

BAN ON LETTER IS ADMITTED IN BERLIN

Suppression of Belgian Cardinal's Note Is Declared Closed Incident.

PRIESTS DISPUTE GERMANY

Many Declared Arrested for Reading Mercier Communication, Despite Semi-Official Denial From Kaiser's Capital.

LONDON, Jan. 8. — Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent sends the following: "According to a telegram from Berlin, tonight's issue of the North German Gazette published the following inspired communication:

"The Archbishop of Malines, Cardinal Mercier, issued a Christmas pastoral letter which he directed should be read from the pulpits of all the churches in his diocese on January 1 and the following Sunday. In addition to remarks on religious matters, the letter contains a series of political statements which are irreconcilable with the present state of occupation. The German authorities, therefore, were obliged to take measures to prevent further propagation of the letter.

Governor-General Acts. "When the Governor-General drew the attention of the cardinal to the matter, the latter declared he was not in writing, that his letter was not in any way meant to be of an inciting nature. On the contrary, he added that his intention was to pacify the population and endeavor to remind them, without hurting their patriotic feelings, to be submissive, in demeanor at least, to the existing German authority.

However, as the Governor-General was of a different opinion with regard to the letter and feared it would have an inciting effect, Cardinal Mercier did not insist upon the execution by his clergy of his directions for continued reading of the letter from their pulpits. Before this the Governor-General had prohibited the publication and propagation of the pastoral letter.

Incident Settled, Says Berlin. "The incident can now be regarded as settled."

The Rosendahl correspondent of the newspaper Tjid at Amsterdam sends a dispatch in which he insists that Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines, was arrested and imprisoned in his palace, and that even now he is detained in Malines. The correspondent says the cardinal will soon declare personally that in his own palace he was deprived of his personal freedom, that he submitted to a kind of interrogation, that his palace was guarded by military and that he still is forbidden to leave Malines.

The cardinal, declared, the correspondent says, to go to Brussels at the request of the Germans, and when he learned that some priests who read his letter in public had been treated in an unseemly manner he accepted full responsibility for what he had done. The senior curate of Antwerp, after receiving a message from Malines told the Tjid correspondent this morning, with the greatest emphasis, the dispatch says, that the cardinal would not be allowed to leave Malines until a final decision was received from Berlin.

German Report Contradicted. In a dispatch from Rosendahl the correspondent of the Amsterdam Tjid says that M. Desains, who printed Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, has been fined 500 marks (\$125), with an alternative threat of 50 days' imprisonment.

Continuing, the correspondent declares that the vicar of Hemixen was kept a prisoner in the fort at Hoboken from Saturday noon until Sunday morning. The vicars of Duffel, Contich, Brueschaet and Schooten also were imprisoned. All of these priests were prepared, the report of the Tjid declares, to contradict on oath the Berlin semi-official telegram denying that any persons have been arrested for reading the pastoral letter of Cardinal Mercier.

CEMETERY DEAL IS OFF

St. Johns Council Postpones Buying Acreage in Gattion Tract.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Jan. 8. (Special.)—The purchase by the St. Johns Council of the Gattion tract for a city cemetery at the rate of \$1600 an acre has been called off by the Council. City Engineer J. Q. Burdison made an investigation of the statement of S. C. Cook that there was no road laid out within three-quarters of a mile of the tract and reported that Mr. Cook's statement was practically correct. The surveyor reported that a new road would have to be built through Ramsey Acres to the Gattion tract. The report of the City Engineer to the Council voted to postpone the purchase of the land indefinitely.

Mr. Vincent had asserted the price was exorbitant and had denounced the deal as a "hold-up." Public sentiment among the citizens of St. Johns was said to be against the purchase of the property at the price, when it was ascertained that the assessed valuation was only \$33.30 an acre. It was the plan to sell 100 acres for graves and pay the owner out of the proceeds, so the city would not have been called on to pay out money directly.

WHALEMEN'S ORGAN QUILTS

Industry No Longer Big Enough to Justify Publication.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 8.—The decline in the whaling industry reached a point where it is no longer profitable to maintain a periodical devoted to its interests, according to the publishers of the Whalemens' Shipping List, who today announced that this week's issue would be the last of that weekly journal.

