

CASH FOR FRENCH CLERGY

Louisiana Priests Tender Financial Assistance to Brethren in Trouble.

REPUBLICAN PRESS IS SATISFIED

Action of Parliament Pleases Writers Who Champion Cabinet's Cause, but Opposition Papers Are Violently Denunciatory.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—An offer of pecuniary assistance to the French clergy from the Catholic clergy of Louisiana was mailed last night to Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, by Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans. The accompanying memorial was signed by over 100 Catholic priests in Louisiana. Archbishop Blenk's letter said: "No as to give expression to our sympathy in a practical and substantial character, let me add that the clergy of Louisiana is ready at the least office from your eminence to help pecuniarily, within means, in the maintenance of the French clergy."

Comment on New Law.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The entire republican press today expresses the greatest satisfaction at the adoption yesterday by a vote of 618 to 166 of the government's bill amending the church and state separation law of 1905. The papers are full with special gratification on the fact that the various republican groups unitedly supported the government in the new step which it felt compelled to take in view of the intransigence of the Vatican authorities. The opposition organs indulge in the most violent denunciation of the new measure.

CHALLENGER AT DISADVANTAGE

Scotch Yachtsmen Think Americans Will Have Best of Lipton Under New Rules.

GLASGOW, Dec. 22.—(Special).—Scotch yachtsmen, who have discussed the plans made by Sir Thomas Lipton for another race for the America's cup, seem to think that even under the new rules the challenger will be at a disadvantage. It is determined that American designers will have more experience with the rule than those who will design the cup challenger. A yacht, however, it is admitted, is to a certain extent public property as soon as it makes its appearance in a race, and it is believed the designers will then be able to determine just how the Americans have gone to work with the rule. The subject was first brought up by one of the yachting weeklies on this side of the water which pointed out that if the latest statements could be accepted as reliable the measurements to be applied to the contest promised for 1903 will be that which is now recognized by the New York Yacht club. Under this arrangement it is claimed Herreshoff will start with the initial advantage accruing from the opportunity of having had a couple of years of experimenting with the rule before being called upon to apply it to the production of a cup challenger.

"PRAYER CARS" RUN FOR ISLAM

Turkish Government Desires Faithful to Make Pilgrimage by Railroad Line.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.—(Special).—"Prayer cars will be run" Such an announcement of advertisements along the line of the Hedjaz railway, which is expected to reach Medina in about sixteen months. The subscriptions towards the construction of the railway during the last five years amounted to \$12,000,000, and contributions by the Turkish government of \$10,000,000 which about \$11,000,000 has been spent. The main line has reached Tabouk and the survey is now being pushed to Mada, in Sulk. Every effort is being made by the Turkish officials to popularize the railway among the pilgrims. Several parties of guides and teachers have recently left Medina for the main heads of the different land routes to Hedjaz, with the object of inducing the Kafilas to travel by railway. The sultan has ordered the railway authorities to carry free of charge indigent pilgrims.

HUNGARIANS WANT LABORERS

Chinese May Be Imported if Native Workmen Refuse to Make Contracts.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—(Special).—An interesting incident occurred during a recent sitting of the Agricultural association of Bekes county, Hungary. Upon motion of the Count Dymold Weneheth, it was resolved that in case the harvest men refuse to close the harvest contract before January 31, between 15,000 and 30,000 coolies shall be brought from China.

TERMS OF PEACE IMPOSSIBLE

Greeks and Bulgarians Unable to Define "Sphere of Influence" in Macedonia.

SALONIKA, Dec. 22.—(Special).—Greek and Bulgarian bandit leaders recently met, two on a side, on an island in the lake of Yendite with a view of coming to a friendly understanding as to their respective "spheres of influence" in Macedonia. One of the Bulgarian representatives was the well known Lazo Mirovoff. The discussion having come to a deadlock the Bulgarians declared that they could go no farther without consulting the famous Bulgarian chief, Apostol. He was sent for and came. "What" asked the Greeks, "we thought you were dead long ago." "Yes," replied Apostol, "they killed me twice, but you see I have come to life again."

