

## THE FRENCH POLITICAL SITUATION IN OUTLINE

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

(Continued)

Throughout the recent political campaign the French Communists have been careful to point out that they do not propose to interfere with the established institutions of the country. This attitude alone could not have assured the success of the Left in the elections had not the majority of the voters been voting more against the Right and Centre than for the Communists.

Beside the domestic confusion that prevailed in the country owing to the feeble policy of the Radical-Socialists the foreign policy of the late government gave much scope for criticism. The attitude of the government in not condemning Italy outright for her violation of the League Covenant in the Ethiopian campaign was distasteful to the majority of the French people. Also the conduct of the government over Hitler's occupation of the Rhineland was condemned as feeble, inasmuch as the Cabinet appeared willing to enter into negotiations with Hitler, rather than to take a firm stand against him. England's friendship was sacrificed for that of Italy. The government appeared to be trying to follow an impossible course of preserving peace at any price, and at the same time issuing threats of French action against Germany and Italy. Hence the overturn in the elections.

M. Blum, the new premier, has a hard task ahead of him. He must guide his Popular Front party without giving in to the extreme Left element in it. Although the new government is not responsible for the muddled state of French domestic and foreign policy, yet it is incumbent upon them to find some remedy for it. M. Blum has stated that he will make no distinction between Fascism and Communism in foreign policy, in spite of the diverse elements in the French Chamber. The economic phase is put well to the front, and it is the aim of the new government to make France a part of one great economic unit, Europe. To do this will mean having to curb the extreme feeling of nationalism that is now rampant.

To a large section of French public opinion, the fact that there are seventy-two Communists in the Chamber means that France is going Communist. However, the fact that the Communist party has secured so many deputies so easily may well restrain its impatience toward radical legislation. One thing the Left victory has done is to pave the way for a reaction from the Right. France voted against Fascism because she thought the Popular Front held out the best hopes to a distracted country. But if the new government does not fulfill those hopes, the way is left open for the Right.

At the date of writing it would seem that the fears of the opponents of Communism may have some basis in fact. The rapidly spreading strikes, the seizing of work-shops and factories, and the display of the red flag are warning signals; but on the other hand the government is making considerable progress in reaching settlements at the expense of considerable concession.

It may be recalled that it was precisely the same state of affairs in Italy in 1922 that provided the opportunity for Mussolini's march to Rome and the establishment of the Fascist regime. Although it is never safe to

prophecy in international affairs, yet a knowledge of the past does undoubtedly help in making a forecast of the future. If there is to be a Fascist regime in France in protest to the present Socialistic government, why, there is a leader there in readiness, and he is Colonel de La Roche, leader of the Croix de Feu.

In the new Chamber there is a solid Right minority, which may upon occasion be joined by the Centrists, and may by their combined forces exercise considerable influence upon public opinion. Groups like the Action Francaise and Croix de Feu are well organized, and although they have no deputies in the Chamber actually representing these groups, it is well-known that many of the Right's deputies are adherents of the groups. The Action Francaise is Royalist where the Croix de Feu is, if anything, Fascist without being Royalist.

The Action Francaise looks and works for the restoration of the French monarchy. Inspired by an anxiety for the safety of France, it has been working since 1898, mainly by noisy manifestations and clever propaganda to attain its end, the restoration of the monarchy. After the war it concentrated its efforts against Communism. Today the party numbers about 60,000, small in numbers in relation to the total population of France, but making up what it lacks in numbers by its noisiness. The leader of the party is Leon Daudet. This party looks for its monarch to the Duc de Guise, great-grandson of Louis Philippe, the last French king. The Duc de Guise is at present living in exile in Belgium, and hasn't much hope of ever seeing the restoration of the throne. The more active element of the party, therefore, looks toward the Compt de Paris, son of the Duc de Guise, who seems to have more faith in the Royalist cause. (To Be Continued)

## TURKEY AND RUSSIA OPPOSE BRITISH PLAN

MONTRÉUX, Switzerland, July 7.—Turkey and the Soviet Union today ranged themselves in opposition to Britain's demand that the Black Sea be kept open to all nations in time of war.

Nor did the Turks favor the British suggestion that the straits should not be closed in case of a war-menace to Turkey until the move had been approved by a two-third majority of the Council of the League of Nations. Turkey, which has proposed rigid limits on warship tonnage passing through the Dardanelles in time of peace and wants the right to close the straits to warships arbitrarily in time of war, was displeased with the British draft presented today.

She believed it would undermine her proposed sovereignty over the Dardanelles, since Britain suggested continuation of a form of the present Straits Commission, and would make the new Dardanelles convention dependent upon its ratification by all signatories.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeVeber are in Fredericton. They are stopping at the Queen hotel.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nash are enjoying a holiday at Grand Lake.

Miss Kay Wetmore entertained the Bridge Club of which she is a member last evening at her home.

Mrs. J. W. Bartlett in entertaining a few friends at the tea-home this afternoon for some out-of-town visitors.

Friends will be interested to learn that Miss Edith MacRae who last year was a student at Toronto University sailed last Saturday on the Mount Clare on a trip to Geneva.

