

SHORT LIFE FOR BLUM'S REGIME IN FRANCE SEEN

Odds Piling Up Against
New Government,
Simms Says.

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WASHINGTON, June 15.—Few governments in the history of the third republic have faced a more difficult job than that of Premier Leon Blum, now attempting to ride the storm in France.

His task is something like that of a cowboy trying to juggle half a dozen different objects and stick on the back of a bucking broncho at the same time.

Merely sticking on the horse, not to mention getting away with the juggling, may prove impossible. He may be thrown before the rest of his act has time to get well under way.

On paper he has the backing of 82 Communists, 115 Radical Socialists, 35 Independents and the 146 Socialists of his own party, for a total of 378. Against him are the 236 of the right.

Which sounds impressive. And on his first vote of confidence, the response was even more so. He received 384 ballots, or six more than the total number of popular front deputies combined. Opposed were only 210.

In Grip of Strike
But that vote can hardly be taken as a criterion. Premier Blum was then enjoying his honeymoon, as politicians in this country would express it. Also France was in the grip of what amounted almost to a general strike.

In other words, it was no time for rocking the boat. More than a million revolutionary strikers had downed tools and occupied the plants which ordinarily employed them. Well-to-do conservatives were thoroughly alarmed. Blum seemed less radical than those in control of the strike and as he promised a reasonable and early settlement, he seemed the lesser of two evils.

The future, however, is less bright. Unless he leans pretty far to the left, the 82 Communists will almost certainly desert him. Despite earnest pleas, maintained for days prior to his taking office, the Communists refused to accept a position in his cabinet. They preferred to remain "free agents," able at any time to support, attack or otherwise bring

FLAMES SPREAD FROM APARTMENT TO NEARBY HOMES



A two-alarm fire caused \$20,000 damage to an apartment at 1525 Central-av and adjacent homes including that of Bishop Joseph M. Francis of the Episcopal Church today. The blaze is shown above.

pressure on him, and frankly told him so.

Of the 115 Radical Socialists, many participated in the Popular Front campaign for purposes of election only. Now that they are in, this group will almost certainly split, sooner or later, over Blum's policies. He is bound to be too radical for some and not radical enough for others.

Could Be Overthrown
Should the 82 Communists and others of the left wing even refrain from voting on some crucial issue, the right parties, supported by the moderates of the Radical Socialists, could easily overthrow him.

The fact that he is a Jew, in a country which almost engaged in civil war over the guilt or innocence of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, will also bob up at some tense, future moment, possibly to his undoing. Cries of "Jew!" have already echoed in the chamber.

To steer a safe middle course for long will prove well nigh impossible. Left wingers have had their hopes raised pretty high. Never having had the job of running the government entrusted to them before, they are now expecting big things. They hope to go far in the direction of nationalization, taxing the rich, increasing wages, shortening hours, and so on. The Communists want a capital levy.

Premier Blum has indicated he intends to try to follow a middle way. The chances are he will not please the extreme left very long. And as he can not possibly rule with the center and right, the odds are in favor of a short life and a hectic one for his regime.

MILITARY ALERT AS FRENCH STRIKES END

New Outbursts Feared by
Premier Blum.

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PARIS, June 15.—Steel helmeted mobile guards today supervised French efforts to return to industrial normalcy after two weeks of strikes which resulted in higher wages and reduced working hours for labor.

The impressive display of military force was prompted by fears of Premier Leon Blum's Popular Front government that "foreign agitators" would foment fresh troubles likely again to cripple French industry and halt the country's armaments program.

Workers in the largest Paris factories who had occupied their employers' plants for a fortnight yesterday gave way to an army of cleaners who prepared for resumption of work today.

Of the hundreds of walkouts only 10 strikers remained unsettled.

HIT BY TRAIN, KILLED

Local Man, 68, Walking Along
Tracks, Probers Told.

Harvey Engle, 337 N. Milroy-av. was killed yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a Belt Railroad switch engine near W. Michigan-st. He was 68. Henry Blomeyer, 1614 W. Michigan-st., engineer, told police and Deputy Coroner John Wittenbach that Engle was walking along the tracks.

The widow, a sister, Mrs. Mary Graham and a brother, Alney Engle, survive. Funeral arrangements were being completed today.

NECKTIES ARE STOLEN

Two Dozen Taken From Tolles Hat
Shop by Burglars.

One Indianapolis thief had a varied choice of neckties today as police received a report of the theft of two dozen ties from the Tolles Hat Shop, 144 N. Meridian-st. Entrance was gained through a window, according to Harold Tolles, proprietor.

360 ARE HIRED FOR RENOVATION OF CAR TRACKS

Two Improvement Projects
Are Started by City
Railway.

Three hundred and sixty new employees are being put to work by Indianapolis Railways, Inc., on two track improvement projects which started today, Charles W. Chase, president, announced.

First project covers 22,290 feet of track on Illinois-st from the Fall Creek bridge to Ohio-st. Second construction job includes 3,400 feet of track on W. Washington-st from Bloomington-st to the Belt Railroad.

One hundred eighty new employees have been secured through the National Re-employment Service for work on each project, he said.

Tracks to Be Rebuilt
Car tracks in these locations are to be entirely rebuilt, Mr. Chase said. New rails and new ties will be installed, and the roadbed will be regraded and rebalanced. All rail ends are to be thermite-welded to eliminate joints and to insure smooth riding for street car passengers.

Since April 1, Indianapolis Railways has completed the reconstruction of 9,400 feet of track on the College-av line from Fairfield-av to Maple-rd. and from 46th to 51st-sts. A total of 26 miles of car tracks are expected to be rebuilt this year, Mr. Chase stated, at cost of approximately \$1,500,000.

Continuation of track work on College-av. and inauguration of a fourth reconstruction project on E. Washington-st are scheduled to follow immediately, Mr. Chase said.

DELEGATE TO SESSION

Helen Teal Among Indiana Nurses
to Attend Convention.

Miss Helen Teal, executive secretary of the Indiana State Nurses' Association and secretary of the National Nurses' Association, along with more than 30 other nurses, is to represent Indiana at the national biennial nursing convention in Los Angeles, Cal., the week of June 21.

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ON DIAMONDS
AND JEWELRY
Stanley
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LOCAL MAN NAMED BY BUTLER ALUMNI

William Pearey New President; 400
Attend Meeting.

Butler University alumni are to be directed by William Pearey, Indianapolis, new president, during the next year. He was elected at the alumni day program yesterday. More than 400 graduates and former students attended.

Layman Kingsbury, Indianapolis, is first vice president; Mrs. Oren E. McCollin, Mishawaka, second vice president, and Miss Sarah T. Sisson, Indianapolis, re-elected recording secretary.

A new organization of children of alumni, the Sons and Daughters' Club, was introduced.

4-H GROUPS PLAN CONSERVATION STUDY

Simmons Aids to Address Camp
Members at July Meeting.

Conservation problems and activities are to be explained by speakers from the Conservation Department to State 4-H Club camp members when they meet next month.

Virgil M. Simmons, commissioner, urged camp groups desiring to obtain speakers and moving pictures of conservation subjects for their outings to file requests with his department.

Many 4-H clubs of Indiana are sponsoring conservation programs in connection with club and camp activities, he said.

Fainter Hurt in Fall

W. O. Winkler, 51, of 1521 E. Michigan-st., today was recovering from injuries suffered when he fell from a ladder which broke while he was painting a house at 4911 Young-st. yesterday.

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