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FIFTEEN KNOWN DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK

FRENCH CABINET QUILTS; TROUBLE OVER FINANCES

Resignation Brings To Climax Dramatic Fight Of Several Days

DISPLEASURE WITH CAILLAUX'S WORK

Paris, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—President Doumouge up to tonight had commissioned no one officially with formation of a new cabinet. He was consulted by President DeHalves of the senate and President Herrion of the chamber apparently with a view to ascertaining parliament's temper towards possible leaders of the new cabinet.

(Brâne and Painlevé appear likely to head the new regime.)

By A. L. Bradford,
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—The French cabinet resigned this afternoon.

Thus Premier Painlevé and his associates brought to a climax a dramatic fight of several days which centered in removing Finance Minister Caillaux from power.

Painlevé went alone to President Doumouge and presented the joint resignation.

Resignation Is Accepted.

President Doumouge accepted the cabinet's resignation.

Earlier in the day the cabinet had held a brief meeting but without action.

However, from within its councils came word that the resignation collectively of the entire cabinet impending.

The actual resignation was made around 2 o'clock.

Caillaux Defies Cabinet.

Caillaux yesterday had refused to be forced out alone. Instead, he told Painlevé and Foreign Minister Briand that if he were to fall then the whole cabinet must go, too. It was virtually a defy to them to proceed with driving him from public life, he warned them that unless the whole regime retired, it would fall before the French chamber later.

Rumors current today suggested that Painlevé would seek to reform the cabinet and would propitiate the socialists by taking in as justice minister, the former premier, Edouard Herrion.

The resignation of the cabinet was caused primarily by two factors.

First, there was dissatisfaction with

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DISCUSSION OF PLATFORM HELD

Democratic Meeting At Omor Home One Of Best Of Present Campaign

The democratic meeting held at the Omor home, first ward, B, last evening, in charge of the ladies of that precinct, was one of the best held during the campaign. Talks were made by the candidates, and by Martin Jaberg, county auditor, and others. All were excellent and the talks were followed by discussion of the platform and plans for election day.

Tonight, a meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green, South Winchester street, with speeches by Mr. Jaberg and J. F. Fruchte. Another meeting will be held this evening at the home of Mrs. D. D. Heller on Fifth street, talks to be made by H. M. DeVoss and E. B. Lenhart.

Plans are also being completed for the smoker at democratic headquarters tomorrow evening. J. F. Fruchte will preside and addresses will be made by H. M. DeVoss, C. J. Lutz, Martin Jaberg and H. B. Heller. Arrangements for an organization for election day and for the rest of the campaign are now being made. A closing meeting will be held at headquarters next Monday evening, it is announced.

MR. NIBLICK IMPROVES

Physicians Believe Well-known Decatur Banker Is Past Danger Point In His Illness.

According to the latest information from Gary, the condition of Charles S. Niblick, well known Decatur banker, who has been seriously ill there, continues to improve and physicians today expressed the belief that he had passed the danger point. His daughters, who were called there last Friday, are returning to Decatur today. A telephone message from Dr. Niblick to L. C. Waring, of this city, about 11 o'clock this morning, said the condition of his father was steadily improving and they are all encouraged and believe now that, with good care and a rest, he will completely recover.

OLD "HAUNTED HOUSE" RAZED

Romberg House On Monroe Street, Eyesore For Years, Is Torn Down

After many years of existence as a fear of children, a haven for tramps and an eyesore to the beauty of the neighborhood, the old "haunted house" on West Monroe street is no more. The Romberg home was completely razed yesterday by a dozen workmen, after being condemned recently by the city council.

The "haunted house" has stood unoccupied at the corner of Ninth and Monroe streets for more than twenty years. The house was left furnished completely when the Romberg family moved away from this city many years ago. For many years it furnished a good place for weary tramps to rest, after a hard day's journey and, because of strange noises heard there at night and weird shadows seen after dark, it became known as "the haunted house."

Children, for a generation, have boasted of their explorations through the house in the wee small hours of the morning, and for the last several years it has not been uncommon for large parties of young people to explore the house at all hours of the night.

Often times, people would hide in the house in an effort to scare passers-by and in many instances they would succeed. Several years ago and again about a year ago, fire destroyed parts of the house. Tramps have carried away much of the furniture. A petition of the citizens of the west part of Decatur, asking that the house be razed, was presented to the city council some time ago and members of the Romberg family were notified to tear down the building.

Lack of action provoked property owners near the place and a few months ago, on petition, it was declared a nuisance and ordered to be razed. Work on tearing down the home started yesterday morning and will be completed soon. Nothing will be built on the lot at present it was learned.

