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VATICAN SITUATION QUIETER

Trouble Growing Out of Note Protesting Against President Loubet's Visit to Rome Not So Serious.

More Satisfactory Phase to Situation Assured by French Government.

WILL LET MATTER DROP

Chamber of Deputies Does Not Intend to Cause Vatican Any Further Trouble.

Rome, May 23.—Information received by the vatican authorities indicates that the situation growing out of the papal protest against President Loubet's visit to Rome and the recall of Ambassador Nisard, has assumed a more satisfactory phase as it is understood that the vatican has been assured by the government that unless differently compelled by its action the chamber of deputies practically intends to allow the matter to drop.

ELECT MISSIONARY BISHOPS.

Methodist Conference Gets Down to Business and Rushes Things.
Los Angeles, May 23.—Rev. James R. Day, who last Saturday was chosen the last of the eight bishops elected by the Methodist conference, today resigned his place on the episcopal board. A vote taken Saturday afternoon for the three missionary bishops resulted in the election of Dr. I. B. Scott, additional missionary bishop of Africa and Dr. William F. Oldham and Dr. John E. Robinson, additional missionary bishops in southern Asia. Dr. C. M. Harris was elected this morning as additional missionary bishop to Japan.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Portland Boy Crushed to Death in Collision.

Portland, May 23.—Reginald Merriman, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Merriman, 532 East Nineteenth street, was almost instantly killed in a street car collision, at Grant and First streets, shortly before mid-

night last night. The Fulton car of the City and Suburban Company had just turned the corner on First at Grant. The trolley pole slipped from the wire and left the car in darkness. At that moment the South Portland car came up Grant to go to Third street, when it ran into the open switch and collided with the stalled car, which was heavily loaded with people.

Young Merriman was standing on the bumper at the rear of the car and hanging to the window, when the accident occurred. His head was crushed. He was hurriedly taken to Good Samaritan hospital by the police patrol wagon, but he died a few minutes after he arrived.

Coroner Finley is investigating the case today, and this afternoon an inquest will be held. The Fulton car was in charge of Motorman Joseph Wright and Conductor John Bachellor, while Conductor Dolsen and Motorman Hanning were running the South Portland car.

The inquest over the remains will be held at Coroner Finley's office, Third and Madison, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. When the manager of the street car company was seen this morning, he said from the investigation he had made he could lay the blame on no one.

BURIED UNDER COAL.

Sailors Pleased to Recover Felina Mascot of Miowera.

Vancouver, B. C., May 23.—Sailors are superstitious regarding cats, and when the animal belonging to the fireman of the Miowera disappeared at Sydney, N. S. W., there was foreboding in the forecastle. Not until the steamer reached Honolulu en route to Vancouver was the disappearance explained. The cat was then found in the coal bunkers. It had been buried beneath tons of coal, but fortunately a projecting beam had saved its life from being crushed out.

So feeble was the animal from 14 days' starvation that it had not a meow left in it. Tenderly was the ghost of a cat taken to the forecastle where the crew nursed it on brandy and milk. Now the cat that came back is as lively as ever.

Revolutionists Beaten.

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 23.—President Ordonez announces a victory over the revolutionists by the government troops under Gen. Muniz. Eight revolutionists were killed and 200 wounded.

Woolgrowers' Sales.

Pendleton, Ore., May 23.—The first sales today at Pendleton this year under the auspices of the Woolgrowers' Association showed 200,000 pounds sold at prices of 10 1-8 cents. This is a falling off in both price and quantity from the first sale day last year. The growers are well satisfied, however.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND JAPS REPORTED KILLED DURING STORMING OF PORT ARTHUR

Russian Loss Said to Have Been Only Three Thousand Men—Ultimate Outcome Not Stated.

Also Rumored That Vladivostok Squadron Has Captured Three Cruisers Bought by Japan From Chile—Explosion on Russian Battleship Ore Effects Great Damage to That Vessel.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has received a message from the Russian consul at Chefoo showing that the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur and in doing so lost 15,000 men, killed or wounded. The Russian loss placed at 3000. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated.

Paris, May 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostok squadron has captured three cruisers bought by Japan from Chile."

London, May 23.—A dispatch to the Mail from Yinkow says: "The Japanese third army is mobilizing at Hiroshima. This change in the Japanese plan, arising from the naval disaster, involves the utilizing of the second army for the reduction of Port Arthur and therefore the first army is entrenching at Fengwangcheng."

The Post's Shanghai correspondent says it is reported that the Russians

are removing stores and provisions to Harbin and 100 locomotives and 800 cars are collected at Liao Yang in readiness to convey the passengers and goods. Therefore, he says, the conclusion is that the Russians are preparing to retreat.

Fusan, Korea, May 23.—A company of Japanese infantry routed a company of Cosmacks at Sementsu yesterday.

The Japanese did not suffer any casualties, while native reports says that the Russians lost 25 men. The Russians are still at Hsu Yen, their position being a semi-circle with all the parties about 50 miles distant from Fengwangcheng.

London, May 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News says there was an explosion today on the battleship Ore at Cronstadt and that ten stokers were killed. The vessel, the correspondent says, was damaged and it will take weeks to effect repairs.

