

FRANCE'S STRUGGLE
WITH THE VATICANGovernment's New Religious
Measure Received With En-
thusiasm by Chambers.

BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

Separation Act of 1905 Amended—
Not Expected Rome Will
Abide by Law.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The government's new religious measure was received with enthusiasm in the chamber of deputies today and the bill was rapidly voted by the overwhelming majority of 411 against 168. Supporters of the cabinet consider that this legislation will greatly strengthen the ministry for the continuance of the struggle with the vatican.

The discussion of the bill was short and confined to M. Lussier, Raibet, Ribot, Poincaré and Barres, who represented various political groups. Premier Clemenceau did not participate. The attitude taken by Minister of Education Briand made a great impression, especially his statement that the government never intended to "close the churches or interfere with the individual conscience, as this would permit the clergy to assume the role of persecutors. The cabinet, the minister explained, had decided to remain the formal of making a declaration to hold meetings because it was resolved not to capitulate to the vatican, which was acting contrary to French law.

The galleries and benches in the chamber of deputies were crowded today when the government's bill amending the church and state separation law was called on. All the members of the cabinet were present. Some nervousness prevailed on account of the attitude of the followers of ex-Premier Combes, as a result of the incident in the chamber of deputies last night, when M. Pélletier, Radical Socialist, demanded time to discuss the report of the committee on the new bill, which was forth a sharp reply from Premier Clemenceau regarding "friends and pretended friends."

Many persons believed that the Combes party was secretly ready, if the opportunity offered, to precipitate a ministerial crisis.

The Nationalist and Royalist groups, having decided in advance not to take part in the debate, gave a formal protest to which 40 signatures were attached, asserting that the restoration of religious practice in France could only be brought about by re-establishment of the union of church and state. The opposition speakers first to address the chamber were MM. Lazies and Raibet in arguing that the least the government could accord the church was the inclusion in the new law of a distinct provision that only priests having ecclesiastical authorization should be allowed to conduct public worship in the churches and chapels. Premier Ribot, amid applause from the right, severely criticized the government's "precipitate change of position after promising to leave the church and state public worship and to allow a year's grace for the final devotion of church property."

Minister of Public Worship Briand declared that the government had long foreseen the necessity for the present step. Continuing he said:

"Nevertheless, we are not alarmed. The country is calm and public opinion supports our policy of moderation. Bishops and even archbishops are supplicating to expel them in order that the holy see may not suspect them of making an understanding with the government."

This statement called forth a loud protest from M. Denis-Cochin, for which the deputy was called to order. Continuing, the minister said:

"We know that the vatican will refuse to abide by the law of 1905, but we will force it to keep within the law."

VATICAN'S OFFER DECLINED.

Rome, Dec. 21.—According to information in the possession of vatican officials the members of the French cabinet declined with emphasis a proposal made to them to send an authorized person to Rome to negotiate the present difficulty with the vatican. It is asserted, however, that the vatican is ready to send Mgr. Della Chiesa, substitute papal secretary of state, to Paris if the French government desires to negotiate.

The pope, speaking today to some of his cardinals after the advent sermon, said:

"The French government seems not to understand the certain conditions which are not acceptable to us because they are inadmissible with the organization of the church. We are ready to submit separation from the state, but it must be a fair one, such as that which exists in the United States, Brazil, Great Britain and Holland."

CHILD BORN ON TRAIN.

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Chas. Bright of Fort Worth, Tex., en route to Wichita, Kan., gave birth to a baby boy at 5:10 o'clock this afternoon on a northbound Rock Island passenger train. The child, named Duane and given to him by the traveling men made up a handsome name for the youngster, who has been named "Rock & Land" Bright.

BUTTE EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBED.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 21.—Two masked men entered the uptown office of the Great Northern Express company here this morning at 1:30 a. m., bound and gagged two clerks whom they found asleep, and then ransacked the place. They secured \$100 and two watches from the clerks.

THE COLORADO BREAK.