At D-Coy Inn Mrs. Robert King, Hartford, Conn., who is visiting friends in Stanley, entertained at a dinner party yesterday at D-Coy Inn. Covers were laid for eight. The table was centered with red roses in a silver bowl the function being in honor of a wedding anniversary.

Birthday Party Miss Ruby Johns, daughter of Mr. A. Johns, manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Mrs. John is entertaining at a picture party this afternoon in honor of her fourteenth birthday. After theatre Miss Johns will entertain the guests at a local restaurant. Those present will include Miss Marjorie Dickson, Miss Frances Kitchen, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Jean King, Miss Dorothy Johns and Miss Ruby Johns.

## DANZIG WAS FORMERLY PART OF GERMANY

Danzig, strategic Baltic port, formerly a part of the German empire, was established as a free city along with its surrounding territory on November 9, 1920, by the Treaty of Versailles.

The city, essentially German in character, is the chief outlet for Polish commerce. Poland exercises joint control with the free city over the harbor administration. Danzig also is within Polish customs administration.

Administration of government is directed by the president of the senate, now Dr. Greiser. The senate is elected by the Volkstag, or Diet, which has a heavy Nazi majority. The senate, which therefore is Nazi-controlled, is the highest state authority.

The League of Nations high commissioner, now Sean Lester of Ireland, acts in a supervisory capacity.

DANZIG TENSE FREE CITY OF DANZIG, July 8.—Danzig's citizenry displayed high tension and uncertainty tonight over the future of the free territory.

There were rumors of imminent Nazi action, but party officials denied them flatly.

Nazi newspapers issued three special editions with comment from Paris, Berlin, Geneva and Warsaw on the League of Nations speech of Dr. Arthur Karl Greiser, in which the Nazi senate president urged revision of the relations between Danzig and the league.

The papers were torn out of the hands of news sellers as soon as they appeared on the streets.

Plebiscite Possible Any question of a plebiscite to decide Danzig's future was left open until Dr. Greiser returns from Geneva via Berlin, where it was believed he would consult with Albert Forster, the Danzig Nazi leader, and others.

Sean Lester, league high commissioner, was due back in Danzig tonight.

URGES LESTER OUSTED GENEVA, July 8.—A Nazi demand for complete control of Danzig under a new high commissioner was made before the League of Nations last night.

Rising before statesmen gathered for a league council meeting, Arthur Greiser, president of the free city's Nazi-controlled senate, urged that Sean Lester, league high commissioner for Danzig, be ousted and a new commissioner appointed.

"I throw my resentment full in the face of the league high commissioner," he shouted, turning toward the Irish league official, who sat impassively at a nearby table as rumbles of protest gathered in the room.

Powder Keg Greiser shouted: "The situation in Danzig before the advent of the Nazi constituted a powder keg in European Europe. The league through its actions runs the risk of exploding it. Everything would go better in Danzig without any high commissioner at all!" Protests arose at the end of the speech, which Greiser climaxed by table and shouting "that settles that." "I do not speak in the name of defunct paragraphs but in the name of 400,000 Germans who will not forever be separated from the Fatherland," he declared.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Love are leaving today on a two weeks trip to Metis Beach, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ritcey and their children, Barbara Ann and John of Moncton are visiting Mrs. Ritcey's mother, Mrs. F. H. Rowe and Major Rowe.

The marriage of Miss Patricia Louise Harrison, daughter of Mr. Justice and Mrs. W. Henry Harrison of St. John, and Paul Maurice Blanchet took place today at Trinity church, St. John.

B. C. Gardner, assistant general manager of the Bank of Montreal, is expected to arrive in the city this afternoon on professional business. He will be a guest at the Queen hotel.

Among the members of the Provincial Board of the King's Daughters from Fredericton who are in Saint John to attend the meeting are Mrs. C. A. McVey, the Countess of Ashburnham, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, Mrs. Harry Kitchen, Mrs. Eleanor King, Mrs. R. A. McMillan, Mrs. Arthur Murdoch, Miss Jean Cooper, Miss Arta Gerow, Miss Nellie Winters and Miss Nellie Brewer.

Dr. W. W. Warwick, chief medical officer, was guest speaker yesterday at the luncheon given at the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, in connection with the convention of the New Brunswick Dental Society.

## Mackenzie King

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from our midst removes a personality who will be remembered as one who rose from the ranks to become one of notable figures in the political life of Canada. Unbiased in judgment, of those who differed from him in political leanings, Dr. Veniot had the happy faculty of being a bonny fighter, a true friend and blessed with a charitable disposition. The citizens of Bathurst will miss his impressive counsel in matters relating to the welfare of the town and extend deep sympathy to his wife and family."

Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary treasurer, said:

"In the death of Hon. P. J. Veniot I feel that I have lost a true and staunch friend. The genuine sorrow which is shown by all who were privileged to know him, a visible sorrow shared by people in all walks of life is a more eloquent tribute than I can pay by mere words. Hon. P. J. Veniot was a man of outstanding ability, a brilliant statesman, yet, withal, a man of humble and generous nature, and, although in the turmoil of public life he carried heavy burdens, yet as a private citizen he was always interested in anything pertaining to the betterment of his native town and country. Not only shall his loss be mourned in the province of New Brunswick but throughout the Dominion of Canada."

