

organization of the forces on the isthmus is excellent. Mr. Stevens is said to be-lieve that he can now terminate his con-nection with this great enterprise without in any way too and the stevens in any way jeopardizing its success.

#### May Yet Give Contract.

For several weeks it has been rumored here that Mr. Stevens was dissatisfied with the plan of letting the canal work out by contract, but, as explained by a member of the Cabinet today, Mr. Stevens really proposed to the President the adop-tion of this method of constructing the canal.

canal. The probability is that the Administra-The probability is that the Administra-tion may determine to give out the work to be done on the isthmus under contract, under the general direction of the Army engineers. After Major Goethals and bis Army associates have been on the isthmus a sufficient time to become fully ac-quainted with the work to be done, they will submit a report on the situation to will submit a report on the situation to the President. If they feel the work can be done better by contract than under the present system, the question again will be considered by the President and the serv-lors of the same high-class contractors whose bids are now rejected, or others of similar standing, then may be invoked.

### Bankers Would Get Fat Profit.

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The President's letter to Mr. Shonts follows:

ddered with much care the I have on is have considered with much care the question whicher the Commission should ac-cept one of the bids for the construction of the Panama Canal under the proposed con-tract, or should reject them all. There we will 20 bids worthy of consideration. The bid of the McArthur syndicate at 12% per cent was the only one which came within the requirements. The Oliver and Hangs bid at 6.75 per cent was rejected as not satisfying the specifications of the invitation, are Oliver was allowed to perfect his bid with new associates and new financial responsi-bility, but this permission did not in any bility, but the situation from what it

billity, but this permission did not in any way change the situation from what it would mave been had Mr. Oliver's bid in its present form been presented January 12, the day fixed for receiving the bids. The purpose of the contract was to se-cure, in the building of the canal, the serv-ices of the best, most experisenced and most skilled contractors in the country at the least risk to them and the least expense to the Government. An investigation into the two bids shows that this purpose of the Government has falled. In each bid the con-Government has failed. In each bid the con toovernment has failed. In each bid the con-tractors of experience, whose personal serv-ices in the work are what the Commission has sought, have made arrangements to divide the profits under the percentage bid with bankers or others to whom the con-tractors have had to look for the needed capital, so that the contractors who are actually to do the work have arranged to actually to do the work have arranged to accept a comparatively small proportion of the profits. In other words, the Govern-ment by this arrangement is made to pay a high percentage for the use of capital which it might itself have furnished at a much lower rate, while the percentage which the contractors are to receive for the real benefit they are to confer on the Government is reduced to inedaquate compensation

#### Stevens Advises Against Bids.

No contract can ultimately operate to the nefit of the Government in which the benefit of the Government in which the contractors' energy, skill, experience and supervision of the work are not adequately paid for. The defect in the bid may be due to a defect in the invitation for bids, which perhaps stipulated for too heavy a bond and the investment of too large capital, or it may be because the bidders have taken an entirely different view of the money risk from that taken by the Government. Mr. Stevens, the chief engineer, advises against accepting either bid, because such, in his opinion, would not accomplish the purpose. of the chief reasons for adopting the contract system was that in its main fea

ture when Monsignore Montagnini was expelled from France, has been pub-lished in the Messidor. This synopsis demonstrates the fact

that the Vatican interfered in the in-ternal politics of France, for in the correspondence in question the secreany of state congratulates Monsignore Montagnini upon the agitation in con-nection with the taking of inventories, which, he declares, was completely in accord with the views of the Pope. Referring to the elections of 1906, Cardinal Merry del Val advises the Catholic candidates to call themselves Republicans, saying the church pects to obtain nothing more from the Conservatives except subsidies.

Monsignore Montagnini wrote to Car-dinal Merry del Val, according to the Messidor, describing the efforts of Catholics to buy up two evening news papers in order to utilize them as offi cial organs. The secretary of the nunciature complains also to the Vatican of the appointment of Monsignore Amiette as coadjutor to Bishop Richard, declaring him to be too liberal.

# NO CASE AGAINST PERKINS

No Criminal Intent in Action of Life **Insurance** President.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.-The Court of Appeals decided today in favor of George W. Perkins, a vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company. and a member of the firm of J. P. Mor-gan & Co., in the matter of the charge of grand larceny made against him in con-nection with the payment of funds of the New York Life to the Republican National campaign in 1904.

tional campaign in 1904. The decision is by a divided court, vot-ing four to three. The prevailing opinion holds that there was no larceny, owing to the absence of criminal intent. The dissenting opinion holds that larceny con sists in taking property belonging to some one else, even though for a commendable

Both the opinions expressed by the Judges agree that the expenditure of the New York Life's money for campaign purposes was illegal and im-proper. Judge Gray, in the majority opinion, says: "It is undeniably true that the pur-

poses for which the moneys of the company were used were foreign to the chartered purposes of the corpora-tion, but that fact does not make the payment a criminal act. The innocent motive of indirectly promoting the corporate affairs through the supposed advantage of the continuance in power advantage of the continuance in power of the Republican administration purged the act of immorality and it lacked the criminal intent.

## CARELESS PAYMASTER OUT

Dismissed Because He Lost \$1550

From Private Cash Box.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25-A court-martial was held today at Esquimalt Naval Station on board H. M. S. Egeria, Naval Station on board H. M. S. Egeria, to try Paymaster H. C. M. Bills for neg-ligence of duty in leaving public moneys in his private cash box, from which g319 were stolen. He was severely repri-manded. Bills has been relieved, a new paymaster being sent from England.

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