

WANTS U. S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED AT VATICAN

Pope Would be Satisfied with a Semi-Official Representative Just Now.

EXPECTS MORE LATER ON

Is Said That Washington Is Not Willing to Discuss the Matter—In Return Leo May Meet American Wishes in Foreign Possessions.

London, Dec. 23.—The Pall Mall Gazette publishes the following from Rome: "The Vatican is becoming decidedly more hopeful that the United States will yield to the pope's great desire to appoint a diplomatic representative to the Vatican. So anxious is the pope for the success of his project that he would be satisfied at present with a semi-official representative in the hope that he would be eventually turned into a minister or ambassador. It seems Washington is not unwilling to discuss the matter and the Vatican has intimated in return its desire to meet American wishes in Cuba and the Philippines, and possibly will create another cardinal in the United States. The pope is somewhat opposed to the latter plan, while Cardinal Gibbons lives, but he may compromise the matter by creating Ireland or Corrigan cardinal of Curia entailing a living in Rome."

Pontiff Condemns Socialism, Etc.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The pope today received the cardinals who offered him their Christmas greetings. The pontiff made a lengthy address in which he condemned what he characterized as excessive liberty of thought indulged in at the present time. He sharply criticized socialism, agitation for divorce, the hostility between the different sections of the church and urged the union of the Christian church.

WILL TAX IOWA RAILROADS.

Governor-elect Cummins Announces His Proposed Reforms.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Governor-elect A. B. Cummins announced his program with respect to the taxation of railroad property in Iowa. He proposes the creation of a non-partisan commission of three men to investigate and determine the actual value of the railroads in this state, their conclusion to form the basis of the assessment by the executive council. He suggests the postponement of the date of assessment from March until July, so that the railroads may be assessed at the same time other property valuations are equalized by the council.

ACCUSED OF THEFT IN SALOON.

Iowan Searched and Found Guiltless—\$500 in Pockets Untouched.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alfred Johnson, from Iowa, staying at the Stockholm hotel, entered the Desplains street station yesterday afternoon and demanded that he be vindicated. Johnson said he went into a saloon near Lake and Halsted streets and purchased a drink. Somebody accused him of stealing a gold ring and his pockets were searched. Although Johnson had \$500 nothing was taken from him. The ring, he said, was found in the possession of another man. The sergeant advised him to go home and thank the Lord that his money was not taken.

ENJOINS UNION MINERS.

Must Not Interfere With the Non-union Men in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.—In the federal court this morning Judge Evans handed down a decision making permanent the temporary injunction granted the Reinecke Coal Co., of Hopkins county, against the United Mine workers, restraining the union men from interfering with non-union employees of the company, and forbidding the establishment of a union camp within gun shot of the mines.

BIG PLANT BURNS.

Nearly a Million Dollars Lost in an Ohio Fire.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—A fire resulting from an explosion of a can of gasoline in the hands of an employe cleaning the machinery destroyed the plant with contents of the Champion Coated Paper works early today. The loss is estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Two hundred thousand dollars worth of enameled book and magazine paper and a great quantity of valuable machinery was burned. Four hundred persons were employed.

THE TRAIN KILLED HIM.

Fred Wakeling, a Miner, Meets Death at Brazil.

Centerville, Dec. 23.—Fred Wakeling while walking close to the K. & W. tracks this side of Brazil, was struck by passenger No. 2, and fatally injured. He was brought to this city where he died. Wakeling was a miner employed at the Tipton mine.

ANOTHER CUT IN SUGAR.

American Refining Company Lowers Price from 25 to 15 Points.

New York, Dec. 23.—The American Sugar Refining has lowered its list price on hard grades of refined sugar twenty-five points on soft grades.

Another Firm Meets Cut.

New York, Dec. 23.—Howell, Son & Co. are meeting the reduction of Arbuckle Bros., and have reduced the price on refined sugar ten points. The cut is said to be the result of overproduction and this means is taken to dispose of the surplus stock.

TURK MAKES DENIAL.

Knows Nothing of Expulsion of Naturalized Americans.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Replying to the protest of Spencer Eddy, first secretary of the legation here, against the notification issued by the authorities of Beyruth, Syria, to the effect that naturalized American citizens must renounce their naturalization within fifteen days under penalty of being expelled from Turkey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Tewfik Pasha, denied all knowledge of the measure and promised to inquire into the matter and give Eddy a definite reply Monday.

NO FURTHER PLUMS TO DROP.

