

disturbing influence of France's militant support of the Little Entente there will be better change for the maintenance of peace in the Balkans. The latest figures show the Chamber divided as follows. Opposition 341, Poincare parties 227. Opposition Majority 114. The Government claims that 49 out of the 196 Radicals elected are dissident and will vote with the Government in matters of foreign policy. Even if this is correct, however, the Government will still remain in the minority.

London, May 12th.—British United Press. The defeat of M. Poincare in the French elections caused a sensation in England. Today's newspapers point out that the French Premier was extremely confident of success, since he had accepted Mr. MacDonald's invitation to a conference at Chequers later this month. "Other eminent men have fallen through over-confidence. Poincare is only human after all," says the Daily News.

Paris, May 12th.—United Press. The French franc dropped sharply to 17.40 to the dollar when it became apparent that the Government had been defeated in the national elections. Saturday's closing was 16.75. The victory of the Radical Socialists and other parties of the left over Mr. Poincare is considered as making certain a settlement of the reparations problem on the basis of the experts report.

London, May 12th.—The Daily Telegraph Allahabad correspondent says the cholera epidemic which has been raging in several sections of India has broken out in the state of Mysore, where there were 696 cases with 391 deaths last week. The epidemic in Bihar, where there have been 10,000 deaths since the beginning of the year, is abating. In most of the districts where the cholera has been raging, including Champaran, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Shahabad and Soron, the situation is fairly well in hand, except in Champaran, where the death number 200 daily.

Paris, May 12th.—Lieutenant Doisy flying from Paris to Tokio, arrived at Hong Kong, Cochin-China at 1.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Bangkok, Siam, which he left at 7.15 a. m., says a telegram received today.

Belfast, May 12th.—The London correspondent of the Northern Whig says he is informed in official quarters that Sir Robert Eorden, ex-Canadian Premier, has been requested by the British Government to act as chairman for the Irish Boundary Commission and that his conditional acceptance has been received. Sir James Craig declared however, that he knows nothing of the Eorden appointment. He was informed from London that within three weeks of his assent being received, if at all, the British Government would place their plan on the ground in London and the commission

would immediately operate. This would exclude the possibility of Premier Smuts of South Africa, Premier Massey of New Zealand, or Premier Bruce of Australia being chosen. The matter of choice, Sir Craig said would not affect his determination in the matter.

London, May 13th.—The Fifth Baron, Ashburton, (Francis Densil Edward Baring) died from pneumonia in his London hotel today. He was born in 1866.

St. Vincent, May 12th.—The following resolution was passed by the St. Vincent Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce at a meeting today. Be it resolved that the following be communicated by telegraph to the Associated West Indian Chamber of Commerce at Trinidad. This Chamber views with great disappointment and concern the proposal before the British Parliament whereby the preference enjoyed on British colonial sugar will be reduced. That this Chamber entirely supports the views of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce as expressed in their resolution passed at a meeting of their council on 8th inst.

Dominica, May 13th.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dominica Agricultural Society held yesterday in regard to the question of sugar preference, the following resolution was passed. Resolved that the Dominica Agricultural Society forward a telegram to the Associated West Indian Chamber of Commerce, informing it that this society is in complete accord with the resolution passed by the Council of the Chamber of Commerce at Barbados on the ninth instant, and pledges its wholehearted support to any measure deemed necessary in the circumstances.

London, May 13th.—Sugar in stock on the 10th inst. was 137,000 tons. Last year 82,000 tons.

New York, May 12th.—An easier time prevailed in the local raw sugar market today and prices declined 1-8 to the basis of 5.78 for Cuban duty paid. There were sales of 10,000 bags of Cuban last half May shipment and 15,000 bags of Porto Rican May shipment to local refiners. The issuance of 20 May notices and an increase of 173,000 tons in crop export estimates for the Cuban crop to 3,935,000 tons, were responsible for renewed selling pressure in raw sugar futures. Stop loss orders were countered on the break and final prices were about the lowest and from 8 to 15 points below Saturday's final May 4 07 July 4 15 September 4.20 December 5.86. With no improvement in demand, refined sugar was easier and unchanged to 10 points lower, the list now ranging from 7.50 to 7.50 for fine granulated refined futures nominal.

London, May 12th.—Plans for the meeting of the Prime Minister with M. Poincare of France at Chequers Court May 19th, will probably be abandoned, as a result of the French election upset, it was intimated in official circles today.

Ottawa, May 12th.—Canada has asked

Australia to remove its embargo on Canadian apples. Mr. Robb, acting Minister of Finance told Mr. Mackenzie, conservative member for Yale, in the House of Commons this afternoon. The request was made in connection with the negotiations with Australia regarding trade agreements.

London, May 12th.—At the meeting of the Association Football League at Manchester today, the Newcastle United Club winners of the Cup Final, was fined 750 pounds for playing a weak team before the Cup Final Match. On April 21 Newcastle put into the field against Aston Villa only two of their regular team and were defeated by six goals to one. The following Saturday they defeated Aston Villa in the Cup Final by 2-0.

London, May 13th.—The House of Commons last night formally agreed to the budget resolution abolishing the McKenna duties on August 1st. Thus the duties will disappear, except in what is considered the extremely unlikely event of Mr. Baldwin's censure motion today being carried.

Paris, May 12th.—Though the movement towards the left in the general elections is marked, the "Temps" questions whether it denotes a complete change in the direction of the country's policy, but adds that if the political Orientation is modified less than appeared likely at first, the political composition of the Chamber will be transformed. The "Temps" foresees early loss of strength among the Left Deputies, owing to the impossibility of the various groups cooperating. Typical provincial comment is found in the Toulouse "Depeche" as follows. Sunday's vote signifies that France rejects all attempts at a dictatorship and more or less disguised efforts at Mussolinism. She dismisses those reckless politicians who would not scruple to falsify our laws to the benefit of their personal ambitions. France has cried aloud that she is ready to consider the solutions of international problems in a spirit of peacefulness.

Cologne, Germany, 12th.—The Cologne Fair, which has become the most important of all Germany, was opened yesterday by President Ebert, who was accompanied by Chancellor Marx, Foreign Minister Stresemann, and the Ministers of Commerce, Posts, Finance and Home Affairs. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, Cardinal Schulte and prominent public men from Western Germany attended. President Ebert in a speech adopted a strongly patriotic attitude. The gist of his remarks was that the Ruhr and Rhineland always must remain German. After the President concluded, three "hochs" were given him, and the entire assembly led by an orchestra sang "Deutschland Uber Alles" which is prohibited throughout the occupied territory. An official festival dinner was held last night.