

WORLD AFFAIRS VIEWED BY OBSERVERS ABROAD

M. BRIAND TO THE FRONT IN FRENCH AFFAIRS.

[Special by French Cable to The Tribune.] [Copyright, 1907, by The Tribune Association.] Paris, Feb. 23.—The Clemenceau-Briand Cabinet, having triumphantly weathered the socialist blizzard, is once more in smooth waters, but the real skipper is no longer M. Clemenceau, but M. Briand, whose conciliatory policy toward the Vatican and whose friendly, businesslike understanding with the French episcopate...

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE. Washington's Birthday was celebrated in Paris by two significant banquets, one given by the American Club of Paris to Robert S. McCormick, retiring American Ambassador, and the other by the French Societies of Politicians and Parisians of International Arbitration, under the patronage of Frederick Passy, who selected Washington's Birthday as the most appropriate date for a demonstration in favor of international peace.

COMMENTS ON THAW CASE. The Jerome cross-examination of Mrs. Thaw is reproduced in the leading newspapers here, with spirited comments. M. Harduin, in the "Matin," expresses surprise that the after-supper episode of the "pie girl," which is merely a commonplace repetition of post-prandial features quite common in Paris and at Nice, and which are merely revivals of diversions at dinner parties given in the course of the Second Empire by the Prince of Orange, should shock Knickerbocker susceptibilities. M. Harduin in his editorial treatment of the Thaw trial is exceedingly severe upon Mrs. Harry Thaw, who instead of coming down her impressive husband's jealousy of the past, kept constantly reminding him of painful events and exciting his irritability.

MR. JEROME CRITICIZED. Ernest Charles and Pierre Mortier, writing in the "Gil Blas," take Mr. Jerome severely to task for putting heartrending and execrating questions to Mrs. Thaw. Both writers, however, start off on a false tack by erroneously supposing that Mr. Jerome is the magistrate or Judge instead of the District Attorney for the prosecution—a pardonable mistake, because the French magistrature, according to French jurisprudence, that the accused must prove his innocence, are inequalitarian to the last degree, as was shown by the Dreyfus and other trials in this country. Psychological observers such as Marcel Prévost, M. Courteline and Tristan Bernard, express interest in Evelyn Thaw as a source of material for novels and vaudeville comedies, and consider this type of young woman as likely to be developed to a dangerous degree under the present conditions of society in America as well as in Europe.

THE LOCAL CAVASS IN LONDON. The procession of four thousand municipal reformers from Islington Market to Trafalgar Square to-day has been a unique political demonstration, ending with a score of partisan speeches against the electric trust, wretched steamboats, high taxation and other evils of the progressive socialist policy. This local cavass exceeds in bitterness any previous struggle since the creation of the London County Council. The meetings have been largely attended on both sides, and about half a million voters are expected to go to the polls. The progressives are making a defensive fight, and will certainly lose many seats. The municipal reformers will be fortunate if they fall short of an actual majority in the Council, for they will avoid the impossible task of redeeming their pledges and reducing taxation.

RODIN'S STATUE OF WHISTLER. M. Rodin, the sculptor, denies the reports that he is making a statue of Whistler in a frock coat, top hat and eyeglass, and on a visit to the master's studio the writer saw the design for his proposed portrait of Whistler, which is in strong relief and in the form of a medallion, with the profile of an enormous nose bending over the artist's shoulder doing him homage. M. Rodin says this is more appropriate for the wall in the garden at Chelsea, where it will be placed, in company with the portrait of Carlyle.

SOME NEW BOOKS. Calmann Lévy publishes "Les Origines de la Légende Napoléonienne, l'Œuvre Historique de Napoléon à Sainte-Hélène," by Philippe Gougnard, professor at the Lycée Saint-Étienne, who by aid of fresh documents and correspondence and new side lights upon Dr. O'Meara, Napoleon's Irish physician; Las Cases, Montholon, Gourgaud and others, sets forth the exact value of Napoleon's memoirs, his will, his journal and conversations during his exile at St. Helena. It is an exhaustive and absolutely impartial description of this portion of Napoleon's life. From Perrin comes "Mémoires et Souvenirs sur la Révolution et l'Empire," by G. Lenôtre, grandson of the famous landscape gardener and architect who planned Versailles. The chapter about the September massacres contains detailed accounts of the horrible deeds by De Weber, the foster brother of Queen Marie Antoinette. Neurdin issues "Charles Pictoreques et Poétiques," by Philippe Dufour, the preface by Edmond Haraucourt, an excellent and most readable handbook of Paris from picturesque and scholarly points of view. Ernest Leroux publishes a large volume of 755 pages, entitled "De l'Orbe Novo," being a translation from Latin into colloquial French of the journal of Pierre Martyr Angleria, born at Arona in 1465, who was on intimate terms with Christopher Columbus, da Gama, Vespucci, Cortez and Magellan. The translation and notes are carefully done by Paul Giffard, professor at the University of Aix. The work is issued under the supervision of Charles Scheffer, a member of the Institute, and Henri Cordier, of the Collège de France, and at the expense of the Duke of Loubat, of New York and Paris, correspondent of the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres. It is a perfect mine of wealth for historians, and throws a more searching light upon the doings and characters of Columbus, Da Gama and Cortez than anything that has appeared for many years. This timely contribution to the history of pre-Columbian America is an additional tribute to the munificence of the Duke of Loubat. Among the operatic features in Paris is the appearance of Mme. Lucienne Bréval as Salome, announced at the Gaité theatre for the middle of March.