When the paper was established in 1843 the number of vessels engaged in the whale fishery was 675, with an aggregate tonnage of 124,174. Three years later, the high-water mark in the industry was reached, with 680 ships, aggregating 233,353 tons. Today only 32 vessels, with a total tonnage of 4611, are engaged in the search for whales.

The highest price for sperm-oil, reached in the time of the Civil War, was \$2.75 a gallon. Last year's product sold at 45 to 48 cents.

OREGON PASTOR BENEDICT

Rev. J. Thomas Cowley, of Canyonville, Takes English Bride.

CANTONVILLE, Or., Jan. 8. (Special.)—A pretty wedding took place recently in which the pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. Thomas Cowley and Miss Emily Eales, of Torquay, England, were married.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bridegroom's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin, Lentis, by the Rev. James H. Irvine, pastor of the Methodist Church at Cornelius, Or., and was witnessed by immediate relatives only. Miss Doris Martin attended as bridesmaid, while A. S. Henstock, of Portland, late of London, acted as best man. The bride, who recently arrived from England, is the eldest daughter of Samuel C. Eales, a contractor, while the bridegroom is a native son of the Isle of Man, but lived for several years in Liverpool, England, in which city he served as pastor and founder of a successful mission in the slums. He also was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Colonia, Colo., for two years prior to his appointment to Canyonville, at which place he is now serving his second year.

BOY CONFESSES MURDER

ST. LOUIS WOMAN STRANGLED TO DEATH BY STEPSON.

Crime Admitted on Arrest of 16-Year-Old Fugitive in Arkansas—Handkerchief Used in Struggle.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Jesse E. Coggin, the 16-year-old boy who has been sought by the St. Louis police since Tuesday night for the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Olive Collins, was arrested today in Arkansas, Ark., and, according to information received from Sheriff Hutton, of Little Rock, the boy made a full confession of the crime.

Young Coggin is expected to waive extradition and it is thought he will be brought back to St. Louis on Saturday night or Sunday morning. According to the confession he is reported to have signed, young Coggin went to his room in a lodging-house after murdering his stepmother, and on Wednesday morning read newspapers of the crime and that he was wanted. That morning he took a train to Pine Bluff, Ark., where he was advised by a friend to go to Texas and join the Army. He left Pine Bluff on Thursday and arrived in Little Rock last night.

Detectives were watching for him there, however, and when he went to Argentina to board a southbound freight train he was arrested. In the confession Coggin is reported to have said that the struggle which ended in the death of his stepmother started when she corrected some of his table manners. He made a jesting reply, and, according to the confession, she picked up a butcher knife. He dared her to use it and she started toward him. He then seized her arms and twisted his handkerchief about her neck, choking her to death.

PRISONERS CITE WORK

IRONWORKERS OF DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY ASK PAROLE.

Seventeen Men Call Board's Attention to Rapidity With Which They Completed Cellhouse.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 8.—The rapidity with which they constructed a new cellhouse at the Federal prison here was one of the arguments put forward today by 17 structural ironworkers convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy" cases at Indianapolis, who appeared before the Federal Parole Board. Having served one-third of their sentences, the men are eligible for parole.

Frank M. Ryan, ex-head of the ironworkers, was not eligible for parole, not having served a sufficient portion of his sentence. For seven years the prison management had been trying to get the cellhouse built. When the ironworkers arrived in the prison, Warden Morgan explained the situation to them and put them to work. Ryan was made foreman. Within six months the iron work on the cellhouse was completed.

Only one of the men who applied for parole failed to get his share in the construction work. That man was Hockin and he was willing to help, but the others objected because of the part he played in the prosecution of the ironworkers by the Government. Hockin has been tending a gate in the prison yard.

'JITNEYS' HURT RAILWAY

UNITED COMPANY TO SEEK PROTECTION AGAINST BUSES.

Competition by Automobiles Is Making Big Hole in Receipts and Corporation Plans Defense.

