION CABINET, ALL SECOND INSTALLMENT OF PUB- ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERI-CA HAS PURCHASED THE PROPERTY.

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY NEUTRALITY IS MAIN TOPIC WORK TO BE RESUMED SOON

French Syndicate No Longer Holders of Development at Narrows of the Yadkin River.

Charlotte. - Perhaps the biggest single deal ever negotiated in North Carolina property is that which has just been concluded whereby the Southern Aluminum Company has transferred title to its Badin and Whitney holdings to the Aluminum Company of America, with headquarters in Pittsburg, Pa., the amount involved in the transaction, it is understood, approximating \$10,000,000. The negotiations were concluded at a conference participated in by officials of the French Syndicate and the Aluminum Compnay of American at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York on Saturday, October 23, and definite information is just transpiring. It is stated rapidly ahead and that the plans of the original designers will be carried out with only very slight modifications. The outstanding feature of this announcement is that the several thousand employes formerly given work on this development will be returned just as soon as the details of transfer can be consummated and arrangements perfected for the resumption of operations. This will probably require several weeks and maybe a month but it will be forthcoming within the very near future.

The announcement of this transfer and the information that work will be resumed within a short time is one of the most important to the business and commercial interests of this section that has been made in a long time. The Aluminum Company of America is a monster corporation with big plants at Massena, N. Y., Pittsburg and various other places throughout the country. The Tennessee plants is the one that is nearest to the latest acquisition of the company.

The work at Badin and Whitney was undertaken several years ago when the French Syndicate acquired the holdings of the original Whitney company, then owned by Pittsburg interests. The plans of the original company were changed and a new development mapped out, the power site being located nearer the foot of the narrows of the Yadkin River and a great aluminum plant being proposed for Badin the new town to be built. The money was provided by French bankers and was moving splendidly ahead when the great war came on. A magnificent little city had been almost finished, the immense buildings to house the hydro electric plant and other machinery was completed and an order was placed for the machinery when every thing was closed down on account of the outbreak of war in Europe.

Seven Injured in Accident. Asheville.-Seven persons were injured, three of them being pinned beneath the car when a big automobile, driven by I. N. Breazale failed to make a sharp turn on a mountain road about 12 miles from Asheville, plunging 15 feet down a bank and turning over against a tree. The approach to-the turn is down a steep grade and the brakes failed to hold the heavy car and its load. Only the presence of a large tree prevented the car's plung-

Fishing is Unusually Good. Morehead City.-The largest catches of fish ever seen here were made last week by local fishermen and visiting sportsmen with hook and line and rod and reel. It seems as if the surrounding waters are filled with cero, trout and sheepshead, as the inexperienced person has little difficulty in catching

large numbers of the finny tribe when-

ing 50 feet further with the possibility

of going over a steep cliff.

ever he goes after them.

Internal Revenue Tax Collections. Statesville,-During October, Collector Watts of Western district collected internal revenue taxes amounting

to \$986,053.68, as follows: Tobacco (all forms), \$962,912.48; income taxes. \$13.696.52; emergency (war) taxes, \$9,329.26; fines and penalties, \$45.69; narcotic taxes, \$36.23; liquor Mcenses, \$25; oleomargarine M-

censes. \$8.50. This is a decrease from last month of \$49,409.55 and an increase over seed, 60c bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 55c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$2 bu; weet potatoes, 75c bu; N. C. butter, 36c or 64 3-4 per cent.

SYNOD CLOSES ITS SESSION

Presbyterians Will Meet at Salisbury In 1916.-To Build Summer Home For Its Members at Montreat.

Gastonia.—The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina concluded its one hundred and second annual session here, following a busy business session which began four days ago. The delegates left for their homes, declaring the present session to have been one of the best as well as most enjoy able in the Synod's history. Just be fore adjourning the body adopted un animously a set of resolutions thank ing the local church and the people of the town for the splendid manne. in which the delegates had been enter

A resolution was adopted accepting an offer made by the Mountain Re treat Asociation of a free site at Mon treat Association of a free site a Mon members of the Synod could have free lodging and where they could gather for res tand recuperation dur ing the summer months. The tasl of erecting a suitable building on this site was put in the hands of a com mittee composed of A. T. McCullum W. H. Sprunt, B. R. Sellers, Rev. W McWhite, Rev. W. M. Fairley and Rev. D. H. Rolston. They are auth orized to provide the building but are restrained from incurring any debt.

A significant report was that of the evangelistic committee. The reporshowed 500 more professions of fait. and 100 more additions to the churc' than any previous year. The work o the general and local evangelists was summerized as follows: 3.858 ser mens preached, 2,736 professions of faith. 1,252 additions to Presbyter ian church, 81 additions to othe churches; 17 Sunday schools organiz ed, 10 churches organized, \$2,149 rais ed for the Synod's work.

The First church, Salisbury, was chosen as the lacpe for meeting next year and the time is the fourth Tues day in October.

Big Fire at Reidsville.

