

## THE FRENCH POLITICAL SITUATION IN OUTLINE

"Observer" Clears Up the Tangled Skein and Explains a Situation That Many Fail to Understand

Amid the welter of French political parties and news dispatches concerning French politics, it is sometimes difficult to determine just what is taking place in that country. It might perhaps, be timely to devote a little effort to an attempt to clear up the tangled skein.

There are at the present time eleven political parties in France, all with deputies in the French Chamber of Deputies. These parties include two brands of Communists and four kinds of Socialists. Although the number of French political parties has increased during recent years, yet they have always been numerous enough to make it extremely difficult for any government to get a working majority. Therefore coalitions have furnished the best means of working. Since the establishment of the Third Republic in 1870, there have been one hundred cabinets that have held office. In later days they have changed with bewildering rapidity. At the present time the parties may be roughly divided into two main blocs, termed the Right and Left. In continental countries those terms denote respectively what we might call Conservative and Liberal. Usually between the two extremes there lies an indeterminate group, leaning neither to one side nor the other; but just now that group has been absorbed in France into either Right or Left. The extreme left today is Communist, and the extreme Right is undoubtedly Fascist; although this is not admitted by the party in question.

The French riots of February 1934, caused mostly by financial scandals, were the chief cause of the growth of Fascist sentiment. The need was felt for some authority capable of restoring and maintaining order in the state. The reaction to this was immediate, and the Communists agreed to join with the Socialists and other Left sympathizers against the common foe, Fascism. This was the formation of the so-called Popular Front, which holds the reins of government today.

The moderate party in France for the last half century has been the Radical-Socialists, and this party has furnished more men of cabinet rank since 1870 than any other party. However, too long a time in power has accustomed this party to the use of the policy of compromise in order to maintain themselves in power. The result has been some grave scandals such as the Stavisky affair, where protection was given to common swindlers. The Stavisky affair was the signal for the extreme Right and Left to make a concerted attack on the moderate Radical-Socialists, although still the more numerous, had lost the support of the extreme Socialists, and thus had to accept the control of a number of coalition cabinets which were weak. It could read-

ily be seen that the moderate party was doomed to political oblivion, and that right speedily.

The result of the 1936 elections was that the parties of the Left, or Popular Front, won a great majority, and that the moderates were much weakened. But the Right also gained some strength.

The moderates, then, were crushed between the two extremes. The lineup was as follows, showing gains and losses since 1932:

Left:  
Communists—1932, 10; 1936, 72; gains, 62; losses, 0.  
Dissident Communists—1932, 11; 1936, 10; gains, 0; losses, 1.  
Socialists (Left)—1932, 97; 1936, 146; gains, 49; losses, 0.  
Socialists (Centre)—1932, 45; 1936, 26; gains, 0; losses, 19.  
Independent Socialists—1932, 21; 1936, 9; gains, 0; losses, 12.  
Radical Socialists—1932, 158; 1936, 115; gains, 0; losses, 43.  
Total—1932, 342; 1936, 378.  
Centre:  
Independent Radicals—1932, 65; 1936, 31; gains, 0; losses, 34.  
Left Republicans—1932, 99; 1936, 83; gains, 0; losses, 16.  
Popular Democrats—1932, 23; 1936, 23; gains, 0; losses, 0.  
Total—1932, 187; 1936, 137.  
Right:  
Republican Federation—1932, 76; 1936, 88; gains, 12; losses, 0.  
Conservatives—1932, 6; 1936, 11; gains, 5; losses, 0.  
Total—1932, 82; 1936, 99.

The above table will show that the Radical-Socialists, who were the moderate party in the last government, must now be counted in with the Left, since they have become part of the Popular Front. Also, for the first time in its history France will have a government made up of a majority of Socialists.

As to whether this Popular Front can remain united, time alone can show. M. Leon Blum, leader of the Socialist Party, and France's new prime minister, has outlined his programme. The main features of this programme might be briefly mentioned.

1. The reform of the Bank of France so as to completely nationalize it.
2. Nationalization of the railways and public utilities.
3. Nationalization of all key industries.
4. Abolition of private monopolies such as the Insurance Trust, and the Havas News-Distributing Agency.

In a word the programme is nationalization. It is not so much communistic as socialistic, as the reforms are to be fitted into the framework of the capitalistic state, according to M. Blum.

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### Protection

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located in York and Carleton counties. The trapping was done by Deputy Game Warden L. J. Farrell.

The Chief Game Warden in following up this policy of beaver conservation, wishes to emphasize the utmost importance of the establishment and protection of beaver colonies.

The beaver may be considered as the keystone in the structure of conservation of our natural resources of forest and stream. By the storage of water in the ponds, the hazards of forest fires are lessened, trout are provided with suitable areas for feed and breeding; mink, otter, muskrat and other fur bearing animals are soon drawn to these localities in search of food. Big game, moose and deer, are given suitable habitat where they may find food and the required protection from ticks and flies so necessary during the spring and summer months.

