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NEW MINISTRY IS FORMED BY PAINLEVE

**Briand Takes Post as Foreign
Minister; Caillaux Runs
Finances.**

Paris.—After arduous negotiations Paul Painleve succeeded in constituting a ministry. M. Painleve himself, takes the post of minister of war, as well as president of the council, while M. Briand assumes the portfolio of foreign affairs and Joseph Caillaux, whose political career was thought to have ended when in 1920 he was sentenced to imprisonment and ordered expatriated, will have the guiding hand over France's finances.

The new cabinet made its bow before parliament Tuesday. In the chamber the premier read the ministerial declaration which was approved unanimously by the first council of ministers, presided over by President Doumergue. Simultaneously M. Steeg, minister of justice and vice-president of the cabinet performed a similar duty in the senate.

The declaration is a concise document, as French ministerial declarations go. It deals briefly with the problem of security; it is vague on financial policy, M. Caillaux not having yet had time to make a proper survey of the mass of figures confronting him or acquire a clear view of the situation; it disposes of the religious question quickly, indicating the government's desire to relieve the present tension and avoid further friction with the church.

SCHWAB AND U. S. BOTH FILE SUITS

New York.—Suit for \$9,744,999.94 was filed here by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation against the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation, claiming the amount as balances due on account of construction of 85 vessels during and just after the war.

The filing of the complaint in this suit in the United States district court here was simultaneous with the government's filing of a suit for approximately \$11,000,000 against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation and subsidiaries in Philadelphia, in accordance with an agreement by opposing counsel.

Both Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem-Steel corporation and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, and Eugene G. Grace, president of the former concern, issued statements in denial of the government's suits in Philadelphia that Mr. Schwab, as director-general of the emergency fleet corporation from April 11 to December 12, 1918, misused his powers in favor of his own company.

LAND BUYERS ARE WARNED

Speculators Advised State Condemnation Possible in Columbia Basin.

Spokane, Wash.—Warning against land speculation within the area of the Columbia basin irrigation project was issued here by Harvey Lindley of Seattle, president of the Columbia Basin Irrigation league, and Roy R. Gill of Spokane, chairman of the board of directors of the league. They pointed out that under the law of eminent domain of Washington the land might be condemned at its fair appraised value before, not after, the water had been turned on it. They also predicted that the policy of the interior department, which they said had held in the case of other irrigation projects, would be invoked in the Columbia basin project whereby individual holdings would be limited in acreage and any surplus would have to be turned over to the department at a fair appraised value.

Ship Board Upheld in Vessels' Sale.

Washington, D. C.—The shipping board was upheld in the District of Columbia supreme court in the sale to the Dollar interests of the five vessels in the California-orient service, at present operated out of San Francisco by the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The Pacific Mail at once prepared to appeal the case to the court of appeals.

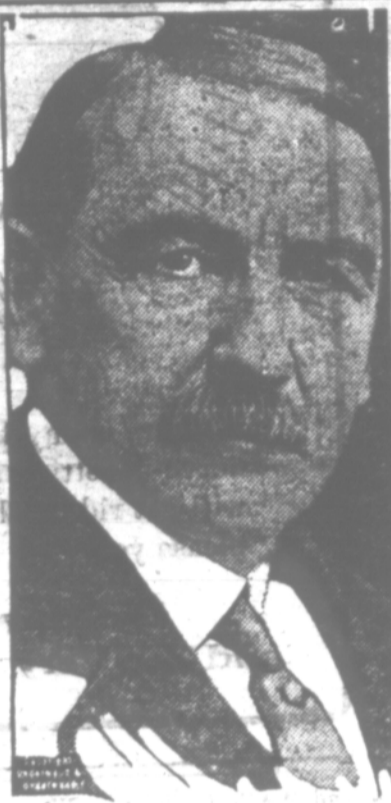
Food Prices Up 5 Per Cent.

Washington, D. C.—Retail food prices jumped 5 per cent during the last year from March 15, 1924, to March 15, 1925, although there was a decrease of three-tenths of 1 per cent during March as compared with February, the department of labor announced.

Washington Gasoline Tax \$230,307.

Olympia, Wash.—Gasoline tax collections by the state license department for the month of March total \$230,307.44, being a gain of approximately \$22,000 over March, 1924, which collections totaled \$208,432.54.

JOHN F. STEVENS



John F. Stevens, noted American railway engineer, who was awarded the John Fitz gold medal, most coveted of engineering honors, at the Engineering foundation in New York.

FLEET MANEUVERS HIGHLY DANGEROUS

San Francisco.—One of the most grueling tests ever imposed upon the navigation and watch officers of the United States navy is being undergone by the men who are directing American fleet on its present planned attack on the Hawaiian Islands, it becomes apparent every night as the vessels of the mighty concentration stream toward the setting sun and darkness falls.

Night is a time of thrills aboard every vessel. The darkness not only curtails the vision against possible enemy submarines and destroyers, but also involves a severe task in preventing collisions between the 127 units which are clothed in blackness as the order, "darken ship," is enforced.

The danger of collision is believed to be greater even than was that attached to directing a convoy across the Atlantic in the days of the world war. Then a convoy usually consisted of not more than ten vessels, steaming all in one direction. The assemblage now on its way to the islands comprises 127 craft, most of which are performing intricate, complicated and highly dangerous maneuvers during the night.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn National league baseball club, died Saturday. He was 66 years old.

The state department has notified foreign governments of its desire to abolish all visa charges except those on immigrant passports.

The American Automobile association estimates that summer tourists will spend \$2,500,000,000 in the communities which they will visit.

President Quezon of the Philippine senate has protested to the war department against the sale of the Pacific Mail company's President ships to the Dollar interests.

