

CONFIDENCE VOTED
FRENCH CABINET

Government Supported When
It Tells of German Disarming.

WORK WELL UNDER WAY

Marshals Declared to Approve Bill
That ex-Minister of War Re-
garded as Insufficient.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The chamber of
deputies voted confidence in the
government today, 493 to 65, after
discussing the resignation yesterday
of Andre Lefevre, the war minister.

General Castelnau, president of the
army commission, interpellating
Premier Lefevre on the resignation of
M. Lefevre, said:

"The fears of former Minister
Lefevre would be justified if Germany
were not disarmed. We are the
premier of Germany disarmed or in
a fair way of disarmament? If not,
why are you waiting to perform the
operation, which this chamber has
been requesting unceasingly the last
year?"

Immediate Action Wanted.
"We must end, at least temporarily,
the military power of Germany and
end it for as long a period as possible.
If Germany has not been disarmed
she must be disarmed immediately.
Germany is a troublesome
power and is opposing resistance to
execution of the treaty. The reparations
question is unsettled, although the
fact remains that Germany was
defeated. France cannot reduce her
military expenses without sacrificing
the highest national interests, until
Germany is disarmed."

The whole chamber, including the
socialists, applauded General
Castelnau.

Premier Lefevre, replying, said
the military bill, which caused the
resignation of M. Lefevre as insufficient
to protect France, had been
informed by Marshal Foch, Joffre
and Pétain and General Buat, Mangin,
Dobson, Wyngand and others.

Disarmament Declared on Way.
"These eminent chiefs, to whom we
owe victory, see no danger for the
national defense in the government
bill," Premier Lefevre said. "Is she
in a fair way to disarm?"

The premier added that Germany
has surrendered 30,000 guns and
destroyed 28,000; surrendered 60,000
machine guns and destroyed 50,000;
surrendered 47,000 machine gun tubes
and destroyed 52,000; surrendered
2,500,000 rifles and destroyed 2,500,000.
"France's position is secure against
German aggression," M. Lefevre
declared, "and France is capable
of enforcing execution of the treaty."

CENTRAL EUROPE STARVES

AMERICAN FOOD ONLY LIFE
HOPE OF MILLIONS.

Central Europe Cries Out in Pathos
and Agony for Relief, Declares
Distinguished Englishman.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special cable.)
The reports received here of the
economic conditions in central and
eastern Europe are appalling. The
serious lack of food and fuel presages
a very bitter winter. In many areas it
appears that the relief work done by
foreign agencies is all that keeps the
people alive.

English writer and editor, who has
made an exhaustive investigation of
conditions in central Europe, says:
"I cannot say that there is any
enthusiasm the unprecedented claim of
the American Relief administration
upon the generosity of the American
people. I saw a great deal of the
work in Germany and Austria during
the summer and described it as the
most wonderful achievement in relief
organization in the history of the
world. It is one of the bright spots
in all the terrible aftermath of war."

"No words can paint the pathos
and agony of winter. While there
is history hardly furnishes a parallel to
a tragedy on such a scale. A whole
people of the third class in Europe is
literally perishing. While there was
the American Relief administration
was furnishing more than 200,000
meals a day to starving children of
all classes."

"If the American people could see
one such scene as I saw in scores
not in Vienna alone but in many great
cities in Germany they would feel
more than repaid for that splendid
demonstration of humanity and good
will which has given them a name
such as no other people possess
or are likely to possess throughout
central Europe."

JELICOE DEFENDS FIGHT

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German ships possess speed much in
excess of that for which they were
nominally designed.

"One feature was the large number
of torpedoes crossing our line with-
out effect, except on the Marborough.
All were avoided by skillful
handling except that one."

The Marborough dodged seven tor-
pedoes before being struck.

As to the German losses, the report
stated:

Three Enemy Craft Sunk.
"I estimate the enemy losses in
vessels sunk as three battle cruisers,
two battleships, one vessel of the
Pommern class, two light cruisers
and three destroyers, and as severely
damaged, two battle cruisers and
several light cruisers and destroyers."

Answering criticisms that he should
have continued the battle when he had
the Germans were coming out. He
said:

"I rejected at once any night ac-
tion between heavy ships as leading
to possible disaster, owing to the
presence of torpedo craft in such
large numbers and second to the im-
possibility of distinguishing between
our own and the enemy ships, and
further, that the result of a night ac-
tion under modern conditions must
always be very largely a matter of
pure chance."

