

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

FOLLOWING M. DOUMERGUE'S RESIGNATION.

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France's latest political crisis caused much excitement which--

--was concentrated chiefly in Paris. Monsieur Doumergue's resignation again left France without a government. On leaving the--

--Elysee Palace, the ex prime-minister is besieged by reporters anxious to obtain a statement.

Monsieur Laval was invited to form a Cabinet, but refused much to--

--everybody's astonishment. Monsieur Lebrun, the President, then asked Monsieur Flandin, who accepted--

--the office. Monsieur Flandin is only forty-six, and he--

--is France's youngest prime-minister. Marshal Petain was closely identified with all these momentous events.

Ministers of the disbanded cabinet had difficulty in avoiding making--

--statements to zealous journalists, but each was extremely cautious, and none committed himself. A certain--

--amount of tension in the streets led--

--police and troops to take elaborate precautions against disorder. It was Monsieur Herriot's left wing--

--opposition which caused the crisis, and the government's downfall.