

POPE PIUS HIS FIRM

Members of the Sacred College Present Christmas Greetings to the Pontiff. SITUATION IN FRANCE DISCUSSED His Holiness Says Church Can Make No More Concessions.

HOPE FOR BETTER TIMES SOON

Ultimate Triumph Will Come Out of Persecution and Violence.

FRENCH VIEW OF ATTITUDE OF VATICAN

Expectation That New Law Will Be Rejected and Priests Will Discontinue Services in Churches.

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COURT RECOMMENDS HIM TO MERCY

Case Is Asked to Commute Sentence to Ten Years' Imprisonment—Three Commanders Also Found Guilty. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The court martial which has been trying Rear Admiral Nebogatoff and seventy-eight officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese at the battle of the Sea of Japan on May 28, 1905, handed in its decisions tonight.

SENTENCES ARE PASSED

The sentences passed on Vice Admiral Nebogatoff and the other officers in the case of the naval officers who were condemned by court martial for surrendering the torpedo boat destroyer Bedivi to the Japanese. The sentences were coupled with a similar recommendation to the emperor for mercy.

MOTION TO RELEASE SHEA

Attorneys for Teamster Insist No Conspiracy Has Been Proven in Case. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—At today's session of the Shea teamster strike trial defendant's counsel offered a motion that the case be taken from the jury and the defendant discharged on the ground that the state had not made out a case of conspiracy.

BOY MURDERER IS INSANE

Sidney Sloane, Who Killed His Father, a Spokane Merchant, Is Acquitted. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—"Not guilty, insane," was the verdict returned today by the jury in the case of Sidney Sloane, the 13-year-old boy charged with the murder of his father, James P. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of Spokane.

JEWISH CHILDREN KEPT AWAY

Agitation Against Christmas Celebrations Decreases Attendance in New York Schools. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The agitation against Christmas celebrations in the public schools has been gathering force for the last ten days in Hebrew circles.

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WORK OF LIFE-SAVING CREWS

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FIREMEN MAY ASK FOR AID

Threat to Call Out Brothered Men on All Harriman Lines. ACTION WOULD CAUSE GREAT SUFFERING. Fuel Supply at Points Along Union Pacific, Is Low—Men Have Contract with Road and Have No Grievance.

EARTHQUAKE IS RECORDED

Instrument in California Finds Seismic Disturbance at Great Distance from Recorder. BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Ormsby seismograph at the observatory of the University of California recorded earthquake waves yesterday at 9 hours, 23 minutes 35 seconds, Pacific standard time, which indicate that a severe earthquake has occurred at a distant point.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

VOTE TAKEN FOR POSTMASTER

John W. Gordon as a Result Is Recommended to Handle Mail at Presho, S. D. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Burke today recommended John W. Gordon to be postmaster at Presho, S. D.

BIG HOLIDAY TRADE

Season Just Closed in the Best in Omaha's Entire History. RETAIL BUSINESS BREAKS THE RECORD Christmas Day This Year Finds Local Merchants Satisfied.

LITTLE STOCK LEFT IN SOME LINES

Large Crowd of Eager Buyers Throngs the Streets Monday. EARLY SHOPPING HELPS THINGS SOME Expressions and Messenger Boys Work Hard at Night and Are Up Bright and Early in the Morning.

SARGENT IS AT HIS DESK

Immigration Commissioner Returns from Honolulu, Where He Saw Portuguese Laborers Land. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Immigration Commissioner Sargent was at his desk today after a trip of several weeks, during which he visited the immigration stations at Honolulu and San Francisco.

DIAMONDS DEMANDS QUICK ACTION

Development Company Must Control Colorado River or Lose Its Concession. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State department has been advised by Mr. Thompson, the American ambassador to Mexico, that the president of the Mexican republic has taken prompt action looking to the remedying of the damage to property in the Colorado river.

FURNITURE RATES ALTERED

Light Weight Causes Change in Rate for Goods to Far Pacific Coast. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An agreement has been reached by the Interstate Commerce commission with the railroads interested in regard to the complaint of the North Carolina Case Workers' association filed with the commission several weeks ago.

DEFENDANTS LOSE POINTS

United States Supreme Court Makes Preliminary Ruling in Case from Tennessee. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The supreme court today decided adversely to the defendant in the preliminary questions involved in the case of Sheriff Shipp and twenty-six others of Knoxville, Tenn., charged with contempt of the supreme court in lynching a negro named Johnson after the court had taken cognizance of the case.

STRIKES ARE NOT SERIOUS

Northern Texas Feels No Effect of Cessation of Work by Engineers. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 24.—Apparently the strike of firemen on the Southern Pacific is of but slight effect in northern Texas.

ARTHUR B. SMITH CHANGES

Northern Pacific Man Goes to Electric Lines of the New Haven Road. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Arthur B. Smith, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, was today appointed traffic manager of the Consolidated Railway company, the electric railway system controlled by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company.

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