

PEACE TREATY IS PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN NEXT ELECTIONS

French Parliamentary Struggle Next October to Be Based on Premier Clemenceau's Attitude

LIVING COST TOPIC AVOIDED

Subject Too Full of Dynamite, So Both Sides Agree to Side-step It for Debate on Treaty.

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Paris, France, Aug. 8.—The principal issue in the French parliamentary elections which will be held next October and for which the whole nation is beginning to prepare will be the peace treaty. The government desires to fight on this issue and the opposition has apparently accepted battle. Such at least is the impression I gathered from an extended conversation with Franklin Bouillon, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs in the chamber of deputies, who has just resumed the leadership of the powerful "radical" party and who may henceforth be regarded as the head of the opposition.

The only other issue on which the election could be fought is the high cost of living, but this subject is so full of dynamite that all factions apparently consider it best for the country to shift the electoral struggle to less dangerous ground. The criticisms which the opposition will make to the treaty are:

DELAY IN MAKING PEACE
First—The delay in framing it which have allowed Europe gradually to slip from the control of the allies into a sort of vague nationalistic chaos. My formula, "Franklin Bouillon told me, 'that peace should have been made between November 11 and December 31.'"
Second—That the Saar basin should have been reannexed outright. "Either it belongs to us or it does not," says M. Bouillon. "I maintain that it is our rightful property on historical grounds. M. Clemenceau by his attitude of apparent doubt on the subject simply laid France open to the absurd charge of being imperialistic. Besides the importance of the Saar has been greatly exaggerated. While the basin is worth scarcely more than 2,000,000,000 francs (\$400,000,000) France is in receipt of the German marks held by Alsace-Lorraine at the pre-war exchange has been obliged to sacrifice 3,000,000,000 francs (\$600,000,000)."

REPARATIONS INSUFFICIENT
Third—That the reparations are entirely insufficient. The opposition maintains, first, that Germany will never pay because there is no machinery provided for forcing her to do so, and second, that Premier Clemenceau should have insisted on obtaining favorable economic and financial agreements between France and her allies.

Fourth—That the guarantees for the future safety of France are insufficient. It is known throughout the country that Marshal Foch is absolutely of the opinion that France can only feel secure from German aggression by continuing to occupy the Rhine bridgeheads. Finding no such provision in the treaty the people are somewhat disquieted.

WHAT GOVERNMENT CLAIMS

To these criticisms the government replies, first, that the treaty was not its fault but the fault of the other allies; second, that the Saar basin settlement was the best that could be obtained in the face of President Wilson's opposition; third, that Germany will pay and that France only failed to obtain better agreements with the allies because President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George refused to make France any economic concessions; fourth, that while it is probably true that the treaty itself gives insufficient guarantees of safety, still the treaty taken in connection with the proposed defensive alliance of Great Britain, France and the United States does.

FRENCH BECOMING SKEPTICAL

Premier Clemenceau has already told the parliamentary committees that he asked for the occupation of the bridgeheads but was unable to obtain consent because of President Wilson. Of all these questions the only ones which vitally interest the whole nation are the reparations and guarantees. Everybody in France is beginning to be skeptical regarding Germany's intention to pay. "Suppose," it is asked, "that after six or eight years the Germans should simply cease to make payments. What could we do about it?" Everybody in France is disappointed at M. Clemenceau's failure to conclude economic and financial agreements with Great Britain and especially with the United States which would lighten the country's heavy foreign debt and insure to France preferential treatment as regards shipping and raw stuffs during the reconstruction period.

NEW AGGRESSION FEARED

Especially everybody in France feels

nervous over the possibility of renewed German aggression. There is not the slightest doubt that the treaty by itself does not satisfy France in this respect. The nation's entire hope reposes in the pact of alliance with the United States. If for any reason this pact should be rejected by the American senate an outcry for the permanent occupation of the left bank of the Rhine and the Rhine bridgeheads would be renewed immediately, not because of "imperialism" but because perfectly comprehensible feelings of fear and prudence.

To France the League of Nations seems a small matter. The pact of alliance is everything. If the pact should be rejected by America the Clemenceau government would collapse like a house of cards. If the pact is accepted, whatever the senate may do for the League of Nations, the Clemenceau faction stands a good chance in the coming electoral battles. I should perhaps repeat what I have already called several times, namely, that even in the mind of the opposition there is no desire to reject the peace treaty. Nobody in France likes the treaty, but everyone wants to see it ratified. The minor criticisms which may develop in the course of the campaign may be considered merely as weapons wielded by the opposition in its effort to crush Premier Clemenceau.

DIVISION OF FIUME WATERFRONT URGED IN SCHEME BY ITALY

League Council to Control Railroad Facilities, According to Proposed Arrangement.

By Harvey Brandon
Paris, Aug. 8.—An outline of a new solution of the Fiume problem has just been submitted to President Wilson for his final approval. Your correspondent is able to state authoritatively that this new plan provides for the cession by Italy to the League of Nations for 99 years of part of the port of Fiume and the railroad facilities necessary for the transport service to the hinterland. A small portion of the port of Fiume is to remain a national Italian freeport and serve the immediate interests of Fiume city. The districts ceded to the League of Nations are entirely separated from the city and the league, which is to have direct administration over these districts and give every guarantee of independence to the hinterland.

