

FRENCH SITUATION ALARMS VATICAN

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REMAINS UP LATE FOR NEWS.

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Rome, Dec. 11.—Great excitement prevails at the Vatican because of the actual situation in France, and news from that country is eagerly awaited. The pope today received Cardinal Vannutelli and in the course of the conversation said the Vatican declined responsibility for what might happen in France.

It is believed here that the coming conflict may prove more serious than those which occurred at the time of the taking of the inventories, and it is suggested that if worship is held privately the faithful may have to be supplied with tickets to attend mass and other religious ceremonies.

Contrary to his usual habit, the pope remained up until a late hour tonight for the purpose of personally reading the telegrams and going over certain documents concerning the situation in France. With him at work is Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, who is proving an indefatigable assistant. Both the pope and the cardinal are being aided by the substitutes of the secretariat of state, Monsignor Gaspari, and the secretary extraordinary of the secretariat of state, Monsignor Gaspari. Persons thoroughly familiar with Vatican affairs declare that no such excitement and apprehension have prevailed at the Vatican since the loss of temporal power. The pope is described as calmer than any member of his entourage. He is reported to have said:

"I cannot fathom all the designs of Providence. Perhaps the present situation is intended only to quicken and emphasize the ultimate and inevitable triumph of the church."

According to reports received at the Vatican, the Catholics of France are divided into two classes, those who identify the interests of the church with their own political interests, using the church to further the aims of the Republic, and those who identify the interests of the church with the aims of the Republic, and the latter are divided into two classes, those who identify the interests of the church with the aims of the Republic, and those who identify the interests of the church with the aims of the Republic.

Many other telegrams are being exchanged between the Vatican and Cardinal Richard, the archbishop of Paris, who has been entrusted to ascertain the opinion of the French hierarchy on the question of the French Republic. The archbishop is reported to have said that he does not know whether Monsignor Montagnini has asked for the protection of the Italian government or not.

Observer Romano does not dissent on the Montagnini case, but he cautions the writer before the news of the Montagnini's expulsion was received here, in that it endeavors to state that the action of the French Republic is condemned even by Catholics. It goes over to Protestant England and quotes from an article published in the Monthly Bulletin of the Anglican Parish of St. Cuthbert.

This article says:

"The French must understand that the support of outsiders not familiar with the facts is totally useless to the pope and his advisers. The warm sympathy of Englishmen are for the church, but they will not be able to remember her in their prayers. Their fervent prayers are that the Vatican and holy pontiff reigning in Rome may receive the wisdom and aid of the united episcopacy, measures to promote the glory of God, the good of the church and the true prosperity of the great French nation."

GREAT LAKES CANAL.

Gen. MacKenzie, Chief of Engineers,
Makes an Adverse Report.

Washington, Dec. 1.—An adverse report of Brig. Gen. MacKenzie, chief of army engineers, on the proposed 26 ft. channel in the Great Lakes has been submitted today to Congress by Rep. Taft. Gen. MacKenzie states that the survey of the project shows that no deepening of the channels should begin until it is demonstrated that a 26 foot channel will not meet the demands of commerce.

SUIT FOR \$500,000.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—City Comptroller McGinn today commenced an action to recover \$500,000 from former County Treasurer John Hanberg, who the comptroller alleges withheld from the city interest to that amount on the bonds of the city while held by Hanberg.

SIXTEEN DROWNED.

Billao, Spain, Dec. 11.—By the capsizing of a ferryboat on the Nervion river today 16 persons were drowned.

HARRIMAN ROADS.

Investigation Into Their Management
Will Begin Dec. 28.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The investigation determined on several weeks ago into the management and control of the Union and Southern Pacific properties of the Harriman system of railroads will be started in New York City on the 28th inst. E. H. Harriman and many other officials and others identified with the system have been subpoenaed to attend as witnesses. Chairman Knapp and Messrs. Lane and C. W. Smith, and possibly other members of the commission, expect to be in the city.

WHEAT TAX PROPOSED.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—Speaking in the chamber of deputies today, the minister of finance, Naxarro Reverter, declared that a proposition to tax foreign wheat was under consideration by the ministry.

ISTHMIAN CONDITIONS.

Engineers Say Italians and
Spaniards Are Best Workmen.

New York, Dec. 11.—John F. Stevens, chief engineer, and J. G. Sullivan, assistant chief engineer of the Panama canal commission, arrived today on the steamer Panama from Colon. They expect to return to the isthmus early in January.

In speaking of the conditions of the isthmus Mr. Stevens said:

"There are at present at work on

Utah Books for Holiday Gifts.

Utah people who desire to send some absent friend a holiday reminder of Salt Lake and Utah are reminded of the following artistic gems:

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the canal 17,000 men, 5,000 of whom are white. There are no Chinese among the workmen. The best workmen are the Italians and Spaniards. There has not been a death since July, when I went down, and very little sickness."

CARRIERS AND POSTMASTERS.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, Dec. 11.—Henry G. Child has been appointed regular and Harrison H. Child, assistant, rural carrier, route 1 in Ogden, Utah. Idaho postmasters appointed—Alfred, Boise county, Gertrude M. Kirby, vice H. L. Westfall, resigned; Kaufman, Fremont county, resigned; Kaufman, vice D. H. Kaufman, resigned; Woodside, Nez Perce county, Royce J. Robinson, vice E. L. Polton, dead.

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PLANNING TO DIVERT
JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Realizing the necessity of doing something to reduce the congestion of the Jewish quarters of Chicago, New York and other large cities, leading New York Jews are planning to divert Jewish immigration to the west.

