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LIBERALS HELD IN MINORITY. French Episcopate's Session Continues at Chateau de la Muette.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The French episcopate continued in session yesterday at the Chateau de la Muette. The cardinal, archbishops and bishops are divided into two distinct parties—the ultra-montanes, who are determined to persevere in the efforts to compel the state to negotiate for settlement with the Vatican, and whose organ is the Croix, which openly advocates as the only means of possible victory the organization of a political campaign by the Catholics, under the leadership of the clergy in order to secure a change in the government's attitude, and the liberals, who believe that the high dignitaries of the French church should do everything not specifically interdicted by the pope in order to maintain religious peace.

The latter consider that it is necessary to reckon with public opinion, which they believe will condemn open rebellion, especially as the government continues to affirm its desire not to close the churches, and accuses the episcopate of obeying the suggestions of the reactionary political parties. As the pope's condemnation only covers the separation of church and state law and the new French law, amending the church and state separation measure, the liberals favor taking advantage of the law of 1901 to form cultural associations under the common law. The Catholic papers, however, believe that the ultra-montanes are in the majority.

CONSIDERING CANAL BIDS. Questions to Be Decided Before Making Award.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Although it has been several days since the opening of bids for the completion of the Panama canal by contract, nothing definite has been done in the way of actually drawing up the document authorizing the commencement of the work. At the offices of the Isthmian canal commission yesterday it was stated that the various bids are being carefully investigated not only as to their regularity but also as to the financial responsibility of the bidders. Many other questions, it was said, will need to be disposed of before the actual contract is entered into. Chairman Shonts will have to hold one or more conferences with the secretary of war and the president before taking final action. There are already intimations that some of the bidders will enter protests against the award of the contract to the combination submitting the lowest bid.

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GOOD RESULTS OF PUBLICITY. Garfield Tells of Effect on the Standard Oil.

Washington, Jan. 17.—James E. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, appeared before the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce yesterday in support of the Townsend bill, which provides for the appointment by the president of commissions to arbitrate controversies concerning wages or hours of employment which affect the transportation of mails and interstate commerce. Mr. Garfield advocated publicity as an effective feature of investigations, and instanced the Standard Oil case. Independent oil operators, Mr. Garfield said, had told him recently that for the first time in twenty years they were free from discrimination.

A DEMOCRAT TO DEFENCE

Senator Carmack Upholds President Roosevelt

ON BROWNSVILLE CASE

He Excoriates Tillman in a Forceful But Not Polished Speech in the Senate Yesterday—Story of the Day.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Another Democrat, Senator Carmack of Tennessee, made a vigorous speech in the Senate yesterday defending the action of the president in the Brownsville case. The Tennessee senator has a large vocabulary which he called on yesterday for many unusual and picturesque words in making his remarks to the Senate and Senator Foraker for their attitude toward the discharged soldiers. He declared that Senator Foraker might be "the god of Ohio politics, but I am thankful he does not bear that relation to the universe." He declared that the resolution adopted at a Massachusetts meeting in Boston of negroes came from the most educated men of the race. He charged that this illustrates that even the most educated and cultivated of the race defended the guilty among them. He indirectly impugned the motives of Senator Foraker. He said he could not understand what motive the president could have in dealing unjustly with the discharged soldiers, but he could understand the motive which might prompt the attack of Foraker upon the president. The speech of Senator Carmack was, of course, not on a plane with that of Senator Spooner. The Wisconsin senator contributed the most carefully prepared and the most brilliantly delivered address to which the Senate has listened this session. His merciless exhortation of Senator Tillman caused general satisfaction among the Democrats who have in private condemned the exhibitions of the South Carolina senator on the floor of the Senate and on the lecture platform, but have lacked the courage to arraign him in the Senate for committing "a crime against civilization" as Senator Spooner did Tuesday. Senator Carmack in his speech yesterday, following the lead of Senator Spooner, referred sarcastically to Senator Tillman's recent speech attacking the president, and said: "With all due respect to my friend from South Carolina, it seems to me his premises were on one side of the earth and his conclusions on the other."

Mr. Carmack then paid his respects to the president as follows: "I think it proper to say that any report that senators may have heard that the president personally solicited my support in this matter, that he urged me to forgive and forget certain energetic personal remarks and begged me to stand between him and those twin enemies of his administration, the senators from South Carolina and Ohio, is a gross exaggeration. I will not say that it is an infamous falsehood, because such language belongs to the vocabulary of presidential controversy rather than to that of senatorial debate."

