

denominations, the people at large are naturally disposed to condemn clergymen who by declining to comply with the behests of the government expose themselves to charges of rebellion against the authorities of the land. But in order to understand the refusal of the Roman Catholic clergy of France to fulfill the requirements of the law of separation it must be explained that the provisions of the statute in question demand the alienation of all the property that has been bequeathed and donated to them to be used for religious and philanthropic purposes. It is property which they do not derive from the government, but from the munificence of the pious, and of which they are merely the trustees.

The situation created by the new law of separation which in the course of the past year in France is as if, for instance, the Legislature of New York were to enact laws compelling the trustees of the Trinity and of its property, under the penalty of confiscation, to give their consent to the alienation of all its vast property to other uses than those for which it was intended, and to transfer its administration and control to people who might either belong to rival denominations or even profess atheism. It is as if the Legislature of New York were to enact a statute requiring the Catholic Church, under the penalty of the confiscation of its property of one kind or another, to consent to the transfer of the management and control of its sacred edifices, seminaries, rectories, hospitals, protectories and other educational and charitable institutions to associations in which non-Catholic denominations, but also agnostics and scheming politicians, might be permitted to take part. Verily such laws to be enacted by the State of New York, the clergy and trustees administering the great property of the Trinity Church Corporation and the clergy and trustees invested with the direction of the property of the Catholic Church would be prompted to refuse obedience, not only on religious grounds, but also by reason of their conviction that compliance would involve a flagrant violation of their moral and material obligations as trustees. They would look upon the law as unjust, and would therefore themselves justify in doing nothing to express their submission to it.

It is inconceivable to the American people that the Legislature of New York, or indeed of any other State of the Union, should be permitted to enact any such laws of virtual spoliation. Yet that is precisely what the French government has done. Article 1 of the new law of separation provides for the forming of lay associations to take title to the ecclesiastical property in France. Now, if the French administration of the great property of the Trinity Church and if the law providing for the formation of lay associations, there might be no objection to them, though it is unreasonable to exclude the law from the scope of the Republic's membership and from a controlling voice in them.

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OPPRESSION IN POLAND.
Long List of Executions—Nation's Spirit Not Daunted.
Warsaw, Dec. 16.—Reports received from points throughout Russian Poland show that results have followed the government's policy of firmness. This result was accomplished at a terrible cost to the Polish people, the number of victims being estimated at thousands. Business has become stagnant, the trades and industries are bankrupt and the masses are in a state of lamentable poverty.

To-day's reports from Czenstochowa, which is a typical Polish town, with a population of about 50,000, including many Jews, show that seven so-called Terrorists have been tried by drumhead court-martial and executed in the last two days. In the early part of last week five Terrorists were tried, convicted and shot here, as also were three at Sieradz, near Kalisz, two at Tomaszow and one at Lomza. These executions have been going on constantly through Poland. Despite the depressing effect of this martial rule, the Poles are busily engaged in organizing their forces for the next parliamentary elections. For the time being party differences have been forgotten, and the national spirit has brought about a merger of the three great Polish parties—Conservative, Progressive and Democratic. These are selecting fusion candidates representing Polish national ideals. The new Polish school system is also bringing out evidence of national energy as the permission to establish private schools with Polish teachers has already resulted in the formation of eight hundred schools, with an attendance of seventy-five thousand Polish children.

COLONEL INJURED BY BOMB.
Commander of Gendarmes at Radom May Die from Wounds.
Radom, Dec. 16.—A bomb was thrown at Colonel Plotta, commander of the gendarmes of the government of Radom to-day. His leg was torn off by the explosion. A student of the technical school, who threw the bomb, was arrested.

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PLUMS ARE RIPENING.
JUICY, DEMOCRATIC KIND.
Boys Wait for Murphy and Connors to Shake the Trees.
Before the end of this week Charles F. Murphy and William J. Connors, together with the newly elected Democratic state officials, hope to have the state patronage question disposed of. The men who were elected to state offices on the Democratic ticket had a good deal to say on the stump about the evils of the boss system. It looks now as if they were going to try a two-year experiment of it under Murphy and Connors just to see if what they said was true. Whenever William Schuyler Jackson comes to town he makes it his business to see either Charles F. Murphy or William J. Connors, if the latter is here, before he says anything. Messrs. Murphy and Connors are waiting for the return on Saturday from Europe of Martin H. Glynn, the Controller-elect, before making promises to their district leaders. The Attorney General has a few good things to give out in the shape of patronage plums, but as plums they are not so large or so juicy as the kind that will grow on Mr. Glynn's tree.

There are five offices worth \$4,000 a year in the New York branch of the Transfer Tax Bureau connected with the Controller's office, to say nothing of two or three good paying places in the Albany office. Those in the New York Bureau, at No. 27 Broadway, are filled by the following well known Republicans: Charles K. Lexow, ex-Assemblyman Robert Mazet, ex-Assemblyman Hal Bell, James Yereance and Moses M. McKee. J. D. Frost is the appraiser in Brooklyn, with an office at No. 40 Court street. Murphy is looking with longing eyes on these five places in the New York Bureau. With McClellan appointing anti-Murphy men to local offices, Mr. Murphy's machine is decidedly out of repair these days. If he can get these \$4,000 jobs he can ease things up a good deal. But Mr. Glynn has a number of Albany lawyer friends, who think they can get them summarily anywhere on \$400 a year, and they have told Mr. Glynn that they will move down to New York if he will appoint them. "Packy" McCabe has the promise of one or two of these places, and Mr. Murphy will be lucky if he gets three of the five.

PORTO RICAN LANDS.
Federal and Insular Difficulties Amicably Adjusted.
San Juan, P. R., Dec. 16.—The differences between the federal and insular governments over the division of the public lands in Porto Rico have been amicably adjusted, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy. Captain Samuel C. Lemly, U. S. N., retired, who represented the navy in the adjustment, sailed for New York on December 12 on board the steamer Philadelphia.

REVOLUTIONISTS KILL FOUR.
Two of Former Finally Shot and Third Committed Suicide in Bessarabia.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Lipkany, Bessarabia, says that three revolutionists, on being arrested, shot and killed an official and then fled. Three peasants who joined in their pursuit were also killed by the revolutionists. Later two of the revolutionists were shot and killed by officials, and the third committed suicide.

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Senator Says He Fears Assassination from Texas Enemies.
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served on Simberg to appear at the District Attorney's office to-day to tell what he knew about poolrooms, but Simberg hinted to the process server that his presence would have to be dispensed with.
STUDENTS AT DEPAUW MUST WEAR RED.
[By Telegraph to the Tribune.]
Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 16.—Beginning with the next term the students in the history department of DePaul University will have to wear red, the girls either red feathers in their hats or red dresses, and the boys red neckties. This is the edict that Dr. Andrew Stephenson has promulgated and he has given notice to the students that unless they expect to conform to the rule they had better not matriculate in his department. Dr. Stephenson is head of the history department and red is his favorite color.