WORK MAPPED OUT FOR PARLIAMENT.

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THE TRANSVAAL ELECTIONS. The government comes out badly in the Transvaal elections, since Sir Richard Solomon, who was defeated, was Lord Elgin's favorite and was expected to head the coalition of the Boers and the British malcontents. The Boer majority is so large that a hybrid ministry will be dispensed with and General Botha is called to the Premiership in place of Mr. Smuts, who is a rancorous opponent of the mining interests. This result will probably be more satisfactory than a coalition government with the full force of the Boer organization behind it. Legislation against Chinese labor is unlikely. Hostile to the Dutch colonies will make a South African confederation indispensable.

MAY FORM IMPERIAL COUNCIL. The Colonial Council is looming up as an important body, which may establish permanent imperial mechanism. Mr. Balfour has unwisely sneered at the possibility of forming an imperial council, but Winston Churchill has discussed it soberly in a straightforward speech which will command the confidence of the colonies. Preferential trade cannot be considered, but the main features of the Australian programme are likely to receive strong support at the Colonial Office. Mr. Balfour, after finding himself on the subject of reasonable tariff reform, has again lost himself, greatly to the disgust of his main body of followers. Lloyd George described him last night at the Cobden Club dinner as a protectionist straphanger in the tariff reform car, ready to get off at the first available station. This was almost the only merry quip in a long address designed to warn free traders that they must be on their guard against the fluctuation of public opinion, and never cease to appeal to British pride in supporting Cobden's cause against the world, and to argue that one industry could not be artificially helped without protection all around. One ardent free trader made a strong appeal for the renewal of Cobden's commercial treaty with France, as the most promising diplomatic work for the Foreign Office when the King had succeeded in bringing about an era of good feeling.

CHIEF SOCIAL AFFAIRS. The levee and court have been the chief social functions of the week, with a moderate attendance in each instance. The Queen looked handsome in black lace, embroidered with sequins, a Maltese crown glittering on her head. Mrs. Harcourt and Mrs. Herbert Gladstone were among the ministers' wives present at what was largely an official and diplomatic court. There were many young married women in wedding gowns ablaze with diamonds, and a large group of debutantes making their first courtesies to the King and the Queen. The American Ambassador was ordered by his doctor to stay away from both functions. He suffered from exposure

to drafts in the houses of Parliament and Marlborough House, but has not any serious illness. He is convalescing favorably and will probably start in a few days for a warmer climate for complete recovery. The Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor, Lord Rosebery and many other public men are convalescing slowly from influenza and other ailments.

SENSATIONS OF THE WEEK. The heroic efforts of the lifeboat men to rescue the wretched castaways on the steamer Berlin have supplied the halfpenny papers with something better than the scold, fool story of the Thaw trial, against which readers here are revolting angrily. This catastrophe is one of the worst ever known in England's ferry service with the Continent. It was caused, apparently, by a derangement of the steering gear of the Harwich boat when the engines were slowing down at the entrance to the harbor. It tends to strengthen the argument for the Channel tunnel.

BOMB FOR POLICE CHIEF. Alleged Instigator of Odessa Riots Seriously Wounded. Odessa, Feb. 23.—A bomb was thrown beneath the carriage of the chief of police, Colonel Von Hessberg, as he was driving through the centre of the city this afternoon. The explosion of the bomb wrecked the carriage, severely injured the chief of police, and shattered the windows of all the nearby houses. The would-be assassin escaped.

CHURCH CONTRACTS NOT SETTLED. Government Asks Cardinal Richard to Submit Another Proposal. Paris, Feb. 23.—The French government is awaiting a new proposal from Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, regarding the form of the contracts for the lease of churches to the parish priests. The Prefect of the Seine, M. de Selves, acting on M. Briand's instructions, has informed the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Monsignor Amette, that the latest scheme offered by the cardinal is not acceptable, especially on one point, but that if the cardinal will submit a new form of contract, in harmony with the declarations made and approved by the Chamber of Deputies on February 10, the government will be glad to consider it.

PEACE CONFERENCE PLAN. Limitation of Armament May Be Taken Up Outside of Programme. Paris, Feb. 23.—Although the desire of the United States and Great Britain to see the question of the limitation of armaments included in the regular programme of the Hague peace conference is considered to be doomed, Great Britain has not abandoned her intention of trying to get the subject in some form before the conference. She is engaged in open negotiations with France and other Continental powers, and also, it is believed, with the United States under a proposal to introduce the question outside of the regular programme, with the object of having it referred to a special commission, in order to ascertain whether it is possible for the representatives of the great powers to agree upon a plan for the limitation of armaments for submission to their respective governments.