WANTS TO TEST EXPLOSIVE. W. S. Isham Asks Appropriation to Repair Expected Damages.

Washington, Jan. 17.—A bill has been introduced in Congress appropriating \$2,000 for the purpose of testing the explosive power of a dynamite shell to be fired at the U. S. S. Texas. The shell and compound are the product of the inventive genius of Willard S. Isham, a Hinesburg boy and a graduate of the university of Vermont, who has devoted much time to the study of explosives. In a letter to the secretary of the navy, Mr. Isham states that it is proposed to settle definitely and forever all questions as to outside explosive effects by employing in the test the largest shell used, say twelve or thirteen inch, charged with the most powerful explosive ever used for the purpose, explosive gelatine, and firing it with a velocity to simulate a range of about eight miles at the armor belt amidships of the battleship Texas. It is proposed to anchor to the ship over a sandbar in such a manner that she would settle only a foot or two in case a rent was made in her side below the water line. If those who believe that serious injury may result from outside explosions of such shell are wrong, Mr. Isham contends, then no serious harm will be done to the Texas and the expense of the test will be slight; on the other hand, should a hole be blown in the side of the vessel she would simply rest lightly on the bottom without serious injury and the cost would be infinitesimal compared with the value of the information obtained to our government.

PEIRCE HAD FULL AUTHORITY. Minister Is Exonerated by the State Department.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Herbert H. D. Peirce, United States minister to Norway, formerly assistant secretary of state, charged with acting as the attorney for the owners of the schooner J. Hamilton Lewis while representing the United States before the Hague tribunal, was Tuesday exonerated from all blame in the transaction by the department of state. These charges have been investigated frequently and it was found that Peirce acted with the consent of his superior officers. When his nomination as minister to Norway was under consideration by the Senate committee on foreign relations, these charges were preferred. Secretary Root informed the committee that investigation showed that Peirce, in representing the owners of the vessel, had acted with the full consent of the late Secretary Hay. The committee was satisfied with the explanation offered by the department of state and the nomination of Peirce as minister to Norway was confirmed.

CHINA NEEDS \$3,000,000. To Fight the Famine During the Next Five Months.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The American National Red Cross yesterday gave out a statement that Dr. Lewis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald in New York city, says: "Having given all other remedies a trial without success, I consider Father John's Medicine the best for bronchial troubles, it being the only remedy to give me permanent relief. I recommend it to others likewise troubled with the same result."

FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE. Cures Colds and all Throat and Lung Troubles. A STORY BY BROTHER FRANCIS. Brother Francis of St. Philip's Home for Indigent Boys, 417 Broom street, New York city says: "Having given all other remedies a trial without success, I consider Father John's Medicine the best for bronchial troubles, it being the only remedy to give me permanent relief. I recommend it to others likewise troubled with the same result."

VERMONTER MAY GET IT.

Darwin P. Kingsley Stated to Be President OF THE NEW YORK LIFE

New York Herald Says He Is Likely to Succeed Alexander E. Orr When the Latter Retires Within Sixty Days.

New York, Jan. 17.—The Herald says Alexander E. Orr will retire from the presidency of the New York Life Insurance company when the new trustees have been granted their certificates of election, which will be within the next sixty days. Darwin P. Kingsley, now vice president, who has played a large part in bringing the company to its present prominence, will be his successor, it is stated. It was only with difficulty that Mr. Orr was prevailed on to accept the present office when it was vacated by late John A. McCall. Mr. Kingsley is fifty years old and a graduate of the university of Vermont. He was for several years in newspaper work and in 1887 became state auditor and superintendent of insurance in Colorado. He joined the New York Life in 1890 as inspector of agencies for the New England states. He was then in turn made superintendent of agencies, first vice president and in 1903 vice president.

NO DELAY FOR BURHAM. He Must Begin Immediately to Serve His Term.

New York, Jan. 17.—George Burham, Jr., vice president and general counsel for the Mutual Life Reserve Fund Insurance company, who was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to two years in state's prison, must begin his term immediately. Counsel for Frederick A. Burham, president of the insurance company, who is also under indictment, sought to have the beginning of George Burham's term delayed on the ground that he was wanted as a material witness at Frederick Burham's trial. The motion for a stay of execution of sentence was denied.

