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## NEW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WILL BE ELECTED TODAY

Members of the Chamber of Deputies and Senators Assemble at Versailles to Choose a Successor to President Fallières--Constitution Does not Permit Citizens to Vote Direct--M. Poincaré Likely to be the Next President of the Republic

**PRESIDENTS OF THE THIRD REPUBLIC**

- L. A. Thiers, 1871-1873
- Marshal MacMahon, 1873-1879
- Jules Grévy, 1879-1887
- Marie F. S. Carnot, 1887-1894
- Jean Casimir Perier, 1894-1895
- Felix Francois Faure, 1895-1899
- Emile Loubet, 1899-1906
- Armand Fallières, 1906-1913

Paris, Jan. 17--Early this morning the senators, deputies and an army of press representatives were off for Versailles, where the members of the two classes first named, meeting in joint session as the National Assembly, are expected before the day is over to select the successor of M. Fallières as President of France. The new President, whoever he may be, will assume office one month hence.

In France the Constitution, which in this respect represents the recoil from the Napoleonic system of plebiscites, does not admit citizens to any direct votes in the election of the chief executive of the nation. The President is elected by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies united in convention at Versailles.

It is a noticeable fact, however, that the general public has manifested far more interest in the present election than ever before since the setting up of the Third Republic. Public sentiment with regard to the Presidency seems to be undergoing a radical change. Heretofore the President has been looked upon as little more than a figurehead. Now the people seem to want something more than a figurehead at the Elisee. Recently the newspapers of all shades of opinion have been pointing out that, for one thing, the present state of European politics and the prospect of

the immediate future in the Balkans make it desirable that the highest office in the State should be held by a French statesman who is able to speak and not with an authority derived from personal eminence and from political experience.

It is believed that the choice of the General Assembly will fall upon one of four candidates:--M. Raymond Poincaré, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs; M. Alexandre Ribot, former Prime Minister; M. Paul Deschanel, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and M. Antonin Dubost, President of the Senate. Other names mentioned include those of M. Delcassé, Minister of Marine; M. Pams, Minister of Agriculture, and M. Clemenceau, former Prime Minister.

M. Poincaré, M. Ribot and M. Deschanel are well known to their fellow citizens and enjoy high respect. It is noted that all three are members of the Academy of France, and as, to all appearance, they are the three leading candidates, it is anticipated, with some satisfaction, that the next President of the Republic will, like Thiers and Bonaparte, be a member of the Institute—a position which signifies to France and to the whole world that he is above the level of any more political clique.

M. Poincaré has constantly been in the public eye since he formed his remarkable ministry a year ago this month. He has been in politics since 1887, when he entered the Chamber of Deputies. At the age of 32 he was Minister of Public Instruction and subsequently he served twice as Minister of Finance. His present tenure of office has been signalized by a succession of important French initiatives in connection with the Balkan crisis, while in home affairs he has identified himself with electoral reform and proportional representation, of which he has always been a zealous advocate.

## SPEEDY SKATERS ASSEMBLE AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Jan. 17--The opening day of the annual tournament of the Western Skating Association today found many of the speediest skaters of America assembled at the Hippodrome Rink at the Minnesota State Fair grounds to compete for the championship titles. Robert McLean of Chicago, champion ice skater of the world, was on hand to defend his title. The tournament will continue three days.

## CARLETON CURLERS COMING

The Carleton Curling Club of St. John is to play here on Tuesday next. It is understood that there is some doubt as to whether or not the St. Andrew's Club of St. John will send rinks here this season.

## HAS MANY FRIENDS

Referring to Lord Ashburnham of this city who lately succeeded to his brother's title and estate, the Monitor. Transcript says:—"The new Lord Ashburnham has hosts of friends in Fredericton where he has resided for more than a decade. He is a man of extremely genial disposition, and by his courteous and pleasing manner, could prove to a casual acquaintance that he was a well bred English gentleman. For a number of years he served in the English army holding the rank of Captain. The Hon. Captain Ashburnham has always held for his wife a pride that he could not conceal. In his own modest way, he insists that her title Hon. Mrs. Ashburnham, be recognized, and at times has shown displeasure at the more ordinary term of "Mrs. Ashburnham."