NO AGREEMENT ON SCHOOLS

Irish Party and Government Fail to Get Together on the Subject.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(Special).—The statement of the Catholic Herald to the effect that an agreement between the Irish party with reference to the Catholic schools had been virtually arrived at is denied in circles where the denial comes with the weight of authority.

BRANDY QUALITY IS GOOD

American Consul at La Rochelle Says Vines Are Free from Disease.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(Special).—George H. Jackson, the American consul at La Rochelle, in a report to the Washington bureau, says that the vintage is already well advanced and promises to equal in quantity that of last year. The quality of this year's vintage is expected to be of exceptional quality, as the vines and the fruit are entirely free from the diseases and accidents that so often beset them.

BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA

Much Damage Has Been Done by Flames in New South Wales.

SYDNEY, Dec. 22.—(Special).—For many days devastating bush fires have been raging in the western part of New South Wales. One of them is described as a wall of living flame, twenty feet high and three miles wide. There have been many exciting journeys with live stock to escape the fire, though many of the cattle and sheep have been lost.

FATAL MINE ACCIDENT

One Man Known to Be Dead and Five Others Under Debris.

CAGE DROPS IN ILLINOIS COLLIERY

Workmen Starting on Day's Task Fall Hundred Feet to Sump and Are Buried in Wreckage.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—One miner is known to have been killed, five others are believed to be dead and another was seriously injured by dropping of the cage early today in the shaft of the Brooks-Trenton Coal mining company, about ten miles north of Carlsle. The cage, which was eight miles east of St. Louis, the details were learned from long distance telephone. The accident occurred as the second cagefull of day-shift miners were descending into the mine. The cage containing six men, had descended 300 feet down the 40-foot shaft, when it stuck momentarily and then went crashing to the bottom with a noise similar to an explosion.

CAPTAIN MACKLIN CONSCIOUS

Officer Believed to Have Been Shot by Discharged Trooper of Twenty-Fifth.

EL RENO, Okla., Dec. 22.—Captain Edgar B. Macklin of Company C, Twenty-fifth Infantry, who was shot at his home here last night, when he was recovering from his wounds and physicians at the hospital expressed the belief that he would recover. No trace of the would-be assassin, who is believed to be one of the negro soldiers recently discharged on order of President Roosevelt, has been traced. A detective, arrived here early today from Oklahoma City with bloodhounds, which he placed upon the trail of the negro. Captain Macklin says positively that the man who shot him was a negro. He says he knows of no cause for the assault.

CHILEANS ARE NOT PLEASED

Bolivia Lets Railway Contracts to United States When Chile Wanted Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Chilean opposition to the plan for having the new railways of Bolivia constructed by Spuyer Bros. and the American National bank of New York is causing much discussion in Latin American diplomatic circles. The Chilean newspapers are bitter in their criticism of Bolivia's action in awarding the contract, which is alleged to be in violation of the treaty disposing of the difference between Bolivia and Chile incidental to the serious disputes over the territory which involved Brazil, Peru, Bolivia and Chile. Chile agreed to pay Bolivia about \$2,500,000 in satisfaction of its claims and as this money is being expended in railway construction the Chileans, according to advisers received here, feel that they should have been permitted to recover some of this money through railway construction contracts. The railway plans of the Bolivian government are more extensive than anything of the sort ever undertaken in South America since the construction of the Argentina railway system and include a projected line to connect La Paz with the Argentina railway and lines to the coast as well as into the rubber forests.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT FATAL

Oren Snyder Dies from Fall Last Friday, Never Gaining Consciousness.

Oren Snyder of Moore, Mont., died early Saturday morning at the home of his nephew, R. L. Wilcox, 173 Cass street, from the effects of injuries sustained Friday when he fell from a moving street car at Sixteenth and Cass streets, striking on his head and shoulders. After the accident he was able to get up and walk into a grocery store, but soon became unconscious after being taken to the hospital. He died at the hospital on his way home he got off the street car at Sixteenth and Cass streets, but forgot one of the suit cases which he was carrying. The car had started and had gained considerable momentum when he opened a big built account platform, but lost his hold and fell heavily to the pavement. He was badly bruised about the head and shoulders, but it was not thought that the injuries would prove serious until he became unconscious, when physicians were called and he was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Snyder, who is in a weakened condition from the effects of her recent sickness and the attendant operation, is prostrated over her grief. Coroner Bratley has charge of the body, but has not decided if an inquest will be held.

