FRENCH MINISTRY CRISIS IS AVERTED

Socialists Overreach Themselves in Plan to Overthrow Government

BANK CHARTER IS CAUSE

Effort to Upset Clemenceau Cabinet Is Checked by Return of Deputies

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Paris, July 13.

Through adroit maneuvering the Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies came within an ace of bringing about the fall of the Government, and involving the country in a political crisis of the first magnitude, which at the present juncture might have seriously compromised the cause of the Allies.

The incident occurred in the course of the twelfth of a long series of debates which the Socialists are insisting on devoting to the question of a renewal of the charter of the Bank of France, with the object of hampering the Government. Most of the sessions have been characterized by very thin houses, owing to the fact that a large number of members were absent in the country.

It should be explained that so far as voting powers are concerned, the actual presence of a member in the House is unnecessary, as under the French system voting by written bulletin is possible, and vote by proxy is very frequently adopted. In such circumstances a group of members may cast five times their number of votes.

Charter is Renewed

At yesterday's session a fair number of Socialist members were present on the extreme Left, but the Center and Right, or Conservative benches, were virtually empty. The first division of the sitting was one an amendment to renew the charter for fifteen years instead of twenty-five. This was rejected by 340 to 170. Soon afterward the main proposition, renewing the charter for the full term of twenty-five years, was adopted by 327 to 135.

The critical period of the debate came with a fresh Socialist amendment purposing to give the Government power to terminate or modify the charter at the expiration of the first ten years of the new period. Finance Minister Klotz emphasized the importance which the Government places on the matter by stating that the Government would regard the rejection of the amendment as a matter of confidence.

When the moment came to take the division, M. Mistral, one of the Socialist members, seized the opportunity to demand that a vote should be taken by a rollcall of the members present and not by the usual method of depositing signed bulletins in the urns. Had this maneuvre been successful there is no doubt that the Government would have fallen, as a large number of members, regarding the main question as decided, had left the House, and of the hundred or so remaining, the Socialists were undoubtedly in the majority.

The only thing that prevented a disaster to the Government was the laxity of the Socialists themselves. According to the rules of the House, when a demand of this kind is made, it must be supported by the signatures of at least fifty members present. Mistral handed in a list of fifty names, which were read out by Rene Renault, acting speaker, in the absence of Paul Deschanel. To the intense disgust of the Socialists, only forty-five of their own men proved to be present by answering to the call of their names.

"Consequently," said Renault, "the vote will be taken in the ordinary way."

Socialist Plan Goes Wrong

The anger of the Socialists at thus seeing their cleverly laid plan go wrong was pronounced. Most of them expressed their feelings by yells and shouts, to the enormous delight of the Center and Right, which expresed their joy by madly banging down the lids of their desks amid repeated peals of exasperating laughter.

Then somebody discovered that there was not a quorum present, and the Socialists shouted for adjournment of the debate to another sitting. The House quickly filled up to the required quorum, however, and several other Socialist amendments were rejected by substantial majorities until the end of the sitting came in due course.

Opinion in Paris yesterday was not flattering to the Socialists, who are bitterly reproached for their tactics in deliberately attempting to involve the country in a political crisis in the present critical situation. It is recalled that Clemenceau's last government was brought down by a similar surprise manoeuvre in 1909 and France, in its appreciation of the magnificent manner in which the veteran Premier and War Minister is carrying on the Government, is fearful over the narrow escape of Thursday.

Incidentally, as more than one paper points out, it will be the duty of members of the patriotic parties, who form a great majority of the House, to be more assiduous in their attendance in the future, as the Socialists are certain to repeat their attempt.

INCREASE IN RATES GRANTED

Jersey Utilities Commission Allows Request of Shore Railway

Trenton, July 13.—The State Public Utilities Commission in a decision today allowed the Atlantic and Suburban Railway Company as a war surcharge an increase in rates of from ten to twelve cents from Atlantic City to Pleasantville, and from five to six cents between Pleasantville and Linwood, Linwood and Somers Point, Pleasantville and Absecon.