Several Thousand S. P. Workmen Being
Hurried to Scene to Repair It.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 Southern Pacific workmen are being hurried to the scene of the Colorado break. The necessary embankment will be completed within 30 days and the waters restored to their normal channel. Acting on instructions received today from E. H. Harriman in New York, J. E. Calvin of San Francisco, vice president and general manager of the company, has issued orders that will assemble at the scene men and work cars from all parts of California. Rock and labor will be rushed to the danger point at Lower Heading, 15 miles south of Yuma, and just across the line in Mexican territory.

DEATH FROM LOCKJAW.

Never follows an injury dressed with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its antiseptic and healing properties prevent blood poisoning. Chas. Oswald, merchant of Rensselaerville, N. Y., writes: "I cured Seth Burch, of this place, of lockjaw on his neck I ever saw." Cures Cuts, Wounds, Burns and Sores. See at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept., 112-114 S. Main St., drug store.

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If you buy her Xmas furs at Mehesy's.

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Co., 327 South Main.

Walker's Store

MONDAY—CHRISTMAS EVE—LAST DAY TO SHOP.

A day fraught with anxiety to those who have not yet selected their Xmas gifts.

Here is a page of suggestions—A page planned to meet the demand for practical and appropriate gifts. Choose Monday all day, and in the evening at the great Xmas shoppers headquarters for Salt Lake City.

No approvals or exchanges allowed—Store open all evening.

Elegant line of genuine cut glass to go last day
before Xmas at one-fourth off.

This is a very comprehensive assortment comprising all sizes and kinds of pieces. Elegant luster, very heavy weight, just as good as "Tiffany" and a great deal less to pay. Come and see the assortment. Nothing would make a nicer gift.

A handsome parlor lamp would be
an excellent present.

We have seven beauties to sell Monday at less than one-fourth what they are actually worth. Values are \$12.50 to \$15.00. Monday

you choose at... **\$3.50**

Give him an automobile basket
for Xmas.

An exceedingly useful as well as appropriate gift. The handiest thing to take on a long run. We have two to send away Monday—worth \$17.50 each.

You choose at... **\$4.50**

Entire stock of bric-a-brac Monday one-fourth off.

Includes all jewel boxes, candle shades, candle sticks, mirrors, clocks, bronzes, etc., in the bric-a-brac department. Center aisle—back.

Crepe, silk and lace
scarfs.

The prettiest line of these ever shown here to go at greatly reduced prices. All the dainty, new effects in crepe, silk and lace in wide range of color combinations and black. Every one a dream. Here is the way you select. Last day before Xmas.

\$10.00 scarfs—Monday, \$7.50

\$7.50 scarfs—Monday, \$5.00

All \$5.00 scarfs—Monday, \$3.50

All \$2.50 scarfs—Monday, \$1.75

Center aisle—Back.

Our superb collection of Christmas calendars
for 1907 at one-third off regular prices.

Included are some handsome sepia prints, water colors, Gibson pictures and pretty novelties. Values extend from 25c to \$5.00 each. You select Monday; last day before Xmas at just one-third off regular prices. Stationery department.

Holiday perfumes at a fourth
off.

Comprises a handsome assortment of novelty boxes and bottles, in all the best colors. Worth \$1.00 to \$6.00 the bottle; last day before Xmas 33 1-3 per cent off. Stationery department.

Sterling silver toilet and manicure articles reduced.

A splendid collection of sterling silver novelty manicure and toilet articles worth 65c and 75c each—to go Monday, last day before Christmas at your choice **48c**

Opera and hand bags at a saving
of one-third.

This offer includes our entire stock of bead, opera and hand bags, worth 75c to \$27.50 each. Xmas prices one-third off. Centre aisle.

Finest Christmas gloves at
Walkers

Qualities are ever the best—No inferior or imperfect stock allowed on our shelves—we warrant a few representative lines for Xmas gift seekers.

Perrin's extra quality twelve and sixteen button gloves. Black, white and colors **\$3.50 and \$4.00**

The pair... **\$3.50**

First quality suede, 16 button mousquetaires. Black and white. **\$3.00**

The new chambray gloves in white and natural shades. Twelve and sixteen button length. Washable, practical and modestly **\$2.50 and \$3.00**

One, two and three clasped gloves priced as follows:

Best glove kids in all colors; the pair **\$2.00**

Best gloves in all colors; the pair **\$2.25**

"Walker's Special" glove kids in all colors **\$1.50**

Best gloves in all colors; the pair **\$1.50**

"Dent's" one clasp cape gloves; the pair **\$2.00**

Prix seam, one clasp; the pair **\$1.50**

"What to buy for him" in the "men's corner"

Irish linen handkerchiefs, neatly embroidered initial—worth 20c each—last day before Xmas, special 10c.

