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FRANCE REITERATES ITS DENIAL

Assures People that It Has in No Manner Made Reply to the Recent Note from Rome.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 26.—The following cablegram was sent today to the Vatican by the Knights of Columbus: Cardinal Merry del Val, Vatican, Rome. The Knights of Columbus of America sympathize with His Holiness in his efforts to adjust the difficulties of the church in France and assure him of a filial and loyal support. (Signed) EDWARD L. HEARN, Supreme Knight.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The foreign office today issued a second and most categorical denial that it has made any reply of any sort regarding the Vatican's protest to the powers on the subject of the expulsion of Mr. Montagnini.

Against the solid opposition of the right the senate by 33 to 20 votes today referred the supplementary church and state separation bill to the committee on the separation of church and state. The vote is considered to have been a test and as insuring the passage of the measure by a big majority.

Feeling at Vatican. ROME, Dec. 26.—Reports received by the Vatican say that the situation in the German center party has improved and that the chances of its nominees at the general elections have increased rather than decreased. It is added that an understanding with the German government is probable even before the elections.

According to advice received at the Vatican from Paris, a strong feeling of resentment exists in the Clemenceau cabinet against the minister of public instruction, M. Briand, as the result of his recent circular on the religious subject.

In spite of the denials of the French government that it has made any reply regarding the Vatican's protest to the powers on the subject of expulsion from France of Mr. Montagnini, until recently secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, the Vatican has been positively informed that M. Pichon, the minister of foreign affairs for France, has made verbal statements in answer to this protest to several diplomatic representatives at Paris, who tele-

MORE MONEY FOR THE PARKS

Increase of Funds Agitated at Meeting of the Commission.

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO ACT

Cornish Will Prepare Statement for Douglas Delegation Requesting at Least Fifty Thousand Dollars a Year.

The matter of increasing the park fund was the principal topic of interest at Wednesday morning's meeting of the Park board. Reports from park commissions of various cities were looked over and comparisons made with Omaha's annual allowance for parks and boulevards. At present the Omaha park fund is \$20,000 a year as fixed by charter, the board having a year fund for boulevards and roads. An effort will be made to have the fund increased at the next legislature to at least \$50,000. Commissioner Cornish will prepare a statement for the guidance of the Douglas county legislative delegation.

ZEIGLER LOSES HIS LAW SUIT

Money Loaner Falls to Connect with the Gould Cash Drawer at Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The remaining three suits brought by creditors with the object of making Madame Gould (formerly Countess Boni de Castellane), jointly responsible with the count for certain claims, were decided today. The court found that she was in no way responsible for the claims of M. Zeigler, one of the largest creditors, who claimed that it had been the practice of the Castellanes ever since their marriage to appeal to him to extricate them from financial difficulties, but held her jointly liable for jewels valued at \$24,000, purchased from Mlle. Vera Nimitzoff of Odessa, who sold the jewels to Count Boni through the intermediary of a jeweler.

The court also found that Madame Gould was jointly liable for the sum of about \$7,000, the balance due to the Harrogs for a jewelry bill amounting to about \$17,000, provided the bill was not paid. Three experts were appointed to appraise the value of the jewelry.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

British Subjects in the Far East Preparing to Demand Self-Government.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—At the opening of the Indian National congress today, Dadabhai Naoroji, formerly a member of the British Parliament, delivered an address, insisting upon the rights of the Indians as British subjects to govern themselves. The speaker pointed out that the Boers, whom the Indians helped to subjugate, had been given self-government, while India was still without it, and urged the raising of a large, patriotic fund to educate the Indians as to their rights and for the carrying on of the campaign in England. There were upwards of 10,000 delegates present and the speech of Dadabhai Naoroji was received with a tumult of applause.

Jews Assailed in Roumania. BUCHAREST, Roumania, Dec. 25.—The Zionist congress in session at Craiova was invaded today by members of an anti-Jewish society. A riot ensued, during which many Jews were injured. The authorities intervened and restored order.

GRAY GETS FIFTEEN YEARS

Term Imposed by Judge Sutton Pleases South Omaha Negro Murderer.