The price of strip tickets between Atlantic City and Pleasantville is increased from six for fifty cents to six for sixty cents. No change in the rate of $3 for a sixty-trip commutation between Atlantic City and Pleasantville is made, and none either in the $3.90 commutation tickets between Atlantic City and Absecon and Atlantic City and Linwood.

It is estimated the new rates will yield an increased revenue of $15,-$97.29.

FORCE GOES AFTER DESERTERS

30 Armed Men to Capture Four Barricaded in House

By the Associated Press

Beaumont, Tex., July 13.—Thirty armed men, including regular army troops, Department of Justice agents, Texas Rangers and Deputy United States Marshal McDonald, left here today for White City, San Augustine County, where one ranger was killed and another seriously wounded yesterday, during a fight with alleged deserters from the National Army.

United States warrants were issued for the arrest of several persons, including three deserters, and one man charged with harboring deserters, all of whom are said to be well barricaded and armed in a farmhouse near White City.

Germany Desires Peace, Bavarian King Declares

Berne, July 13.—(By I. N. S.)—Advices from a German source today quoted King Ludwig, of Bavaria, as saying, in an address to a force of recruits:

"Germany is disposed to make an honorable peace, but our enemies turn up their noses at our very modest propositions. We want assurances that the whole world will not attack us and a free road by land and sea. Each German must continue the battle until our enemies learn their efforts are in vain."

L'ANNUNZIO DI UNA ONORIFICENZA A DIAZ

I Generali Cadorna, Porro e Cappello Esonerati dal Grado

I SUCCESSI IN ALBANIA

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Il Bollettino Militare pubblica il decreto col quale i Generali Cadorna, Porro e Cappello sono stati esonerati dal grado e dall'impiego.

Lo stesso Bollettino reca, pure, che il Generale Diaz, comandante in Capo delle Armate Italiane al fronte di battaglia, e' stato decorato con il Gran Cordone dell'Ordine Militare di Savoia.

(Il Generale Cadrona, come si rammenta, fu Comandante in Capo delle Armate Italiane fino allo scorso anno, quando l'offensiva austro-tedesca costrinse gli italiani a ritirarsi sul Piave, dopo il disastro di Caporetto.)

Roma, 14 luglio.

Un dispaccio semi-ufficiale, giunto stamane, annunzia che l'avanzata delle truppe italiane in Albania continua rapidamente. Il nemico ha opposto una inutile resistenza e le sue retroguardie sono state sopraffatte. Gli austriaci hanno abbandonato, senza fare in tempo a distruggerla, una grande quantita' di materiale da guerra che e' stato catturato dalle truppe italiane.

La popolazione di Berat ha fatto entusiastiche accoglienze ai soldati italiani come liberatori.

Osservatori politici e militari ritengono che il crollo dell'Austria non tardera' a verificarsi, e cio' dopo la pubblicazione degli ultimi rapporti giunti dall'Albania e dai Balcani, ove le truppe Alleate sono riuscite a stabilire un perfetto fronte unico dal Mare Adriatico a Salonicco, per una lunghezza di oltre 200 miglia.

Con la cattura della citta' di Berat gli italiani fecero un largo numero di prigionieri e si impossessarono di una immensa quantita' di materiale da guerra.

In Albania vi sono parecchi montenegrini e serbi impazienti di riprendere parte alla lotta per la riconquista dei loro paesi nativi. Gli Czeco-Slovacchi e gli Jugo-Slavi credono che i loro compatrioti nell'interno dell'Austria daranno la loro assistenza se l'offensiva degli Alleati continua con successo.

Ecco il testo del bollettino ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

"Lungo il fronte al nord d'Italia si e' erificato intermittente fuoco da parte dell 'artiglieria. Nella Valle Arsa le nostre pattuglie distrussero due piccoli posti nemici e catturarono alcuni prigionieri. Un tentativo d'attacco da parte del nemico contro Cornone falli' con perdite gravissime per esso.

"In Albania le nostre truppe continuano il lavoro per l'occupazione del terreno dal quale sono stati spazzati via gli austriaci ed abbiamo guadagnato un immenso bottino di guerra. Tre cannoni, otto cannoni da montagna, quattro cannoni da trincea e due mortai da trincea sono stati catturati."