FIRST TRANSVAAL COLONY MINISTRY. Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, Feb. 23.—The first Transvaal Colony Ministry will be composed as follows: General Botha, Premier and Minister of Native Affairs; Advocate Smuts, Colonial Secretary; T. Cullinan, Minister of Lands and Public Works; H. C. Hull, Treasurer; Advocate De Villiers, Minister of Justice; and J. Rissak, Minister of Mines. Colonial Secretary Smuts was a general during the war and formerly was State Attorney during the Government of President Kruger. Minister of Justice, Dr. Viljoen, was also a general during the late war. Messrs. Cullinan, Hull and Rissak are connected with the mining interests.

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NEW TAXES IN FRANCE.

Details of the Bill Providing Revenue from Incomes. Paris, Feb. 23.—The new system of taxation based upon incomes from all sources, which the French government has proposed to Parliament, is estimated to produce \$18,850,000, against \$18,000,000 under the old system. Most of the taxes to be imposed have been in existence in France for a hundred years, under the Restoration, the Second Empire and the Second and Third Republics. These antiquated taxes, with the revenue produced under each head, were as follows: Direct taxes upon realty, farms, etc., \$3,150,000; buildings, \$18,200,000; personal property, \$20,100,000; windows and door taxes, \$12,250,000; houses, \$7,400,000; 4 per cent tax upon income from French securities, \$14,250,000; foreign securities, \$1,800,000; stamp and other dues upon transfer transactions in French and foreign securities, \$21,800,000.

Under the proposed income tax system taxes will be levied as follows: Four per cent upon incomes from realty (buildings, land, securities, etc.), \$12,000,000; income from incomes, French, \$14,250,000; foreign, \$1,800,000; rents, \$2,800,000; credits, deposits, guarantees for contracts, \$4,250,000; 2 per cent upon wages, salaries and pensions, \$2,500,000; liberal professions, \$2,700,000. In addition to the taxes upon incomes from these special categories there is to be a supplementary graduated tax upon incomes of over \$1,000, beginning with one-fifth of 1 per cent, and increasing to 4 per cent on incomes of \$30,000 and over. This is estimated to produce \$12,000,000, while the 2 per cent upon the various derived and transferred duties is to replace the old stamp and other transfer dues estimated to produce \$28,250,000.

The insubstantial powers granted for the discovery of concealed revenue are extensive, and will greatly complicate the work of banks and other credit establishments. The banks must keep records of all transactions in bonds, stocks and bills of exchange for the inspection of Treasury agents, and disclose when due from the banks, stock dividends, etc., attaching certificates showing that the tax has been paid. As much money has been hoarded abroad for investment, it is feared that the law will follow the progress of the law have elaborated a double dragging method for bringing such investors into the government net.

MR. CROCKER NON-SUITED. Court Upholds Contract with Dr. Doyen for \$20,000 Fee. Paris, Feb. 23.—George Crocker, of San Francisco, has been non-suited and ordered to pay the costs of his action to recover \$20,000 from Dr. Doyen, which Mr. Crocker paid the physician in 1904 for treating the late Mrs. Crocker for cancer. The First Tribunal of the Seine, in rendering judgment to-day, held that the contract, which was not in writing, had been freely entered into, and therefore could not be annulled unless Dr. Doyen failed to perform his duty, which was not the case, as he withdrew at Mr. Crocker's request and was ready at all times to resume his treatment of Mrs. Crocker. The court declared it could not decide the question of the reasonableness of the fee, but only that of the validity of the contract.

Chicago's Mayor Renominated—Traction Ordinances Denounced. Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Democratic City Convention to-day made the following nominations for leading city offices: Mayor, Edward P. Dunne, the present Mayor; City Treasurer, John E. Traeger, and City Clerk, Thomas F. Little. All of the nominations were made by acclamation. Before the convention an extended caucus was held, in which the Hearst-Dunne faction and the followers of National Committeeman Roger Sullivan agreed upon Mayor Dunne as the nominee for Mayor, but could not reach an agreement regarding the minor offices. Mr. Traeger, the nominee for Treasurer, is a follower of Mayor Dunne, while Little, the nominee for City Clerk, is affiliated with the Sullivan following. Previous to the naming of candidates, friends of Carter H. Harrison announced that he desired to withdraw.

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RIDGELY'S FINANCIAL FORECASTS. The platform adopted denounces the traction ordinances recently passed over the Mayor's veto by the City Council, providing for the issue of twenty year franchises to the local traction companies, with possible purchase of the lines by the city on six months' notice, and declares in favor of immediate condemnation and purchase of the traction properties by the city if the ordinances are not approved by the people at the April election.

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