Cummins, After Adjutant General and Staff, Defers Announcements.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—No further appointments, after the names of the adjutant general and the governor's staff have been announced, will be announced by Governor-elect Cummins until after he is inaugurated. Most of the officials will be appointed in April and the old inspectors will not be announced before June. This is directly from Mr. Cummins.

QUEEN IS ILL A DISASTER

Consort of King of England in Danger.

CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY

Christmas Festivities Are Upset on Account of the Royal Woman's Serious Indisposition—Physicians Are in Constant Attendance Upon Her.

London, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press learns the condition of Queen Alexandra is more serious than has been given out and that it causes some anxiety. Doctors are in constant attendance upon her majesty. A bulletin issued today says the Queen is progressing favorably but extensive arrangements made for Christmas festivities at Sandringham have been upset and their majesties will spend Christmas at Marlborough house.

IOWA MAN WINS CUP.

Charley Budd of Des Moines Captures Hazard Cup.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Charley Budd of Des Moines, won the Hazard cup, valued at \$450, emblematic of the world's wing-shot championship, at Blue River park, by defeating Frank Parmalee of Omaha, in a shoot-off to decide the tie, when each man made a straight score of twenty-five birds. Budd made a clean score on his five birds, but Parmalee's fourth bird propped dead outside of bounds.

CLERK PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Burlington Postal Employee Says He Is Innocent.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 23.—C. H. Puss, the Burlington postal clerk who was arrested at Alexandria, Mo., by Post-office inspectors W. H. Reid and W. P. Hawk, on the charge of rifling letters, was arraigned before George C. Moore, United States commissioner, and entered a plea of not guilty.

SOLDIERS RETURN.

Transport Brings Many Boys in Blue from Philippines.

New York, Dec. 23.—The transport McClellan arrived today from Manila with thirty-eight cabin passengers, 246 soldiers from the Philippines. The transport brought two dead bodies, Captain Herbert Draper of the marine corps and William B. Tabb, a civilian clerk to the naval engineer at Guam.

SEWELL MUCH IMPROVED.

United States Senator Who is Ill is Better.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 23.—The condition of United States Senator William J. Sewell, who is ill at his home in this city, is much improved this morning.

SCHLEY GOES TO NEW YORK.

Famous Rear Admiral Will Spend Holidays With Daughters.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley left here today for New York where he will spend the holidays with his daughters.



HIS HOLINESS, POPE LEO XII.

BRITISH SUFFER HEAVY LOSS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN

Fact That the English Lost a Number of Men Is Known, However—Kitchener Also Reports Other Fights in the Transvaal.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Saturday, sends reports of sharp fighting in Orange River and Transvaal colonies. Two hundred mounted infantry in the neighborhood of Bogin-Deryn, divided into parties and were searching farms when they were attacked by 300 Boers and forty armed natives under Commandant Britz. The Boers charged determinedly in overwhelming numbers.

Beyond the fact that British casualties were severe no details were received. Kitchener also reports that during Dewet's attack on the British force commanded by Dartnell and Campbell, at Langberg December 18, the Boers charged bravely and fought for several hours. Dewet was driven off with a loss of twenty men. There were twelve casualties on the British side.

On December 20 Botha with 800 Boers surprised Colonel Damant's advance guard at Tafel-Kon, Orange River colony. The Boers rushed a kopje commanding the main body and guns, but Damant rallied the men and drove the Boers from the kopje. The British casualties were heavy. Damant was dangerously wounded and two officers and twenty men were killed; three officers and seventeen men were wounded. The Boers left six dead on the field and dispersed. The British pursued the enemy and captured a number, including Commandant Keyter. Later the Boers under a flag of truce asked permission to remove their dead. They admitted having buried twenty-seven men.

NEW IOWA POSTMASTERS.

Custodian of Mail at Chillicothe Is Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A. E. Bellman has been appointed postmaster at Chillicothe, Wapello county, vice J. A. Pinger resigned. R. D. Andrews has been appointed postmaster at Mark, Davis county, vice D. T. Edwards, removed. W. C. Miller and W. A. Badger have been appointed rural mail carriers at Chariton. Marcellus J. Peck, of Chariton, has been granted an increase in his pension to \$8 per month, and William H. Davis, of Fairfield, will hereafter get \$12 per month.

WILL MEET IN DES MOINES.

Iowa State Medical Society Holds Its Annual Meeting May 21, 22, 23.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—The Iowa State Medical society will hold its next annual meeting in Des Moines May 21, 22 and 23, 1902. Dr. Clifford Scott is chairman of the committee on arrangements, having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. C. E. Stoner.