CHILDREN'S AID MET A meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held yesterday with Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead, the president, in the chair. Several cases were considered. The meeting was not largely attended.

He said he would take personal responsibility that everything would proceed satisfactorily in Danzig, shaken by clashes between Nazis and opposition groups and a recent Nazi declaration that league rule in the city has become "superfluous."

Prepare Army Lists The defiant declaration of Greiser arose coincident with reports carried in French papers that the German military commander for the Koenigsberg district in East Prussia already had received instructions to prepare lists of army corps destined to occupy Danzig, as was done in the Rhineland.

All leaves for Nazi storm troops and black-shirted special guards have been cancelled in the free city. It was understood that Greiser conferred with Chancellor Hitler at Weimar on his flying trip to Geneva.

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## MUSEUM DIRECTOR POSITIVE BONES ARE OF MASTODON

Dr. MacIntosh Investigating New Findings of Importance

A ton of bones, almost priceless from a scientific standpoint, lie under wet sacking at Hillshoro, N.B., in a little cottage on the beautiful estate of Conrad J. Osman.

The bones are those of a mastodon, a huge prehistoric elephant covered with reddish hair, which tramped through the forests of this province thousands of years ago. They were positively identified yesterday by Dr. William MacIntosh, director of the New Brunswick Museum.

One by one they have been unearthed during the last five days from a bed of blue clay that had held them since what geologists know as the pleistocene age.

The moist clay preserved them through the ages. The wet sacking covers them now to keep them from drying out and disintegrating into dust.

This has already established that mastodons did once roam the province. It was the first conclusive evidence of this, although in Nova Scotia two mastodon skeletons have been uncovered.

And yesterday in the same clay on the Osman estate that gave up the massive bones were found a piece of wood apparently cut by huge, sharp teeth, and some petrified intestinal residue.

These were found directly under where the bones had rested.

The residue will reveal the diet on which the mastodon fed—the nature of the shrubs and twigs it plucked with its trunk and ground between its fearsome-looking but blunt molars.

## GOV'T GRANTS INSURANCE RIGHT TO LLOYD'S

Authority has been granted by the government of New Brunswick to non-marine underwriters, members of Lloyd's, London, England, to carry on an insurance business in this province in all classes except life insurance.

Owing to certain provisions of the Dominion Insurance Act, recently declared ultra vires, the members of Lloyd's had not previously applied for a license to operate in New Brunswick. Now that provincial jurisdiction in the matter of insurance has been definitely determined the way is open to secure a license under the provisions of the New Brunswick insurance laws.

The insurance offered by Lloyd's has been sought and used by people in New Brunswick for many years. The organization is known throughout the world and provides forms of insurance contracts not offered by other insurers and also competes in other forms of contracts.

Lloyd's has already secured authorization to operate in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta and will be in a position to operate in this province as soon as statutory formalities in the matter of security are completed.

## MINING COMPANY FORMED

Today's Gazette contains a notice of the formation of a new company, "Mineral Industries, Limited" with head office at Saint John. Those incorporated are Horace A. Porter, barrister, Agnes J. Crowley, and Dorothy Godfrey Darling, all of Saint John. The purpose of the company is to purchase or acquire mines, mineral deposits, mining rights, and to explore, work and develop them.

## THEIR EXCELLENCIES ON CRUISE

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Tweedsmuir, accompanied by the Hon. Mrs. Norman Grosvenor, the Hon. John Buchan and Hon. Alastair Buchan, and attended by members of their staff left Quebec yesterday afternoon in the C.G.S. Lady Grey for a cruise on the Saguenay River.

Miss Helen Henry of Ottawa arrived in Fredericton and is staying at the Queen Hotel.

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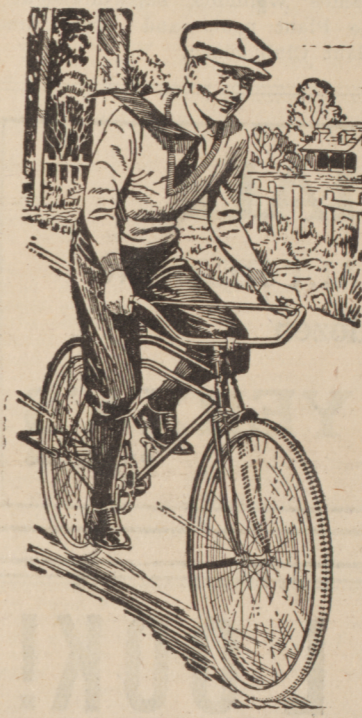
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SAINT JOHN, July 7.—Fred Hartwick, superintendent of the Municipal airport and instructor of the Saint John Flying Club, returned to Saint John yesterday after an extended trip to Upper Canada and the United States. He spent some time in Toronto and took an advanced course in instrument flying and its instruction. He expects to have a new plane brought here for the club in about a month.



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