NEW FEDERAL COURT PANEL

Thirty Petit Jurors Chosen for Term Which Will Begin in January.

A new panel of thirty petit jurors for the term of the federal courts to begin January 2, was drawn Saturday morning by United States District Clerk R. C. Hoyt and Jury Commissioner Dr. George Tilden. Omaha is represented on the list by F. J. McShane, president of J. H. McShane & Co., and A. N. Yost, solicitor, 223 Corby street. Others among the panel include the names of Edgar Howard of Columbus, editor of the Telegram, and William Raymond of the wholesale grocery firm of Raymond Bros., Lincoln. In the list are seven farmers, two retired farmers, four merchants, three clerks, two real estate dealers, one printer, one editor, two bankers, one druggist, one solicitor, one carpenter, one grocer, one collector, one occupation and one lawyer.

GIFTS FOR THE OLD FOLKS

Santa Claus Comes to Home from Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The residents of the Old People's Home enjoyed a Christmas tree Saturday afternoon through the courtesy of the women of Westminster Presbyterian church. The tree, with a potted plant and a bag of candy, was furnished by the women, and Mrs. G. W. Walthers sent a gift for each of the old people.

GUILD BRINGS GOOD NEWS

Returns from Chicago with Assurances of Continued Reduced Rates for Merchants.

Commissioner John M. Guild of the Commercial club has returned from Chicago. He received assurances from the railroad that they would make arrangements whereby they would continue to grant reduced rates for the merchants' meetings at Omaha. He also had favorable news from

James West Point; Peter Erickson, farmer, Erickson; A. C. Fell, banker, Superior; John Fitzgerald, no occupation, Valley; D. G. Gates, real estate, Albion; Joshua L. Garms, retired farmer, Beatrice; W. S. Howard, farmer, Lowell; Edgar Howard, editor, Columbus; W. H. Holbrook, farmer, Stanton; Charles Krumbach, retired farmer, Shelby; George W. Lewis, lawyer, Beaver City; William Lewis, real estate, Decatur; John Lee, farmer, Shelby; John D. Lemmon, grain dealer, Ulysses; John A. Mott, farmer, Ashland; F. J. McShane, lumber, Omaha; William Raymond, wholesale grocer, Lincoln; Horace F. Smith, farmer, Sirmansburg; Charles W. Smith, druggist, Friend; A. N. Yost, solicitor, Omaha; W. M. Wheeler, printer, Fairfield. The jury is ordered to report for duty January 2, 1907.

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Advertisement for Illinois Central Railroad featuring 'HOLIDAY EXCURSION VIA ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD'. It lists various routes to Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, with return limits and ticket information. The ad also includes a small logo for the Illinois Central Railroad and contact information for the City Ticket Office at 1402 Farnam Street, Omaha.

Advertisement for FUEL FAMINE IN WASHINGTON, SUFFERING IN EASTERN PART OF STATE, and HABAES CORPUS GRANTED. It discusses the fuel shortage in Washington and the granting of habeas corpus to Mrs. Agnes Myers. The ad also includes information about the Oregon Railway Loans and the Tacoma Wash. Dec. 22.—Tacoma people are not suffering from the need of fuel, although the scarcity of coal and wood is causing considerable inconvenience.

Advertisement for POOR MAN SPURNS FORTUNE, HABAES CORPUS GRANTED, and BAKERSFIELD, CAL. Dec. 22.—The engine driver, Hicks, was not released during the night. Boulders were again encountered and soft dirt made it necessary for the rescuers to protect themselves. It is believed that not more than an inch was gained during the early hours of the morning. Delicate timbering is also necessary and safe work in the drift, which is close to the mine, is hard to perform.