Child Swallows Open Safety Pin; Removed By Decatur Physician

An open safety pin, swallowed by Robert Lankenau, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lankenau, last Sunday morning, was removed by a local physician without injury to the child. Immediately after Robert swallowed the pin, his father brought him to the office of the physician, where an X-ray examination was made. The picture showed that the pin was lodged about half-way down the esophagus, point down. The physician succeeded in hooking an instrument underneath the pin and pulled it out. The pin was about an inch and a quarter in length.

Youth Accidentally Shot

Marion, Ind., Oct. 27.—Shot by a companion while examining guns in the local armory of the National Guard, William King, 17, lay dangerously wounded today.

The gun which was accidentally discharged was in the hands of Albert Taylor, 22.

ELKS TO HOLD RABBIT SUPPER

Feed To Be Held Tomorrow Night If Hunters Are Successful Today

Armed with shot-guns, shells and other necessary equipment for hunting, John Voglewede, Fred Schuriger, D. M. Hensley, A. D. Hunsicker and several other prominent local Elks left early this morning in an effort to round up all the rabbits in Adams County. And the wild game had better take to the shelter today for the Decatur hunters are out for a record catch.

Provided the men are successful, the Decatur Elks will have a rabbit supper at the home tomorrow night for members only. The round-up committee would not disclose just where the hunting trip would take them today, but it is probable that they will point their hounds in all parts of the country.

The "bunny" hunters have made various estimates as to what their reward would be. Some say they will return with at least fifty of the coveted animals, while others predict that the Elks rabbit supper tomorrow night will include ham sandwiches and coffee. The results are still in doubt, since the hunters will not return until late tonight.

Several men who had planned to make the trip were unable to do so today, but their best wishes and moral support went with those who braved the cold weather and alarm clock warning and donned their hip boots while Decatur and New York both slept.

The rabbit supper will be held at 6 o'clock tomorrow night at the new Elks home, according to present plans, and will be converted later into a social gathering of the members. All Decatur Elks are cordially invited to attend tomorrow night.

GRECO-BULGARIAN CONFLICT ENDED

Greece Orders Troops To Evacuate Bulgaria; League Settles Dispute

By Minott Saunders,
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—The Greco-Bulgarian border conflict was deemed today definitely ended.

The League of Nations council action is calling for a halt of hostilities—with definite proof Thursday that fire had ceased and troops were back on their home territory—was held here as settling the incipient war insofar as continuance of hostilities was concerned.

In accordance with the council's decision to have allied military men investigate on the ground, Major Giles, British military attaché at Athens, has been sent to the frontier to investigate and report whether Greece was withdrawing her troops as required.

Both nations agreed to heed the council's virtual ultimatum and with steps already taken to put the demands into effect, it was felt in league quarters that the league had demonstrated such troubles could be settled pacifically.

Athens, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—Greece has definitely ordered her troops to evacuate Bulgaria, in accordance with the rulings of the League of Nations' council.

The Greek frontier guard at Delimkapi has been re-established, this being part of the agreement reached between Greece and Bulgaria in connection with Rumanian mediation yesterday for an adjustment of the evacuation situation.

Auto Driven By Youth Kills Indianapolis Man

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—(United Press)—William Daniels, 41, is dead from injuries received when he was hit by an automobile driven by John Ryan, 18.

Ryan was slated on a manslaughter charge, but later released awaiting investigation of the accident.

EPIDEMIC THREATENED

Chicago On Defensive Against Threatened Spread Of Pneumonia; 35 Deaths In Week.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—Chicago was on the defensive today against a threatened epidemic of pneumonia. Deaths from the disease and the number of cases reported is 23 per cent above normal for this season of the year. Health Commissioner Herman N. Mundesen warned in a special health bulletin.

For the week ending October 24, there were 35 deaths and a total of 142 cases reported to authorities. Mundesen declared.

"While the disease does not appear to be unduly severe, such a condition as we now have, frequently goes further," the health commissioner pointed out.

The special bulletin recommended "sensible habits" and warned against overheated houses.

PARADE PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Line of March For Callithumpian Announced; Committees Are Named

Everything is now in readiness for the Callithumpian parade here Saturday night. During the afternoon, the G. E. band will give a concert and in the evening music will be furnished by the G. E. band and the Monroe band. After the parade the G. E. employees will give a dance at the Masonic hall.

Jesse Rice, general chairman of the parade, announced this morning the appointment of the following judges: H. M. DeVoss, C. L. Walters, Joseph Laurent, E. W. Lankenau, Mrs. J. W. Vail, Mrs. C. V. Connell, Mrs. James F. Arnold.

The parade will be in charge of the following: Jesse Rice, chairman; D. W. Beery, H. W. Johnson, E. B. Williamson, H. T. Vail, Dan H. Tynall, C. A. Burdige, J. S. Peterson and Arthur Suttles.