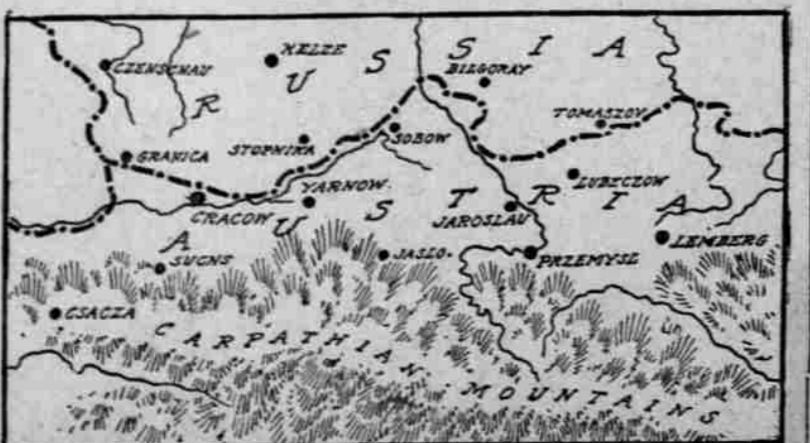
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8. (Special.)—Jitney franchises are dealing a solar plexus blow to the street railways. So keenly has the United Railroads already felt the sting of the competition, so many nickels that heretofore clinked into the pay-as-you-enter cash boxes are now being invested in gasoline, that the Board of Supervisors and even the Railroad Commission will be appealed to.

General Manager Black, of the United Railroads, is up in arms. If the jitneys would only operate in the outskirts they would be an aid to the railway system, Black says, but since they confine their attention to the downtown districts only—the cream of the trade—they are competing up with the nickel and making a remarkable hole in the receipts of the company. That the worst is yet to come is the fear of Mr. Black.

"If these jitney buses assume the proportions they have in Los Angeles and the southern part of the state," said Black, "it will certainly compel us to cut down the number of our shop employees and cancel further extensions."

Across the bay the jitneys have also

WHERE THE RUSSIANS ARE SWEEPING ONWARD IN INVASION OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.



BORDER, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL TOWNS, IS SHOWN, TOGETHER WITH CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS, WHICH CZECH'S MEN HAVE ESSAYED TO PENETRATE.

Three Great Sales Merged Into One

If You Wondered at the Economies for Grown-Ups

Come Saturday to An Astonishing Sale for Girls and Boys

The Pictorial Review February Patterns are ready, showing the latest fashions for the coming season, also February Fashion Sheets—Second Floor

Sipman Wolfe & Co. "Merchandise of Merit Only"

Saturday, on the Fourth Floor Most Important Sale of Short Jacket Suits For Small Women and Misses HALF PRICE

30 Smart New Suits in This Collection Sold Regularly From \$12.50 to \$25.00 Sale \$6.25 to \$12.50

—These suits are in the newest styles, which will be worn exclusively this Spring and Summer. Jackets are in short length, plaited or belted, and the skirts in yoke-top, plaited and some tunic models. They come in serges, poplins, chevots and fancy mixtures, and the jackets are lined with beau de cygne silk. The woman or girl who buys one of these suits will certainly secure a fashionable garment at just half what she will have to pay later on in the Spring.

Smart, Tailored Suits With Short Jackets Sizes and models for small women and girls.

Suits Selling Regularly Up to \$25.00 Sale \$6.95

—In serges, chevots, fancy mixtures, fashioned on the new short jacket lines—fashionable models for either women or girls There are just 15 of these suits, and at this remarkably low price there will not be one left by noon. Come early in the morning before they are all sold. —Fourth Floor

Girls' Jaunty Skating Coats \$4.95 Sold Regularly From \$10.00 to \$15.00

—Coats that have become so popular for skating and sports wear, made in belted and belted-back styles, showing the new deep armholes, with set-in sleeves. They have large patch and small inside pockets, and are trimmed with large fancy buttons. Coats come in plaids, checks and novelty effects and have convertible collars. Sizes for both women and girls.

An Assortment of Winter Coats at \$3.98 Which Have Always Sold Up to \$12.50

—Long and short coats, in materials and styles for general utility and skating wear. In fancy mixtures, zibeline and plaids, also several coats of white polo cloth. Remarkable coats for this price.

Girls' Walking Skirts Selling to \$12.50 Very Special \$1.98

—Of serges, black and white checks, wool crepes, in navy, Copen, green and plaids. Lengths only from 30 to 36 inches.

Half Price Sale of Girls' Fine Dresses

Linens, crepes, poplins, ratine, fine gingham, lingerie, silks, velvets, challie, serges, broadcloth, voiles, laces.

