

CHURCH AND STATE AT WAR IN FRANCE

Clemenceau Flings Gage of Battle at Catholics.

DEPUTIES SUPPORT HIM

Pope's Messenger Turned Back at the Frontier.

Home of Former Secretary to Papi Nuncio Searched by Government Officials, Who Seized Diplomatic Documents—Nuncio Who Ordered Search Is Bitterly Arraigned in Chamber by M. Groussau.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The war between church and state has come at last. As yet there has been no outbreak of violence, but overt acts have been begun by the government, and Prime Minister Clemenceau has flung the gage of battle before the churchmen who challenged him to declare or explain himself.

More acute than ever is the question of what the future will bring forth. There is, however, not the slightest agitation manifested in Paris or in the departments, so far as heard from the government, save only journalistic discussion, which continues as lively as ever, but so far without the intemperate heat of other times, and discussion in the Chamber, which enlivened the closing moments of this afternoon's session.

Moreover, far from being embarrassed by the precipitation of a political discussion, the government apparently courted its immediate development, and the result, so far as known to-day, disclosed the fact that the government was well supported among the Deputies in its attitude, and even to the point of defiance which M. Clemenceau declared on Sunday, when the prime minister observed, on the pews of the Pope's instructions: "If the church wants war, she will have it. She will get it to-day."

Chamber Would Not Consider Peace.

He told the Catholics in the Chamber: "It is as you wish. You have chosen war, and it begins to-day." And when, after this sharp declaration, the church's partisans sought to secure the Chamber's registration of feeling by pleading the urgency of the question, the Chamber refused to determine the moment as an urgent one, and rose instead.

Churches Quiet in Paris.

In Paris, the churches work as quietly as though normal conditions had not been disturbed. M. Clemenceau's exposition to the Chamber of the government's position to respond to what it considered the first act of war was brought about by a question asked by M. Groussau, deputy for Lille, who is professor of law at the Catholic University there.

The government had to-day, through its judicial officers, searched the abode of Mgr. Montagnini, formerly secretary to the papal nuncio, who, since the abolition of the nunciature, has remained there in charge of the archives. Mgr. Montagnini appeared to the Italian Embassy for protection as an Italian subject. The news quickly spread, and M. Groussau announced that he would bring the matter up in the Chamber. M. Clemenceau, however, was engaged in the Senate, which caused delay. When he re-entered the Chamber it was filled immediately, and the excitement was feverish. Word was passed to M. Groussau, who mounted the tribune amid the loudest attention. He said he wished to question the president of the council regarding the search of the nunciature. He added:

Assaults Clemenceau.

"You have, M. Clemenceau, written admirable pages against arbitrary search, yet you have seized diplomatic documents, in a dwelling that was formerly covered by extra-territoriality. From what motive? I find your reason in the ministerial circular accusing Catholics of unlawfulness and illegality rather than in your passing the text of one law into another. We Catholics do not play politics, but defend the liberty of our religion. The president of the council has done a grave act in striking where he thought to strike the head of the Catholic Church."

M. Clemenceau replied that the government had not searched the nunciature, but for the nunciature had not existed since the denunciation of the concordat. No. 10 Rue Elisee was in his eyes like any other house. Mgr. Montagnini occupied it without an official title. He guarded the archives, but he did more; he received instructions from Cardinal Merry del Val and transmitted the Pope's orders to the bishops of France.

Minister Defends Rights.

The prime minister added: "I believe I have the right to end this international correspondence. Our intentions were moderate. You responded with refractory words as if you alone had the right to strike blows, never to receive them. We will commit Roman politics. There have been also other acts."

"Three Paris cures received orders to violate the law of 1905. We will assure the supremacy of the civil law. You sought war. You will have it, and we begin to-day (applause from the left); this is only the first gun shot. I appeal for public peace before there is war to a flesh. With this good counsel I think well of the future of the ideas you represent. The law of 1881 was not made with any idea of separation. We offer it to you. Take it. If not, it is war, and you have willed it."

M. Groussau replied that the Catholics would not recoil before Freemasonry.

Proposes Amending Law of 1881.