BETTER SERVICE URGED

EXTENSION OF BUREAU OF
CROP ESTIMATES URGED.

Head of Department of Agriculture
Division Says Demand for
Service Is Growing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A plea for
enlarging the programme of the bu-
reau of crop estimates of the depart-
ment was made today by the head of
the bureau in a report to the
committee on agriculture of the
house of representatives.

The programme, Dr. Estabrook said,
includes the collection of information
with regard to livestock, an industry
representing a farm value of more than
\$10,000,000,000; dairy and poultry pro-
duction, which have an estimated
value of more than \$3,000,000,000,
and the reporting of other crops having
an annual value of \$17,000,000,000. To
carry out this programme into effect an
increased appropriation of \$500,000
annually is necessary, Dr. Estabrook
said.

Last year's appropriation for the
bureau amounted to \$21,192.
In telling the people of the country
from month to month during the
year of the actual production, the
ultimate harvest of each crop will be
the bureau of crop estimates utilizes the
services of an army of crop reporters
which numbered last year 219,841, of
which about 200,000 volunteer their
services. The accuracy of their fore-
casts has been found to be remark-
ably close to actual production. The
report said. Cotton production has
been underestimated 1.5 per cent, the
average for the last 20 years shows
in seven of the years the crop was
overestimated, once to the extent of
5.1 per cent, once 3.7 per cent and
the other five times less than 1 per
cent.

Reduced appropriations cause a dis-
continuance of special service for
fruit, truck, potato, tobacco, rice and
other crops which have an annual
value in excess of \$4,500,000,000.

A large number of voluntary crop
reporters entered the military service,
but those who remained on the farm,
notwithstanding the scarcity of farm
labor and the enormous crops to be
handled, displayed a commendable
spirit in keeping the number of re-
ports up to the point where accuracy
was assured in the estimates, Dr. Es-
tabrook said.

When Auto Stage Plunges.
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)
The trial of W. R. Reed against E.
Jorgensen and L. H. Lampman was
commenced before a jury in the
circuit court today.

The action was brought to recover
damages in the sum of \$5000 for per-
sonal injuries alleged to have been
sustained in an automobile accident
on April 12 of this year, as well as
\$92 balance of hospital fees and \$900
for loss of time.

The complaint avers that Jorgensen
was the owner of an automobile stage
running between Astoria and
Young's River Falls, and Lampman
was the driver of the automobile. Con-
cluding, the complaint says that as
the result of negligence the machine in
which the plaintiff was a passenger
ran off the road, plunged over an em-
bankment and the plaintiff's knee
was permanently injured.

Change in Administration Is Ex-
pected to Be Factor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The agree-
ment reached by the international
communications conference before it
recessed this week that a new modus
vivendi must be found before March
15 was planned with special refer-
ence to the change in administrations
which is to take place in Washington
on March 4, according to information
today in diplomatic circles.

It was said in informed circles that
if instructions sufficiently broad to
insure agreement between the powers
was not received by February 15, the
delegates of at least one of the great
powers, and perhaps of others, would
not return to Washington. In such
case it would be the duty of the am-
bassadors to find a new solution of
the problem before the conference.

PHONE PROFITS INCREASE

Marked Gain in September Over
Year Ago Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The 65
major telephone companies of the
United States operated at a profit of
\$7,523,913 during September, an in-
crease of \$3,024,179 over the corre-
sponding month of 1919.

The income of the companies for
September amounted to \$41,736,621,
while operating expenses amounted to
\$34,212,708.

2057 MILES AUTHORIZED

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dicted here today that the legislature
will be asked to call a special elec-
tion to authorize the issuance of
additional highway securities. This
election, if authorized, probably will
be held next May or June.

Plans for next year's operations of
the commission are being rushed as
rapidly as possible, according to en-
gineers employed by the department,
and actual work will start in many
parts of the state as soon as the
weather will permit.

Bramwell Arrives in Salem.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—
W. C. Bramwell, appointed state bank-
ing superintendent to succeed Will S.
Hennett, arrived in Salem today from
Grants Pass to familiarize himself
with the duties of the department. Mr.
Bramwell will assume charge of the
office on January 1.