—Dresses selling regularly from \$2.75 to \$26.50.

Half Price Sale \$1.38 to \$13.25

—Dancing and party frocks, as well as school dresses, in a wonderful assortment of the most attractive styles and colorings for girls from 2 to 14 years old. French coat styles, Norfolk, low-belted and straight models, Oliver Twist, Peter Thompson and two-piece dresses, and the daintiest of party dresses. Trimmed with fine laces, embroidery, nets, silks, ribbon girdles, braid, velvet ribbon, hemstitching, hand embroidery.

Girls' Wool Dresses, Selling to \$5.00 Very Special \$1.95

—Sizes 2 to 14 years. In wool serges, black and white checks, stripes, white washable corduroy, fancy mixtures and plaids. In a variety of attractive styles, with plain and plaited skirts, trimmed with pipings, embroidery bandings and braid. Also imported embroidered dresses.

Fourth Floor

White Sale of Muslin Underwear For Children One-Third Reduction

—Plisse crepe gowns trimmed with lace or embroidery and ribbon. In open front and slipover styles. Sizes 1 to 14 years. Regular \$1.00, special 67c

WHITE PETTICOATS

—In sizes 4 to 16 years. Trimmed with lace, embroidery, tuckings or insertions.

Regular... 85c \$1.00 to \$2.25 Sale... 57c 67c to \$1.50

MUSLIN DRAWERS

—In straight or knickerbocker styles, extension side plackets, trimmed with hemstitching, embroidery, beading and tucks.

Regular... 20c 50c to \$1.50 Sale... 11c 33c to \$1.00

NIGHT GOWNS

—Of excellent quality cambric, longcloth or muslin. In high or low-neck styles. Effectively trimmed. Sizes 2 to 16 years.

Regular... 85c \$1.00 to \$1.75 Sale... 57c 67c to \$1.17

GUIMPS

—Made of fine white Persian lawn with round or square shape necks, with yoke of Madeira embroidery, lace insertion or clusters of tucks. Made like waists to be worn with separate skirts or low-neck dresses. Sizes 2 to 14 years.

Regular... 75c \$1.00 to \$1.75 Sale... 50c 67c to \$1.17

—Fourth Floor

AGENTS FOR FREE SEWING MACHINES



All Boys' Apparel at Prices in This GREAT SALE OF SALES That Will Make You Marvel

Navy Blue Serges, Chevots, Corduroys Mixtures and Stouts All New Suits, Best Materials Finest Workmanship

\$5.00 to \$8.00 Suits, fancy mixtures and corduroys \$3.98 \$10.00 to \$13.50 Sack Suits, serges and chevots, \$4.95 \$9.50 to \$13.50 Suits of serges and chevots... \$7.95 \$9.50 to \$16.50 fancy tweeds and mixtures for \$7.95 \$8.50 to \$12.50 Suits for stout boys... \$4.95 \$6.50 to \$12.50 fancy mixtures, sack and Norfolk \$4.95

Boys' All-Wool Overcoats in Mixtures Regular \$6.50 to \$8.00 Coats, sizes 3 to 9 years, \$4.95 Regular \$12.50 Overcoats, sizes 3 to 18 years... \$6.25 Regular \$13.50 Overcoats, sizes 3 to 18 years... \$6.75 Regular to \$20.00 Coats, sizes 3 to 18 years... \$10.00

Boys' All-Wool Blouse Suits Regular \$7.00 to \$12.50 Suits, sizes 5 to 9 years, \$4.95

BOYS' ALL-WOOL RUSSIAN SUITS Regular \$5.00 Suits, serges and fancy mixtures, \$3.95 Regular \$6.50 to \$8.00 serges and fancy mixtures, \$4.95 Regular \$9 to \$14.50, serges and fancy mixtures, \$6.95

Boys' Blouses and Shirts \$1.00 laundered Blouses 50c 50c soft Blouses, 39c \$1.00, \$1.25 Blouses, of soisette and flannel... 79c \$2.00, \$2.50 Blouses, in soisette and flannel... \$1.00 \$2.00, \$2.50 Shirts, in flannel and soisette... \$1.00

BOYS' HATS \$1.00 to \$2.00 felts and velvets... 50c \$1.75 to \$3.00 felts, velvets, plushes, tweeds 98c \$4 to \$5 beaver hats \$1.98

BOYS' RAINCOATS \$3.00 Tan Raincoats \$2.39 \$3.50 Tan Raincoats \$2.79 \$4.00 Tan Raincoats \$3.19 \$5.00 Tan Raincoats \$3.98

BOYS' SWEATERS \$1.00 wool sweaters 79c \$3.50 wool sweaters \$2.95

Fourth Floor

EMBARGO IS WANTED

Keep Breadstuff in America, Is Advice of Chicago Grocer.

