

Engineers and Firemen of the Strathcona Stick to Posts at Peril of Lives.

VESSEL RUN ON THE BEACH

Passengers Partially Clad Rush on Deck at First Alarm, but Panic Is Prevented by the Cool

Discipline of the Crew.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.-Word was received here today from Port Dufferin, a small coast town some 60 miles east of this city, of the destruction by fire of the passenger steamer Strathcons, owned by the Hallfax & Canso Company and by the Plainax & Callso Company and bound from this port for Canso and Guys-borough. That no lives were lost is due principally to the heroism of the engi-neers and firemen, who stuck to their posts until the steamer was beached and every one of the SSO passengers landed. In loss then so hour stars the heaching In less than an hour after the benching and purest of men'; and the masses of the steamer she was burned to the vote for the infidel or the Socialist, in

water's edge. Strathcona left here last evening The Strathcons left here last evening under command of Captain Reid. Most of the passengers were returning to their homes along the east coast after a few days' Christmas shopping in Hallfax. A few hours after leaving port fire was discovered in the after hold. Despite the efforts of the officers and crear the fames

efforts of the officers and crew the flames spread rapidly. When the cry of fire was raised the When the cry of fire was raised the wildest confusion reigned. The passen-gers, most of them clad only in their hight clothes, rushed on deck and made a dash for the lifeboats, but the crew prevented a panic. The boats were not launched, but were made ready for use in onse the flames completely enveloped in case the flames completely enveloped the steamer before land could be reached, The terror-stricken passengers were huddled together in the bow of the ship, which was headed for Port Dufferin, the

nearest place on the treacherous coast where the steamer could find a harbor. While the Strathcona was driven to-ward land at top speed the sailors tried to fight back the flames with streams of water. The draft caused by the steam-

er's rapid progress, however, fanned the flames into greater fury, and in a short time the entire interior of the vessel was on fire. The engineers and firemen stuck bravely to their posts, although the flames had begun to surround them. Not until the keel of the steamer grated

on a reef a mile from the entrance of the harbor did they abandon their dan-merous positions and rush to the deck. Then the boats were lowered and all of the passengers found safety on shore. The Straihcons was only two years old, was of 200 tons and was valued at fit of

was of 200 tons and was only two years old, Not long ago the Strathcona ran into and sank the salling steamer Havana in Hallfax harbor and was condemned to pay \$20,000 damages.

BUGABOO IS THE MONARCHY

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is far from being France, as I shall later say; but it is active, persistent, unscrupulous and it forces itself with vengeance to the front. It has grasped the helm of power and it steers the ship of state into the darkest depths of unbelief and irreligion. Yesterday It was Combes, the most brutal of all, today it is Clemenceau, somewhat more subdued in his hatred, but yet a leader

universal suffrage, a true expression of national will. "There is no other country where a well-organized and stirring fraction of the population can sway so easily the masses and impose upon them its will. "The clergy who are now the chief sufferers are much to blame. They, too, have retained, even at the altar and in the pulpit, the spirit of passive obedience inherited from old regimes. Admirable in teaching the catechism in administering the sacraments, they have never learned the virtues of public life; they have never quickened beneath the activity of the battlefield. Their example and their preaching have left their disciples in the same passivity, and these know nothing of the public defense of principles; saints before the altar, they are cowards be-

fore the electoral urn. Unfortunate in Their Leaders.

"Then, French Catholics have been unfortunate in many of their leaders and spokesmen. These remain partisans of burled political regimes. If the masses of the people have learned any one thing, it is this-that France is a republic; that they are republicans. But the Monarchists are numerous, chiefly the old nobility, the most generous patrons of religion, and too many of the clergy, who still read their politics in Bossuet and Massillon, who judge the republican form of government by the Jacobin republic of contemporary France.

"Here is the weakness of the Catholics of France-the infidel, the Socialist, who solicits votes, cries out 'The republic is in peril; no Republican must cast his vote for a monarchist, even 4f that monarchist be otherwise the best vote for the infidel or the Socialist, in order that the republic may survive. trusting to the republic to do in the long run what is most serviceable for France, and even for religious principles themselves.

"What happens? The moderate Republican candidate is defeated; the infidel or Socialist is elected. This is what is witnessed in numerous circumspections on every election day. No one understood France better than Leo XIII. He bade all Catholics seek the welfare of country and of church within the ranks of loyal adherents to[®] the republic. Had Leo been listened to, France in all probability would have escaped the religious persecution of the present day. Monarchical ideas and plottings have done dreadful fnjury to the church in France."

