

Deschanel of France Succumbs

Was Tenth President of French Republic—Political Triumph Caused Retirement of Clemenceau. In Public Life 45 Years

Paris, April 28.—(By A. P.)—Paul Deschanel, former president of France, died this afternoon.

M. Deschanel was taken ill with influenza a few days ago and on Wednesday it was announced that complications had developed and his condition was serious.

After his resignation from the French presidency, in September, 1920, M. Deschanel lived in retirement for several months. His condition improved steadily and late that year it was announced he had completely recovered his health. In January of last year he became a candidate in the senatorial elections, being returned for Eure-et-Loire on January 9. He began attending the senate session the following May, and in January of this year was appointed a member of the senate foreign affairs committee to replace M. Poincare when the latter assumed the premiership.

Paul Eugene Louis Deschanel, 10th president of France, entered upon a seven-year term in that office on February 18, 1920, after having been chosen by the national assembly the preceding January by the biggest majority since the election of Thiers, the first president of the present republic. Statesman and author and one of the most brilliant public speakers in France, M. Deschanel's political triumph marked the retirement from public life of former Premier Georges Clemenceau.

Forty-five years in public life. For nearly 45 years M. Deschanel had been in French public life. He was president of the chamber of deputies when elected to the highest post as first citizen of France. Previously he had been head of the French parliamentary commission on foreign and colonial affairs.

At the age of 71, at the close of the war, he declared there could be "no neutrals when civilization itself is at stake." Among his first acts upon assuming the presidency were his signing of a decree naming commissioners to study French living costs and another banning alcoholic drinks from Elysee palace.

M. Deschanel was born in 1857 in Brussels to which city his father went after being exiled from France in 1851 for having published a pamphlet entitled "Catholicism and Socialism." When he was 2 years old, his father returned to France with his father, who was pardoned by an act of amnesty, following a recantation of his views.

Educated in Brussels. The young man was educated in Paris and when only 20 years old he entered the public service, becoming secretary to M. de Marcere, then minister of the interior. He became secretary to Jules Simon, president of the council, the following year and served until 1885, when he was elected member of the chamber of deputies from Eure-et-Loire. In 1896 he was named vice president of that body and two years later was elected president, a position he held until 1902, when he was defeated for re-election.

M. Deschanel was appointed president of the parliamentary commission on foreign affairs and colonies, his work in that body continuing until 1909. In April, 1910, M. Deschanel returned to the chamber, becoming its president in 1912. He remained in the chamber continuously until his election to the presidency. In 1913 he was urged to become a candidate for president against Raymond Poincare, but polled only 18 votes at the election. In the midst of his political and public labors was Deschanel found time to write a number of works on political and social problems.

Mme. Deschanel was formerly Mlle. Germaine Brice, daughter of Rene Brice, member of the chamber of deputies for Ille-et-Vilaine.

Work Appeals to Public to Better Postal Service

Washington, April 28.—A message to American public, asking co-operation in the postoffice department's efforts toward perfecting the postal service was delivered by Postmaster General Work and broadcast by radio telephone.

Describing the postal service as one of the great undertakings of the business world which has not been developed by private enterprise, Dr. Work declared its purpose was "nothing more than to serve the people in an intimate way in their daily contact with their fellowmen."

Calling attention to "postal improvement week" beginning May 1, the postmaster general said the public's assistance was essential to success, and urged that mail matters be plainly and correctly addressed.

Four Jurors Selected in Trial of Gov. Small By The Associated Press. Waukegan, Ill., April 26.—Trial of Governor Len Small, charged with conspiracy to embezzle state funds, ended the first week tonight with four jurors selected and sworn and lawyers still trying to fill the second panel.

Former First Citizen of French Republic Is



Paul Deschanel.

Miss Ella Fenn Leads Bee Contest Balloting With Total of 2,806

Union Pacific Candidate, Nellie Donn, Is Close Second With 2,655—Seven Entrants Qualify for Peters Trust Bonus.