Bath robes, lounging robes and house coats worth \$3.50 to \$40.00 each; last day before Xmas—25 per cent off.

Fancy arm bands. Trio sets including arm bands, suspenders and garters.

Silk garters at 25c and 50c the pair.

Men's fine custom made shirts; exclusive designs and patterns; strictly high grade goods; each \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Reefers at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$5.00 each.

Wide range of colors. Finest grades of silk.

White dress gloves \$1.50 to \$2.50 the pair.

Fine silk handkerchiefs with quarter inch colored border. Worth \$1.75 each. Special **\$1.15**

Monday, last day before Xmas.

Men's fancy suspenders; big assortment; splendid values. One of the most popular gifts for men. Boxed singly. Prices 50c to \$5.00 the pair.

Full dress protectors; lined or unlined. Elegant and dressy—\$1.25 to \$3.00 each.

Dent's gloves at \$2.00 the pair.

Real kid gloves, pique seam; the pair—\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Mocha gloves—\$1.50 and \$1.00 the pair.

Cape gloves, prix seams \$1.50 the pair.

Boys' knee trousers in all wool materials, Scotch mixtures and worsteds. Regulation \$1.25 pants, Monday special, the pair... **69c**

Those mat pictures still going at 15c each. No delivering or exchanges on these.

Elegant imported coats at half prices.

This is a remarkably worthy offer. There are about fifty coats in the lot; made of plaids and fancy novelties, suitable for street or automobile wear; all sizes; a very sensible and choice Xmas gift. Values \$20.00 to \$65.00 each. They go Monday at \$10.00 to \$32.50.

A very handsome showing of fur lined coats—squirrel lining in fur colors—Persian lamb, mink, natural and blended squirrel. Prices \$50.00 to \$97.50.

\$6.75 to \$7.50 shirt waists—Monday choice \$4.95.

A handsome line; waists are trimmed with lace; colors are red, gray, white and blue and black; all sizes.

EXTRA —In the accident last Wednesday when two of our show windows were smashed, several of our most elegant gowns were damaged. These will be reduced on account of their damaged condition. \$95.00 gown for \$35.00; \$195.00 gown for \$75.00 and \$100.00 gown for \$50.00. All the balance of our stock of evening coats and gowns reduced one-third.

\$13.50 quality silk petticoats at \$8.79 each

Black lancies and plaids—made with large, deep flounce and ruffle—splendid values at \$13.50 each. Monday all day you select at **\$8.79.**

Dressing sacques and kimono in silk.

French flannel, cashmere and albatross. Values \$3.00 to \$10.00 each.

Monday they go at... **1-2 prices**

Maids' aprons, a dainty assortment, made with embroidery, bretelles and hemstitched; fabric is very fine lawn. Very special at each. **89c**

All toys reduced one-third, last day before Xmas.

Included in the assortment are all kinds of mechanical toys, doll furniture, books, dolls, doll houses, doll heads, blocks, horns, sleds, autos, patrol wagons, hook and ladder trucks, and so on through the entire stock.

All framed pictures reduced 25 per cent.

Those mat pictures still going at 15c each. No delivering or exchanges on these.

Fine line of girls' dresses at half regular prices

Sizes 8, 10, 12 and 14 years—handsome plaids and mixtures, Gretchen and Russian styles. Fabrics are plain serges, in white, blue and red, also white serge in regulation.

\$6.00 values go at \$3.00

\$7.00 values go at \$3.50

\$8.00 values go at \$4.00

Boys' knee trousers in all wool materials, Scotch mixtures and worsteds. Regulation \$1.25 pants, Monday special, the pair... **69c**

Fine quality bear skin coats for children, colors are white and light blue. Worth \$7.00 each, they go Monday all day at each... **\$5.95**

Knit underwear and hosiery for Xmas

Women's Swiss ribbed cream white silk corset covers; high neck, long sleeves; worth \$3.50 each, Monday **\$2.65**

Plain silk stockings; black and colors—\$1.50 to \$2.00 the pair.