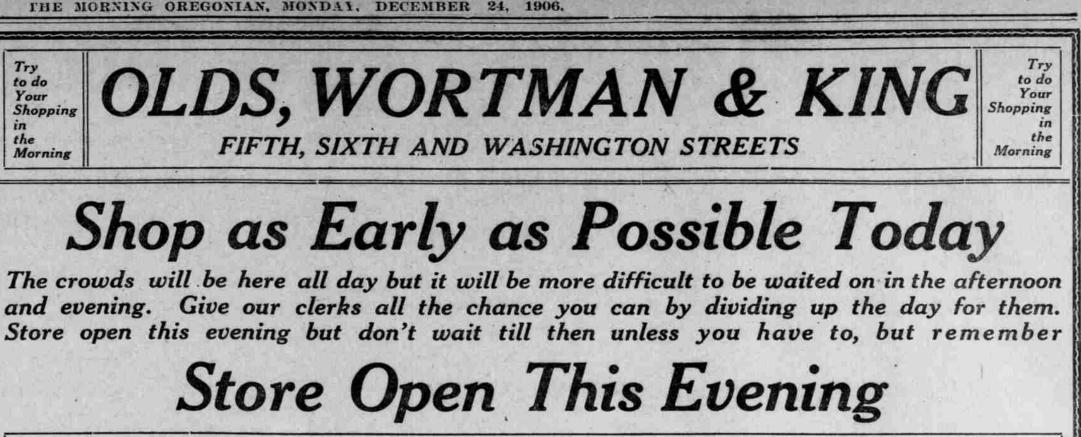
VALUABLE PAPERS REMOVED

Nunclature at Paris Was Prepared for Government Search.

ROME Dec. 22 -- The Vatican says the ROME Dec. 22.—The Vatican ways the French Government has not sent a tele-graphic circular to its representatives abroad in answer to the protest of the holy see concerning the searching of the nunciature at Paris and the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini, but has merely com-municated with the diplomats accredited to Paris.

The Vaticah now does not conceal the facts that the important documents in the nunclature were transferred, long before the search was made, to the embassy of a Catholic power. While it is not known to what embassy they were taken, it is known it was not that of Italy. It is supposed they were conveyed to the Austrian Embassy. It is also stated that the clpher code confiscated was that used

cupier code connected was that used during the time Mgr. Clari was the papal nuncio at Paris, and was obsolete. Twenty-five anti-clerical clubs and sev-eral Socialist. Republican and Radical members of the Chamber of Deputies have decided to promote great anti-cleri-cal demonstrations, with processions, to be held the same day throughout Italy, and also to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher, who, because of his disbelief in the doctrines of transubstantiation and of the immaculate conception of Mary. was burned to the stake as a heretic in the Campo del Flori at Rome, February 17, 1600.



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in the fight.

"With such men, and with others dividing with them particular power, even less violent adepts of irreligion, there reigns another idea-the omnipotence of the state. This was ever the plague of France, even when her rulers were devout Catholics. The state must control all agencies of power: it must brook no rival. Even the courch must be in the hands of the government

"So was it with Louis XIV and with Napoloon; and so it is with the republic. The republic is a name in France; it has been well said of it that it sleeps on the bed of Louis XIV France has never understood the meaning of a republic, which is respect for private and personal liberty. which is to leave as much as possible to the people, to take to the state only what is needed for the public welfaro.

All Must Bow to the State.

"The most republican of republicans sented in Parliament set out at once to regulate all things to their own liking. "We are the state,' they cry out, as Louis XIV once said, 'I am the state.' And the state is the great power and all must think and act as the state wills and as we will.

"This is certainly the spirit of the infidels who now rule'the country; and am not at all sure it is not, to some degree at least, the spirit of good Catholics, who, were they to be tomorrow in the ascendancy, should be lieve it their duty to make everyone go to mass, as the present deputies assume it their duty to let no one go to mass.

"I know her cities and her villages; I know her people-her aristocracy, her bourgeoise, and her peasantryand I know them to be Catholic. How, then, explain the political situation? There are several causes to be noted. The masses are not used to political life. For ages they were governed they do not comprehend the art of governing. Put a party in power; it names the hundreds of thousands of officials from the prefect of a department to the humblest school teacher, to the village constable; they obey the order received from Paris; they speak from the crowds around them-crowds who read little; who think little, and the crowds in their turn obey the man-

No Initiative in the Masses,

"An independent, self-argued suffrage has not entered into the popular Nor is there among the masses the ambition to gain political victory Paris for a century and a half has Paris for a century and a half has ruled France. Establish a new regime, monarchial or republic, in Paris this evening; the provinces awaken tomor-row morning monarchial or republican. It will require long years to decen-tralize power in France, to give to each citizen consciousness of personal independence enough to obtain true

Prayers for Church in France.