The Line of March

The parade will form on Third street between Jefferson and Monroe, heading south, and all who wish to participate are requested to meet there at 7 o'clock prompt so that the parade can be started at 7:15 o'clock. Automobiles will line up on Madison street west of Third, heading east.

The parade will move south to Adams, east on Adams to Second, north on Second to the Interurban station, then counter march back past the judges stand, where the prizes will be awarded.

PYTHIANS TO INITIATE

Ten Or Twelve Candidates To Receive First Rank Work Thursday Evening.

Ten or twelve candidates will be initiated into the first rank of the Knights of Pythias lodge at a meeting to be held in the Pythian home on Third street Thursday evening. These candidates are the first of the Golden Jubilee class. The lodge hopes to take in a large number in this class. The dramatic team of the lodge will dramatize the friendship story of Damon and Pythias at the initiation Thursday evening. All Pythians are urged to attend the meeting.

George Heighway Named Alumni Secretary Of I. U.

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 27.—(United Press)—George Heighway, a member of the law class of 1922 at Indiana university, today prepared to take up the duties of secretary of the Indiana alumni association. His appointment was announced last night by the board of trustees of the university. Heighway lives in Indianapolis.

Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably snow in north portion. Rain, changing to snow by Wednesday in south portion; slightly warmer tonight in extreme south portion. Colder Wednesday or Thursday night.

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MIDDLEWEST HAS TOUCH OF WINTER

Sleet And Snow Reported In Iowa, Minnesota And Nebraska

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Chicago, Oct. 27.—Winter held sway in the middlewest today. Sections of Minnesota and Iowa reported sleet and snow, with considerable damage to wire facilities due to sleet and wind.

In Chicago, the thermometer dropped to a low of 28 during the night. At 9 a.m. today the thermometer stood at 31.

The cold will continue for at least 24 hours, the weatherman said.

The coldest spot in the country at Havre, Mont., is two degrees above zero, the weather bureau reported.

In Calgary, Alberta, the thermometer dropped to two below zero.

Helena, Mont., reported ten inches of snow.

Near Blizzards

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 27.—The snowfall in Nebraska ranged from two to ten inches. Near blizzards were reported in Central Nebraska. The snowfall covered practically the entire state. Winner, S. D., just across the Nebraska line, reported a temperature of 12 degrees. The mercury at Kearney had dropped 13 degrees to 19 degrees above in an hour with prospects of a further decline.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—A cold wave is headed toward Indiana from the northwest, the weather bureau warned.

Rain, changing to snow, with a rapid drop in the temperature, was predicted.

The temperature in Indianapolis touched 28 early today, 16 below normal for this time of the year, and may go even lower tonight.

DISEASE HINDERS JURY SELECTION

Small Pox Epidemic In Hamilton Co. Interferes With Stephenson Trial

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 27.—(United Press)—A smallpox epidemic today caused a further delay in selecting a jury for the trial of D. C. Stephenson. Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, charged with murder.

Judge Sparks released from service all veniremen from Wayne township, Hamilton county, where a smallpox epidemic has broken out.

The action was a severe blow to prospects for early completion of a jury.

William Gutelius Former Bluffton Postmaster, Dies

William A. Gutelius, 77, postmaster at Bluffton during the second administration of Grover Cleveland, and for 50 years a druggist in that city, died yesterday morning at his home in Marion, following a short illness of uraemic poisoning. W. B. Gutelius, of Fort Wayne, secretary of the Citizens Trust company, is a son.

Mr. Gutelius retired from the drug business in Bluffton four years ago and moved to Marion shortly afterward. He was well known throughout the northern section of the state.

Mellon To Leave Cabinet In Spring, Says Report

Washington, Oct. 27.—(United Press)—Secretary of the treasury Mellon will leave the cabinet next spring according to authoritative reports current in the capitol today.

Veteran Preacher Dies

New Albany, Ind., Oct. 27.—(United Press)—The body of Rev. E. R. Best, 73, veteran Methodist minister, was taken to Seymour today for burial.

Rev. Best, who occupied a pulpit in the Indiana conference for forty years, died at the home of a daughter here.

Physicians failed to dislodge the needle.

CONDITION IS SERIOUS

Paul Holle Suffers Relapse After Having Carpet Tack Removed From His Windpipe.

Discouraging reports were received today from Toledo, Ohio, where Paul Holle, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holle, of Union township, is fighting for his life after having a carpet tack removed from his windpipe last Sunday. Mr. Holle, called the child's grandfather, William Schamerloah, of this city, this morning and said that Paul's condition, at first thought to be satisfactory, had taken a turn for the worse.

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