

## RID TO GERMANY FLATLY DENIED BY M. CAILLAUX

Belief Growing Former Premier of France Will Be Acquitted of Treason.

### MENTAL VIGOR PROVED

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Joseph Caillaux's alleged connection with the sensational effort of German agents to purchase the Paris Journal for propaganda purposes during the war came up when the treason trial of the former premier was resumed today before the senate, sitting as a high court of justice.

Mr. Caillaux denied knowledge of the negotiations, although he admitted he was acquainted with former Senator Humbert and two members of the Lenoir family who were involved in the deal.

The younger Lenoir was subsequently executed by a French firing squad in the Vendee, and his widow and Senator Humbert were banished to Spain, where he is now living.

### DENIES PLOT WITH LENOIR.

In his explanation of defense the former premier gave fresh demonstration of his remarkable facility for memory, which was a notable feature of the last session of the court Friday. He readily recalled names, dates and incidents. His admitted conversations with the Lenoirs, but was emphatic in declaring that if they were carrying on pro-German negotiations he was not implicated in them.

The possibility that local politics would be dragged into the evidence attracted an enormous crowd to Luxembourg palace, where the case is in progress. The impression is gaining ground among some of the persons who have been following the trial since it opened last Tuesday that the government may not be able to convict the former premier unless startling new evidence is produced. So far the interrogations of the prosecution and the court have touched only upon matters that have been discussed in the French parliament and the press.

### REVEALS OLD-TIME MENTAL VIGOR.

M. Caillaux is showing all his old-time mental vigor in combating the brilliant array of prosecuting counsel. During the testimony today while the prosecution was establishing the contention that the prisoner had dealings with the Lenoirs, M. Caillaux broke in by saying:

"Ah, but it is the duty of the state to prove that there was criminality in any such negotiations."

Mme. Caillaux, stately and beautiful, good-natured, smiling, G. B. Bred, editor of *Le Figaro*, when he threatened to publish a batch of Caillaux's love letters during a political campaign in 1914, is attending every session of the trial and following the evidence word by word.

## GOODRICH PLAN TO MEET FIGHT

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way commission of Indiana can be broadly divided into three counts.

1. Their width is not sufficient and their depth is not sufficient to accommodate the traffic they must endure.

2. They are not being laid out with a view to meeting the demands of transportation for savings on grades, elimination of curves, and general economy in motor operation.

3. They are of a type that shows an apparent saving in initial cost, but has been found in other states to be exceedingly costly to maintain and in the long run a great deal more expensive than good roads properly built.

The proof of the first count lies in a comparison of the type of roads Indiana is building with the type that has been adopted by New York as a result of the good work of the state highway commission. Indiana is laying miles of cement concrete roads, sixteen feet wide, four inches deep, and expecting them to serve as trunk lines through the state.

### EXPERT DESCRIBES NARROW ROADS AS A menace.

Writing in the *Engineering News-Record* for September 1919, H. E. Breed, formerly first deputy commissioner of highways for New York, said:

"An improved road that is also a narrow road is a menace. It attracts to itself more traffic than it can accommodate and remains wrecks after its shoulders. No man can lay a road designed less than twenty feet for pavement surface and thirty-two feet between ditches. Subsidiary roads should be at least sixteen feet with shoulders extended to twenty-six feet and curves widened from four to eight feet for safety. All highways when built should be designed readily to permit additional widening."

Indiana's commission not only has standardized the sixteen-foot road but has made no provision for widening at curves or in the hereafter.

As to depth, Mr. Breed wrote:

"It is fair to say that no new road or road to be reconstructed should be built with a foundation of less than nine inches if it is to be of broken stone and the depth should range from that according to prospective traffic on the road, up to fifteen inches, which is the lowest possible allowance for through routes."

A concrete foundation should be at least six inches deep and should range from that according to prospective traffic and type of surface selected, to nine inches or through routes.

Since 1907 New York state has been concerned with the alignment of its roads and has worked out a formula which is applied to grades and curves. Mr. Breed says: "If the saving in fuel is greater than the per cent of the expense necessary to eliminate the curve, then the expenditure is warranted." The fuel saving is estimated by noting the fuel requirement to bring a car back in original momentum after slowing for the curve and multiplying this figure by a count of the average traffic around the curve.

### CURVES AND GRADES ARE NEGLECTED.

No attempt has been made to avoid curves or to reduce grades in the designing of Indiana roads, and repeatedly the most costly routes have been adopted by the commission, often without regard to either the grade or the curves that will be necessary.

Road building by the highway commission in Indiana has been confined almost exclusively to the cement surface type known as the cheapest possible construction that pretends to be "durable." New York state does not build roads

## WILL APPEAR IN COLLEGE PLAY



PHOEBE SCHIERK, JOHN WAMSLEY and HELEN BRATTAIN.

"The Witching Hour," to be presented to Indiana girls for the first time on the stage, will have for principal characters three leading amateurs of this city. The play will be given March 27, at the Murat theater by the Butler College Dramatic club.

Phoebe Schierk, John Wamsley and Phoebe Schierk, who have had much experience in local productions, will

take the leading roles. Mr. Wamsley had the chief character part in the Shortridge senior class play in 1917.

Harry Porter is training the cast and votes it one of the most versatile in his experience.

Leo M. Rappaport, Leo M. Rappaport, and John Quincy Byram take other important parts in the play.

A large number of Shriners and their families attended a Washington's birthday dance last night at the Murat temple. The committee in charge was Charles S. Becker, C. Otto Janus, Herman W. Kokomo and George F. Kuhn.

Mile. Theo Hewes and G. Paul Bachelder appeared in classic dances as one of the features of a Washington's birthday dance given by Indianapolis Lodge No. 13 of the Elks in the Riley room at the Claypool hotel last night.

The brotherhood of the First Baptist church observed Washington's birthday last night by a dinner and a literary program. The women of the church served the dinner to about two hundred men.

Among the speakers were Edward O. Steele, O. B. Iller and William Remy, who discussed various characteristics of Washington.

Declaring themselves tired of alleged dictatorial demands made by heads of the moving picture operators' union, the owners notified all operators belonging to the union that they would be discharged next Sunday if the union heads were not changed in the meantime.

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The district banner will be presented to the league reporting the largest percentage of attendance.

The ladies' auxiliary of Naomi chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will give a card party and dance tomorrow night, in the Denison hotel.

## Chicago Holds First Nonpartisan Vote

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Mrs. Merle Sidener gave a talk on women's rights at the meeting. Mrs. Henderson gave a report of the recent nonpartisan convention at Chicago, paying a tribute to Dr. Amelia R. Keller. Mrs. Henderson was appointed a delegate to the church conference to be held here next month.

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