

GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN FRANCE MONDAY

Believed There Will Be No Change in Present Administration—Naught but Praise for Premier Briand.

Paris, April 23.—Were it not for the multi-colored election posters with which all public buildings and bulletin boards in Paris and everywhere throughout France are plastered over, visiting strangers would scarcely suspect that France is on the very eve of a general election to be held Monday, with second ballots where necessary to be cast on May 8. So little excitement is displayed by the public that one might be led to believe that politics in France were in a state of profound apathy. That is not so, however.

It is quite true that the election to be held tomorrow promises to be a quiet affair, if apathetic, but this should not be interpreted as an indication that the voters take no interest in the issues and the final result of the election contested. The apparent apathy, aside from certain instances in which local issues have caused a mild form of excitement, may be accounted for by the fact that there is no contention between great issues before the country at this time.

We Change Desired.

The great majority of the voters is perfectly satisfied with the administration in power and does not wish a change. Premier Briand, as the successor of the able Clemenceau, has been at the helm of the government during a most trying period in the history of the republic. With admirable skill and infinite tact he avoided the dangerous rifts during the tempestuous agitation which the separation of church and state was accompanied. With unimpeachable firmness, but at the same time, avoiding all unnecessary friction, he carried out the policy of the government and thus won the respect even of those who opposed the principle of separation.

M. Briand proved himself a man of exceptional ability, a statesman of shrewdness and perspicacity, a politician of tact and, above all, a thoroughly honest and fearless man and staunch Republican. His political and administrative career is clean and above reproach, and even the extremists of the opposition, the extreme socialists and ultra conservatives have no fault to find with M. Briand as a citizen or official. Thereby lies his strength. Even the disclosures of the malodorous Suez scandal, showing an almost incredible corruption in the administration of the church property expropriated by the state, did not weaken M. Briand's strength. Calmly he disarmed his enemies by pointing out the fact that it was he who, as minister of justice, had called attention to the corruption and had instituted a system of investigation, which led to the exposure of the frauds and deceptions. Thus the scandal itself and the severe punishment of the offenders, instead of weakening Briand's position, materially increased his prestige.

Originally a Socialist.

Although far from being an extremist, M. Briand originally came from the ranks of the Socialists and two of the members of his cabinet, M. M. Millerand and Viviani, are declared Socialists. This fact took the wind out of the sails of the extreme wing of the opposition and made effective reconciliation more possible between them and the government practically impossible. At the same time the moderation and conservatism manifested by the essentially bourgeois cabinet under M. Briand's leadership in carrying out its programs has disarmed the extreme right, composed of the various Royalist elements.

M. Briand is a hard and conscientious worker and has surrounded himself with men equally capable and willing to work indefatigably. His ability and resourcefulness during the critical time of the disastrous floods won him general esteem and his strong endorsement of proportional representation, which may be considered the main issue at tomorrow's election, made his position practically impregnable. There is scarcely any doubt that tomorrow's election will result in a victory for the government.

CLUB TO CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTH

The Shakespeare Study club of Portland will celebrate the poet's birthday this evening at 8 o'clock at the W. C. A. auditorium. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. The following program will be given:

Song (Mendelssohn), Altruria Octet; Sketch from Shakespeare's Life, E. O. Taber; Two scenes from Henry VIII, Mrs. Sylvia W. McGuire; (a) nocturne F sharp major (Chopin); (b) Transcription Sextet from Lucia (List); L. B. Becker; Vision of the Kingdom; King Lear; Scene Between Isabella and Angelo; measure for measure; Grave Song from Hamlet; J. D. Stevens; (a) solo, "I Wish a Lover"; His Eyes; Dakotas; (b) Fairies; Lalla (H. H. Beach); Mrs. Elfrida Heller Weinstock; Readings from Macbeth; Mrs. E. E. Tinney; Bridal Chorus from The Rose Maiden (Cowan); Altruria Octet.

Mr. Becker, who is a graduate of the Strasburg Conservatory, pupil of Herbert Potter, Fabian and Guilmant, is a recent arrival from Europe and will be his first appearance in Portland.

Ten town lots given away. See Page 1.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of ghosts. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the ghost is a fact. If the ghost could be recognized to a size equal to its terror, it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Ghouls can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, in the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a hollow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ.

You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Price's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or bell-purifying drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum, but a medicine or known substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.

Sunday Services at the Portland Churches

Baptism.

First—White Temple, Twelfth and Taylor. Rev. John Bentzen acting pastor. 10. "One Accord" prayer meeting service, 10:30 and 7:30; Bible school, 11:30. Second—Temple, Twelfth and Main. Rev. W. Matthews, 11 and 8:30; 1:30. Mount Tabor—East Stark and Sixty-first. Rev. J. W. McDowell, 11 and 7:30. Parton—Michigan avenue and Carpenter. Rev. A. Watters, 11 and 8:30; 10:30. Lentz—Seventh and Gordon, Rev. W. Boyd Moore, 11 and 8:30; 8:30; 10:30. Woodstock—J. D. Voss, 11 and 7:30; 8:30; 10:30. Oak Grove—Rev. James T. Moore, 11 and 8:30; 10:30. Evening sermon by J. T. Abbott.

Cathedral.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifteenth and Davis—Most Rev. A. Christie, D. Low mass, 8:30 and 9:30; High mass and benediction, 7:30. St. Joseph's (German), Fifteenth and Couch—Rev. James Renn, V. G. Low mass, 8:30; High mass and sermon, 10:30. Vespers, benediction, 7:30.

St. Francis.

St. Francis, East Eleventh and Oak—Rev. J. H. Black, Low mass, 8:30 and 10:30; 8:30; 10:30. Vespers, instruction and benediction, 7:30.

St. Lawrence.

St. Lawrence, Third and Sherman—Rev. H. A. Deak, 11 and 7:30; 8:30.

St. Michael's.

St. Michael's (Italian), Fourth and Hill—Jesus Fathers, Low mass, 8:30; High mass and sermon, 10:30. Vespers and benediction, 7:30.

St. Stephen's.

St. Stephen's, Forty-second and East Taylor—Rev. W. A. Waitt, Low mass, 8:30; High mass and sermon, 10:30.

St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, First and Grant—Rev. E. B. Johnson, 11 and 7:30; 8:30.

St. Valentine.

St. Valentine, First and Gibbons—Rev. Donald Mackenzie, 10:30 and 7:30; 8:30; 10:30.

St. Paul's.

St. Paul's, University Park—Rev. J. P. Mulligan, C. S. C., Low mass, 8:30 and 10:30; 8:30; 10:30.

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