

PREMIER NOT SUPPORTED IN FINANCE PLAN

Capital Levy Program Is Favored By Less Than One Third of Members of French Senate

CABINET PREPARED FOR SEVERE TAX REVISION

Opinions of Political Experts Presages Great Opposition to Bill

PARIS, April 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—A poll of the senate made today by experienced followers of French political affairs indicated that a capital levy, now generally understood to be the key of Premier Herriot's plan for the reform of French finances would muster the support of fewer than one-third of the members of parliament.

For some time the cabinet has been aware of the senate's opposition to any radical innovations in the government's financial policy and has therefore been prepared for a severe revision of the budget by the upper house.

Opposition Severe

The cabinet however, relies up on the influences of the chamber which is elected by universal suffrage, to bring the senate to terms. Nevertheless, the opinion of political experts is that the cabinet will have a difficult time overcoming the opposition from the upper house. This situation gave rise today to more talk of a dissolution of the chamber with new elections within three months.

President Intervenes

The final arbiter in the struggle between the French chamber and the senate will be the president of the republic who was a senator himself before his election to the higher office.

If he approves the senate's attitude in the present struggle President Doumergue can dissolve the chamber. Thereupon the government in power must call for a new election within 30 days after the decree of dissolution is issued.

HAWAIIANS WILL ASK GODDESS OF FIRE TO ENTERTAIN SAILORS

HILO, T. H., Mar. 28.—In an attempt to propitiate Madame Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire, into activity at her home the Hale-maunau pit, "House of Everlasting Fire," of the Kilauea volcano on this island, ancient Hawaiian ceremonies and rites in honor of the old gods will be carried out at the pit mouth on Sunday, March 29, according to announcement of Mrs. P. C. Beamer, an authority on Hawaiian ceremonies and legends, who will direct the affair.

The purpose is to persuade Pele to stir herself from her present condition of sloth and lassitude, which has persisted since the last great eruption and explosion in May, 1924, in which one person was killed and several others injured, and to exhibit some of her ancient activity for the benefit of the personnel of the United States fleet which will visit the islands this summer.

There will be no lights at the pit on the night of the ceremonies save the flaming torches of ancient pagantry which will be used in the exercises. All the old Hawai-