Reidsville.-Fire broke out in the new prize room of the F. R. Penn branch of the American Tobacco Company's big tobacco factory here and did considerable damage before being extinguished.

The automatic sprinklers in an ad joining room also injured a great deal of tobacco. The prize room in which the fire originated did not have the automatic sprinkler completed otherwise the flames would have gained but little headway. By hard work the big plant was saved from destruction

About 100,000 pounds of plug were damaged by water and smoke. This will have to be reopened and dried

The total damage has been various ly estimated at from \$30,000 to \$60. 000 but the precise amount will not be known until a survey is made.

Handle Plant Burns. Wilmington.-The handle works o

the Leavering Manufacturing Company just outside the city, was destroyed by fire presumably caused by a spark from the boiler, entailing a loss of about \$25,000, fully covered by insur-

NORTH CAROLINA MARKET.

Prices of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Etc., on North Carolina Markets During Past Week.

Asheville—Corn, 60-65c bu; oats, 50c bu; peas, \$1.50 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.80 bbl; sweet potatoes, 40c per bu; apples, \$1.50-\$3.00 bbl; N. C. butter, 30c lb; eggs, Charlotte—Cotton, 1214c; cotton seed, 50c bu; corn, 95c bu; Irish potatoes, \$2 bbl; sweet potatoes, 60c bu; N. C. butter,

30c lb; eggs, 30c doz.

Durham—Cotton, 12c; cotton seed, 40c bu; corn, 95c bu; oats, 60c bu Irish potatoes, \$2 bbl; sweet potatoes, 75c bu; apples, \$3 bbl; Western butter, \$30c lb; N. butter, 30c lb; eggs, 25c doz. Greensboro-Cotton, 12c; corn, 95c bu

peas, \$1.50b u; Irish potatoes, \$2 bbl sweet potatoes, 40c bu; apples, \$3.50 bbl; Western butter, 30c lb; eggs, 25c doz. Greenville-Cotton, 11%c; cotton seed 60c bu; corn, 85c bu; oats, 65c bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; sweet potatoes, 800 bu; Western butter, 30c lb; eggs, 30c doz. Hamlet—Cotton, 11%c; cotton seed, 0c bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 60c bu; peas, \$1 bu; sweet potatoes, 75c bu; N. C. butter, 30c; 1b eggs,, 30c doz. Lumberton-Cotton, 11%c; cotton seed, 65c bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 60c bu; sweet potatoes, 50c bu; Western butter, 35c lb; Maxton—Cotton, 11c; cotton seed, 65a bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 55c bu; sweet potatoes, 0c bu; N. C. butter 25c lb; eggs,

28c doz. bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 55c bu; sweet potatoes, 60c bu; N. C. butter, 30c; eggs, 28c doz. New Bern-Cotton, 12%e; corn, 75c bu; oats, 50c bu; sweet potatoes, 40c bu; eggs

Newton-Cototn, 121/4c; cotton seed, 60c bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 75c bu; Irish po-tatoes, \$2.25 bbl; sweet potatoes, 45c bu; eggs, 25c doz.

Raleigh—Cotton, 11%c; cotton seed, 60c bu; corn, 90c bu; oats, 48c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes \$1.75 bbl; sweet

potatoes, 50c bu; apples, \$3.50-\$4.00 bbl; Western butter, \$2c lb; eggs, 28-30c doz Rocky Mount—Cotton, 12c; cotton seed 60c bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.75 bbl; sweet potatoes, 0c bu; apples, \$3.50 bbl; Western butter, 33c lb; eggs, 27c doz.

Salisbury—Cotton, 124c; cotton seed, 55c bu; corn, \$1 bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.20 bbl; sweet potatoes, \$1

bu; eggs, 30c doz. Scotland Neck-Cotton, 114c; cotton

TEUTONIC ALLIES CLOSE IN ON SERBS

BULGARIANS HAD TO STAND HARDEST PART OF THE WORK.

DRIVEN INTO THE MOUNTAINS

South of Uskup Drive Has Been Checked by Reinforcements from French and British Armies.

London.-The Germans have occupied Kraguyeatz, the arsenal town of Serbia, while their Bulgarian Allies are pushing their way through the mountains to Nish, Serbia's war capital. From all sides the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians are slowly closing in on the Serbian armies, the position of which grows graver daily. They are fighting fiercely however to save their country and have inflieted such losses on Field Marshal von Mackensen's force that he has been compelled to send for reinforcements and leave the more serious work of invading the eastern and southern part of the country to the Bulgarians, who have had more experience in mountain warfare such as the Serbians are

From the junction of the Danube and Timok Rivers in the northeast to Uskup, in the south, the Bulgarians are moving westward, driving the Serbians out of the towns into the mountains but from Uskup southward they have been checked as the Serbans in that territory have been reinforced by the French and British with modern guns and with gunners who gained valuable experience in France and Gallipoli.

Russian transports have been reported off Varna but the report lacks confirmation. There is, however, evidence in dispatches from Bucharest that the people of Rumania at least desire intervention and that pressure is being brought on the kng and cabinet to induce them to join the Allies and permit a Russian force to pass through Roumanian territory to attack Bulgaria from the east. Greece continues her friendly neutrality.