IN TRYING ROW. Capt. Nickerson Has His Hands Frozen Stiff in Harbor at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 17.—Capt. Joshua Nickerson, of the schooner Minerva of Boston, now lying in lower harbor, had a terrible experience last night while trying to row to his craft, which may cost him the loss of both his hands and feet. He is now at the hospital, with both his hands frozen stiff and his feet badly frostbitten. Capt. Nickerson started for the lower harbor about 6 p. m. Tuesday. When off Newcastle his hands had become so cold that he lost his grip on the oars, and they went overboard. It was almost daybreak yesterday morning when the rowboat, with ashore on the Newcastle beach. Capt. Nickerson crawled ashore and for over an hour searched through the town before he called at the house of George Simpson, Dr. A. C. Heffinger was called and had Nickerson removed to the hospital.

MISTAKEN ZEAL. Says Uncle of Young Fairbanks, Arrested for Perjury.

Springfield, O., Jan. 17.—The charge of perjury returned against Frederick C. Fairbanks, son of the vice president, was caused by mistaken zeal on the part of the Steubenville officials, declares N. H. Fairbanks, an uncle. The latter left here Tuesday night for Steubenville with Attorney Stewart to get at the facts. Young Fairbanks' uncle says he made no misrepresentations whatsoever in regard to himself or his bride in getting his marriage license. He says that he told the probate court officials that he was the son of Vice President Fairbanks and gave all necessary facts with regard to his bride-elect, his residence, parentage, etc.

MORE PAY FOR 27,000 ENGINEERS. Managers of Railroads West of Chicago Reach Agreement.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Committees representing the railroad managers and the locomotive engineers have entered into an agreement here which includes all roads west of Fort William, Canada, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans, to the Mexican border. The new schedule is to go into effect February 1 and will affect about 27,000 engineers. The agreement provides a general increase in wages and hours.

22 COOLIES DEAD. And Were Buried at Sea—Measles and Pneumonia the Causes.

New York, Jan. 17.—Twenty-three of 800 coolies who left Calcutta on the steamer Indus for Trinidad, B. W. I., died during the voyage and were buried at sea according to a report brought here by the Indus yesterday. Measles and pneumonia caused all the deaths. After landing the surviving coolies at Trinidad, the Indus sailed for Cuba. There she took on a cargo of sugar for New York. She was detained at quarantine here.

Bone and Meat for Poultry. The development of the poultry and egg business is something simply wonderful. The fact is coming to be known that if poultry can have a clean, warm, well-ventilated home, with plenty of sunshine and the right kind of food, they will usually lay. During the extremely cold months it is very essential that they have the stimulating, strengthening, and invigorating effect of Grove's Carrot Food. Page of 1125, N. Y. C. probably the largest producer of fresh cut bone and meat in the United States, and will send a 200-pound barrel to any one on receipt of \$3.00, and will prepay the freight to any railroad station in New England or the middle states.

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JAMAICA'S RECORD OF DISASTERS

Island Was Swept by Hurricane in 1903 While Fire and Cyclone Have Added Their Devastating Influence.

The only volcanic formation in the island of Jamaica is that at the Lowlayton and Retreat estates, in the parish of Portland, a mile from the sea, in the county of Surrey, in which Kingston is situated. There is, however, no defined crater, and the volcanic materials are the only evidences remaining. The coast formation of Surrey county is of white and yellow limestone. The greater part of this country is mountainous. In August, 1903, Kingston and the rest of Jamaica were swept by a hurricane which almost destroyed Port Antonio and inflicted great damage in various parts of the island. Thousands of houses in Kingston were damaged, the wharves were battered and several coasting vessels were sunk. On November 13 last a sharp earth shock was felt in both the south and north of the island at eleven o'clock at night. It was followed immediately by a second shock, which was the heaviest felt in Jamaica in many years. In 1763 a great earthquake destroyed Port Royal, of whose three thousand houses only two hundred remained standing. It was this catastrophe which led to the founding of Kingston, many of the survivors retreating to the plain of Liguanea and settling on land belonging to Colonel Beeston, where Kingston now stands. In 1782 Kingston was visited by fire, destroying property to the value of \$2,500,000, and in 1843 another fire caused damage of about \$1,000,000. In August, 1880, cyclone passed over the eastern half of Jamaica, destroyed nearly all the wharves in the harbor of Kingston, and caused much damage to the shipping in the harbor. The storm lasted about five hours, but little rain fell in Kingston, and the moon shone throughout the disturbance. There were two shocks of earthquake at Kingston, each consisting of a large number of tremors, lasting seven or eight seconds, on December 7, 1880. The shocks were felt all over the island. A tremendous hurricane visited Jamaica in 1818. The whole island was deluged, many houses were washed away, vessels were wrecked and a great number of persons were drowned.