USE OF CORN IS FORECAST

Resolution Proposing Prohibition of Shipments Abroad to Be Offered Before Retailers' Association. Cost Is Excuse Given.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Resolutions calling on Congress to place an embargo on the export of wheat and flour, as well as on arms and ammunition, it was announced here today, would be introduced at the next meeting of the Chicago Retail Grocers' and Butchers' Association. S. Westfield, chairman of the trade relations committee of the National Association of the Retailers, planned to begin in this manner a determined fight against the high cost of flour and, incidentally, of home-baked bread.

Leaders on change predicted today in some instances that if the price of wheat went much higher there would be a general turning to corn in place of wheat bread, both in this country and in Europe. Other dealers were of a contrary opinion, and asserted that bakers' complaints were unwarranted—that a barrel of flour costing \$7 would make 275 loaves of bread, for which the retailers collected \$13.75 at 5 cents a loaf. Who got the difference was

asked, and the conclusion was drawn that wheat was still relatively cheap.

One expert put the breadstuff situation this way: "It is not so much a question of price for wheat as a question of supply. Will there be enough to feed two continents? If wheat goes to \$2 it will mean eating corn as never before."

In this connection one of the principal firms on the Board of Trade made public dispatches received today indicating that farmers' ideas as to corn were away up—that many growers said corn would soon sell at \$1 a bushel on the farms. The latest price of May corn in Chicago today was 76 1/2 cents.

PROHI BILL PROTEST OUT

Provisions of Measure, Up Next Week, Not Voters' Will, View.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 8. (Special.)—Although recognized as one of the framers of the prohibition bill which will be submitted to the State Legislature next week, Attorney B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, yesterday said he had filed a protest against two of the provisions contained in the measure. Attorney Eddy asserts that provision of the proposed law which gives a person the right to purchase 20 gallons of beer and five gallons of whiskey or wine each 28 days is not in accord with the wishes of the voters at the last general election and will defeat the purposes of the prohibition movement.

Mr. Eddy also objects to that provision of the bill which gives drug stores the right to sell alcohol.

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Jan. 8.—The American dollar is now worth five francs 25 centimes (\$1.05) at Berne. This represents a remarkable rise since

the opening of the war, when checks on America yielded only three francs 50 centimes (70 cents).

The rise in exchange is due to heavy buying of grain in the United States for Switzerland.

CROOK VACANCY IS FILLED

H. J. Overturf, of Bend, Appointed to Seat on County Board.

BEND, Or., Jan. 8. (Special.)—H. J. Overturf, of Bend, was appointed County Commissioner of Crook County by the County Court today to succeed Willis W. Brown, of Gateway. Mr. Brown's residence is in that portion of Crook which was cut off to form Jefferson County

at the last election, and in selecting Mr. Overturf, the court took the position that the office was vacant automatically when Jefferson County was established.

Mr. Overturf is one of the youngest men ever on the County Court. He has lived in Bend for nearly 19 years and is connected with the Miller Lumber Company. He is also clerk of the local School Board. It is understood that he will take his seat Monday.

Peace Pact With Bolivia Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Secretary Bryan and Ignacio Calderon, Bolivian Minister, exchanged today ratifications of the peace commission treaty between the United States and Bolivia.

Siamese capital, employing Danish engineers and machinery, is constructing a large cement plant near Bangkok.

Price \$1.00 A Table d'Hote Dinner Unequaled

NOWHERE in the country is such a magnificent dinner to be had as in the beautiful Arcadian Garden. Served in courses—from 6 until 8—to the accompaniment of a very choice musical programme—Heller's Augmented Orchestra—and Singers.

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