Hugh Gray, the one-eyed negro who shot and killed Harvey Williams, another negro, in South Omaha last November, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary by Judge Sutton yesterday afternoon. Gray smiled when he heard the sentence pronounced and then turned around and shook hands with his attorneys. He said he was pleased with the sentence. He might have been sent up for life.

Gray and Williams had trouble over a woman named Lillian Taylor. Gray had been living with her, but Williams stole her affections from him. One day Gray went to the house where Williams and the woman were, shook hands with Williams and said he was going to Kansas City. He went out and almost immediately returned and shot Williams twice. His attorneys, Judge Read and Judge Baxter, made self-defense their principal plea, though they sought to show a common law marriage between Gray and the woman. Judge Sutton ruled this evidence out, asserting the testimony showed no such marriage. Gray was convicted of murder in the second degree and a motion for a new trial was overruled.

MEMORIAL TO LATE BISHOP

McCabe Church to Honor Man After Whom It Was Named.

Special memorial services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at McCabe Methodist Episcopal church in honor of the late Bishop McCabe, after whom the church was named and by whom it was dedicated about three years ago. The church is located at the corner of Fortieth and Farnam streets.

NURSES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Wise Memorial Staff Spend a Pleasant Evening with Tree and Feast.

The Wise Memorial Nurses' home on Sherman avenue was the scene of a most delightful Christmas eve entertainment, given by the nurses of the hospital. Holly and colored candles were used in decorating the room, and the ensemble of Christmas tree decorations and presents made up a beautiful picture. From 7 to 9 p. m. the evening was spent in the distribution of presents among the members of the nurses' society. In addition to this, a magnificent Smyrna rug was presented to the nurses' home by the board and about fifteen pounds of choice confections were presented to the nurses by the doctors. Speeches were made and a general visit was enjoyed.

Later in the evening an invitation was extended to the nurses and Mesdames Sonnenberg, Levy and Hirsch to an elaborate banquet at the home of Mr. Lower and daughter, Miss Lower, the superintendent nurse at the Wise Memorial hospital. At 8 p. m. all were conducted into the banquet room, beautifully decorated with holly, carnations and evergreens. Holly served for the table linen, and place cards, cranberry chains and holly extended from each

SPORTS OF A DAY.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The Metz Bros' team won three games last night from the Dreshers. The Dreshers were unfortunate in having two of their strongest men out of the game, but rolled a creditable series considering the handicap. The brewers piled up a nice total, with 2,284, passing the 1,000 mark in their second game. Zarp had the high single game, with 294, but Dad Huntington's three games, above the 300 mark, gave him the top total, with 629. Tonight the Hamiltons and Cadahys are scheduled. Score:

METZ BROS.			
	1st.	2d.	3d. Tot.
Brunko	230	179	409
Zarp	294	224	518
Denman	190	161	351
Blakemo	144	175	319
Huntington	294	213	507
Totals	946	1,005	1,951

DRESHERS.			
	1st.	2d.	3d. Tot.
Chatalein	155	150	305
Mr. Jones	178	145	323
Gordy	106	171	277
Goff	149	161	310
Martin	145	161	306
Totals	543	528	1,071

The Northern Lights and the Southern Stars played a pleasant evening playing a match game of ten pins last night on the basement alleys at the Metropolitan. This makes the third game for the Northern Stars and Northern Lights. The Northern Lights won total pins by thirty-one. They will meet again next Wednesday evening. Score:

SOUTHERN STARS.			
	1.	2.	3. Tot.
J. E. Shoffer	128	145	273
Shel Sayer	145	138	283
Mr. Jones	138	145	283
Mrs. Grace Shoffer	145	138	283
Totals	556	566	1,122

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Elaborate preparations are being made for the ceremony. The principal address will be made by Rev. J. Randolph Smith of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. Other Methodist divines of Omaha will participate in the ceremonies and will make short addresses.

McCabe church is the first Methodist church in the country that bears the name of the distinguished divine.