CALL MINERS' CONVENTION.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America today issued a call for a national convention of the miners in this city for January 20 and a joint conference of mine workers and bituminous operators in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio, January 30.

TAB ON BERTHS AND DEATHS.

Meeting of Committee of County Clerks to Discuss Method.

Des Moines, Dec. 21.—Thursday, January 2, the legislative committee of the Iowa County Clerks' association will meet in Des Moines, to discuss legislative matters. C. C. Pugh of Adel, the chairman of the committee, says one of the most important items for action is the report of births and deaths which are under the old rule very unsatisfactory, owing to differences of time for recording by physicians. The assessors are supposed to keep track of births and deaths, but as they canvas the cities but once a year, the clerks are not kept posted as well as they desire. A law is to be framed that will base the bonds of the county clerks on the population of the county.

MINERS' CONVENTION.

John Reams Selected as Member of Scale Committee.

Albia, Dec. 21.—Representatives of the U. M. W. A. of this district met in convention in the Forester hall in this city to select one member of the scale committee which meets one week prior to the joint convention of the district. John Reams, of Bacon, was the man selected. His alternate is Lige Holland.

PREACHER DIES.

Scandinavian Minister Passes Away—Well Known in Northwest.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 21.—Word received here by relatives of Rev. O. P. Peterson, founder of the Norwegian-Danish M. E. churches in Norway and America, and the best known Scandinavian preacher in the northwest announces his death in Brooklyn last night of apoplexy. He was 80 years of age.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENTS.

Conditions of the Finances of the United States.

New York, Dec. 21.—The bank statement shows that loans have decreased \$13,368,500; deposits have decreased \$19,002,000; reserves have decreased \$4,435,200, and the surplus has increased \$330,300.

REFUSES POST.

St. Louis Man Does Not Care for Government Position.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Charles F. Wendeker, who was nominated for the position of collector of internal revenue for the St. Louis district just before the holiday recess, telegraphs the President to withdraw his name.

DR. S. BAILEY WANTS IT.

Would Succeed Shrader on Board of Health.

Mt. Airy, Dec. 21.—Dr. S. Bailey of this city is a candidate for appointment to the state board of health to succeed Dr. J. C. Shrader of Iowa City, whose term expires on the last day of January.

ALGER BETTER DIES ON TABLE

Ex-Secretary of War Rallies From Operation.

DANGER IS YET TO COME

Will Be Several Days Before Crisis Is Passed—Patient Passes Good Night and Was in Good Condition This Morning.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Ex-Secretary of War Alger, who was operated on yesterday for the removal of gall stones, with which he has suffered for a long period, passed a comfortable night and is in good condition this morning. Dr. Jennings, who is in charge of the case, said today that General Alger had passed the first danger of an abdominal operation, that is, shock. Now comes the danger from infection or some other complication. It will be several days, the physician said, before this is passed.

JURY FINES SULLIVAN.

Body Places the Amount He Must Pay at \$2,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Attorney Alexander Sullivan in Judge Smith's court, yesterday morning, was found guilty of having conspired with others to keep James J. Lynch out of the jurisdiction of the criminal court of Cook county when he was a fugitive from justice under indictment for jury bribing and the punishment was fixed at a fine of \$2,000.

FILES NEW BOND.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Attorney Alexander Sullivan, convicted of conspiracy, appeared in Judge Smith's court this morning with his attorneys and filed a new bond for \$10,000. It is expected the court will hear the argument for a new trial immediately after the holidays.

DOYLE WINS HIS CASE.

Jury Gives Big Judgment in Mining Suit.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 23.—The jury in the Doyle-Burns mining suit, in which James Doyle asks for \$1,000,000 in stock and dividends of the Portland Mining company, returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$416,922. Burns' attorney will argue a motion for a new trial next Saturday.

LIBERTY OF MISS STONE.

Semi-Official Report Says She Will Be Released Before January.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Rome says that if semi-official news telegraphed from Constantinople is correct, Miss Stone will be liberated before the end of the year, but there seems to be no doubt that Mme. Tsilka is dead.

REVOLT AGAINST TURKEY.

Sofians Rise and Make Much Trouble for Authorities.

Sofia, Dec. 23.—A revolutionary demonstration against Turkey occurred here last night. The police experienced difficulty in preventing the rioters from wrecking the residence of the Turkish commissioners.

