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To-day, partly cloudy. To-morrow, fair; brisk east winds.

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POPE DEFIES FRANCE. SEPARATION OPPOSED.

Government Prepares Stern Measures to Enforce Law.

Paris, Dec. 9.—France to-night seems to face an alarming religious crisis. Last night's reports of the Pope's eleventh hour rejection of the government's final proffer under which Catholic worship could be continued under the common law turns out to be only too true, and the deadlock now is apparently complete.

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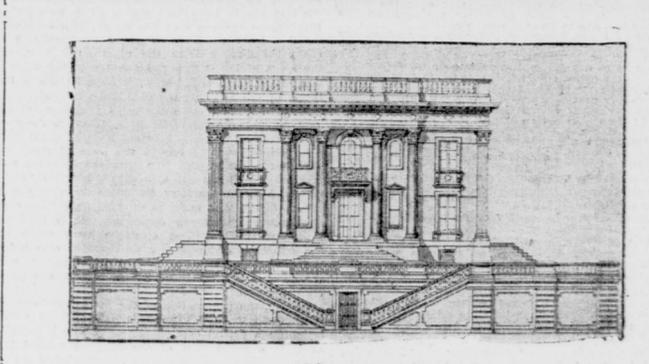
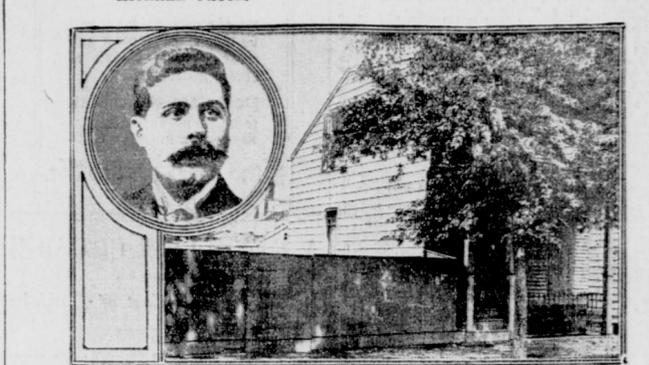
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MICHAEL PETTE'S OLD HOME ON ROCKAWAY ROAD, JAMAICA, LONG ISLAND.



Proposed new home of the erstwhile cobbler, Michael Pette, in Jamaica, Long Island.

SCHIFF AVERTS PANIC. A COBBLER'S MANSION.

ROSTRUM BREAKS DOWN. TO LEAVE HUMBLE HOUSE

Rush of Jews to Greet Dr. Lewin Italian, Former Woodhaven Shoemaker, Builds \$75,000 Home.

Michael Pette, who came to this country from Italy penniless and started as a cobbler in Woodhaven, Long Island, twenty years ago, has started for Europe. He retired from business and moved from the humble little home in Rockaway road, Jamaica, in which he had lived with his family while he was amassing a fortune.

On the table also was an unsealed letter which said: "I feel so sorry for the nervous shock my death here in this house will cause kind-hearted Mrs. Lyons and several."

Several months ago Pette returned to Italy, and while there and in Southern France fell in love with some of the Roman Corinthian style of architecture. He determined that he would have a house that embodied the best features of the most admired, and made sketches for the use of the architect.

At first he had the audience convulsed by his jokes, and then held them spellbound by his serious eloquence. He outlined the history of the Jewish massacres, since they began in 1822, and declared they were not spontaneous uprisings, but carefully planned by the government.

AN ACT OF VANDALISM IN ROME. Bronze Tortoise Stolen from the Famous Fountain in the Piazza Tartaruga.

Rome, Dec. 9.—In the Piazza Tartaruga stands a charming fountain. It has been attributed to Raphael, though it was erected by the Florentine Taddeo Landini in 1582. It is composed of a bronze group of four youths, dolphins and tortoises.

PRIEST FALLS INTO OPEN GRAVE. Baltimore, Dec. 9.—While the Rev. Father Joseph Green, was closing the service at the burial of a sister of the order of Notre Dame, yesterday afternoon, the ground slipped from under his feet and he fell into the open grave.

SCARCITY OF MEN FOR HILL RAILWAY. Chicago, Dec. 9.—Positions paying from \$30 to \$120 a month are open, with no takers, on the Great Northern Railway.

ONLY CARE FOR CATS. MR. STORER ANSWERED. WOULD-BE SUICIDE'S WISH. LETTER BY PRESIDENT.

Woman Takes Chloroform—Commends Pets to President.

Lulu B. Grover, a magazine writer, attempted suicide yesterday in her apartments at No. 2955 Lexington avenue, after writing a letter to President Roosevelt and another letter, in which she left all her property to the President, who would see, she said, that her body was cremated.

Although in the house in Lexington avenue only a month, Mrs. Grover made fast friends with all there. She confided little in them, except that she wrote many magazine articles, to have something to occupy her mind.

Late on Friday evening she went out for a few minutes, it now being known that at this time she mailed a letter to President Roosevelt. Late yesterday afternoon, as Mrs. Taft was going down the stairs, she heard groans, and discovered Mrs. Grover unconscious on a bathroom floor.

The doctor discovered that she had taken a quantity of chloroform, and administered an antidote. The physician then informed the East 125th street station, and Detectives O'Rourke and Cameron went to the house. Dr. Ginsberg was called from the Harlem Hospital, and Mrs. Grover was taken to that institution.

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At the Harlem Hospital a charge of attempt at suicide was lodged against Mrs. Grover. When she was seen she was asked: "Who shall be notified if anything serious happens?"

FIRE ALMOST FATAL. Walls and Roof Tumble In as Men Slide Down Ladder.

Fire destroyed the six-story factory building at Nos. 186 and 188 Wooster street late last night, causing a damage of at least \$100,000. The flames started on the third floor, where it is thought a mass of inflammable material was left. How it originated is not known.

WOUNDED EX-SENATOR WORSE. Arthur Brown, Shot in Washington Saturday, in Critical Condition.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Ex-Senator Arthur Brown, of Salt Lake City, who was shot by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley in his room at the Raleigh Hotel, in this city, yesterday afternoon, is in a critical condition at the Emergency Hospital to-night.

SULTAN AGAIN SERIOUSLY ILL. Rome, Dec. 9.—Trustworthy information received from Constantinople describes the Sultan of Turkey as again dangerously ill from an affection of the bladder.

HENRI, CONFISEUR, 67-69 W. 44TH. Opposite Hippodrome, Parisian Tea Room, Patisserie, Glaces, Francaises, Bonbons, Catechoues.—Adv.

Breakfast in New York. Lunch in Boston by using the "MAYNARD LITLED" train, leaving at 8:30 a. m., due 1:30 p. m.—Adv.