DETROIT, Dec. 23 .- Prayers for the church in France were ordered today to be offered in all the churches of the Ro-man Cathollo diocese of Detroit from Christmas until Easter.

HEAVY LOSS IN TEXAS TOWN

Fire Starts on Building Facing the Nagadoches Public Square.

NAGADOCHES, Tex., Dec. 23 .- Fire today started in the second story of the E. A. Blount building, fronting the public square, causing a loss of \$300,000. Some of the heaviest losers are:

Nagadoches Mercantile Company, Per kins Brothers, H. A. Blount, J. M. Weeks, Joe Reindel, R. C. Twindler, How Progressive Jews Can Perkins, Kleas and Mast, Blount & Garrison and Stripling & Hazelwood.

Bay City Hotel Destroyed.

BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 23 .- The Fraser House, the oldest and largest hotel in this city, was completely destroyed by fire early today. It is believed that no lives were lost. John O'Neil, the hotel fireman, was overcome by smoke and probably fatally injured. The loss is \$90,000.

G. B. Spalding's clothing store, adjoin-ing the hotel, was damaged to the ex-tent of \$18,000.

CHINA FEELS PROSPERITY

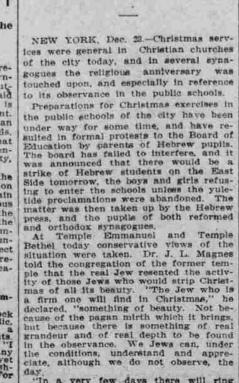
Revenues of Year Said to Be the

Largest on Record.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- The Times corre-spondent at Pekin comments this morning upon China's hopeful financial out-look. The revenue for the year is said to be the largest on record, but there is no data available to check the statement. Especially is the prospect brighter than during the boycott on American goods. The United States will carry out what has been long believed to be her inten-tion to return the "boxer" indemnity, amounting to \$22,000,000 gold. amounting to \$22,000,000 gold. The customs collection certainly is the largest on record, while the appreciation of silver has enabled China to sustain with greater ease than in any previous year the burden of the payment of the boxer indemnity. Another feature is the constraints devicement in postal case

boxer indemnity. Another feature is the remarkable development in postal com-munications. The postal revenue is un-precedented, and there is every prospect of the reorganization of the service, re-ducing the existing inland rates to reasonable figures.

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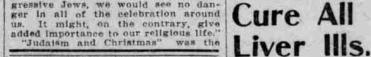
day. "In a very few days there will ring

throughout the land, 'Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth; good will to men,' and the Christmas carols will chem many a home. It is the birthday of a God who trod the earth in order to save it-so millions of men would say. There is, perhaps, in history no religious day that has more prominence with religious men than this Christmas day.

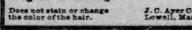
men than this Christmas day. "Yet we Jews, that is, those of us who are not over-sublle, over-rich or over-cowardly, those who are plain Jews and Jewesses, hold ourselves aloof and do not sing this song, this 'Peace on earth.' which has been said by Jewish teachers before the time of Christianity."

"Shall we forgive: shall we forget? Let us if we may. Let us at this time forgive and let us forget. And yet we withhold ourselves? There are two kinds of Jews today. The one RELIGIOUS

always protesting, the other shrinking -the one, preachers and teachers who come before the board of education Dr. Magnes Declares the Celebration and communicate with the papers and constantly protest against Christian influences; and on the other hand those who would not be known as Jews, who seek silently to bring in the trees and the lights and the mer-riment and say the celebration is no longer religious, but national, as Thanksgiving day. If we were good Jews, firm, brave, constructive, progressive Jews, we would see no dan-ger in all of the celebration around



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topic of Dr. S. Schulman in his sermor In Temple Bethel. He said in part: "There is the spirit of holiday in the air. There is the appeal to the good in human nature. No one cares to shut himself in his creedal compartment so as to escape being influenced by the contagion of the season. I can understand and sympathize with those teachers who desire to bring Yuletide spirit into the public schools. They want to make the children and them selves happy in doing this. They wish to add personal and moral touch to the school routine, the function of im-parting knowledge. In order to do this they sympathize with the air that

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envelopes the American country at this | Westbound passenger train crashed into "I sympathize with them, but as a Jew and as a citizen, I say let there mingle with festivities nothing Christ-lan, sectarian or Christological."

Passengers Only Slightly Injured. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.-Twenty-four persons were injured in the head-on collision at Harney, Nev., when a special

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a special freight that was standing on the track waiting for orders Saturday evening. Brakeman J. J. Waswala had one of the small bones of the left leg broken. He was taken to Ogden for treatment. The other injurced were able to continue on their journey, having only



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