Jacob Schiff, the New York banker, who is in Chicago at the present time, discussed the subject yesterday with Judge Julian W. Mack. The plan contemplates the organizing of an association, to be financed by Mr. Schiff and other leading American Jews, which will undertake to send Jewish immigration to the south and to the extreme western part of the country.

No effort will be made to secure new immigration, but all Jews who arrive in New York and other Atlantic ports will be given an opportunity to go to cities and towns in the south and west. To facilitate matters the association plans to establish agencies and bureaus of information at New York and at Galveston, Texas, and other Gulf ports.

KILLED IN A COLLISION.

Portland, Dec. 11.—A special to the Oregonian from Pendleton, Oregon, says that one man was killed and two badly injured as the result of a rear end collision between a freight train and a passenger train near Revereview, a small station 10 miles up the Columbia from Umatilla today. The dead man is E. P. Pollock, a brakeman from Starbuck, Washington, while the badly injured are Conductor Boucher and Davidson from Umatilla, Oregon. Engineer Wade and a brakeman were also slightly injured. Freight train No. 21, in charge of Conductor Boucher, was running up the steep grade on a curve and at a snail's pace, when a freight train with only eight cars, in charge of Conductor Davidson, crashed into her from behind. Pollock and Boucher were in the caboose which was literally torn to splinters. The wreck caught fire and almost immediately the clothing of the dead man was burning when he was pulled from the wreckage. Practically all of the extra freight was wrecked, while several cars of the regular freight train were torn to pieces and the train itself cut into three parts.

Pollock came from South, Washington.

MRS. BIRDSONG GUILTY.

Hazelhurst, Miss., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Angie Birdsong was today found guilty of manslaughter for killing Dr. Thomas Butler and was recommended by the jury to the mercy of the court. Mrs. Birdsong was not compelled to remain in jail, but spent the night under surveillance at a hotel. Her uncle, United States Senator McLaurin, who had left Hazelhurst, was telegraphed for to return and make the motion for a new trial which the defense announced will be done tomorrow. The court did not pass sentence today. The minimum penalty for manslaughter in this state is a fine of \$500.

Mrs. Birdsong, 25 years of age, and a member of a leading Mississippi family, in November, 1904, shot and killed Dr. Thomas Butler, also prominently related. She alleged that he had been of illicit relations with her, and that his boasts were untrue. The tragedy occurred in Monticello, Miss.

ALGERIAS TREATY.

Resolution Defining Attitude of
United States.

Washington, Dec. 11.—When the Algerias treaty in relation to Moroccan affairs is taken up in the senate tomorrow, there will be offered a resolution to follow the resolution of ratification, which will recite that the United States participates in the agreement merely for the promotion of its trade interests and the protection of its citizens, and to aid the effort to preserve peace between some of the parties to the Moroccan treaty of 1880. It will declare further that, while becoming a party to the treaty for these purposes, it is not the intention of this country to depart from the traditional policy which prohibits participation in the political affairs of Europe which do not concern America.

The disclaimer of responsibility for the Algerias treaty was drafted by Senators Spooner, Lodge and Bacon as a result of an argument by Senator Bacon that it would be inconsistent for the United States to interfere in the internal affairs of Europe and at the same time deny to European powers the right to participate in political affairs of the western hemisphere.

TO AUDIT RELIEF FUNDS.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The San Francisco relief and Red Cross funds corporations received from Washington today word that Maj. Torrey of the United States army, and W. H. Wain, have been ordered here by the National Red Cross society to audit the relief funds. The work is to be done at the request of the local corporation, W. H. Wain having made the same while in Washington, recently. It was first intended to audit only those funds which came within the jurisdiction of the Red Cross society, but the corporation decided that the scope of the work be extended so as to include an examination of all the relief accounts.

STOPPED THE MUTINY.

Capt. Varnum Compelled to Try up
Men and Put Them on Prison Face.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Capt. W. S. Varnum, having his predecessor's examination before United States Commissioner Hume on the charge of having faked blood and used the same for an examination of the witnesses in the case of the mutiny, today told a sensational story of the events that led to the alleged faking of blood and the subsequent examination of the witnesses. He said that he had at any time since his return from abroad.

A brief conference between the court and the witnesses followed, in which the court asked the witnesses to state the facts of the case. The witnesses stated that they had been ordered to fake blood and that they had done so. The court then ordered the witnesses to be put on prison face.

CHICAGO BANK EARNINGS.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The banks of Chicago in this year of 1906 enjoyed a record earnings in their history. It is estimated that the total earnings of the banks for the year will be about \$10,000,000. This is a record for the city, and it is a reflection on the success of the banking industry in Chicago.

JOSEPH H. ANDREWS DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Joseph H. Andrews, identified for many years in Chicago as a laborer and commercial traveler, died suddenly at the Calumet club last night of heart disease.

Mr. Andrews was born in Ohio in 1865 and moved out to live as a laborer after leaving school in 1885. He was a member of the board of trade for 20 years.

SHEA'S TRIAL.

Evidence Showed That Last Year He
Considered Use of Dynamite.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Evidence was brought out in the Shea trial today that President Shea during the strike of the teamsters last year seriously considered the use of dynamite as a means of winning the strike. Michael Kelly, who was in charge of one of the squads of pickets, testified that the stand today that Shea asked him if he knew of anybody who could handle dynamite. He also said that knives were given out to the pickets with instructions that they were to be used on the stand today that Shea asked him if he knew of anybody who could handle dynamite. He also said that knives were given out to the pickets with instructions that they were to be used on the stand today that Shea asked him if he knew of anybody who could handle dynamite.

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