The plan would leave the greater part of the territory of the city of Fiume under Italian sovereignty. It calls for the return to Italy of the railway pier used to serve the Italian steamship lines to Venice and Ancona.

The proposed arrangement would also give the League of Nations the administration of the two railroads leading to Zagabria and San Pietro, thus making it unnecessary to create an independent free state to comprise the territories traversed by these roads.

Great hope is entertained here that President Wilson will approve this suggested settlement which, it is argued by its Italian authors, fully observes the principle of protection for the economic interests of the hinterland as well as the principle of the Adriatic function of the league.

Retreat Blamed on Cadorna and Porro

Rome, Aug. 8.—General Cadorna, former chief of staff of the Italian army, and General Porro are held responsible for the retreat of the Italian army before the Austro-German offensive in 1918, in the report of the commission which has been conducting an investigation, made public by Premier Nitti today.

Three Billion Loan Is Sought by Allies

London, Aug. 8.—It was learned from an excellent source this afternoon that the allies are seeking a \$3,000,000,000 loan from the United States, but that American officials are not sympathetic toward the request, realizing the difficulty of interesting the American people, who would have to subscribe it.

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'Dick' Croker Says Ireland Has Rights To Self-Government

Dublin, Aug. 8.—Richard Croker, formerly Tammany boss of New York city, who will return to the United States in November, said today that if he was younger he would jump into Irish politics and work for home rule. "Ireland is a distinct nation with a different people and why should not they govern themselves?" he said. "England is making a mistake, I think, but then, England never gives up anything. I take no part in Irish politics myself, however."

Croker said he had no opinions on American politics but was willing to talk about his racing plans.

Many of Medford Elks Will Attend Klamath Meeting

Medford, Aug. 8.—Indications are that the Medford lodge of Elks will have a large attendance at the Elks' state convention at Klamath Falls. The lodge delegates will be Rev. William B. Hamilton, George A. Coddington, N. S. Bennett, E. C. Jerome, W. F. Quilley, George Hilton, the J. W. Mitchell, H. G. Lamapough, A. H. Miller and W. A. Gates. The alternates are Blaine Klum, Everett Eads, W. H. McGowan, H. B. Platt, Frank Farrell, E. C. Gaddis, Bert W. Craig, V. H. Wavner, William Hammett and Leon B. Haskins.

Fund Bottle Plan to Be Used

Medford, Aug. 8.—Milk bottles will be placed this week in business places of Medford to receive funds for the University of Oregon's new woman's building.

Battleship's Shaft Broken During Trip

Washington, Aug. 8.—While about 675 miles off the coast of Balboa, the United States battleship Rhode Island broke her starboard shaft. The navy department has been advised. No date was given, but the accident presumably happened on August 4. The battleship is proceeding on one engine and is being towed to Balboa by the battleship North Carolina. It is expected that port will be reached tomorrow.

Pact With Colombia To Shelter Property

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Colombian treaty was recommended to the senate foreign-relations committee by the senate on Thursday at the request of Senator Lodge in order that it might be amended to insure protection of American property interests in Colombia.

DOCTOR IS SLAIN BY GIRL SCORNFUL

Quarrel Believed Due to Refusal to Marry Her Ends in Fatal Shooting in Street.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Henry Zimmerman, recently discharged from service, was shot and killed Thursday by Miss Jennie Zimmerman.

The young woman, who is no relation to her victim, fired five shots, three of them taking effect, and the doctor died on the way to the hospital.

Miss Zimmerman, who was prominent in Red Cross and other war work, became hysterical after the shooting and was attended by a physician at police headquarters. According to the police the shooting took place after Miss Zimmerman had engaged in a violent telephone altercation with Dr. Zimmerman, who the police say, refused to marry her.

A short time later the couple met on Ferry street and again engaged in a controversy. Suddenly Miss Zimmerman took a new revolver from her waist and fired five shots at the doctor. The police say the first shot lodged in the shoulder of Zimmerman, who turned to flee. A second bullet penetrated his back while a third lodged in his hip and he sank to the ground unconscious. The other two bullets went wide. Miss Zimmerman, dazed at her act, dropped the weapon and made no attempt to escape. Four some years Miss Zimmerman has been the sole support of several children. Her father is dead and her mother is an inmate of the Northampton hospital for the insane.

Sweden Bestows Honors on Hoover

By Bassett Digby
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.
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Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 8.—I learn from Finland that the Swedish decoration of chevalier of the first class of the Order of the White Rose has been bestowed upon Herbert G. Hoover and Major Heath, chief of the American mission to Finland at Helsinki, and also upon Lieutenant Commander Edwin Robinson of Philadelphia, Pa., who is naval attaché at the American legation here. Mr. Hoover's cross is on the way to Paris.

Under a new law which provides that damages done by dogs can be assessed against property owners of the dogs, Pratt Brothers, near Little, filed a claim for \$36 against Lewis county for eight sheep, alleged to have been killed by dogs owned by Henry Brooke and Ed Gunther. The claim cannot be paid until the next taxes are paid in.

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