

## ITS DAY IS DONE

SECULAR EDUCATION IN FRANCE SEEMINGLY DOOMED.

## WHOLE FABRIC SWEEPED OFF

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PASSES ANTI-RELIGIOUS BILL.

Expected Now to Quietly Retire After Having Carried His Point—Little Opposition Expected in the Senate.

PARIS.—By the decisive majority of 216 to 209 the number of deputies tonight passed the government bill for the suppression of all forms of teaching by the religious orders. This supplements and completes the work begun by the former premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, in 1901.

The first law suppressed the unauthorized teaching orders, which had for a long time carried on their vocation despite the lack of legal sanction. The new law does not make any distinction between authorized and unauthorized congregations, but sweeps away the whole fabric of teaching by religious orders, thus in effect substituting the system of state schools for those heretofore conducted by the orders.

Besides effecting the educational system the passage of the bill is the achievement of the principal work undertaken by Premier Combes, and it is believed that premier will now voluntarily retire.

The parliamentary battle over the bill was one of the severest which the chamber of deputies has seen in recent years.

The minority failed to develop any serious strength, but carried its objections to the point of a fine art, and moreover Premier Combes suffered severely by defections from his own side. Premier Combes, however, maintained his majorities on the main features of the bill and the closing vote was in the nature of a personal triumph for him.

The property of the authorized congregations is to remain untouched until the closing of their last school, when a liquidator is to be appointed to wind up their affairs, pensioning the survivors and returning to the owners and donors bequests which have been conditionally made and applying any surplus to the purposes of secular education.

The bill, which still has to pass the senate, though no very serious opposition to it is anticipated there, forbids all teaching by the religious orders in the territory of France and provides for the suppression within ten years of all orders actually holding an authorization to teach.

### Says Dowie is a Disgrace.

ADELAIDE, Australia.—In consequence of a speech insulting King Edward, the government has refused the use of public buildings to John Alexander Dowie. The mayor of Adelaide wrote to Dowie telling him he was a disgrace to his nation.

### Thirteen Negroes Killed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A special to the Gazette from Dewitt, Ark., says:

Two more negroes have been killed in the clash between whites and blacks at St. Charles, fifteen miles from here in Arkansas county.

This brings the total of dead negroes up to thirteen, all of them being killed within the past week.

The last two negroes killed were the Griffin brothers, Henry and Walker, who were the cause of the trouble. The negroes were reported to have escaped, but it is known that they are dead and it is believed they were killed yesterday.

Owing to the remoteness of St. Charles and the fact that the news of the result of the riot is not given freely it is difficult to obtain details, but there is no doubt of the authenticity of the report with reference to the death of the Griffins.

In the St. Charles neighborhood the negroes largely outnumber the whites and trouble has been brewing for a long time and it is said the negroes for the past two years have been getting insolent and belligerent. It is now believed that the leaders of the unruly element have been killed and that further trouble will be averted.

## THINK WORST OVER

FLOOD SITUATION IN MICHIGAN BEGINS TO IMPROVE.

## LOSS ABOUT FIVE MILLION

FIVE LIVES FATALITY LOST SO FAR AS KNOWN.

Conditions Better at Grand Rapids, But Saginaw in Bad Way—Indiana Rivers Pouring a Flood into the Ohio.

DETROIT, Mich.—Five lives have been lost and probably upwards of \$5,000,000 worth of damage to property has been done by the flood which has devastated many parts of Michigan during the past five days. Tonight the indications are that the end is in sight, although conditions are still very bad at Grand Rapids, and also along the course of the Saginaw and Bay City, while no such marked improvement is to be noted, the fact that much of the ice that blocked the mouth of the Saginaw river at Bay City has gone out, is taken as a very favorable indication. At Saginaw the water rose five inches during the past twenty-four hours but it is hoped that the improvement at the mouth of the river will have a noticeable effect at Saginaw during the night and tomorrow.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The suffering of the flood victims will now be aggravated by the failure of the gas supply. During last night all the gas mains leading to the flooded west side became filled with water, and there is no possibility of their becoming opened for use before the flood completely recedes. It is not known to what cause the filling of the mains is due, although it is supposed that a number of small pipes burst, and that the high water quickly entered the mains. The result will be very serious. Gas was being used extensively for heating and cooking. The Grand river continues to recede today but slowly.

### Orders Flag Hauled Down.

LONDON.—A correspondent of the Times at New Chwang, cabling under yesterday's date says: "The Russians today ordered the American flag on the correspondents' mess to be hauled down."

"The proclamation of martial law completely paralyzes the whole commerce of this port."

The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent asserts that practically the whole Japanese army in Korea consisting of 100,000 men, is concentrated at Pak-Chen and Anju, only small detachments being left in southern Korea to maintain communication.

A St. Petersburg special says that a Russian division of 25,000 men from southern Ussuri is advancing in two columns through Korea. The main column, coming along the east coast road, reached Pak-Chen 180 miles from the Tumane river, and the flanking column consisting of Cossacks and mountain artillery, coming along the valley of the Tumane river towards its source, has reached the coast of Lake Tadjik. This column reports that the Japanese are advancing north from Gensan, and that their advance guard is encamped at Chong Ping. It is probable, however, that one of these reports can be accepted as authentic.

