

and Felix Robin filed on their own initiative with the Prefect of Police, M. Lepine, an application under the law of 1881 for permission to hold religious meetings in all the churches. The Prefect decided that a general application covering all the churches was irregular. He also announced that unless applications were filed by two authorized persons in behalf of each church measures for reporting violations of the law would begin at the time for early mass tomorrow.

PROTEST FROM VATICAN.

Expulsion of Prelate Will Be Laid Before Diplomats.

Rome, Dec. 12.—Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, is at present engaged in preparing a vigorously worded protest against the action of the French government in searching the archives of the Nunciature at Paris. This protest will be handed to the members of the diplomatic body accredited to the Vatican. The Secretary of State sets forth, among other things, that the incident in question is the first instance in history of such a violation of the rights of man.

THE REBELLION IN KIANG-SE.

Anti-Dynastic Movement Began in Ho-Nan—Missionaries Not Molested.

Peking, Dec. 12.—Information reached Peking today that the rebels who recently entered Ping-Kiang, province of Kiang-Se, constitute a large, well organized force, equipped with modern weapons. They came from Ho-Nan. The movement, which is anti-dynastic, has no connection with other uprisings or disturbances in Central China. The rebels at Ping-Kiang are not molesting the Chinese inhabitants or the foreign missionaries.

ATTACK ON AMERICAN GRAIN.

Europeans Decide to Reject Corn Certificates—New Contract Demanded.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Representatives of the German, Belgian, Danish, Dutch and Swedish chambers of commerce met here today and voted to reject the American corn certificates altogether. They demanded the introduction of a new grain contract, the form of which was discussed and agreed upon. One of the first tasks in London of the delegates selected to confer with the English committee appointed on November 8 will be to adjust the differences in procedure between English and German grain men, the former having voted to retain the American contract, but to make a legal basis against a certificate when grain of an inferior quality is delivered. The German grain men believe that an agreement with their English colleagues is possible.

A DARING ROBBERY IN RUSSIA.

Bank in Odessa Rifled of \$14,500—Four Executions at Moscow.

Odessa, Dec. 12.—One of the most daring robberies of recent times in South Russia was committed at the Petersburg International Bank this afternoon, when a number of robbers escaped with the entire cash, \$14,500, of the bank. Armed men suddenly appeared at the counter, ordered the clerks to throw up their hands, and shot the policeman on duty. They then rifled the cash drawers and ran off. A force of Cossacks was speedily summoned, pursued the robbers, and captured five of them, but the rest escaped with the money.

THE ROOSEVELT SAILS FOR NEW YORK.

St. Peter's, C. B., Dec. 12.—The Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, which put into this port on account of bad weather after leaving Sydney, left her anchorage today. After remaining in the Lower Bay for several hours, she proceeded for New York.

CONRAD SENT TO PRISON FOR A YEAR.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Ewald Conrad, alias Baron von Dubrowsky-Dornesmarck, a metal worker, was today sentenced in the Criminal Court to imprisonment for one year on the charge of having persuaded two youths, under age, to run away from their parents. Conrad made an attempt to talk about his marriage to an American woman, but he was stopped by the presiding judge.

NEW YORK PRIESTS OPTIMISTIC.

Think French Situation Is Better than It Looks—May Take Action.

New York priests, as a whole, refuse to believe that the French situation is as serious as it appears. They are optimistic and may take action.

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appears to be, though all admit that the struggle in that country between the Vatican and the government is extremely grave. Father John J. Wynne, the well known Jesuit and editor of "The Messenger," is almost optimistic about the outcome. He intimated yesterday that in his opinion the French government was playing to the galleries. He said: "The government has done nothing yet to cause alarm. Why doesn't it enforce the law? The arrest of Monsignor Montagnini was simply a play for the galleries. Monsignor Montagnini in no shape or form is or was an official of the Vatican. He was simply a clerk in the Papal Legation. The moment the Pope revealed his attitude in the matter the government had to do something. Clemenceau did a lot of talking, and therefore had to show some sign of action. Monsignor Montagnini was at hand, and, to please the mob, he could be arrested without giving great offence from a legal standpoint."

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If the French Premier should carry out the policy of expulsion and confiscation of Church property, Cardinal Gibbons will probably summon the archbishops and bishops of the country to a special meeting, at which another letter will be drafted to Cardinal Richelieu and the French hierarchy. It was intimated yesterday that Archbishop Farley would himself have some statement to make in a few days, in the event of a wholesale confiscation of Church property and expulsion of the priests from France.

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DEATH OF SHAH NEAR.

More Fainting Spells—The Persian People Apathetic.

Teheran, Dec. 12.—The condition of the Shah remains practically unchanged, although today he rallied slightly after yesterday's relapse. A consultation of physicians held yesterday evening it was discovered for the first time that his majesty's heart has become seriously affected, adding a new complication to the situation, which already was considered grave. The condition of the heart and the repeated syncope lead to the opinion that the Shah cannot live more than five days.

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MANHATTAN NEEDS MORE TEACHERS. Methodists Protest Against Discontinuance of Christmas Celebrations. At the meeting of the Board of Education yesterday Superintendent Maxwell admitted that he needed about five hundred more teachers in Manhattan, but that there was no such shortage in any of the other boroughs. This was due to the fact, he explained, that the course in the Normal College had been increased to seven years and to the changes in classes made necessary by the number of part time pupils.

DINNER FOR COMMANDER PEARY. The Peary Arctic Club, of which Morris E. Jesup is president, gave a dinner last evening in honor of Commander Peary at the University Club, at which about forty guests were present. Commander Peary made a short speech describing his recent expedition.

ENTOMBED MINER CHEERFUL. Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 12.—At the Edison Tower Company's camp, L. B. Hicks, one of the miners entombed by a cave-in last Friday morning, is reported cheerful today, though it is apparent that he cannot be reached inside of four days. Nourishment is being lowered to him through a pipe.

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