

FIND OBSTACLES IN RATING PLANS

G. H. Kingsbury Says Secretaries' Assembly of State Will Aim to Overcome Them.

MEETS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

Scheme of Publishing Book for All Cities in Illinois Most Important Question to Come Up.

George H. Kingsbury, secretary of the Rock Island Business Men's Association, will leave tomorrow for Chicago to attend the semi-annual meeting of the secretaries' assembly of the Illinois Retail Merchants' Association Wednesday and Thursday.

Tomorrow evening there will be a meeting of the committee appointed at the annual convention at Ottawa last July to provide a plan for a statewide rating. The committee will draw up a report which will be considered by the secretaries' assembly and if found feasible will be presented to the next meeting of the state merchants' association for final adoption.

When the plan considered now, says Mr. Kingsbury today, "we will advise that each separate association in the state make its own rating book and send a copy to the state secretary who will have published a book containing the report of all merchants' organizations in the state. But there are a number of obstacles which we will have to consider and overcome before we advise this."

"In the first place, many cities do not publish a rating book at all. When a merchant is in doubt as to the rating of a new customer he calls up the secretary of the local association and learns from him the exact standing the patron has. Again other cities publish books only every few years and there is no set time that all of the local organizations issue their rating journals. Print at Same Time.

"In order that the plan could be successful we would have to have all of the associations publish their individual books at the same time and then the state secretary would receive all of them at once and could have the book for the state completed in a short time. This would mean that practically every person in the state in cities where we have associations would be rated, and when a new family moves to a city the merchants could learn the rating of the new arrivals in the place in which they formerly lived.

"The committee has had two meet-

FRENCH DIPLOMAT VISITS THE GREEKS



M. Denys Cochon.

M. Denys Cochon is French minister of state and special envoy to the court of Athens. He has been exerting his influence to induce Greece to enter the war on the side of the allies, but thus far without any sign of success.

ings already, but we have been unable to overcome the obstacles. We hope to determine on some plan which will eliminate these tomorrow night."

Mr. Kingsbury is vice president of the secretaries' assembly. Anton Schager of Joliet is president. The meetings will be held at the Morrison hotel.

Peoples Pulpit

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Editor The Argus: I have before me a copy of your paper of Thursday, Dec. 2, 1915, and have read your editorial headed "Tumulty's Statement." I must respectfully protest against the assertion that "politicians and mischief makers have been industriously circulating the most malicious lies about the neglect of the government to do its duty." This refers, of course, to Mexican affairs. Inasmuch as I am the author of "The Book of Red and Yellow," which has had a circulation of 100,000 copies both in English and in Spanish in the United States, and has had a special edition published in Spain, I believe that it will be very generally conceded that this reference has me somewhat in mind. I am neither a "politician" nor a "mischief maker."

It is true that I have been at the head of the effort to take care of the unfortunate refugee clergy and teachers from Mexico, and that I collected the money which gave them clothes and food and housing. It is also true that I was chiefly responsible for the publication of the stories of the outrages against the Catholic church in Mexico. It is not true, however, that the stories of the outrages were circulated for political motives, as you imply. On the contrary, I think that men high in the councils of the democratic party will concede that I acted with the utmost fairness, and that I did everything in my power to prevent the unfortunate affair from getting into politics. If it is in politics today Mr. Tumulty is to blame; for, while negotiations were in progress for conferences on the subject directly with the resolutionists themselves, in the hope that by agreeing to do justice they would remove this thorn from the administration's side, Mr. Tumulty wrote his letter and nullified every attempt at settling the difficulties through conferences. Indeed, on this very day I was to have left for Washington to meet those who claimed to be representatives of the de facto government of Mexico.

I do not know if "malicious lies" were circulated by others, but I do know that what I myself wrote in "The Book of Red and Yellow" is the truth. I have on hand affidavits setting forth in detail the outrages which occurred. I have even affidavits which are too bad to publish, and which I would hesitate to give to the public unless my hand were forced. It is easy for Mr. Tumulty to deny the outrages against nuns, because he knows that the last thing that any decent Catholic gentleman would do would be to publish anything that would indicate even remotely how these sisters might be. Their position is certainly not an enviable one. But Mr. Tumulty makes no attempt to deny the other outrages. He makes but a passing reference to the murders of clergy, and that in his quotation from Paredes. His argument, drawn from the fact that there are no records showing outrages against



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sisters in the state department, has been characterized by the New York Sun as the setting up of a straw man to be knocked down. The records of the state department are secret. They have never been given to the public in spite of demands for them; and it goes without saying that "special representatives" are reporting what they are obliged to report. How long would Silliman stay with Carranza if he told the truth?

But records are in other places, and many of them have been published. They have been offered to the government. They were seen by Mr. Roosevelt before he wrote his famous letter

to the Mexican situation, and they may be seen by any reputable person at my office.

As to the authority quoted by Mr. Tumulty, the so-called vicar general of Mexico City, Canon Paredes, both the department of state and Mr. Tumulty knew long ago that Canon Paredes was an intruder in an ecclesiastical office, and that he was appointed by Carranza in spite of the fact that the Mexican constitution proclaims that there shall be no union between church and state. Canon Paredes was allowed to act to avoid further scandal and for no other reason. He has not the confidence of his archbishop, and it is my

serious judgment that the only reason he has not been denounced and an edict of removal issued against him is that such action might cause more murder to be done on the faithful clergy.

I regret to say that I do not agree with you that Secretary Tumulty has "emphatically and effectively" denied and disproved the stories of outrages. Secretary Tumulty may deny if he wishes, but he cannot disprove. The outrages occurred just as they have been written in "The Book of Red and Yellow." To make matters worse, since Carranza's recognition on the promise that he would grant liberty of conscience to the afflicted Mexican peo-

ple, new outrages have happened. I have authentic information of the murder of three priests, and the violations of the constitution of Mexico against the basic religious rights of the people innumerable.

I wish to call your attention to the fact, however, that this is not a question of outrages. It is a question of democratic rights guaranteed by the constitution of Mexico, and upheld by the whole policy of the American people. It is not a Catholic question; it is an American question. We interferred in Mexico. We stood behind a revolution and drenched a country with blood by the murder of the innocent. We set

aside every American principle that our forefathers had fought for. It is easy to raise the cry of religious bigotry. We have not been guilty of raising it, but if it is raised and raised over this Mexican question, some good but blinded men may not stop to think that what has been permitted in Mexico, through the protection of the United States, may be only the first step of anarchy to taking from Americans, Catholic and Protestant, principles that have been the glory of the nation.

Faithfully,
FRANCIS C. KELLEY,
President of the Catholic Church Extension Society.