Standing of Omaha Bee Good Will Candidates.

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes Miss Ella Fenn (2,806), Miss Nellie B. Donn (2,655), Miss Katharine O'Brien (1,473), etc.

Seven candidates participating in the first day's balloting in the Omaha Bee Good Will contest qualified for the bonus of 250 votes offered for early voting by the Peters Trust company.

The funds donated by the Peters Trust company took care of giving 250 votes to four of these and the other bonuses were made possible by the hands of the committee.

Grand Island Man May File for U. S. Senator

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—Frank Johnson, Grand Island, probably will be the next candidate for republican nomination for United States senator.

T. W. Call, Alliance traveling man, called at the office of D. M. Amsherry, secretary of state, to get proper instructions on methods to be pursued to put Johnson in as a candidate. Call announced Johnson would pay his filing fee at Grand Island.

Johnson is grand chancellor of the United Commercial Travelers' association and chairman of the legislative committee of the Travelers' Protective association of Nebraska.

Candidates already in the field are Congressman A. W. Jeffers, John O. Yeiser and R. B. Howell, with many republicans urging Attorney General Clarence A. Davis to file.

Advertisement: You have until 9 o'clock tonight to get your "Want" Ad into The Sunday Bee tomorrow. 17th and Farnam AT lantic 1000

Loan to Offered Russians

Allies' Plans for Russia Said to Suggest International Consortium to Finance Trade.

Germany to Be Included

Geneva, April 28.—(By A. P.)—Plans for Russia's reconstruction were being finally determined upon today in the conference sub-committee on Russian affairs and the indications were that a definite proposition would be laid before the Russian delegation by the week-end with the suggestion that the proposition be either accepted or rejected, without further discussion.

The Italian press today gives indications of what the allied proposals are: First, it is asserted, no loan will be offered to soviet Russia but will be suggested that an international consortium be formed to finance trade with Russia through combinations of firms and individuals of the various countries represented.

Colonization of Russia. This plan contemplates the economic colonization of Russia, with guarantees that the autonomy and sovereignty of the soviet government will not be infringed upon.

While bemoaning his own efforts to ending the Russian deadlock, Mr. Lloyd George is not neglecting his plans for a nonaggression pact, and several tentative outlines of such a document have been drafted.

Vice Premier Barthou, head of the French delegation here, conversed at length during last night over the long distance telephone with Premier Poincare in Paris, and as a result it was stated this afternoon that the official viewpoint of France with regard to the reply to Russia had been harmonized.

Spirit of Conciliation. The difficulty was said in conference quarters to have arisen through the growth here of a spirit of conciliation and co-operation which government circles in Paris, despite constant informative messages, from their representatives here, appear not to have grasped.

Many members of the French delegation seem to be convinced, like Prime Minister Lloyd George of England, that unless western Europe co-operates with Russia and Germany these nations, with their overwhelming preponderance of population, would be driven closer together to the eventual detriment of the peace of Europe.

Beyond Bathou's Power. French opinion at home is pointed to as being influenced by numbers of deputies who fought in the war and who want full satisfaction for France's losses. They are described as pushing Premier Poincare to stand absolutely firm, both as regards German reparations and Russian debts.

It is understood here also that the French cabinet has urged to insist upon cancellation of the Russo-German treaty. This is a task beyond the powers of M. Barthou. Even granting its possibility, his position is said to be that such a step, in his belief, would only result in forcing Germany and Russia into closer ties on the morrow.

Woman and Daughter Killed.

Boise, Idaho, April 28.—Mrs. W. H. Ode and her daughter, Verbena, 15, of Dixie, Idaho, were instantly killed last night when an Oregon Short Line train struck the buggy in which they were riding at Notus. The horse they were driving escaped unhurt.

Park Home for Elk Sought by Nebraska Game Warden

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—George Koester, state fish and game warden, wants some municipality with a public park to adopt a wild elk located near Kilgore. Farmers living in the vicinity report an elk is running wild and causing no end of trouble. Koester will catch the animal if some one will take care of it.