Children's knit leggings in black and white; a good heavy yarn; worth \$1.25; Monday special **\$1.00**

Misses' pure silk stockings; black and colors; all sizes. Priced at 75c and \$1.00 the pair.

Women's pure silk vests; Swiss ribbed, high neck, short sleeves; worth \$6.00 the pair.

Women's Swiss ribbed corset covers; high neck, long sleeves, black and white. The \$1.25 kind for **95c**

The \$1.45 kind **\$1.45**

PROPOSED REMEDY
FOR CAR SHORTAGE

Commissioners Harlan and Lane

Favor Establishing a Car

Clearing House.

RAILROADS TO BE MEMBERS.

Increase of Per Diem Charge—Reduction of Free Time—New Terminal Facilities.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—United States interstate commerce commissioners Harlan and Lane concluded their inquiry here into the cause of car shortage today and left for Washington.

The remedies suggested by witnesses for the relief of the car situation were in effect as follows:

The establishment of a car clearing house with every railroad in the country a member, so that freight cars would be at home at any time and available for use whenever unloaded.

Increase of the per diem charge to railroads for retaining foreign cars beyond a specified time-limit.

Adoption of a red-protest demurrage law, requiring railroads to pay a penalty for failure to furnish cars to shippers within a reasonable time from the date they are ordered.

Reduction of the free time allowed shippers to unload cars.

Construction of new terminal facilities by both railroads and shippers in thickly populated districts.

It is probable that testimony will be taken at Galveston in January regarding congestion of cars at the Gulf ports.

HOW ALL WOULD BENEFIT.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—At the conclusion tonight of the inquiry into the question of the freight car shortage in the west before C. A. Frosty, interstate commerce commissioner, which began in St. Louis and ended here tonight,

the commissioner, shippers and the representatives of the railroads agreed that all parties concerned would be greatly benefited and present conditions relieved if a free interchange of cars among railroad companies could be brought about. This solution was first suggested by the shippers, was approved by Commissioner Frosty and was endorsed by the railroad representatives when they were given an opportunity to state their side of the case.

It is understood that western railway lines generally favor a free interchange of freight cars, but that eastern roads have refused to enter into such an agreement. The reason for this difference, it is said, is that the eastern roads are profiting by present conditions and are using many thousands of cars belonging to western roads, and they own equipment as well, causing a severe shortage to exist in the west and south. Western lines have been forced to issue the order that such cars as they have left are not to leave their own respective tracks.

After the hearing had adjourned Commissioner Frosty said:

"An interchange of cars by all the railroads would go a long way toward relieving the car shortage. And then this country is a long way from New York. Owners of railroads are not thoroughly familiar with conditions here. They are inclined to make money first and consider the public service later."

M. A. Low, attorney for the Rock Island, in making the closing statement for the railroads, said that his road did not lack motive power to move freight and that it could care for all the business offered if it could get possession of all the cars it owns. He said that penalizing the railroads for failure to supply cars when ordered by shippers will have no good effect. He said that any legislation should be along remedial lines and should not impose a penalty upon the railroads for something they cannot avoid under present conditions. Mr. Low promised speedy relief to the grain and mill men of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Commissioner Frosty left for Washington tonight. The report of his investigations in the west will be incorporated in a general report of freight conditions in the U. S. to be submitted to President Roosevelt and Congress.

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Kesley Ice Cream Co. has removed to 260 South State. Both phones 3223.

THIEVES STILL AT LARGE.

Reno, Nev. Dec. 21.—Efforts of the local police and sheriff have been unavailing to capture the thieves who stole the treasure chest from Walker-Fargo here last night. Charles Farrell, the detective appointed on the case, stated this evening that the robbers were "doubtless criminals who have been hanging about the station with the purpose of stealing part of the Mehesy's goods, which have been stopped on several occasions during the last few days."