S. & H. green stamps for cash.
Holman Fuel Co. Main 353. 560-21.
Adv.

LIBERAL FORCES AT
CAPITAL LINING UP

Lawmakers and Labor Lead-
ers Hold Conference.

LA FOLLETTE TAKES LEAD

Meeting Follows Senate's Passage
of Anti-Strike Bill While Its
Foes Were "Off Watch."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A series
of conferences attended by several
senators, representatives and labor
leaders was begun today for the an-
nounced purpose of achieving "a bet-
ter co-ordination of the liberal forces
of the country with their representa-
tives in the house and senate."

Senator La Follette, republican,
Wisconsin, was understood to have
figured largely in initiating the con-
ference as an immediate result of the
senate's passage yesterday of the
Poincaré anti-strike bill while its
foes were "off watch."

Plans for fighting the Poincaré
bill when Senator La Follette's mo-
tion or reconsideration of the senate
vote comes up, and formation of a
"bureau of legislative information" to
watch the interests of the "liberals,"
were said to have been the subjects
discussed at today's conference.

Conferees to Continue.
The conference was announced,
and to continue for several days in
an effort to determine a definite
course of action. No specific legisla-
tive programme, however, was said to
be contemplated.

Names of those participating in to-
day's meeting were withheld tempo-
rarily, but among those reported in
attendance, in addition to Senator La
Follette, were Senators France, repub-
lican, Maryland; Walsh, democrat,
Massachusetts, and Representative
Fraser, republican, Wisconsin, and
others of the house "labor group."

Others participating, it was an-
nounced, were "heads of the railroad
labor organizations and leaders of
other progressive organizations."

A statement given out by William
H. Johnston, president of the Interna-
tional Association of Machinists,
through Senator La Follette's office,
said that the conference "grew out
of the fact that the leaders of the
railroad labor organizations were
meeting at this time in Washington
to discuss various problems, and the
time was thought to be opportune
for a general discussion of the entire
legislative situation."

Senate Action Inevitable.
"In the course of the discussion,"
Mr. Johnston's statement continued,
"suggestions were made by several
of those present that a bureau of leg-
islative information should be estab-
lished to act with the liberal mem-
bers of the house and senate. This
suggestion was emphasized by the
passage of the Poincaré bill pro-
hibiting strikes in interstate com-
merce, because opponents of the mea-
sure had not been properly warned
that it was to be taken up by the
senate."

No definite action was taken by the
conference, but it was agreed that
later meetings would be held, at
which plans for bringing about a bet-
ter co-ordination of the liberal forces
of the country with their representa-
tives in the house and senate would
be formulated. As soon as anything
of concrete character has been agreed
upon by the conference, announce-
ment will be made in due course, to-
gether with the names of those pres-
ent. When the senate fight to over-
turn the action of the Poincaré bill
will be made had not been determined
tonight.

Senator La Follette, who is pre-
pared with the backing of the railroad
and other labor influences to make a
vigorous fight with the aid of Sen-
ator Johnson, republican, California,
was busy today studying senate
procedure precedents in view
of parliamentary questions involved.

EXHIBITS MAY COMBINE

Poultry Association Favors Show-
ing With Livestock Exposition.

The annual poultry show of the
Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock asso-
ciation will probably be held in con-
junction with the Pacific International
Livestock exposition in North Port-
land in the future as the result of
action taken at the annual banquet
of exhibitors of the poultry and pet
stock show.

The exhibitors went on record as
favoring such a move after the plan
had been presented by O. M. Plum-
mer. It was felt that the holding of
the two shows in combination would
probably secure better crowds for
both and would prove popular with
stock and poultry men all over the
country.

The action taken must be approved
by the annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the poultry and pet stock
association December 28, it was an-
nounced.

Coe A. McKenna, president of the
association, presided at the banquet.
A number of addresses on topics of
interest to poultrymen and fanciers
were given.

The 14th annual winter show of the
association will close tonight at 6
o'clock after having opened its doors
to the largest number of visitors in
the history of the organization.

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gonian. Main 7676, Automatic 560-25.

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eczema I prescribe
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you to get a jar of Resinol Ointment,
and a cake of Resinol Soap. We
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come eczema and similar affections."

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In a Great Pre-Holiday
Underpricing!