TOTAL DEBT \$2,447,674.

The Rutland County Agricultural Society.

Rutland, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the Rutland County Agricultural society was held at the Rutland yesterday afternoon. There were about 30 members present when the meeting was called to order by H. E. Colburn, the president of 1906. Reports were read and officers elected for the ensuing year. It was announced that the Rutland Driving Park association had surrendered its lease of the fair grounds to the agricultural society. A committee was chosen some time ago to take up this matter. F. H. Burnham was secretary of the meeting.

WOULD ABOLISH DISPENSARY PLAN. Governor Ansel, in His Inaugural, Suggests Some New Ideas.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17.—Martin E. Ansel was inaugurated governor of South Carolina yesterday in the presence of a large audience. The inauguration of Governor Ansel marks a new era in the history of South Carolina politics in that he is the first chief executive in fifteen years who has essayed to do away with the state dispensary system. In his inaugural address, Governor Ansel recommended the abolishment of the present liquor system, which under state control has grown to be a four-million-dollar business. In the House there is an admitted majority in favor of abolishing the system, while in the Senate both sides are claiming a majority. Among other recommendations of the

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE. The Boiler of a Reading Engine Bursts.

Morristown, Pa., Jan. 17.—The boiler of a Philadelphia & Reading railroad freight engine exploded at Bridgeport, near here, yesterday, killing five trainmen. Play First Baseball Game of the Season. Athens, Ga., Jan. 17.—The first game of baseball played in this country, outside of California, this year, so far as known, took place here Tuesday evening, two class nines from the university of Georgia. It was the opening game of the series, and two are to follow each week so long as the weather is as favorable as it is at the present time.

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ENGINE FALLS INTO RIVER

Accident On Boston & Maine R. R. Yesterday

BUT NO ONE WAS KILLED

Series of Accidents Demoralized Traffic on the Western Division of the Road—Defective Rail the Cause.

Newmarket, N. H., Jan. 17.—A series of train mishaps due to a broken rail tied up train movements on the Western division of the Boston & Maine railroad yesterday. Two trains, an express and a local passenger, were partly derailed in a short distance east of this station and in the tie-up of traffic which was caused there along the line, another accident occurred at Newfields, a few miles west of here, where the engine of a local passenger train ploughed half way through the rear smoker attached to an express, which had stopped there to await orders. In none of the accidents were any passengers or trainmen injured.

The West-bound express, leaving Portland at 7 a. m. and due to pass here at about 8:57, struck a broken rail at a point about a mile east of here, and three rear cars left the iron, bumping over the ties for a considerable distance before the train which was going at high speed could be brought to a standstill.

A few minutes behind the express the accommodation train, starting from North Berwick, Me., at 6:16 and due here at 8:59, was running along at moderate speed. The local was so close behind the express that it was impossible for the trainmen of the latter train to send a signal back in time to warn the engine and baggage car were derailed, the locomotive plunging down a small embankment into the Lampre river, tipping over on its side.

Engineer Gray was hurled from the cab of the locomotive upon the lee of the river, but escaped injury. The baggage car of the local train stopped at the edge of the embankment. The passengers of the derailed cars of the express train were somewhat shaken up by the progress of the car above the ties, but were not seriously hurt.

Traffic in both directions of the division was blocked for hours.

FRANCE HONORS AMERICANS. Newcomb, Matthews and Others Are Decorated.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The government yesterday announced that Simon Newcomb, the astronomer, of Washington, D. C., had been made a commander of the Legion of Honor and that the cross of the Legion of Honor had been bestowed upon the following Americans: Robert Chatfield Taylor, James M. Fletcher, J. S. Stillman, Professor Brander Matthews, and Kenneth W. Pierre.

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