### Rebuked By Court.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—During the second day's hearing on the appeal of William J. Bryan on the probate court in the superior court today before Judge Cager, former Judge Stoddard, counsel for Mrs. Bennett, and Mr. Bryan engaged in a wordy war during the morning session and the court had to intervene. It followed immediately after reference to the correspondence between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bennett had been made by Judge Stoddard to which it was alleged that Mr. Bennett was brought to the point of writing the "sealed letter" by Mr. Bryan.

Judge Stoddard implied that Mr. Bryan was withholding the contents and said:

"If this man insists on getting \$50,000 from the widow by suppressing facts and showing these letters were written at his behest, the court should know the facts."

Mr. Bryan jumped on his feet and insisted that Judge Stoddard had misstated the facts but the court ordered Mr. Bryan to sit down.

## THEY ADMIT A DEFEAT

RUSSIANS FRANKLY CONFESS REVERSE IN KOREA.

Exercised Czar Retreat in Good Order and Occupy New Position—Cavalry and Infantry Engage in Fight

ST. PETERSBURG.—The emperor has received a dispatch from General Kuropatkin giving a lengthy report from General Mishchenko, dated at 10 p. m. March 28, which says that an important engagement took place near the town of Chong Ju, in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order.

General Kuropatkin's report is as follows:

"I have the honor to respectfully communicate to your majesty the report of General Mishchenko dated March 28, at 10 p. m. which says:

"For three consecutive days our small outpost attempted to draw the Japanese cavalry into action, but their patrols, after contact was established, retired beyond Chong Ju (about fifty miles northwest of Ping Yang.)

"Having learned that four squadrons of the enemy were posted five versts beyond Chong Ju on March 27, six companies marched toward Kasan and on March 28 reached Chong Ju at 10:30 a. m. As soon as our scouts approached the town the enemy opened fire from behind the wall. Two squadrons promptly dismounted and occupied the heights six hundred yards distant. An engagement ensued.

"Notwithstanding this, and our commanding position, the Japanese gallantly held their ground and it was only after a fierce fight of half an hour's duration that the Japanese ceased fire and sought refuge in the houses. The Japanese hoisted the Red Cross flag at two points.

"An hour and a half after the beginning of the engagement four companies were seen on the Kasan road, hastening to attack. I gave the order to mount, and the entire force, with a covering squadron, advanced in perfect order and formed in line behind the hill. The wounded were placed in front and the retirement was carried out with the deliberation of a parade.

SEOUL.—A report has reached here that fifty Japanese and one hundred Cossacks were killed and wounded in a skirmish that occurred between Anju and Tingju.

The above dispatch probably refers to the engagement reported Monday night as having occurred March 23, but in which no Cossack losses were mentioned.

Marquis Ito, upon taking his departure yesterday, submitted to the government some suggestions for Korean reforms. The emperor has appointed Yi Chi Ying, former minister of foreign affairs as a special ambassador to bear presents to the Japanese emperor and return the compliment of Marquis Ito's visit to Korea.

### Swore Lives of Men Away.

CHICAGO.—A child's testimony reversed saved five men today from the gallows. The result was a striking parallel to the case in which a fortnight ago Millionaire Peter Van Vlissingen practically demonstrated that under police pressure a boy named Wiltrax had given false testimony leading to the conviction of the boy's father for murder. Today's instance of youthful unreliability under oath was in the case of William McCarthy and four Polish young men on trial for murder, the witness being a little girl, Appolonia Starosta, who first gave direct straightforward, eye witness testimony, apparently establishing beyond question the guilt of the men, and then repudiated her sworn evidence.

In explanation of the remarkable change of front, the child declared that she had been instructed how to testify by the widow of the murdered man. Charges against the prisoners were withdrawn on the spot by the state's attorney, the five men immediately walking out of the dock free by order of the court.

### To Resume Smoot Inquiry.

WASHINGTON.—The investigation of the protests against Senator Reed Smoot will be resumed April 2 by the senate committee on privileges and elections. The witnesses will include a number of officials of the Mormon church.

## KILLED BY BANDITS

NOVICES IN TRAIN HOLDUP MURDER A MESSENGER.

## SHOOT HIM AT SIGHT.

VICTIM GIVEN NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER FOR LIFE.

Crime Committed on Southern Pacific Road Near Keswick, California—Little Rooter Secured from Safes.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Three masked men have held up the Oregon express, southbound, on the Southern Pacific railroad at Copley, near Keswick, killed W. J. O'Neill, the express messenger, and carried off the contents of the express box. The train is known as No. 15 and stopped at Copley, a small station, for water. As the train came to a standstill three men jumped on and cut the train in two, taking the engine and express car down the track a short distance.

They stopped the engine and demanded that Messenger O'Neill open the express car. He refused, whereupon they blew up the express car with dynamite and deliberately killed O'Neill by shooting him through the head. The bandits then robbed the car of its contents, but it is not known how much they obtained.

After robbing the express car the men cut the car loose and getting on the engine compelled Engineer Joesting to go head. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared into the night with their plunder.

