

OPPOSITION TO BRIAND FORCES CABINET CRISIS

French Premier Likely to Resign—Has Majority in Parliament but Filibusterers on Committees Hold up Legislation Making it Impossible to Carry Out Program.

PARIS, March 12.—The attacks of the opposition in parliament has produced a situation of such a character that both the friends and the adversaries of the government admit today that it cannot continue. The general opinion is that the opposition which has been resorting to obstruction by refraining from voting must overthrow the cabinet and assume responsibility for solving the problems which form the basis for its assaults on the ministry or else cease its attack.

Deputy Petitjean of Paris will interpellate the cabinet tomorrow, the Journal says, on its general policy, opening the way for a comprehensive declaration by Premier Briand as to the position of the government. The Petit Journal however, says it is doubtful whether a conclusive debate will take place tomorrow or whether cabinet changes will intervene, making tomorrow's session purely a formal one, pending a declaration from a transformed ministry.

Opposition in Committees.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Premier Briand is in a situation, with reference to the parliament, similar to that which preceded his first fall from power in February, 1911. There is well grounded belief that he may again be obliged to retire.

A public vote, in which deputies and senators are obliged to take their responsibilities before the country, gives the government a majority. Both houses seem to be with M. Briand, yet the committees are against him and they are, as they were in 1911, making it extremely difficult for him to conduct affairs. He himself explained in a recent debate in the chamber how the committees and interpellators in both houses were taking the greater part of the time he needed for the conduct of the war.

Obliged to Explain.

The day after the premier's return from Rome he was obliged to speak three hours before the budget committee, explaining what would be the authority given to the new under-secretaries of state. The members of the army committee, the foreign relations committee, and the naval committee of the chamber announced that they would require M. Briand's attendance before them for further detailed explanations regarding the high command of the army, the Greek situation and other questions that already had been debated during the secret sessions of the chamber and senate.

The budget committee refused to accept the government's scheme for new taxes and the committee on legislation reported unfavorably on the premier's request for authority to act by decree on urgent questions, the decrees to be regularized by legislation afterwards. The gravity of this development appears when it is recalled that the request made by Premier Briand was really a part of his ministerial declaration to the chamber after the formation of the new cabinet, constituting a part of the cabinet's program.

Likely to Resign.

Political observers say the hostility of parliament in committees is quite likely to force M. Briand to the same decision that he took under similar circumstances in 1911. The speech made by Paul Deschanel after his re-election as president of the chamber was considered significant in this connection. Everyone saw in it a direct attack on the government. It is not thought that M. Deschanel, who is a very careful politician, would have harbored such an assault unless he knew he had a majority of the chamber behind him. Certain organs supporting the government, say in M. Deschanel's speech a direct bid for power.

MEDFORD SAMPLE STORE OPENS NEXT TUESDAY

The new Medford Sample store will open for business Tuesday morning at 218 East Main street. This is one of a string of twenty-six stores dealing in samples and they will carry everything for men, also ladies and children's sizes.

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GILL SUPPOSED ROLL CONTAINED \$7500 AS BRIBE

Billingsley Says He Did Not Tell Mayor Amount Given, But Negotiations Called for \$7,500—Gave Preacher \$1000 to Finance Campaign to Clean Up Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—"I told Mayor Gill, before I laid the money on the desk, that I was giving him more money than I had ever paid before for protection," said Logan Billingsley, principal government witness in the so-called whiskey graft trials in the federal court, on cross-examination today. "He had previously impressed on me the great value of the service he could render me."

The defendants, besides Mayor Gill, are Chief of Police Beckingham, former Sheriff Robert T. Hodze and City Detectives Peysner, Poolman, Deon and McLennan. They are charged with conspiracy to violate the United States laws by importation of liquor into the state of Washington.

Gave Preacher \$1000.

Billingsley testified that last summer he gave Rev. Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church \$1000 and promised to give him more to be used as a fund with which to "clean up the town." This was before he reached his alleged compromise with Mayor H. C. Gill, and after his drugstores had been smashed and he and his brothers had been thrown in jail charged with murder.

Asked if he knew how the money he said he gave to Dr. Matthews had been expended, Billingsley declared it had been used to investigate sociological conditions, reports of gambling, graft in the lower end of the city, and the whiskey business. The witness freely admitted that he "had it in for Mayor Gill" before August 30, the day of the alleged bribe.

Billingsley, answering questions, said:

Did Not Tell Amount.

"I did not tell Gill the exact amount I was giving him when I laid the \$4000 roll of bills on the desk. He spoke of the incriminating nature of the documents which he held, and which had been seized by the police when they raided his drugstores on Third avenue.

"Gill took one of the papers and read it and asked me how I thought it would sound if it were read in court. He told me he could order the police to arrest me every day."

Denied Vengeance.

Billingsley denied that he had said at any time that he was going to "get" Gill. Describing an interview with his attorney, George E. Vanderveer, in December, Billingsley testified: "Vanderveer asked me how much I had told to the government, and asked me if I was going to tell all. He said it would do no good to get a lot of people in trouble. I told him I was too late; that I had already told everything. I said I didn't feel so bad about the mayor, because he had caused my arrest last summer and got me into much trouble, but was sorry for Chief Beckingham and the city detectives."

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BEARD KILLED BY I. W. W. BULLET

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—The shots that killed Deputy Sheriff Jefferson Beard at Everett, Wash., November 5 last, during the pistol battle at the Everett city dock, came from the steamer Verona, according to testimony given today by C. A. Mitchell in the trial of Thomas H. Tracy. Tracy, who is charged with murder of Beard, was a member of a "free speech" expedition sent from Industrial Workers of the World headquarters in Seattle to hold street meetings on corners in Everett where meetings had been forbidden by ordinance.

Mitchell, a member of the Everett citizens' committee, testified that he was standing within three or four feet of the deputy sheriff in the dock when the firing began. Deputy Beard was facing the Verona, he said. There were three or four shots from the interior of the Verona's cabin, and then a volley from the boat, just before the officers fell. The men on the dock, Mitchell swore, then opened fire on the Verona. Mitchell is employed in the lathing department of one of the Everett lumber mills.

DENVER, Colo., March 12.—That the state will ask for the death penalty in the case of Mrs. Stella Newton Smith, charged with the murder of her husband here January 13, last, was indicated today when her trial began in Westside court. Mrs. Smith was dressed in a fashionable white gown. She betrayed no emotion.

MOBILIZE NAVY TO FIGHTING STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Mobilization of the complete fighting strength of the navy has been recommended by naval officials. The approval of President Wilson is required before orders can be sent calling out the reserves, assembling the naval militia and releasing all active officers now on shore duty for sea service.

Immediate graduation of the first class at Annapolis would be included in the plan to make up as far as possible the threatened shortage of officers. An active recruiting campaign also would be necessary.

WASHINGTON TROLLEYS TIED UP BY STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Practically one-half the street railway lines of the capital were being operated today by strike-breakers. The other half owned by another company, was running as well. Recognition of the union was the chief question. Service on the lines under strike, while infrequent, was being maintained without disorder and the company expressed its confidence that operations would return to normal in a few days.

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