M. Masséuau proposed amending the law of 1881 in the interest of religious peace. He asked that the people be granted urgency. The Chamber declined, and the session ended amid considerable agitation.

Mr. Montagnini is supposed this evening to be on his way to Italy. The particulars of the accusation against the three cures referred to by M. Clemenceau were made public in the Chamber, but the court, where the proceedings originated, received orders that complaints were made for misdemeanors committed Sunday in violation of the law of 1905.

The Concordat last day produced no incident in parish churches. The archbishops sent no new instructions, and the authorities took no new measures.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair today and to-morrow; slightly warmer; light, variable winds, becoming castly.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- Pages. TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Church and State War Begins in France. 1—Watterson Speaks at New York Banquet. 1—Burnham Found Guilty. 1—May Call President in Oil Trust Suit. 1—Mrs. Birdsong Guilty. 1—Singer Trapped Fined \$80,000. 2—Farmer Kills Himself in His Sleep. 7—Bishop McCabe Stricken in Street.

CONGRESS.

- 1—Subsidy Asked for Mail Boats Only. 2—Cabinet Appointments Still Held Up. 2—Smoot Is Arraigned by Burrows. 4—Relationship of Tariff and Trusts Discussed. 4—Talks on Inheritance Tax Bill. 4—House Talks on Many Subjects. 4—Grosvenor Sings His Swan Song. 4—Currency Hearing Is Begun. 7—President Sends Message on Porto Rico.

LOCAL.

- 1—Hughes the Guest of President. 1—Ex-Senator Brown Is Dying. 2—Secretary Taft Makes Annual Report. 9—Roosters Can Crow in Alexandria. 11—Wants Congress to Acknowledge Nobel Award. 12—Support Promoted for District Interests. 12—Carnegie Institute Votes Big Sum for Science.

LEGLESS, STEALS A BIG TRUCK.

Thief Also Is Armless, but Gets Away with Half-ton Vehicle.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 11.—Though he is legless and lacks an arm, Burt Miller, of Newburg, N. Y., is worth six men when it comes to committing heavy-weight burglary. When he was brought before Justice Garner, of Southbury, Conn., yesterday, to be remanded for stealing a cartload of nicknacks from a Turkish peddler, it developed that, unaided, the legless man stole a half-ton beer truck from a freight car at Norton, and, hitching the horse to it, picked up the wagon he had been driving before and dropped it off a cliff into the Norton River.

The railroad company was convinced that no less than six men must have been concerned in that robbery, and their detectives were scouring the State for a band of that size when Miller drove into Danbury and tried to sell the beer truck. It was too heavy for his horse to draw.

TIED TO A HORSE; KILLED.

Enemies Have Wealthy Farmer Dragged to Death.

Paruna, Okla., Dec. 11.—W. Scotty Keith, a wealthy farmer of Woods County, was called from his home last night by a party of men.

KILLS HIMSELF IN SLEEP

Young Farmer Dreams of Suicide and Executes Fantasy.

Found with Bullet Hole in Temple, His Left Hand Clutching a Revolver.

JOHN D. MAKES \$114 A MINUTE.

Rockefeller's Income for 1906 Is Estimated at \$60,000,000.

New York, Dec. 11.—John D. Rockefeller will make the tidy little sum of \$60,000,000 this year, according to the two men who know more about the oil king's finances than any other two in the world.

MRS. STORER REPUDIATES.

Ex-Ambassador's Wife Denies She Said She Made Roosevelt.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Bellamy Storer, ex-Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, denied in emphatic language to-day that his wife had declared, as a woman reporter had claimed, that the Storer had "made" Roosevelt. Mr. Storer says the language attributed to his wife was rather that of a lunatic.

STUDENT'S ROOMS AN ARSENAL.

St. Petersburg Police Find Lodgings Filled with Bombs.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—The police to-day searched the lodgings of a student named Kazhanski, son of a leading merchant, and found a stock of new explosives of extraordinary force, and plans for barricading the city in the event of an armed uprising.

Consult Shaffer Concerning Flowers & decorations for social events, 14th & T.

TWO VIEWS OF THE SITUATION.