Three Children Burned to Death on Oregon Ranch

Bend, Ore., April 28.—Three children, Mildred and Emilee Bergstrom, 13 and 10, and George Livesly, their cousin, 4, were burned to death today at the ranch home of W. L. Bergstrom near Deschutes in a fire that started in an incubator. Bergstrom and his wife are in a hotel suffering from burns.

Vigilance Committeeman Loses Auto During Meeting

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—The Lincoln vigilance committee augmented by the presence of Chief of Police Peter Johnston held a banquet and studied ways and means to catch auto thieves. After the meeting E. W. Truman, a member of the committee, discovered his motorcar had been stolen.

The Genoa Conference



GENOA CONFERENCE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF EUROPE'S VITAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. POLITICS POSITIVELY NOT ADMITTED!



Outside view. Inside view.

12,000 Cut Off by Flood Waters in Mississippi

Tract 35 Miles Long and 50 Miles Wide Inundated—Large Area in Louisiana Also Submerged.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 28.—Twelve thousand persons are reported to have been cut off in the northern and eastern sections of Issaquena county by backwater from a break in the Mississippi river levee.

Five hundred persons are said to have been caught in the town of Valley Park by rising water. The entire area in this section, covered by water which came from a break higher up the river, comprises a tract 35 miles long and 50 miles wide.

L. P. A. Holds Annual Meeting in Columbus

Columbus, Neb., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—With more than 200 Knights of the Grip, manufacturers and wholesale dealers from all parts of the state in attendance, the 28th annual convention of the Nebraska division of the Travelers Protective association opened here. Delegates with their wives and visitors formed a line and, led by the Columbus band, paraded to the hall.

Bomb Kills Three Nonunion Miners in Pennsylvania

Apollo, Pa., April 28.—Three miners were killed and one seriously injured when a bomb was thrown early today into a bunk house at the Patterson mine of the Kiski Coal company near here.

Son of Brazilian Planter Is Missing

Los Angeles, April 28.—Search for Julio Paixao Cortes, son of a wealthy coffee planter of Brazil, who was last heard from in Salt Lake City February 26, was turned to Los Angeles.

Government Inquiry Into Teapot Dome Leases Likely

Washington, April 28.—Congressional investigation into the leasing by the Interior department of oil rights in the Teapot Dome (Wyo.) naval oil reserve to the Sinclair oil interests today appeared in prospect after a long attack in the senate on the leases by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, and announcements by republican leaders of support for a resolution of inquiry.

4 Women Fined for Assault

Green Bay, Wis., April 28.—Pleading guilty to charges of assault and battery in municipal court Thursday, four women, alleged to have attacked "Pat" Gaffney and Carl Zoll, proprietors of a roadhouse, Tuesday night, were each fined \$100 and costs and put under \$500 peace bonds each for two years.

2 Die as Car Turtles on Bluffs Road

Machine Turns Over Three Times—Three Men in Rear Seat Escape Injury.

Auto Wrecked at Curve

Two men lost their lives on South avenue in Council Bluffs at 1 o'clock yesterday when the automobile in which they were riding turned over three times.

Three other men riding in the machine escaped without a scratch. Fred W. Bass and William Blackford, Northwestern roundhouse employees, are the dead men. The car was owned and driven by Bass. Bass, Blackford and three companions were traveling north on South avenue, near Woodbury avenue, at the time of the crash. At this point South avenue takes a short swing. In negotiating the curve Bass permitted the left wheels to leave the road and in jerking the car back into the right of way again the left front wheel was torn off by the rough edge of the pavement.

The three men riding in the back seat were thrown clear of the machine as it turned over and thus escaped injury. Bass and Blackford, riding in the front seat, were pinned under the car.