HERMAN RIDDER IS DEAD.

One of Promnent German Americans In New York.

New York.-Herman Ridder, former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee and publisher of the New York Statts Zeitung, died suddenly at his home in this city.

The cause of Mr. Ridder's deat was kidney trouble in an acute form. He had been ill about 10 months and for two weeks past his condition had been critical. He was in his sixty-

Among a large number of prominent German-American citizens of the in the newspaper publishing business but I suppose I can do that, too." and in politics. He at one time was president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and for many years he held high offices in the Associated Press, as treasurer and

ne was talked of at the 1908 Democratic National Convention at Denver as a possible nominee for vice president on the ticket with Bryan, whom, however, Mr. Ridder opposed at that is in the hands of the Bulgarians.

Date For Wilson Galt Marriage. Washington.—It was formally anmarriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Galt will take place "near the This statement was issued by Sec bian army must escape. retary Tumulty:

authorized the announcement that enemy army on their flank. Little their marriage will take place near has been said about the fighting beare for a very simple ceremony. It rins along the Drina river, but appabe issued and it is expected the only superior equipment more than a week guests will be the members of the two to force acrossing of the river at one families."

Shots Fall on American Side. Douglas, Ariz.-General Villa demachine gun bullets fell.

IF NECESSARY HE SAYS HE WILL FIGHT THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

TO CAPTURE AGNA PRIETA

This is His Frst Step; Meanwhile He is Plumb Through With Americans of All Kinds.

Douglas, Ariz.-Villa troops invading Sonora arrived within striking distance of Agua Prieta, opposite here and the expected attack against the Carranza garrison apparently is a matter of hours. Advance cavalry of the invaders halted three and a half miles east of Rgua Prieta.

Gen. Francisco Villa, who arrived at the international border several miles further east a few hours earlier. talked with Americans across the boundary and announced that he intended to attack the Mexican town, regardless of any action United States troops might take.

"If necessary I will fight the United States Army assembled along the border," he said.

General Villa learned for the first time that permission had been given by the United States government for Carranza to move troops through American territory to reinforce the Agua Prieta garrison.

Four Carranza troops trains journeying through United States territory arrived bringing the fighting strength of the Carranza garrison to 6,000 men. Villa, according to reliable advices, has 10,000 soldiers.

Villa himself was with his cavalry, which passed along the border to take position just out of range of the garrison. It was during this march that ne learned that Corrange reinforcements had been transported over Am-

erican territory. "Agua Prieta will be mine," he asserted, "Americans or no Americans. We may have to fight the whole American army if necessary, but no

matter; it will be ours." "When?" he was asked.

"I know," was the reply. Suddenly Villa asked again if it was true that the United States government had permitted General Carranza to transport reinforcements over American territory. He then said:

"This is the way the United States repays me for protection I have given foreigners in Mexico. Hereafter I don't give — — what happens to foreigners in Mexico - or in my

"I am through with the United States. I can fight my battles. Let them fight theirs.

"I can whip Carranza and his en-United States, Herman Ridder was tire army, but it is asking a great one of the most conspicuous figures deal to whip the United States also;

Villa declined to pose for a photo-

the United States," he exclaimed. BULGARIANS CAPTURE PIEROT.

graph. "No more of my pictures for

Important Fortress is Described as Key to Nish.

London.-The Serbian fortress of Pierot, described as the key to Nish. while the Austro-Germans, advancing from the north, are endeavoring to form a ring around Krauguyevatz, the Serbian arsenal. Thus, besides ennounced at the White House that the dangering both the Serbian war capital and the town where the Serbian munitions are manufactured, the Cenclose of December" and that it will tral Powers with Bulgaria are narrowbe private, at Mrs. Galt's home here ing the gap through which the Ser-

Simultaneously the Austrians are "In order to quiet speculation Pres attacking Montenegro, to remove if ident Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt possible the danger of having an the close of December. Their plans tween the Austrians and Montenegwill be quietly performed at Mrs. rently it is of a most sanguinary char-Galt's residence. No invitations will acter, as it took the Austrians with far point alone, that south of Vishegrad.

Were Not After Slaton.

Atlanta, Ga.-Fulton county police Myered his long-expected attack on after an investigation of the source of the Carranza garrison of Agua Prieta shots heard near the country home of and within two hours after the first former Governor John M. Slaton, said gun was fired, machine gun bullets there was no reason to believe the and shell fragments showered over disturbance had any connection with American territory, seriously wound- alleged threats against Slaton shortly ing Louis F. Taylor, a restaurant wait- after he commuted the sentence of er, and endangering scores of Ameri- Leo M. Frank. The shots were fired. can soldiers in trenches two miles the police believe, by a boisterous ausouth of Douglas. Taylor was shot tomobile party, or 'possum hunters. down in front of the United States Former Governor Staton returned to custom house, where more than 70 Atlanta three weeks ago following an absence of several months.