ARTHUR BROWN DYING

Victim of Mrs. Bradley's Bullet Cannot Live.

FAMILY IS AT HIS BEDSIDE

Unfavorable Turn Came Late Yesterday Afternoon—Woman Who Shot Him Seriously Affected by News of His Condition, and Frays for His Recovery—Brown Hopeful.

Arthur Brown, ex-United States Senator from Utah, who was shot Saturday afternoon in his room at the Raleigh Hotel by Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, was in a dying condition at an early hour this morning. It was the opinion of the physicians in attendance at the Emergency Hospital that he would not survive the night. The unfavorable change came about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Max Brown and Miss Alice Brown, son and daughter of the ex-Senator, had left their father shortly before in very cheerful spirits. They had hardly reached their hotel when they received a telephone message from the hospital summoning them again to the bedside.

Would Not Talk of Death.

As soon as a change was noted in his condition, notification was sent to D. W. Baker, United States attorney for the District of Columbia, and the latter sent one of his assistants to the hospital to secure an ante-mortem statement. After some difficulty the patient was made to understand the object of the visit of the assistant attorney, and he obstinately refused to make a statement. He declared that he was not going to die, and commanded the representative of the district attorney's office to "come around to-morrow."

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ALGER'S SON ARRESTED.

Young Man Taken on Broadway for Speeding Automobile.

New York, Dec. 11.—Russell A. Alger, Jr., son of ex-Secretary of War Alger, and president of an automobile company, was arrested at Broadway and Forty-sixth street to-night for violating the speed laws.

CHINESE RULER TRIES TO DIE.

Emperor, Grieved by Reforms, Throws Himself into Palace Pond.

Peking, B. C., Dec. 11.—Japanese papers brought here by the steamship Empress of India, publish dispatches from Peking that "the Chinese Emperor, being greatly grieved at the important nature of the administrative reforms in Cuba, attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself in a pond in the palace precinct."

ART CLUB REJECTS STRAUSS.

Composer Blackballed as Member of Berlin Academy of Arts.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Like Wagner before him, Richard Strauss, composer of "Salome," has been rejected as a member of the senate of the Berlin Academy of Arts, and the sculptors, painters, and other artists voted in his favor. The musicians alone blackballed him. They included Humperdinck and Joachim.

PRESIDENT MAY BE WITNESS

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Charles E. Hughes, governor-elect of New York, arrived in Washington after 6 o'clock last evening and is a guest of President Roosevelt at the White House. Mr. Hughes will return to New York to-day. Last night the President had a stag dinner in his honor at which seven of the Republican members of the New York delegation in Congress and ten others, all in official life were present. Senators Platt and Depew were not there.

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SCHIFF URGES INCOME TAX.

Financier Also Recommends Tariff Revision at Chicago Banquet.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The dangers of the country's present currency system, and his ideas of the best remedies for existing laws, were outlined by Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, in an address on "Currency and other reforms," before the Illinois Manufacturers' Association to-night.

JURY FINDS BURNHAM GUILTY.

Vice President of Mutual Reserve to Be Sentenced Friday.

New York, Dec. 11.—After deliberating for four hours, the jury in the case of George Burnham, Jr., second vice president of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance Association, charged with grand larceny of \$7,500, returned a verdict of guilty late this afternoon.

EX-GOVERNOR ASPHYXIATED.

Franklin J. Moses, of South Carolina, Found Dead in Bed.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Franklin J. Moses, a former governor of South Carolina, was found dead in bed in his room at 6 Irwin street, Winthrop, about 6 o'clock this morning. One of his fellow-lodgers detected an odor of escaping gas, and upon investigation found that it was coming from the room occupied by Moses. The latter was found dead in his bed, with the gas escaping from a stove which was used to heat the room. The medical examiner believes death was accidental.

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ELEVEN LINES PROPOSED

Amounts Range from \$60,000 to \$600,000 per Annum.

Further Changes Must Be Made to Secure Support of Those Opposed to Old Bill—Asserted that Grovesnor Was Given an Inch and Took an Ell—Committee to Consider the New Measure To-morrow.

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