Black ducks, teal, wood ducks and other varieties of waterfowl find opportunities for feed, nesting and rearing their young.

All reports from hunters, trappers, guides and wardens show that where beaver have established themselves, moose and deer soon follow and likewise in sections where beaver have been trapped to extinction, moose have disappeared.

The Chief Game Warden at this time asks for the co-operation of all concerned in seeing that adequate protection is given to beaver which are making a last stand to establish themselves in different sections of the province. Every guide and every trapper must be made to realize the importance of protecting these animals for the benefit of his own livelihood as well as for the good of the great body of sportsmen in the province. It is requested that each and every person who finds or has knowledge of beaver colonies in the province, should report same to the Chief Game Warden in order that protection may be given to same.

### Hon P. J. Veniot

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the degree of LL.D. from the University of New Brunswick, and in 1924 he received a similar honor from Laval University, Quebec. He contested Gloucester county in many a hard-fought battle but was never defeated at an election for either the Provincial or Dominion House.

Mr. Veniot was a Liberal, a Roman Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the L'Assomption Society.

In the death of Peter Veniot, as he was familiarly called, New Brunswick lost a good citizen and one who was popular with all classes. He was a valiant fighter and gave and received hard knocks, but he numbered his friends amongst his political opponents as well as amongst those who supported him in politics. He was strictly honest in both his private and public dealings, and was a man who never made any money out of politics.

### A SPECIAL BUS TOUR

A party of Boston people are in the city this week, all members of a special tour of the Rawding Lines, Inc., which arranges a special Maritime tour every week. The party arrived in Saint John by boat Monday morning and arrived here in one of their special buses. They will take in Amherst, Sackville and down as far as Cape Breton before returning to Boston on Sunday. The bus company furnished much valuable publicity to this province through its lines. Six lady members of the party were registered at the Queen Hotel yesterday. They were Miss Christian B. Hardacre, of New Haven, Conn.; Miss Mae Kenyon, of Hamden, Conn.; Mrs. L. Rotchford, Miss Grace Rotchford, New York City; Miss Mary H. Sargent, Miss Harriet Crane, of Boston, Mass.

CALAIS, Me., July 7—Harley Fountain, Deer Island, who has been a patient at Calais Hospital for the last few weeks, returned home today, greatly improved after a serious illness.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Jack Thurott of Providence, Rhode Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. MacKay at Bay du Vin, N. B.

Miss Helen Crockett entertained at Bridge last evening in honor of some out of town visitors.

Mrs. W. A. Gibson and Mrs. F. L. Haviland were joint hostesses at tea recently at Bay du Vin, following a beach-party held by some of the summer residents at that place.

Mrs. P. L. Jordan and her brother Willard Purdy, who have been visiting Mrs. A. B. Kitchen for the last week, returned to their home in Saint John yesterday.

Tyler Burpee of this city left today for Sheffield, N. B., where he will spend two weeks with his nephew, Ernest Burpee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Allen and children of Bridgewater, N. S., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, South Devon, are in Providence, R. I., for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kearney and their son John of Minto are in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson and family are spending the summer at Bay du Vin, and have as their guest Miss Gertrude Davidson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allen have returned home from an auto trip of the northern counties of the province. While on the trip they visited their son's, Lewis Allen of Dalhousie and Charles Allen of Hartland.

Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Forsythe and their four daughters Joan, Mary, Ann and Volney are expected to arrive in the city from New York on July 15th. They will occupy their summer cottage at Grand Lake, with Mrs. Forsythe's father Hugh O'Neill, Sr., and Miss Martha O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Atkinson, and family of Edmundston, are spending the summer vacation at Bay du Vin, N. B. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blackmer and son John, of this city, are their guests for a few days. Mr. Atkinson entertained at bridge on Saturday evening in honor of her guests.

### Remembered by Friends

Friends of Miss Josephine Daley, Marysville, gathered at the home of Mrs. Loring Daley last evening and gave her a surprise party. Miss Daley, who is leaving this week for New Hampshire to spend the remainder of the holidays with relatives, was presented with a lovely fountain pen. After a very pleasant evening of conversation and games, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### Course in Lifesaving to Girl Guides

Miss Louise Whitney of Maryland, U.S.A., this morning started a series of lessons in life-saving to the Girl Guide of the different companies in Fredericton. Miss Whitney who is a graduate of Seagoat's School of physical culture, will give a course of twenty lessons at the A. and B. Club house through the courtesy of the Club. There were fifteen girls present at the opening lesson this morning.

## THE JUNE BRIDE CONTEST AWARDS WED. AFTERNOON

Drawing Three o'clock at Maritime Electric, Queen Street

On Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, a drawing will be held to choose three names from the list of the nineteen June brides from Fredericton, Devon and Marysville and vicinity who are eligible for the three prizes donated by the following Fredericton merchants: Shute & Co., bracelet and neck set; Ross Drug, Elizabeth Arden toilet set; Fashion Plate Cleaners, dry cleaning; R. L. Black, two pairs Van Raalte hosiery; Mrs. Walkers Beauty Salon, permanent wave; Harvey Studio, six photographs; Allan Ryan, electric iron; Colwell and Jennings, electric toaster; National Shoe Store, one pair white sandals; Bebbington's Gardens, \$3.00 Flowers; Gift Shop, framed picture; Mrs. Thos. Kane, special cake.