## HONORING MEMORY OF GENERAL LEE

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17--In all public schools throughout Georgia exercises were held today in honor of the memory of General Robert E. Lee, whose birthday anniversary occurs next Sunday. @

## SENT BACK TO QUEBEC

Pte. Allard of the R. C. R., who deserted some time ago from the Quebec garrison and gave himself up at No. 3 Depot, Wednesday was sent back to Quebec last night by I. C. R. under an escort sent from Quebec.

## WANTS MONEY BACK

The foreman of the gang of Austrian railroad laborers who were captured by Mr. Oscar Case of Burdock yesterday for a debt of \$112.30 returned from Kingsclear yesterday and refunded to the other members of the party the amounts which they had paid in costs. He went to Kingsclear yesterday to arrange to put a crew to work on Smith & Merrihews' contract. This man was paid by four of the men their share of the debt and also refunded that money. He claims that only \$84.00 was owing Mr. Case and this morning was threatening to take legal proceedings to recover the balance which had been paid.

## TO BE ADMITTED

Members of the City Council and accredited representatives of the press in future are to be admitted through the firelines which may be established at a fire by the Fire Department. This is now provided for by a by-law decided upon by the City Council last night.

## WORKING HARD TO END THE WAR

Turkey's Answer to Note of Powers Awaited With Interest

The Allies are Ready to Resume Hostilities--Bulgaria Arranging for a Big Loan

London, Jan. 17--Turkey's answer to the joint note of the powers is being awaited here with greatest interest. It seems to be the general opinion that the peace negotiations will be continued.

London, Jan. 17--Another day has passed without progress in the peace negotiations. The ambassadors of the powers have not yet presented their collective note to the Porte. Constantinople despatches say that the delay is due to the failure of the German ambassador to receive instructions from his government. Part of the European press blames Germany, charging that she is standing outside the concert of Europe and playing a game of her own. The ambassadors at London deny this. One said today:

"This suggestion is wholly unjust. Thank God, the most promising feature of the situation is that all the powers are marching together."

Fugitives, all claiming to be soldiers, are escaping from Adrianople in such numbers that the Bulgarians suspect a scheme on the part of Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commander, to rid himself of the burden of feeding civilians by sending them out as deserting soldiers.

Sofia, Jan. 16--The Mirmir says that the council at Mustapha Pacha yesterday, which included King Ferdinand, his ministers and generals, decided to resume hostilities in the event of Turkey's failure to accept the allies' terms immediately after she received the collective note of the powers.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16--The Bulgarian minister of finance, T. Theodoroff, about whose mission to St. Petersburg there has been much mystery, declared today that the purpose of his trip here and to other European capitals was to arrange for a Bulgarian loan after the war has ceased.

The sum necessary, he said, would amount to more than 200,000,000 francs. The negotiations which had been arranged in Paris for the spring had, he added, been abandoned by the French bankers who were opposed to the war. The results in St. Petersburg, however, have been satisfactory.

## SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS MEET

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16--Representing a large number of leading Southern newspapers, the annual convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association assembled at the St. Charles Hotel here today for a two days' session. Victor H. Hanson of Birmingham is president and George W. Brunson of Greenville, S. C., is secretary of the association. Mr. Hanson is presiding over the convention. The convention was opened this morning with the usual formalities, following which the publishers entered upon a discussion of advertising, circulation and other technical topics pertinent to the publication of daily newspapers. After the close of the convention the members and their wives will depart on a trip to Panama. They will return to New Orleans in time for the Mardi Gras carnival.

## WILL APPEAL CASE.

Notice of appeal has been given in the case of J. C. Mackintosh & Co. against the Bank of New Brunswick. This is an action brought to recover \$10,000 on a certified cheque and \$10,000 on a certified cheque and redeem certain bonds, which case was recently decided by Mr. Justice White in favor of the defendants. The plaintiffs now give notice of appeal to the Supreme Court en banc and the argument on appeal will likely take place at the next sitting of the court at Fredericton the second Tuesday in February.