The particulars of the robbery were obtained when the train, minus the express car, reached Redding. When the train pulled into Copley the highwaymen emerged from the brush. They first encountered a tramp who was attempting to steal a ride. He was jabbed in the ribs with a rifle muzzle and made to enter the smoker. Meanwhile one of the robbers knocked at the door of the express car. W. J. O'Neill, the Wells Fargo messenger, asked him some questions. The reply was evidently satisfactory, because O'Neill slid the door back about eighteen inches when a rifle bullet was sent through his body. It passed near his heart and the messenger fell back dead. O'Neill was not armed. He evidently believed from what he was told that the knock came from a member of the train crew.

### Lives in Danger.

CELINA, O.—The apprehension that has been felt today regarding the banks of the Grand reservoir has increased. The waters continue rising but the greatest danger is believed to exist on account of the high wind. The gale is from the west and is driving the water against the east bank round St. Mary's where the bank has already been weakened. A very large force is at work tonight trying to save the locks at the bulkhead. St. Mary's is at the east end of the reservoir and Celina at the west end. Flood signals have been given, not only around the reservoir, but also to people along the canal to be ready to vacate. The St. Mary's river has broken its records doing much damage to the railroads and other property. A very large force of men is also at work tonight on the dam on the Celina side of the reservoir.

The exodus of people from the reservoir district tonight is very large on account of the high winds which make the waters surge along the banks. These people know that if there is a break at any point a great calamity will follow. Besides the gangs of workmen, hundreds are engaged as watchmen and patrolmen ready to give warning in case of a break.

This is the largest artificial body of water in the world, being ten miles long and from two to four miles in width and covering about 20,000 acres. Its banks are from ten to twenty-five feet high, and it was constructed on the summit between the Ohio river and the lakes so as to feed the canals both ways. Having outlet into the Maumee and the Wabash rivers, its waters take opposite directions and in the event of a serious break the damage would be beyond description. The state was engaged from 1837 to 1845 in constructing this lake, and it has been the scene of many troubles.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

The Rev. E. H. Jenks, D. D., of Omaha, visited Dr. Kerr of Bellevue on Thursday.

Mrs. Havens of Minden was killed while crossing the B. & M. track near her home.

About forty students of the college are remaining in Bellevue during this week of spring recess.

J. S. Rutherford of Beatrice has established a plant in that city for the manufacture of artificial building stone.

B. B. Boyd of Harington has a collection of Oriental swords and daggers sent him by his son who is in China.

Miss Agnes Hatfield, one of the college instructors at Bellevue, is spending her vacation at her home in Pawnee City.

The county clerk at Albion is busy, releasing chattel mortgages, over 100 aggregating \$20,000 having been released in one day.

The new line of the Home Telephone company between Beatrice and Lincoln will be completed during the present week.

The ministers of Lincoln appeared before the excise board in behalf of the law and order league. The conference came to nothing.

Miss Edith Wilson, principal of the public school at Bellevue, went to Omaha Friday to spend Sunday with her parents.

John Diggs, charged with daylight burglary of the house of L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood, was found guilty by a jury at Plattsmouth.

Thomas Routh died at his home in Beatrice from lung trouble. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow and several children.

Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Table Rock will celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of the American Odd Fellowship on April 26.

Albert E. Fisher, representing the Bellevue college, is covering the territory along the Northwestern road to Oakdale during the vacation.

Dr. J. H. Crabbs of Fremont, the oldest practicing physician in the county, is seriously ill, and his recovery doubtful. He is 77 years of age.

The G. A. R. and Woman's Relief corps of Plattsmouth tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Melvin, who leave soon for Washington.

Farmers living near Wayne will begin legal proceedings against Dr. Leisenring of that place, owner of an automobile, seeking to restrict its use.

Clerks in the retail stores at Norfolk have organized as a union, and have notified employers that after May 1 they will refuse to work on Sunday.

A defective flew was the cause of a fire damaging a house belonging to Towner Smith to the extent of \$200 at Fremont. Loss covered by insurance.

Joachim Geu, a well known pioneer of West Point, died at the Beemer sanitarium from stomach trouble. He was 54 years of age and leaves a large estate.

Evangelist Sunday has been holding revival meetings in Sterling for the last six weeks, and it is estimated that about 1,100 people have been converted.

County Assessor Blessing of Dakota City has resigned his office on account of poor health. The board of county commissioners will meet to name his successor.

Judge Hanna has convened the adjourned term of the district court at Albion. There is very little business left for the remainder of the session.

A largely attended meeting of the Women's Relief corps and the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Beatrice with an enjoyable literary and musical program.

The three debaters to represent Crete academy in the debate with Weeping Water academy have been elected. They are E. E. Dowse, W. M. Burton, L. Dowse.

The explosion of a gasoline lamp in the general merchandise store of John R. House of Pender caused a loss of \$15,000 to the stock and \$3,000 to the building. The latter is fully covered by insurance, but only a \$9,000 policy was carried on the stock. The fire is the worst that this city has ever had and would have been much worse but for the work of the volunteer fire department and the water system.