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FEAR GRAVE TROUBLE

Premier Combes Confronted by Serious Situation on Church Question.

CHAMBERS REFLECT FEELING IN COUNTRY

Friends Declare They Have Prevented, Not Encouraged, Outbreaks.

INTIMATE THEY MAY CHANGE TACTICS

Newspapers Take Divergent Views of the Situation.

SOME URGE THE PREMIER TO GO FORWARD

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(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, May 23.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A dangerous situation is confronting Premier Combes. Conservative observers fear grave disorders and already there has been considerable bloodshed. The disorder in the Chamber of Deputies only reflected that throughout France. The priests declare that trouble was only averted at the time the nuns and monks were evicted by their interceding with their parishioners to be calm, but that now they (the priests) will change their course if persecution is persisted in and will wash their hands of responsibility for the outcome. Thus far in the street encounters, especially at Plaisance and Belleville, the weapons used have been chiefly confined to bladders, bluegums and so-called brass knuckles. But many persons have been seriously injured, nevertheless.

At Villotte, which is the slaughter house quarter, the butchers flocked to the priests, who encouraged them. Father Oriole caused a riot by an address at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste. One priest, however, when handed a revolver by a sympathizer, hid it under his gown. During this riot Police Prefect Lepine was hurt by a bottle.

The newspaper editorials are all heated, but the editors are of different minds. The Lanterne, a government organ, says: "The ministers and members of Parliament listen to the voices of their country and show themselves worthy of their task. Now that the debate is open between church authorities in France and the rights of man, let us destroy this shameful compact which binds us still to the Roman church and overthrow this worm-eaten edifice—the last stronghold of the reaction. Down with the church."

The Autorite in an editorial entitled "Combes' End" asserts: "Combes at the supreme moment of struggle has shown his cowardice. The feeling of France is not with him. Necessarily he leaves his baneful work unfinished and hesitates in his persecution. He who had thought to cause Catholics to tremble, to dictate to the pope, to terrify the bishops, to cause fire and bloodshed, has now like a hideous reptile stamped upon—no longer able to bite. What good is he? Combes is finished and before long he will be thrown into the Parliamentary garbage box like a piece of putrid meat."

A cartoon directing attention to the subject represents President Loubet and Premier Combes as big cigars having a friendly chat. Loubet remarks: "It seems that, owing to you, I go to Rome, permission to kiss the pope's toe will be refused me."

Combes replied: "Don't you owe me a great deal for a service like that?" Another cartoon shows two deputies in front of the Chambers, one accompanied by his young son. The first deputy asks: "What did you do during the Parliamentary vacation?" The second answered: "I had my son take his first communion and also put the finishing touches on my bill for the immediate closing of all churches."

Before they were turned out of their mansions the members of the Grand Chateau destroyed the keys, valued at \$500. The authorities have been obliged to order all the locks removed and new keys made. It is estimated that this work will take the French locksmiths a full year.

Public Prefect Lepine has decided not to run for deputy in Mont de Marsan. The public feeling against him, as being responsible for the arrest by the "agents de meurs" (morality police) of the sister and wife of the editor of the Lanterne as a questionable character, is believed to have caused him to withdraw.

UNCERTAIN ABOUT ANTIQUE French Savants Not Convinced Russian Artisans Fabricated the Tiara.

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A suggestion has been made that the gold in the tiara be analyzed to decide whether it is Scythian, Russian or French gold. This would show beyond doubt if part of the tiara is ancient and part modern. It is believed it could be done without injuring the tiara by taking a few grains of gold from the interior, which is rough.

SCHEME FAILS TO WORK OUT Frenchman Has Bright Idea, but Unfortunately His First Pupils is Killed.

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DUEL ENDS WITHOUT ANY HARM

No One Appears to Know Just What is Real Reason for the Encounter.

NOTED ACTRESS TELLS OF HER WOOING

Wedded to a Russian Count Who Thought She Had Money.

DISAPPOINTED, HE SEEKS TO POISON HER

Marriage Declared to Be Illegal According to the Russian Law.

CZAR COMPELS HIM TO RIGHT THE WRONG

Bride Leaves Him at the Altar and Refuses After His Death to Claim His Estate or Title.

DIVORCE FOR A ROYAL PAIR

Prospective Heir to Throne of Bavaria and His Wife Unable to Agree.

HUNGARIAN IN GREAT LUCK

Wins at All Gambling Games and Always Plays for High Stakes.

ARTIST SHOCKS STATESMEN

Incident of King Edward's Visit Years Ago to Studio of Rosa Bonheur.

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TITLE NOT CLAIMED

One American Woman Who Has One and Refuses to Wear It.

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MRS. ADAIR OUTSHINES ALL

Beats the Record of Mrs. Bradley-Martin for Entertaining Titled People.

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YACHT IS A MARVEL

Reliance Proves in Test Race to Be Leader of Defenders.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Showers Sunday and Monday.

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TO HELP OMAHA UNION

Kansas City Freight Handlers Decide to Go on Strike.

OUT OF SYMPATHY FOR EMPLOYEES HERE

Between Six and Eight Hundred Will Walk Out Tuesday.

IS AGREED ON BY MEN OF BOTH CITIES

Cause of Decision is Alleged Policy of Omaha Retailers.

ARE BUYING GOODS IN MISSOURI TOWN

And Union Intends to Shut Off Base of Supplies There and in Other Cities Where They May Seek to Purchase.

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