GOVERNOR CRANE DECLINES TREASURY SECRETARYSHIP

WAR MAY YET BE AVERTED.

Chili and Argentine Republic Sever Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Minister Wilson at Santiago de Chili, confirming the report that the resources of diplomacy have been exhausted in efforts to settle the dispute between Chili and Argentina and that diplomatic relations have been broken off through the withdrawal from Chili of the Argentine minister. Touching the proposition from the Argentine side to refer the dispute to Great Britain as arbitrator, the Chilean representative claimed this was their own original proposition. This being the case it is believed there is a way open for a peaceful adjustment of the trouble.

BURGLARS AT SELMA.

Enter Store But They Fail to Get Any Booty.

Selma, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Burglars, thought to be home talent, entered the general store of Phelps, Pepper & Co., last night but failed to get anything of value. The would-be thieves entered the blacksmith shop of John Henn and stole a brace and bit with which they attempted to bore their way into the store by the cellar route. Falling in this they broke a pane of glass from a rear window and effected an entrance. The attempted burglary was discovered this morning upon opening the store.

COUNT IS A GAMBLER.

Loss One Hundred Thousand Pounds at the Gaming Table.

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to a news agency from Vienna says that at the St. Vienna Jockey club this afternoon, Count Potocki lost \$100,000 during three hours' card playing. Count Pallavicini won most of the money.

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Iowa Governor May Be Made Secretary of Treasury.

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Fellings Lacerated by Finding of Court of Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Counsel for Admiral Sampson today filed with Secretary Long a request that the department strike out or specifically disapprove that portion of Dewey's report of the Schley court of inquiry in which he states Schley was in command at the battle of Santiago and is entitled to the credit for the victory. Objection to Dewey's report is made on the grounds:

Schley Not in Command.

First, that Schley was not in command at the battle, because at the beginning, according to Schley's own statement, the disposition of the forces places Sampson in command.

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Second, the President and the navy department decided that Sampson was in command at the battle and Schley was second in command, citing the secretary's letter to the senate February 6, 1899, which stated the Spanish squadron was destroyed "by our fleet under Sampson's command," and the advancement of Schley was proposed in recognition of his services as the next in rank at Santiago.

Another Phase.

Third, the question as to who commanded at Santiago was not referred to the court for consideration, the evidence and hearing on that point was excluded. Extracts of the ruling by the judge advocate are quoted to sustain this claim and it is contended that if Schley was in command Sampson was not, and if the question as to which was in command was to be considered by the court surely Sampson became an interested party, and under the precept was entitled to a hearing, which was appealed for but refused him. All judicial officers of the court maintained this matter is outside the Schley inquiry, the court even going so far as to rule that Schley was not in command during the battle.

WINSEY IS FREE.

Alleged Knight of Pythias Perjurer Is Turned Loose.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Judge Duane today quashed the two indictments found several months ago against John A. Hinsey, former secretary of the endowment rank, supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, charging him with perjury. The charge was that Hinsey made false affidavits in regard to the funds of the order. The court held that the affidavits could not constitute perjury.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Section Foreman Lies Across Rails and Is Cut in Two.

Dubuque, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—James Brennan, a section foreman on the Illinois Central railroad, was run over and instantly killed by a west bound freight train Sunday morning, near Dyersville. He was lying across the rails and made no effort to get away.

FALLS TO DEATH FROM PIER.

Dubuque Man Crushed Skull on Ice After Involuntary Leap.

Dubuque, Dec. 23.—M. Wickberg, a blacksmith, fell from the top of a bridge pier Sunday to the ice on the river below, a distance of sixty feet. Injuries to his skull will probably result in death.

Massachusetts' Chief Executive Does Not Care to Enter Roosevelt's Cabinet.

HAS TOO MUCH BUSINESS

Then, Too, His Family, It Seems, Opposed His Accepting the Portfolio Tendered by the President—Official Announcement Made.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced at the White House that Governor Crane of Massachusetts has declined the position of secretary of the treasury tendered him by the President. Business cares and domestic opposition is given as the reason for the declination of the post made vacant by the resignation of Secretary Gage a few days ago.

Herrick Suggested.

The only name suggested at the White House today after it was known Crane would not accept, was that of Colonel Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland. Herrick is at the head of one of the largest saving institutions in the country and has had a wide experience in financial affairs. He was a warm friend of the late President McKinley.

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Oskaloosa, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Iowa Central railway made the Oskaloosa Y. M. C. A. a Christmas present of \$1,000 for a new \$40,000 building.