Un dispaccio da Corfu' annunzia che gravissimi ammutinamenti sono scoppiati tra le truppe austriache che occupano alcuni distretti della Serbia. La guarnigione di Kraguyevatz, gia' arsenale serbo, si ribello' per i pessimi viveri che venivano somministrati ed uccise parecchi ufficiali. Le ribellioni furono domate dopo una vera battaglia, durante la quale frequentemente fu fatto uso di cannoni e mitragliatrici.

Dispacci da Atene recano che anche tra le truppe turche si sono verificate delle rivolte. Un reggimento di truppe turche che aveva avuto ordine di procedere per la Mesopotamia, si ribello'ed uccise i suoi ufficiali tedeschi. Parecchi soldati mandati per reprimere l'ammutinamento si unirono alle truppe ribelli.

Londra, 14 luglio.

Le forze francesi stanno ora avanzando in Albania nella regione nordica, apparantemente con la stessa rapidita' che caratterizza l'avanzata delle truppe italiane. L'ultimo rapporto dal fronte di battaglia indica che gli italiani hanno rallentato i loro progressi per per mettere ai francesi, sulla loro destra, di portare le loro linee in avanti, per mantenere praticalmente un diretto fronte dal Lago di Ochrida all'Adriatico.

Le truppe francesi continuano nei loro progressi nonostante che gli austriaci tentino di opporre una vigorosa resistenza per mantenere il possesso delle alture che dominano la confluenza dei fiumi Devoli e Morico.

In Macedonia i bulgari divengono sempre piu' restii. Essi dopo intenso bombardamento hanno attaccato le posizioni occupate dai serbi vicino Varamina, riuscendo ad ottenere un momentaneo successo poiche' sono stati immediatamente respinti.

So calcola che il numero delle truppe alleate che ora combattono in Albania ed in Macedonia raggiunga il milione di uomini, comprendente italiani, francesi, inglesi, serbi e greci. Queste truppe spiegano la loro attivita' lungo un fronte di 300 miglia dall'Adriatico alla foce del fiume Struma.

5000 STATE MEN CALLED

Will Be Sent to Camp Wadsworth for Training

By the Associated Press

Harrisburg, July 13.—Pennsylvania has been ordered to prepare to send 5000 white men qualified for general military service to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., commencing August 5, according to word received today at State draft headquarters. Next week the State will send 1500 men to this camp, and starting July 22, send 11,700 to Camp Lee, these being the close of the July movements.

Special induction calls have been issued for 784 men with grammar school educations and an aptitude for mechanics to be sent to the University of Pittsburgh for special training by August 15. These are to be white men and the calls will be open to voluntary induction of both old and new registrants until July 22. If they are not filled by that time they will be completed by compulsory induction from the old registrants.

3 SLAYERS PAROLED BY N. J. PARDON COURT

Many Others Will Be Released as Result of Session at Sea Girt

Trenton, July 13.

Two murderers and one man convicted of manslaughter are on the list of paroled convicts announced today by the Court of Pardons, following its meeting yesterday at Sea Girt. The slayers to be released are Antonio Meehani, of Bergen County; Joseph Juliano, of Camden County, and Louis Mazzucca, of Essex County.

The following from South Jersey are to be immediately paroled upon compliance with the prison rules:

Atlantic County—Oscar Gale, atrocious assault and battery, one to seven years; Eugene Leopold, grand larceny, one to seven years; John Turner, atrocious assault and battery, one to seven years.

Burlington County—James Cleary, larceny, two to three years; Charles Johnson, larceny, one to three years.

Camden County—Earl Benson, robbery, five to fifteen years; Merrill Brant, concealed weapons, one to three years; George Jackson, larceny, one and one-half to seven years; Edward Madden, breaking, entering and larceny, three to seven years; Cupid Martin, concealed weapons, one to three years; Chris Tittermary, grand larceny, three to seven years; Raymond Beasley, grand larceny, one to seven years; William J. Brown, breaking prison, one to three years.

Cumberland County—Nicholas Cotlass, receiving stolen goods, two to three years; Albert Facemure, grand larceny, eleven and one-half to twenty-three years; Thomas Laubert, rape, three to fifteen years.

