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PARIS, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Paul Deschanel, ex-president of France, died today after an illness of less than a week. The passing of M. Deschanel, who for many years had been prominent in the political life of France, caused widespread sorrow. His friends had hoped for his recovery until this morning, when he was found dead in his bed. He had been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, which he had contracted while on a tour of the United States last year. He was 78 years old.

The ex-president's eagerness to be up and doing notwithstanding his long weakened condition, played an important part in hastening his death. He insisted last week in leaving his residence before he had completely recovered from a cold. There was a relapse Sunday, and double pneumonia developed on Wednesday.

Great Tragedy Enacted. Premier Poincaré was among the first persons to call at the Deschanel residence after the death of the statesman to express the sympathy of the French government. M. Deschanel's retirement from the presidency because of illness and his effort to recover his position in parliament are regarded as forming one of the greatest tragedies in French public life in recent years. The personal policy of Deschanel in his political career, before he came to the presidency, was so to manage his course as not to undertake positive responsibilities which would bring opposition to him from either of the important political groups. He preferred to arrive at his aims by conciliation or compromise, by combining adverse views under the single formula, and by the compelling attractiveness of his personal qualities he avoided taking political responsibilities.

Late Hours Kept. This he could not do on becoming president. He then conceived it to be his duty not to sign a decree or other document without informing himself fully as to its meaning. In consequence he toiled away at night, frequently until the morning hours. His wife and friends expostulated with him, but he was persistent. Then Deschanel began to believe he was being spied upon and conspired against. He suspected not only his political rivals but his friends. Then came his spectacular fall from the window of the presidential train; his night walk along the railroad tracks in his pajamas and his extraordinary conversations with railway employees he encountered, which were recorded by the French press with a curious mixture of sympathy and derision.

Suicide Thought Attempted. After this M. Deschanel went into retirement at Rambouillet, where he had two misadventures, which were regarded by many persons as attempts at suicide. Alexander Miller, and then premier, after a consultation with persons of importance in both houses of parliament, and with Deschanel, urged him to resign. This he did with great reluctance. Then he lived in seclusion for several months. Suddenly it was announced that Deschanel intended to become a candidate for the senate, and later he was re-elected. He then was exposed. He took his seat in the upper chamber, looking frail and with restless eyes, but there was some recovery of his old grand manner and grace of expression. On various occasions, he said, he intended to take part in debate, but the announced interpellations that he purposed to the government. These intentions he never carried out, nor did he make any speech.

The ex-president was really an obscure person in a place where once he had been one of the foremost figures of France.

PUBLISHERS ELECT HEAD

Baltimore Man Is President and Los Angeles Owner Director.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Paul Patterson of the Baltimore Sun was elected president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association today. John Stewart Bryan, Richmond News Leader, was chosen secretary, and T. R. Williams, Pittsburg Press; Frank Chandler, Los Angeles Times; Charles H. Taylor, Boston Globe; and Harry G. Bell, Savannah News, were elected new directors.

The association adopted a resolution on circulation, stating that "any form of guarantee that impairs the level justice of the publisher's rate to any other advertiser is destructive of advertising and should be avoided." The resolution, it was explained, was aimed at the practice of offering a subscription price merchandise that is offered for sale by an advertiser.

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