The above articles are to be divided among the first three young ladies whose names are drawn at a public drawing to be held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the office of the Maritime Electric Company Limited. Those interested are invited to be present at the drawing which will be open to the public.

The following young ladies are eligible for the drawing which will decide the three lucky winners in the "Three Lucky June Brides" contest sponsored by The Daily Mail: Mrs. Lenley Frank Banks, nee Winifred Elizabeth Charters.

Miss Jean Staples.  
Mrs. John Samuel Gilby, nee Barbara Prene Beck.  
Miss Josephine Hayes.  
Miss Eva Rice.  
Miss Helen Irene Seymour.  
Miss Anna Bernice Brewer.  
Miss Sadie Bentley Bridges.  
Miss Annie Thompson.  
Miss Annie Johnson.  
Miss Deborah Ebbett.  
Miss Marion Morrison.  
Miss Beryl Mary Mackay.  
Miss Ella M. Estabrooks.  
Miss Audrey Louise Sommerville.  
Miss Margaret Grant.  
Miss Dorothy Anna McKeen.  
Miss Patricia Louise Harrison.

The Daily Mail which sponsored this contest, hopes that the three young ladies, who are winners in the contest on Wednesday, who ever they may be will enjoy the various articles given to them through the generosity of the Fredericton merchants and wishes them long life and happiness.

## CANADIANA

### THE JULY GARDEN

It's July in my garden; and steel-blue are the globe thistles  
And French grey the willows that bow to every breeze;  
And deep in every currant bush a robber blackbird whistles  
"I'm picking, I'm picking, I'm picking these"

So off I go to rout them, and find instead I'm gazing  
At clusters of delpiniums—the seed was small and brown.  
But these are spurs that fell from heaven and caught the most amazing

Colors of the welkin's own as they came hurtling down.

And then, some roses catch my eye, or maybe some Sweet Williams;  
Or pink and white and purple pearls of Canterbury bells,  
Or pencilled violas that peep between the three-leaved trilliums,  
Or red-hot-pokers all aglow or poppies that cast spells—

And while I stare at each in turn I quite forget or pardon  
The blackbirds—and the black-guards—that keep robbing me of pie,  
For what do such things matter when I have so fair a garden,  
And what is half so lovely as my garden in July?

—R. E. VERNEDE.

## Regret Passing H. W. Woods and B. H. Kinghorn

The regular monthly meeting of the A. and B. Club was held last evening in the club rooms with the president Donald Smith in the chair and Kenneth Moore secretary. F. B. Osborne of the managing committee, said that arrangements were being made to receive the visiting boat clubs and that the annual regatta would be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club and the Saint John Power Boat Squadron leave Saint John July 18th and will arrive here July 22nd.

Three new members were admitted at last evening's meeting. H. Lester Smith, clerk of the executive council was sponsored by Ald. F. S. Mundie; Ralph Timmins was sponsored by Richard Chestnut; and William L. Anderson by President Donald F. Smith. The club during the past few weeks has lost two valuable members in the passing of Harry W. Woods and Byron H. Kinghorn. Mr. Woods was the president of the Club last year and Mr. Kinghorn the vice-president.

## Belguim Discusses Rhineland, Germany Courts Poland

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
GENEVA, July 7—Germany courted the favor of Poland today in her bid for possession of the free state of Danzig.

At the same time Nazi Germany urged that the League of Nations abandon its control over Danzig. The moves created a stir in diplomatic circles today.

The Belgian premier, almost simultaneously called for a conference of central European powers to discuss Germany's reoccupation of the Rhineland.

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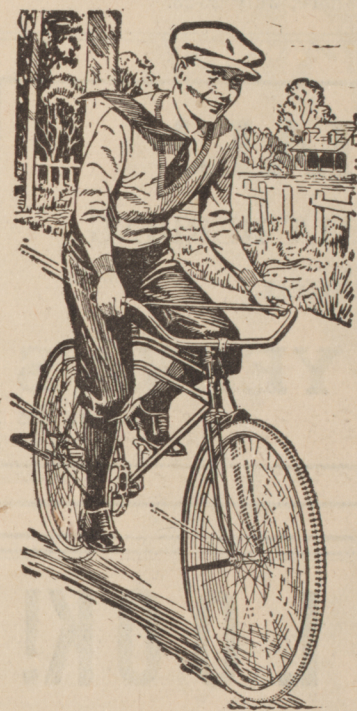
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### DIES IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, July 7—Charles Bush founder of the Charles Bush Ink Company of London, Ont., died here Saturday, after a month's illness. Mr. Bush, who was 61, was Montreal manager of the Rapid Electrotape Company at the time of his death.

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