Babe Ruth, baseball's most noted character, underwent a successful operation for intestinal abscess in a report issued at St. Vincent's hospital, New York, where the great slugger has been confined the last 10 days.

Paulhamus Buried Near Puyallup.

Puyallup, Wash.—More than 2400 persons attended funeral services for William H. Paulhamus, ex-state senator and widely-known horticulturist, in a pavilion on the western Washington fair grounds here Sunday. He was buried in Woodbine cemetery overlooking Puyallup valley.

X-Ray Photograph Sent in Wire Test.

New York.—An X-ray photograph of a human hand was transmitted by telephone wire from New York to Chicago in seven minutes, marking what is believed to be an experiment that will prove valuable in surgical work requiring prompt consultation of experts.

26,000 Fatalities in 1924 Auto Mishaps.

Washington, D. C.—A death toll of 26,000, of whom 10,000 were children, and property loss of between \$700,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, resulted from traffic accidents last year, according to figures announced at the department of commerce.

Judge Lindsay Wins Election Contest.

Denver, Colo.—Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver's juvenile court retains the bench seat he has held for more than 20 years, Judge Julian H. Moore ruled in district court, in throwing out the election contest suit brought by Royal R. Graham, defeated candidate for the office.

ACTION BY FRANCE ON DEBT DESIRED

**Priority For Great Britain in
Funding Negotiations is
Opposed.**

Washington, D. C.—Coincident with announcement that "one of the smaller debtors" had begun conversations looking to a war debt fund settlement, the view was expressed at the treasury that if France undertakes funding negotiations with Great Britain, she should also discuss settlement terms with the United States.

While it was made plain that this government has no intention of advising France formally of its attitude that it should receive consideration equal to that accorded another creditor nation by France, the view was expressed with the knowledge that the information would be carried to European statesmen through the press. The expression remained unamplified except that it was described as identical with the position of Great Britain as voiced by Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, in the British house of commons, December 10, when he said the government's debtors in Europe should plan a settlement with Great Britain while arranging a settlement with the United States.

With respect to the funding conversations already started, Secretary Mellon declined to identify the nation involved further than to say that it was a country "owing the United States less than \$50,000,000," which hitherto had taken no steps toward an agreement. Excepting Rumania, to which a positive note has been sent and the few nations which have already funded their debts, only Estonia, Latvia, Greece, Armenia and Liberia are indebted to the United States for less than \$50,000,000.

SENATE RULE AGAIN ATTACKED BY DAWES

Boston.—Vice-President Dawes, in Boston for the celebration of the 160th anniversary of the battle of Concord and Lexington, in a speech at a luncheon of 1600 Boston business men, renewed his attack on "senate rule," which he launched in his inaugural address March 4. Denouncing the present rules of the senate he said he would continue the battle for reform throughout his four years of office. He was greeted with cheers when he called on those present, including Senator William M. Butler, to show their desire for a change by rising.

In the Old North church in the belfry of which lanterns were hung on the eve of the first battle of the revolution as a warning that the British troops were on the march, the vice-president inaugurated the formal program of the Concord-Lexington celebration by an address in which he termed the constitution a guiding light for the nation.

MORE COIN SENT ABROAD

**Increase Shown in Sale Here of
Foreign Securities.**

Washington, D. C.—Foreign securities were publicly offered and sold in the United States during the first quarter of 1925 to a total value of \$279,000,000 as compared with a total of \$238,000,000 during the same period in 1924.

The commerce department, which compiled the report, noted that \$238,000,000 of the total of foreign investment issues sold represented new loans, while during the same quarter last year \$142,000,000 of the securities represented refunding issues.

European borrowers, either government or corporation, obtained \$139,000,000 out of the first quarter total of this year, while Latin American countries got \$56,000,000. Canadian loans amounted to \$67,000,000.

American Forces Police Honduras.

Washington, D. C.—A detachment of 15 officers and men from the United States cruiser Denver was landed at Ceiba, Honduras, to protect foreign lives and property. The landing was made by order of Captain W. N. Jeffers, commanding the Denver, at the request of George P. Waller, American consul at Ceiba.

N. P. Railroad Veteran Dies.

Jamestown, N. D.—Aaren Moulton Burt, 59, vice-president of maintenance and operations of the Northern Pacific railway, died at a hospital here from pneumonia. He was stricken while on an inspection tour and came to a local hospital for treatment.

Oil in Alaska to be Sought.

Juneau, Alaska.—Papers on file here disclosed that the General Petroleum company has contracted to drill at least two wells in search of oil in the vicinity of the Yagataga river, which is 300 miles west of here and flows into the Gulf of Alaska.

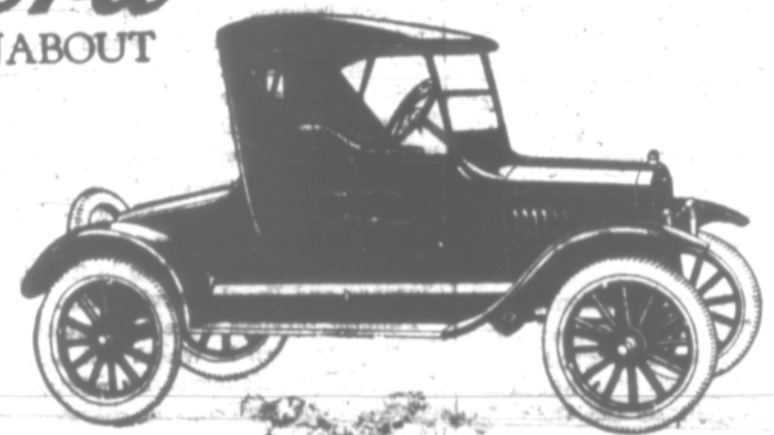
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