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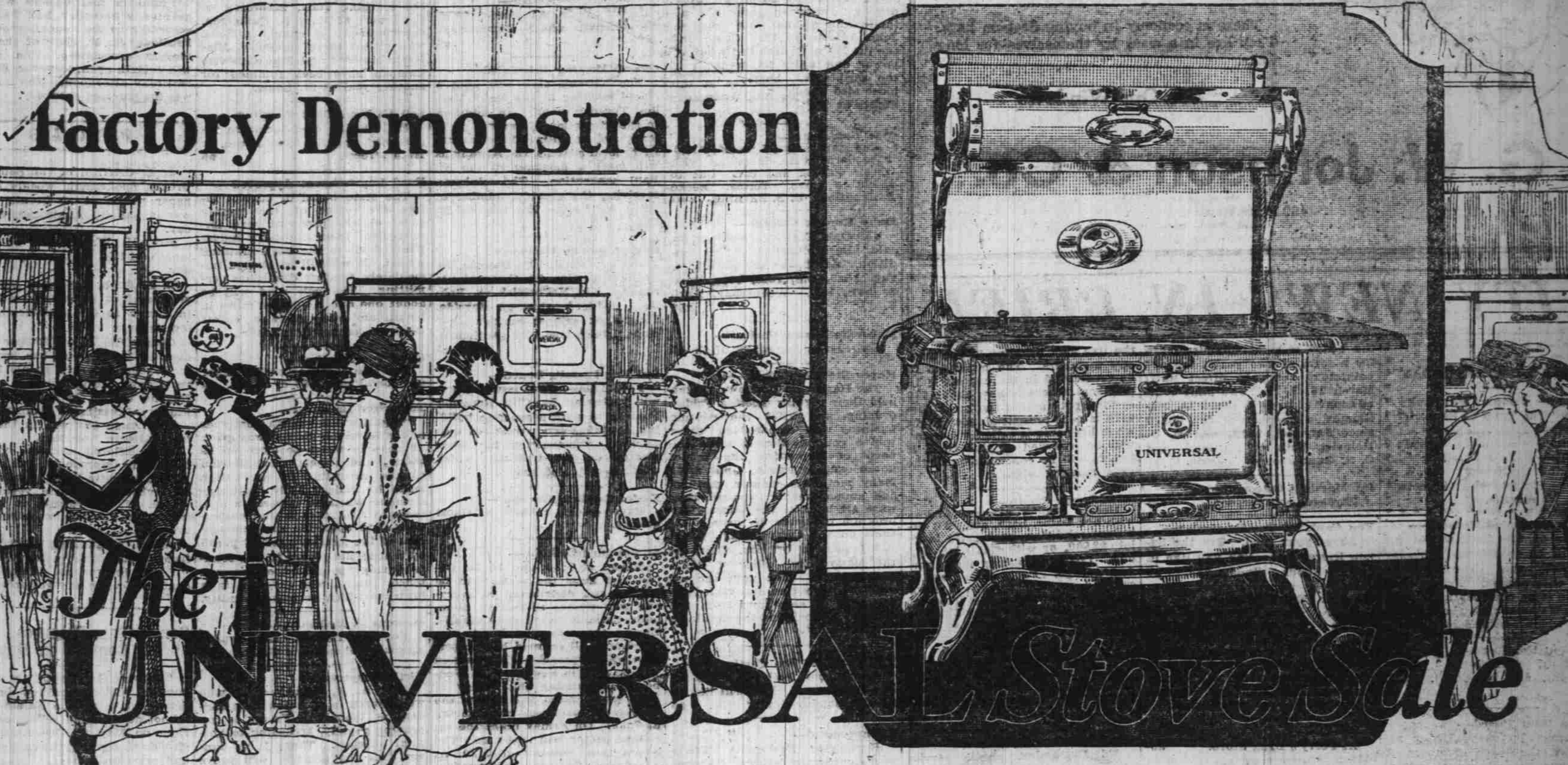
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ians of the island will be invited to participate in the rites, which will be an elaborate reproduction of those used in the past to honor the goddess.
M. Luahiwa, of Waiake, Hawaii, who was master of chants under the monarchy, will arrange chants and dances which are seldom seen in modern days. He will also prepare the offering of a wa root, which is said to be one of Pele's most cherished delicacies. An old Hawaiian, now living at

Waimea, who participated in similar rites long ago when Pele was persuaded to return to her home in the pit, is to be invited to aid in the coming ceremonies. On one occasion, it is said, he climbed down into the pit to the very edge of the lava flows to offer his prayers, and as he chanted, fountains began to play again all over the lakes of lava and the fires came back into their ancient splendor. The bamboo dance which has

not been performed in years, will be one of the special features of the program. Kahilis and other insignia of royalty and pomp will be carried by those participating.
Light Sought on Benefits Of Foreign Language Study
NEW YORK, April 4.—The initial step in a three years' nationwide study, aiming to make the teaching of foreign languages

more effective in the United States has been taken by a special investigating committee of the American council of education.
Questionnaires mailed to 20,000 secondary schools, asking for statistics on the study of French, German, Italian and Spanish will be followed by an investigation in more than 700 colleges and normal institutions in an effort to learn how far the average American needs foreign languages as a help toward understanding the

England language, and whether modern language pupils use English more correctly than others.
An interesting feature of the study will be the use of delicate instruments to measure the movement of the eyes in reading foreign texts. Mechanical devices also will be tested as aids in the study of French, German and Spanish.
The committee will attempt to find out how many boys and girls use foreign languages after graduation, as well as the chief dif-

iculties they encounter in learning these languages. Old and new methods of teaching also will be tried out.
Helping Stalled Cars Discouraged By Court
NEW ORLEANS, La., April 4.—The Louisiana State Court of appeals has decided that if you crank somebody else's automobile, you do so entirely at your own risk.

Harry Perkin of this city broke his arm in obliging J. K. Lewis, a produce broker, whose car would not start, and then sued Lewis for \$1,250. The court's decision was that Perkin knew, or should have known, the risk he was running.
Perkin claimed Lewis asked his aid in cranking the automobile, and also asserted that Lewis gave the engine too much spark as it was being cranked.