J. J. Burke, Wells-Fargo agent here, admitted today that the amount of the robbery would reach the first estimate, \$30,000. He will know exactly how much was stolen when advices reach Reno from Tonopah tomorrow.

MASQUERADED AS A MAN.

Coroner's Inquest on Nicholas Dereylan Revealed the Fact.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 21.—A coroner's jury summoned to investigate the death of Nicholas Dereylan, whose death a few days ago revealed the fact that the deceased was a woman, who had masqueraded as a man, today returned the verdict: "The person residing here since the 4th of November, 1906, as a male, under the name of Nicholas Dereylan, was at a matter of a fact a female and the body inspected at the morgue by this jury was the same person and that death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis."

The body will be photographed and will probably be buried here although this is not definitely decided yet.

Dr. Rowe, Dereylan's physician, leaves for Los Angeles tomorrow night, reaching here in a few days. He says he is positive that the corpse is that of Dereylan. He declares that no substitute could have directed the business correspondence with the Russian consulate and American bureau that went through his hands.

DINAN NO ARRANGING.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The arraignment of Chief of Police Dinan on charges of perjury and conspiracy was postponed today by Judge Dunne until Monday. Dinan appeared in court with his attorney, former Dist. Atty. Byington, who asked a continuance until Monday, and gave as his reason that the docket would be clear on that day, and there would be no longer delay. Judge Dunne granted the request after there was no objection from the district attorney.

POLICEMAN EXCOMMUNICATED.

Tours, France, Dec. 21.—The archbishop of Tours today publicly excommunicated a commissary of police for ordering the doors of the seminary here to be broken in to overcome the opposition of the students to carrying out the provisions of the separation law.

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BEQUEST TO PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Lulu B. Grover, a Suicide, Left Him Her Personal Property.

New York, Dec. 21.—Before Mrs. Lulu B. Grover committed suicide by taking poison in her home here on Dec. 8, she expressed in writing the wish that the president should receive her personal property. She added the hope that Mr. Roosevelt would order the disposal of her body and take care of her pets, two Angora cats.

Although President Roosevelt had never known the woman, her wishes have been respected. Acting under the president's order, United States Dist. Atty. Henry L. Stimson, in conjunction with the public administrator, personally supervised the cremation of the body and the burial of the two pet Angora cats to the White House.

Little is known of Mrs. Grover further than that she described herself as a magazine writer, was of independent means, and an admirer of the public career of President Roosevelt.

CONGRESSMAN START ON TRIP TO PANAMA.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ten congressmen and one senator sailed on the steamship Alliance today for Colon, for the purpose of making a five day inspection of the Isthmus of Panama and learning for themselves the existing conditions relative to the digging of the canal. The party consisted of Senator Flint and Congressmen McKinley, and Newland of California; Congressmen Fulkerson of Missouri, Dickson, Rives, McKinley and Smith of Illinois, Howell of Utah, Kinkaid of Nebraska, and Steenerson of Minnesota.

A. C. McKinlay, son of Congressman McKinlay went with the party as secretary.

Speaking of the objects of the expedition, Congressman McKinlay said: "It was responsible for the getting together of the party, it having occurred to me that members of the senate and house might like to see for themselves the conditions of things under which the gigantic work of digging the canal is being carried out. My two colleagues and myself from California, are more or less authorities on the Asiatic labor question, which at the present time has the west in a ferment. The question as to whether coolie labor shall dig the canal is of particular interest to the Pacific coast, and I personally shall pay special attention to the conditions of labor in Panama, as there is an intense feeling against Asiatic labor on the coast. I want to see for myself whether the objections to the employment of coolie labor in Panama are well founded or not."

Senator Flint said that he was going

in order to find out for himself what is actually being done on the canal. At present, he said, he was neither in favor of nor against the employment of Chinese at Panama, but when he came back he would have some definite views on the subject.

The party is visiting the canal zone at the invitation of Secy. Taft and the canal commissioners, and everything will be done to make their inspection as thorough as possible while on the isthmus.

AN ALARMING SITUATION.

Frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic. This condition is unknown to those who use Dr. King's New Life Pills; the best and gentlest regulators of stomach and bowels. Guaranteed by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept., 112-114 S. Main St., druggist. Price 25c.

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