## The Home Rule Bill Passed Commons by 110 Majority

Vote on the Measure was 367 to 257--The Result was Greeted by a Tremendous Outburst of Enthusiasm--Liberals and Laborites Joined With the Irish Naturalists in Giving the Bill a Good Send off--Speeches by Bonar Law and John E. Redmond

London, Jan. 16--After a long, stern battle the Home Rule Bill passed the House of Commons tonight by a majority of 110. It was later read for the first time in the House of Lords.

There were two divisions in the lower house. Mr. Balfour's motion for its rejection was defeated, 258 to 378, while the third reading was carried by a vote of 367 to 257, one member of each side having left the house in the interval.

The result of the division was too much a foregone conclusion for a tremendous demonstration, but Irishmen inside and outside did their best and assisted by the Liberals and Laborites, gave the measure for which they had waited and worked so long, a good send off on its way to the House of Lords, where its fate is certainly sealed.

The division was preceded by another series of brilliant speeches by the political leaders, among whom were Frederick E. Smith and the solicitor general, Sir John A. Simon, two of the cleverest among the younger members, and the veterans, John E. Redmond, Timothy Healy and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

## MEMBERS OUT IN FORCE

The house was crowded throughout the day. The Nationalists were only one short of their full strength. Joseph P. Nannetti being prevented from attending by a paralytic attack which he suffered today. Several of the older Nationalists who were seldom able to attend came from Ireland for the debate. The Liberals and Laborites, too, turned out in force and the Unionists were not far below their total membership. The galleries likewise were filled to their

capacity, those occupying seats including many dignitaries of the church and the Bulgarian peace plenipotentiaries.

When the figures were announced, the Nationalists waved hats, handkerchiefs and papers and cheered lustily for Premier Asquith and Mr. Redmond. The latter, who is usually impassive, was carried away by the enthusiasm of his followers and entered into the spirit of the demonstration as effusively as they.

Those who crowded the lobbies received the figures with another roar of welcome and followed this by cheering the bill itself as a copy was carried by an official from the commons to the lords. The upper house met especially to receive the measure and formally passed its first reading.

The House of Commons soon quieted after the Irish demonstration, but outside the crowd continued to cheer for some time. A strong force of police prevented any attempt at an organized demonstration, fearing a clash by the opposing factions. The Nationalist songs and cheers brought forth counter cries from the public who had gathered largely out of curiosity.

## BELFAST BURNS COPY OF THE BILL

An anti-home rule demonstration was held in the streets of Belfast tonight, the copy of the bill burned among deafening cheers. Intense excitement prevailed, but there was no disorder.

In a characteristic speech during the course of the debate, Mr. Redmond spoke feelingly of the years of defeat and discouragement through which Irishmen had passed in their efforts to secure home rule and now

this day of victory had arrived.

"We know that the House of Lords is going to throw the home rule bill out," he said, "but I believe that the home rule bill, in spite of the House of Lords, is going to pass into law within the lifetime of this parliament."

## BONAR LAW RAVES

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition said that for a generation the Liberals had been emulating Sisyphus. They had rolled the stone to the top of the hill for the third time, but the cheers over the vote about to be taken would not have died away when the stone had begun to roll down, this time to remain at the bottom. He declared that no bill which included Ulster without Ulster's consent could ever become a law. The bill as it was could not stand for a single year. Once they gave Mr. Redmond a parliament in Dublin, he could alter it in any way he pleased.

Compared with 1885 and 1893, the demand now for home rule had decreased while the hostility against it had intensified. The real demand came from the Nationalist party, which had eighty votes to sell.

The Unionist party, he said, would remove that temptation when it got the chance by reducing the Irish representatives at Westminster to its just proportions. He challenged Mr. Birrell to say that the bill could be imposed upon Ulster without bloodshed.

"No rebellion would be better justified," the opposition leader declared. "The men of Ulster are ready to give up their lives at the hands of British soldiers. If they shoot down a hundred in Belfast 2,000 will be ready to share their fate."

