

PRESIDENT PERIER RESIGNS

Outcomes of the Downfall of the Ministry in the Chamber Yesterday.

SOUGHT EXEMPTION FROM PARTY ATTACKS

Tired of Assaults Which His Position Gave Him No Power to Resist—Unavoidable Pressure to Induce Him to Resign.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—It was announced this evening M. Casimir-Perier, president of the French republic, had resigned office. During the evening he conferred with the president of the senate and then summoned M. Guerin, minister of justice, M. Lagues, minister of public instruction, M. Polonceau, minister of finance and the prefect of the Seine. M. Lagues had a long conversation with M. Perier, the result of which is not known. A second official note was issued at 11 o'clock tonight announcing the resignation of the president and forecasting the ideas he intends to develop in his farewell address to the Chamber of Deputies. The note says that in the eyes of the president yesterday's sitting in the chamber was the vote which overthrew the cabinet, were only secondary incidents of the struggle which is proceeding against the parliamentary regime and public liberties. M. Casimir-Perier had hoped the president of the republic, who is deprived of means of action, would have been exempted from party attacks and the special confidence of the republicans would have accorded him power and authority. He had also hoped those who, despite himself, had placed him in a position where he was unable to defend himself, would have undertaken the defense of the first magistrate. Continuing, the note says the president has requested the ministers to temporarily withdraw their resignations in order to facilitate the necessary changes.

Prime Minister Dupuy imparted President Casimir-Perier's decision to the president of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, who will forthwith call urgency sittings of those bodies. The greatest perplexity reigns in all political circles. The long conference which M. Casimir-Perier had with M. Challemel-Lacour, president of the senate, is now explained. He had already resolved to resign. M. Challemel-Lacour employed his tact and eloquence, it will be remembered, to induce Casimir-Perier not to resign. After having done this, he turned to the president of the senate and Chamber of Deputies and urged them to accept the resignation of the president. He seemed to be completely overwhelmed with the sense of his responsibility, but without losing sight of the energy, coolness and foresight that he displayed on the occasion of the assassination of M. Carnot, proceeded to take his measures which were not in the least hesitating.

AGED MOTHER APPEALS TO HIM

As Dupuy and Spuller were leaving the president's study, a woman in the corridors of the president's residence, who is 80 years of age, they begged her to entreat her son to remain in office and she promised she would do her best to induce him to do so. In view between mother and son was very touching. Nevertheless at 9 o'clock, Casimir-Perier sent a short letter to Dupuy informing him that he had accepted the resignation and begging him to notify the president of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies and to announce the fact to the Journal Officiel.

NEWS AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Diplomatic circles here were astonished tonight by the news of the resignation of President Casimir-Perier. It was not until 10 o'clock that the announcement, which was first conveyed to them through the Associated Press, that many officials were inclined to believe in it. Neither the secretary of state, the French ambassador nor any of the members of the foreign relations committees of the house and senate had any knowledge of such a thing or any reason to expect it. Ambassador Paterno said he had received no news of the resignation. The resignation of the president to form a ministry," he said, "but it is entirely unprecedented that a president should resign for such a cause."

FEARS FOR THE FRAM

Opinion is general that she has been taken to the ice in the Kara Sea. The Fram has been crushed in the ice and that Dr. Nansen and his party are retreating. The opinion is held by other travelers, the Paris Gazette says, that the Fram, after a year's cruising around, is returning to the nearest port in expectation of meeting a relief expedition. It left Norway in the Fram in 1893, and on July 24 of the same year, a telegraph message from Berling, on the north coast of Norway, reported his escape from the ice.

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A Correspondent Plotted Against the Life of a Rival at Port Arthur. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 15.—The Express of Japan carried this afternoon the left Yokohama January 4 and has no news of special interest. Frederick Villiers, war correspondent, has returned. He says De Guerville of the Herald plotted against the life of James Creelman of the World and says he will drive him from the New York Press club and the city. Villiers confirms Creelman's story that after the war with Russia he was looking for the interference of Port Arthur and the Japanese were taken prisoners by English intervention. Villiers says the proofs are clear that De Guerville tried to get Creelman out of the hands of the Japanese and have him killed as a spy.

DAME BUAGER Active in Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Emperor William visited Chancellor von Hohenlohe, who gave to his majesty all the details of his visit yesterday to Prince Bismarck. The press is full of rumors, especially in regard to Count Herbert Bismarck, who is given all sorts of eminent posts by gossip.

PASSENGERS by the Atlantic

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 15.—The White Star line steamship Majestic, which sails for New York tomorrow, will take among her passengers Mrs. J. B. Ruiz May, Mrs. A. J. Forbes-

DROWNED IN A COAL MINE

One Hundred and Fifty Saved by the Heroic Efforts of Their Comrades.

HUNDRED MEN OR MORE CAN'T BE RESCUED

Rush of Waters from Old Workings Likely to Be Far More Serious in Its Results Than Was at First Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Throughout the night relays of men have worked desperately at the Diglake colliery, North Staffordshire, where a large number of miners were entombed about noon yesterday, by a sudden rush of water from the old workings, as already cabled to the Associated Press. By 5 o'clock yesterday 150 men and boys employed in the mine had been rescued. Of those who remained below it was thought that twenty were in the lower workings when the mine was flooded and that they were drowned. From the time the disaster was signaled, the rescuers have been doing their utmost to save those who may remain alive and to recover the bodies of the drowned. The work of rescue, however, has not made much progress, and it is not believed there are still between ninety and 120 men and boys in the mine, and it seems increasingly doubtful whether any of them can be reached in time. The narrow drifts, wifes, daughters and other relatives of the imprisoned miners have been gathered around the pithead ever since the news of the disaster reached them. They have been utterly exhausted and bitterly cold wind since shortly after noon yesterday and many of them have been without food for twenty-four hours. All of them have been clothed and their feet warmed in groups hoping and praying for the safety of their loved ones.

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Life of an Iowa Coal Miner Resents an Assault. DES MOINES, Jan. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Ethel, wife of a coal miner living in the western part of town, this morning shot Fred Barber