Testing Motor. Bass was 37 and lived at 1014 Fourth street. He leaves a wife, but no children. Blackford was 28 and roomed at 601 Myer street. He had no relatives in Council Bluffs. His mother, Mrs. Anna Blackford, Marion, Ill., has been notified.

The three men who escaped injury were E. C. Peterson, 343 Hyde avenue; A. H. Matlock, 716 South Sixth street, and Jack Lake, 1000 Fourth street.

All but Bass were riding this morning in Peterson's machine. As they passed Bass' house he hailed them. He said the motor in his bigger car wasn't working right and he asked Peterson, who is a mechanic, might investigate the motor.

They did. They drove to the end of the pavement on South avenue, near the Iowa School for the Deaf. On the return trip Peterson got to the running board to listen to the motor.

They came to the slight curve by Woodbury avenue a Ford truck loomed in the highway. Bass turned the wheel to avoid crashing into the truck. Peterson said, and then the front axle snapped as he tried to turn the car back to the paving.

The machine turned over three, hurling the two men in the rear seat and Peterson on the running board clear of the wreck. The men in the front seat were killed instantly.

Peterson said they were driving "fast." How fast they were going he said he did not know.

His Luck. Just before the fatal ride he started Peterson picked a four-leafed clover and stuck it in the buckle of his overalls. He is the only member of the quintet who escaped without a scratch.

"Guess four-leafed clovers are lucky, after all," he grunted.

Harness House Burns With Loss of \$25,000

The Midwest Harness company building, 706 North Sixteenth street, was practically destroyed by fire at 1 yesterday afternoon. The estimated damage is \$25,000.

Great volumes of smoke pouring from the building caused residents of second-floor rooming houses in the neighborhood to flee to the streets. No one was hurt.

F. S. Wagner, Chatham hotel, and Julius S. Volk, 2018 North Twenty-first street, first discovered the fire.

Charge Low Test Ice Cream Is Sold in Small Towns

Lincoln, April 28.—(Special.)—Nebraska ice cream dealers have appealed to Attorney General Clarence A. Davis to force estate manufacturers to comply with the 14 per cent butterfat requirements of the Nebraska ice cream law.

Their complaint is that certain out-state dealers are selling 12 per cent butter fat ice cream cheaper than they can manufacture the 14 per cent. Davis has turned the matter over to Leo Stuhler, secretary of agriculture, with a request that outstate dealers guilty of such practices be dealt with according to law.

W. J. Hynes, Wealthy Grain Man, Sued for Divorce

William J. Hynes, wealthy Omaha grain man, was sued for divorce and alimony in district court yesterday by Mrs. Margaret P. Hynes, prominent in social, club and musical circles. Hynes is a member of Hynes Elevator company and president of the Farmers Terminal Elevator company. Mrs. Hynes alleges cruelty during the last four years. She asks temporary alimony, attorney's fees and court costs.

Lutheran Brotherhood Holds Session in Fremont

Fremont, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—The annual state convention of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the United Lutheran church met in Fremont. About 150 delegates from the various Lutheran churches were present. Rev. C. E. Gardner of St. Joseph gave the afternoon address while J. F. Marlette of Minneapolis addressed the delegates at the banquet in Hotel Pathfinder.

"The Romance of a Million Dollars"

Dunbarton-Kent left his millions to his widow, in trust for two handsome nephews and a niece; they were to receive his fortune provided they committed no crime during the period of trust—and one of them had been reared as a thief! Then began the mysterious robberies of millionaire estates on Long Island, all committed with the daring and ingenuity of a master thief. Mrs. Dunbarton-Kent lived in momentary fear of an unnamed calamity. And into this sinister atmosphere walks the little "Swiss-Canadian" was heroine, Marie Angouleme, who has just escaped from the dread "woman in sables"—walks into adventure and romance.

And there you have just a hint of the thrills in store for you in "The Romance of a Million Dollars," the sensational new Blue Ribbon serial by Elizabeth Dejeans, which starts next Sunday in

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The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, etc.