Mercer County—Andrew Zolandik, burglary, carrying concealed weapons, three to nine years.

Salem County—Raymond Lindzey, grand larceny, two to seven years; Martin Lewis, robbery, three to fifteen years; Thomas Lucas, concealed weapons, assault and threats, two to fifteen years.

The following are to be paroled on designated dates, on compliance with prison rules:

Atlantic County—James F. Blackwell, larceny September 4; James Cunningham, grand larceny, November 12; Mabel Randolph, atrocious assault and battery, November 12.

Burlington County—Harry Miller, breaking with intent, November 9; Edward Williams, larceny, December 22; Ludodico Potenna, atrocious assault and battery, February 6.

Camden County—Samuel Gibson, false pretense, October 17; George Johnson, breaking and entering, October 17; Joseph Juliano, murder, November 3; Salvatore Laimeo, assault and battery, October 20; William Seward, carnal abuse, October 17; Lester Sharp, breaking and entering, December 20.

Mercer County—J. W. Taylor, forgery and uttering, September 26.

Salem County—Philip Jones, concealed weapons, January 16; Thomas Thackery, breaking and entering, July 7.

WANT THEATRE AT CAMP

Soldier Vocalists Begin Campaign Here for Funds

Five soldier vocalists from Camp Lee, under the command of Sergeant McCoy, this afternoon began a ten-day campaign in Philadelphia theatres and motion picture houses to raise $2,200 for the erection of a permanent theatre at the camp for the benefit of sick and wounded men returned to the base hospital there.

The singers are Privates Jack Lindsay, Ellis Gilbert, Samuel Rogers, Walter Schlosser, and First Class Private Keith, all of Philadelphia. They are all attached to the Camp Lee base hospital, and are volunteering their services.

U. S. FIRE SMASHES ENEMY TRENCH RAID

General Pershing Reports Successful Operations on Various American Fronts

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 13

General Pershing's official communique issued today by the War Department describes operations in the various sectors occupied by American troops through July 7 to 10. It says:

"Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, July 12, 1918.

"Section A—In the Chateau-Thierry region a trench raid attempted by the enemy broke down with losses under our fire.

"Yesterday our aviators shot down a hostile machine in the region of Thiaucourt.

"Section B—In the Chateau-Thierry region conditions on the day of July 8 to 9 were normal. A German patrol was driven back with losses by an American patrol in the Belleau region. There was much other patrolling activity on both sides but there were no incidents except fire directed from the German front lines on an American patrol.

"There was more German artillery fire for adjustment than usual, with the customary harassing fire. Some shrapnel was used. Considerable circulation was noted in the Tercy region.

"In the Chateau-Thierry region from July 9 to 10, the German artillery was more than usually active and his infantry nervously alert. His alertness resulted in the use of many flares during the night. His batteries were active in counter-battery fire and in harassing fire on our positions in the front and rear. There was short concentration during the evening in the Voie du Chatel region. Some gas, mainly of the sneezing and lachrymatory variety, was used. There was continued intermittent rifle and machine-gun fire on our positions in the Vaux area. German airplane and balloon activity was moderate. Patrols on both sides were active, without particular incident.

"Along the Marne, July 9 to 10, the activity of our artillery was the only feature of interest. We shelled the enemy positions heavily, drawing only feeble response from his batteries in counter-battery harassing and registration fire. German hand grenades, thrown from the north bank, fell into the river. A moderate number of German air patrols and a large number of German balloons were used in observation. An ammunition dump near Jaulgonne was exploded by our artillery.

"In Lorraine, July 8 to 9, the enemy showed no particular activity except in machine fire. Besides a large number of bursts, his machine guns on several occasions fired continuously on our positions from periods of from ten minutes to half an hour. His artillery fire was light. His airplanes and balloons were constantly in observation. Our anti-aircraft was successful in driving back his airplanes. Our reconnaissance patrols operated successfully.

"The Munster sector was very quiet on July 9. There was no fire from the enemy's artillery. We drove off four of the enemy's planes. Our patrols were active.

