

I salute also the great Frenchman who contributed so much to the vic-tory by gathering together all the national energies through a magnifi-cent effort. I express the wish that the houses of parliament will con-

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public!

raul Deschanel entered political life in 1873 as secretary to M. de Marcere, then minister of the interior, and in the following year was secretary to Jules Simon, president of the council, In 1885 he was elected to the chamber of deputies, becoming vice-president of that body in 1896. by various citizens of the Oregon ter-

Chamber Headed in 1898. M. Deschanel was elected president office until 1902, when he was de-feated for re-election. for relinguishing the presidency for relinguishing th

feated for re-election. After relinquishing the presidency of the chamber. M. Deschanel was ap-pointed president of the parliament-ary commission of foreign affairs and colonies, which position he filled from 1905 to 1909. Since May, 1912, when he succeeded Henri Brisson, M. Deschanel has served continuously as president of the chamber of deputies. He is a member of the French academy hav-ing succeeded to the seat of the late

ing succeeded to the seat of the late Edouard Herve, M. Deschanel has 1000 Languages to Be Studied.

written several books on social and political subjects. This was the second time M. Des-LONDON .- The University of Lon-This was the second time M. Des-chanel had been a candidate for the presidency of the republic. In 1913 he entered the lists against Raymond Poincare, but polled only 18 votes. POLITICAL CHANGE IS DENIED Defeat of Clemenceau Is Held of

## No Significance.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 .- Commenting on the election of Paul Deschanel as president of the French republic, Maurice Casenave, director-general of French services in the United States, on the election of Paul Deschanel as said today:

The defeat of M. Clemenceau in the presidential election has no polit-ical significance. There has been no political change in the balance of power in the French chamber. The French president, being without re-French president, being without re-sponsibility according to the rules of parliamentary government, is no more an active force in political life than is the king of England. "The defeat of M. Clemenceau sig-nifies that the presidential electoral college was under the impression that a man of his forceful character was

a man of his forceful character was less suited to the office of president than that of prime minister, who is the real head of government in France, being directly responsible to both chambers. A French president is pot elected on a question of policy but on a question of his personal fit-mess for the office. "M. Deschanel is the son of one of the founders of the third French re-

the founders of the third French re public. He is a man noted for his high character and great personal

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