BALL PLAYER BELL REINSTATED

Man on Brooklyn Reserve List Must Pay Fine of \$200.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—The National Base Ball commission today granted the application for reinstatement of George C. Bell, who was carried on the reserve list of the Brooklyn National league club for 1906, but who refused to sign the contract tendered him or report to the club during the last season. Bell's reinstatement is conditional upon his paying a fine of \$200. In the last case of a similar character before the commission today granted the application for reinstatement of George C. Bell, who was carried on the reserve list of the Brooklyn National league club for 1906, but who refused to sign the contract tendered him or report to the club during the last season. Bell's reinstatement is conditional upon his paying a fine of \$200. In the last case of a similar character before the commission today granted the application for reinstatement of George C. Bell, who was carried on the reserve list of the Brooklyn National league club for 1906, but who refused to sign the contract tendered him or report to the club during the last season. Bell's reinstatement is conditional upon his paying a fine of \$200.

Object is to Perfect Organization and Hold Races. SYRACUSE, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Breeder's interested in the trotting and racing horse will meet at the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, on the eve of January 15, 1907, for the purpose of perfecting an organization.

The men who have been promoting this enterprise have found that they have been approached enthusiastically in favor of the purpose of adopting a constitution and bylaws, the election of officers, arranging for the first meeting and opening stakes for the same. It has been found that there

SHANNON IS LIVING UP HORSES

Spike Is Putting in Stronous Winter at Los Angeles.

Spike Shannon, who was bought from the St. Louis Nationals last summer by Manager McGraw, is putting in a strenuous winter at Los Angeles, where he is assisting the starter in lining up the horses at the race track. Shannon's side partner in this occupation is the veteran Jake Beckley, who has been using the bull whip for several winters with much success. It is probable, by the way, that the New York Nationals will train in the spring at Los Angeles, in which event it will be possible for McGraw and Broadway Alec Smith to see the ponies run for their money occasionally between practice stunts on the diamond.

John A. Cox, champion of New Zealand, South Africa, South Sea islands and the central country, is on his way to America and will be in Los Angeles in about a week if his steamer and plane carry without interruption. His advance manager, Al Saunders, with a lot of antipodean advice and good manners, is here now and has conferred with Manager McGraw for the purpose of securing a date for his match. He says Cox is the second Fitzsimmons, Cox fights at 155 pounds and is built with spindling legs and big, broad chest and shoulders—Chicago Chronicle.

Harry Vardon is planning a world jaunt. This tour will be on a scale that has never before been attempted by a professional or amateur golfer, and will introduce the greatest golfer of the age to nearly all the places where the game flourishes. Vardon will proceed to South Africa, where he

will play many matches, and thence will go on to Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania. If time permits he may possibly visit India on the way. From New Zealand he will probably go to Canada and thence to the United States. Vardon is now busily engaged in getting his kits together and hopes to be able to leave this country within a fortnight.

Here's some queer dope for you: Michigan downed Vanderbilt 10 to 6, Vanderbilt trimmed the Indians 4 to 0, the Indians walloped Pennsylvania 24 to 6, and then Pennsylvania turned and swamped Michigan 17 to 6. Also, Swarthmore beat Pennsylvania 4 to 0 and Cornell downed Swarthmore 25 to 0. Yet Pennsylvania tied up Cornell.

Frank Chance and Jim Jefferies are the two big men in California. Barney Dreyfus is said to be a silent partner in the recent National league arrangement at Boston. If that is the case, look for some transfers from the City of Smoke. "Hey Barney" is already interested in Philadelphia, besides owning the Pirates. Syndicate ball? No, indeed.—Washington Post.

According to the Detroit Journal there is nothing in the report that Hugh Jennings will turn loose all of the Detroit players except O'Leary and Schaefer. He thinks pretty well of Matty McIntyre, Sam Crawford, Bill Coughlin, George Mullin, Bill Donovan and a few more. If he released that bunch they would not be out of an engagement long.

Manager Gillan gave the skate boys a treat at the Auditorium Christmas evening, when he had an apple scramble. Half a bushel of apples were dumped in the middle of the rink after the floor had been cleared for the intermission and the scramble which followed was a reminder of the potato races during the Horse show. All the boxes were filled during the evening with interested spectators who enjoyed the apple scramble and the races as well. A good card of races was pulled off, the winners being: Single men, Earnest Brooks, first prize; Henry Blomberg, second. Single women, Cora Brannock, first prize; Anna Cain, second. Couples, Mr. Kallebe and Miss Riley, first prize; Ralph Mackey and Miss Cain, second.

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