Here is the sale at which hun-
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secure the most delicious and at-
tractively boxed confections at
prices especially reduced. Candies
made right here in Portland by the
Chocolate Truffles Co.—An
assortment so extensive and so
varied that every taste and purse
can be suited—Candy—the ideal
gift can best be selected from
these offerings.

BETTY MAID CHOCOLATES

12-oz. 16-oz. 24-oz.
Boxes \$1.25 Boxes \$1.65 Boxes \$2.35
Just a few of the delicious and wholesome confections packed
under the name of Betty Maid. Delicious Strawberries in
cream coated with highest-grade chocolate. Pure Apricot Jel-
lies enrobed in delicious coatings. Rich Chocolate Creams made
of sugar and pure cream, coated with finest quality of silk
chocolate. Delicious whipped center with coffee flavor. Choco-
late Whips made of pure cream and chocolate. French pud-
dings and many other distinctive and new creations that are
absolutely new to the candy industry.

LILA BELLE CHOCOLATES

12-oz. 16-oz. 24-oz.
Boxes \$1.00 Boxes \$1.25 Boxes \$1.75
An assortment of finest cream centers made of sugar and
pure cream flavored with rum. Many delicious chewing choco-
lates and plum puddings.

DAULPHINS

16-oz. 24-oz.
Boxes at \$1.25 Boxes at \$1.75
California dipped walnuts, almonds and rich cream enrobed
in finest coating chocolate obtainable. Chocolate whips, as-
sorted jellies and chews.

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A Gift Always Enjoyed by Young and Old

This Season's Styles
Seem to Be More At-
tractive Than Ever and
Prices Here Will Be
Found Most Moderately
Low—Remember, All
Our Offerings Are of
Standard Make and of
First Quality—Slippers
That Are Sure to Give
Long and Satisfactory
Wear. Come Saturday
and Select From These:

Slippers and Julietts at \$1.89 Pair
Fur trimmed and other popular styles with leather or soft
moccasin soles—all colors and all sizes—don't wait until the
last minute—make selections at today's sale, \$1.89
pay only..... \$1.89

Daniel Green Hilo Slippers at \$2.19 Pair
Strictly High-Grade Novelty Felt Slippers such as Daniel
Green, Comfy, De Luxe Hilo styles and others in all colors—
they come with soft moccasin soles and are very \$2.19
attractive, priced here at..... \$2.19

Men's Romeo and Everett Slippers
At \$3.35 Pair
Also Opera Styles. All Sizes in
Black and Tan
Infants' Felt Slippers, 2 to 6, Priced \$1.10
Children's Felt Slippers, 5 to 8, at \$1.45
Misses' Felt Slippers, 8½ to 2, at \$1.79

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considered.

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Three special lots of new, up-to-the-minute styles in women's
neckwear, vestee sets, collars, sets and gumps. etc. Materials
used are fine nets, organdies, georgette crepe and pretty Val,
and imitation Venise and filet laces.

Boudoir Caps, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.59
The newest styles in pretty boudoir caps of crepe de chine,
messaline, jay silk combination with dainty silk and cotton
laces, nets and ribbons. Come in Pink, Blue, Yellow, Lavender
and Old Rose.

HANDKERCHIEFS AT 39¢—Box of 3—Three sheer lawn
Handkerchiefs, with white and colored embroidered corner, 39¢.
WOMEN'S INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 79¢—Box of 3—
Handsome embroidered initial, white or pretty colors, three in
a pretty holiday box.

WOMEN'S INITIAL HANDKERCHIEF, 20¢—Three for
50¢—All initial embroidered by hand in neat white style on
fine lawn and cambric.

LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 25¢—Full size pure
Linen Handkerchiefs with dainty white embroidered initials in
corner.

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 39¢ each—Pure Linen Hand-
kerchiefs with pretty design in one corner embroidered in
white. Done by hand and machinery.

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elties, boyadine, Roman Stripes, etc. All reduced one-third.

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Styles with plain or fancy
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able shades.
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popular heather mixture and
all sizes.
At \$1.79, \$1.95, \$2.25 and Up
to \$3.79.

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A complete showing of Wom-
en's fine All Silk Lace Hose
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In patent and other fashion-
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In both tooled and plain leath-
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to \$5.50

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Women's Short Kid Gloves in
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to \$5.00

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