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## GAME OF "BRIDGE" EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR

Dr. H. H. McNally Won Again This Morning Though up Against Hard Proposition

The popularity of the game of "bridge" as far as Dr. H. H. McNally and the Provincial Department of Public Works is concerned is unabated. The public is keenly interested in the contest and very much pleased that the doctor scored another victory this morning, and that under difficulties.

Dr. McNally as usual crossed the highway bridge in his automobile. The passage occupied a slightly longer time than previously. That was because the Department of Public Works had bestowed extra attention on the doctor and instead of the usual wooden fence employed specially made bars of iron to close the ends of the bridge. The bars were furnished with a loop at one end and chain and paddock at the other. Dr. McNally mastered both obstacles.

The doctor stated that he has obtained legal advice in the matter of the closing of the bridge and was informed by a prominent lawyer of the city, Conservative in politics, that a public bridge could be closed only when undergoing repairs.

The special committee of the County Council of the Municipality of York appointed for the purpose of interviewing the provincial government with a view toward having the bridge kept open during the winter months, has not had an opportunity yet of performing that duty. It is said to be the intent on of the members of the committee to call the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works to the matter at an earliest date possible and also to make the request of the other members of the government.

Mr. J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, considerably improved.

## MARYSVILLE

Knights of Pythias Meet--Church Social --Bride and Groom Entertained-- Skating and Coasting Popular

Marysville, Jan. 17--At the regular weekly meeting of Marysville Lodge No. 18, Knights of Pythias, held in Castle Hall, last night, three of the officers for the ensuing year were duly installed, Past Chancellor William H. Gray acting as installing officer, assisted by P. C. Charles Finnermore as Gr. M. at A. and Don Bird as Gr. Prelate. The officers were Walter Walker as K. of R. & S., C. D. Clayton as M. of E. and D. E. Pickard as M. of F. After the regular business of the meeting had been gone through with, sides were chosen to take part in the contest which will begin next Thursday evening and continue until the first meeting in March, at which time the winning side will be the guests of those who lose. A great deal of interest is being taken in the affair.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bailey presented a very brilliant appearance last night, the occasion being a social under the auspices of the Aid Society in connection with the Baptist Church. More than a hundred were present and a very delightful evening was spent. An excellent program was successfully carried out, with refreshments and games.

Another enjoyable gathering last night was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Finnermore, organized in honor of the marriage of their son, William, and his charming bride. The members of Walker's orchestra, of which the groom is an esteemed member, were present to celebrate the occasion. Needless to say that a jolly good time was spent by all. Refreshments were served during the evening and "all went as merry as a marriage bell."

A large number of our young people are nightly enjoying a pleasant skate in the field in the vicinity of the old skating rink, where there is

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## KINGSCLEAR MAN WAS SEVERELY INJURED

Mr. John McKay Fell From Load of Hay and Had Scalp Partially Torn Off

Mr. John McKay, a well known farmer of Kingsclear, was the victim of a very serious accident at his home on Monday. He had loaded a sled with hay and had clumbled on top to put the binding pole in position. While in the act of doing this the pole broke and he was thrown from the load by the impact. In falling his head struck the sharp end of a wagon wheel with such force that his scalp was partially torn off. He also had an artery severed. His sister-in-law Mrs. Joseph McKay made him as comfortable as possible until Dr. Robertson of Keswick Ridge, arrived upon the scene in response to telephone message. It required for then stitches to close the wound. Although the injury was a very serious one Mr. McKay did not lose consciousness, nor did he take an anaesthetic while the wound was being dressed.

## LEAVING TONIGHT

The Earl of Ashburnham is to leave by C.P.R. tonight for Halifax from which port he will sail tomorrow on the Allan Liner Grampian for Liverpool. The Earl probably will arrive in England, in time to vote in the House of Lords on the Home Rule Bill.

## BOY INJURED

A young son of Mr. B. E. Goodspeed of Penniac while playing on the ice near his home this morning with some other boys received a blow in the face from a hockey stick which injured him very severely. A telephone message was sent to the city for Dr. H. H. McNally and he responded in his auto making the trip in half an hour. He rendered the necessary surgical aid.