"In the Woevre, July 7 to 8, conditions remained normal. An American patrol bombed a German outpost during the night.

"In the Thann sector, July 9, there was no unusual occurrence except an increase in the German machine-gun and rifle fire.

"The German airplane reported shot down in the American official communique No. 59, section A, was brought down July 11, near Thiaucourt, by Lieutenants Jones and Tobin. As a result of their fire the German plane fell in flames.

PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Chestnut Hill and Wynnewood Men Held at Giessen

An official report from the War Department, Washington, lists William Jenks Wright, Chestnut Hill, and Private Charles W. Preston, Wynnewood, as prisoners in the German camp at Giessen.

Wright, who earlier in the week was reported a prisoner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Minturn T. Wright, Chestnut Hill. He was serving as an ambulance driver with the French army on the Aisne front when he disappeared last May.

U. S. SALVAGING UNIFORMS

Increases Forces and Shops to Reissue Clothing

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 13.—Increased personnel and additional shops are planned by the quartermaster corps for enlarging its activity in salvaging and reissuing clothing and equipment for the armed forces.

JITNEYS IN CAMDEN TO INCREASE RATES

Will Charge Seven Cents for Ride From Ferries Beginning Next Week

Without waiting for an increase in trolley fares, Camden jitneymen have prepared notices to the public that, starting next week, jitney rides from the ferries to Camden points will cost seven cents. The heaviest business done by jitneys across the river lies in carrying Philadelphia workers to and from their New Jersey homes.

The jitneymen hold that the run to Ninth and State streets and other points cannot be continued at the jitney rate because of the increased cost of gas, oil and general upkeep of their machines. Recently many drivers have refused to make jitneys trips on the ground that there was no profit in carrying passengers, even during the rush hours of morning and evening.

North Camden has suffered greatly through the failure of the jitneys to make their usual trips, and there is little or no doubt of the cars doing a record-breaking business at the new rate, if anything like adequate service is provided. Workers on their way to business this morning declared themselves willing to pay the extra two cents if real service resulted.

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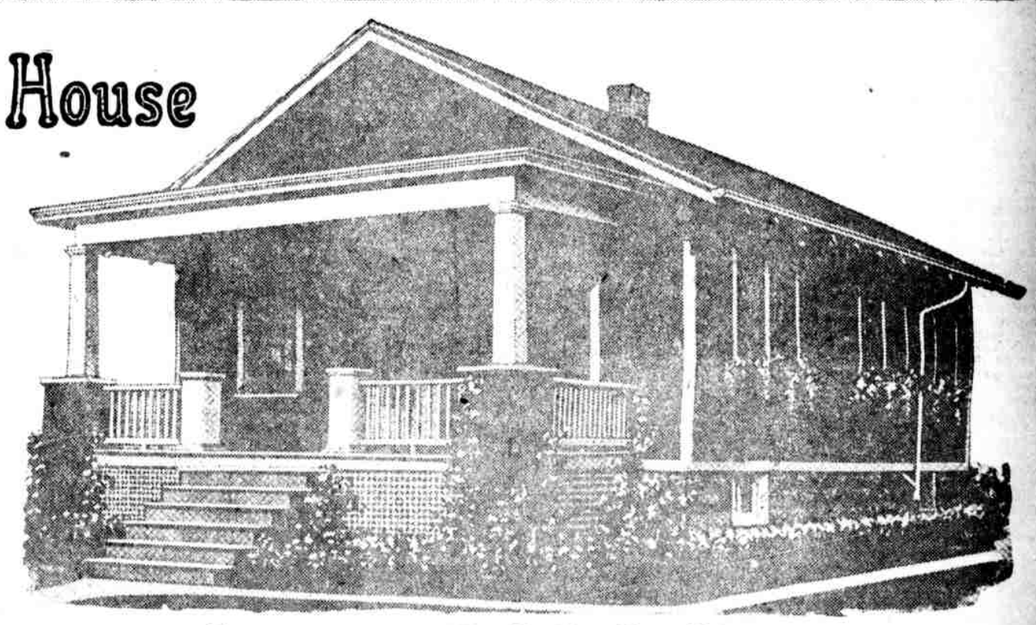

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