The explosion, according to the dispatch, was the result of the accumulation of gas in the coal bunkers.

TROUBLE IN PAPER OFFICE.

Baker City Newspaper Men Engaged in Heated Controversy.

Baker City, Ore., May 23.—C. W. Hill, who resigned as manager of the Evening Herald of this city about a week ago, entered the office early this morning and took possession of the presses and type by virtue of a bill of sale which he holds from the Blake-McFall Paper Company of Portland, who had the material sold under an attachment last March.

Hill refuses to allow Livermore and Moore, who have been running the paper since he left, to get out a paper unless they pay him \$500 cash and assume a mortgage for \$1500 against the property. In addition to Hill, C. H. Stuller, the manager of the White Swan Mines Company, appeared on the scene with a dray to take away the subscription and account books, office furniture and other property claimed by his company. Stuller claims the entire plant, but a part of the property, presses, type and linotypes are held under mortgage by the original owners, which he says will have to be satisfied before his company can secure a clear title.

Livermore is trying to arrange to settle with Hill so the paper can be issued today; otherwise it will suspend publication for the time being at least.

FOUND DEAD ON FARM.

Suspicious Circumstances Surround Death of L. Portreus.

Cottage Grove, Ore., May 23.—Louis Portreus, a farmer living at Lorana, was found dead yesterday morning near his doorstep, face down. No conclusion as to his sudden death can be had until the coroner has held an inquest. It is reported that Portreus had had a feud with some of his nearest neighbors over the killing of some of his cattle and it is possible that he met with foul play as it was reported that his life was threatened on account of his filing on a certain tract of land.

Persons who know Portreus say he was peaceably disposed. He was a very bright man and spoke several languages. His age was about 50.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Important Decision by Convention of Presbyterian Church.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—By a vote of 262 to 244 the general assembly of the Presbyterian church this afternoon wiped out that part of the report of the

special committee on marriage and divorce, which advised Presbyterian ministers to refuse to marry any person whose marriage is forbidden by the church of which that person is a member.

HEARST CLAIMS OHIO.

But So Does the Other Faction of the Convention.

Columbus, O., May 23.—The Hearst men tonight claim a majority of 20 in the state central committee tomorrow when the contests will be determined. The Bryan-Hearst men call themselves "regulars" and the others "reorganizers." Their opponents call themselves "conservative" and the others "radicals." The Bryan-Hearst men's poll for the 723 delegates is: Regulars, 351; reorganizers, 152; doubtful, 200, the last named including contested seats. The conservatives say that the contest will be decided in their favor by a committee on credentials, no matter what the state committee does, that their poll shows 323 conservatives and 200 radicals without the 200 contested seats, and that when the convention is permanently organized any ballot will show 523 conservatives to 200 radicals.

PLANT SWEEPED AWAY.

Dam Breaks Near Boise and Causes Great Amount of Damage.

Boise, May 23.—The plant of the Highland Power Company on Boise river, 20 miles above the city, was swept away yesterday afternoon. The loss is about \$150,000. The river had been dammed with a crib dam, and the power house stood under the river bank 60 feet below the dam. This plant was used for pumping water for the placer mining, and was to be converted into an electric plant when the placer gold had been exhausted. The home office of the company is in New Hampshire.

FIGHT FOR STOCK.

Northern Pacific Managers Against the Northern Securities Company.

Trenton, N. J., May 23.—Arguments were closed before Judge Bradford in the United States circuit court today in the case of the application of E. H. Harriman and Winslow F. Pierce to restrain the proposed plan of distribution of the assets of the Northern Securities Company, which was decided by the supreme court of the United States to be an illegal combination. The argument on both sides turned

largely on the question as to the title to the Northern Pacific stock which Harriman and Pierce put into the combination and which amounted to about \$75,000,000. The main contention of the Securities Company was that the stock held become absolute property of that company and it was therefore perfectly legal for it to carry out the pro rata plan of distribution. The complaints' principal point was that by reason of the illegal combination, the title to the Northern Pacific stock had not passed from Harriman and Pierce and in consequence, they were entitled to have returned to them the particular stock they put into the combination and which involved the control of the Northern Pacific.

FUTURE BOOK TIPS.

James O'Leary Gives Out Brooklyn Handicap Odds.

Chicago, May 23.—The following are the probable starters and odds against horses in the future book of James O'Leary on the Brooklyn handicap to be run Thursday, May 26:

Irish Lay, 4, 2 and even; McCheneey and Africander, 6; Hermis and The Picket, 8; Runnels and Claude, 10; Hurstbourne, Highball and Proper, 15; City Bank, Savable, Toboggan and Short Hose, 20; Mizzen, Orthodox, Lord Badge, Carless and Major Dangerfield, 30; Ostrich and Buttons, 40; Red-knight, 50.

Democrats Open Quarters.

St. Louis, May 23.—The headquarters for the New York state democratic committee were opened here today at Southern Hotel, under the direction of Edgar S. Marst, who will be in charge for the present. Until the national convention the headquarters will also look after the interests of Judge Parker.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Seattle 5, Tacoma 0.

American.

At New York—Chicago 6, New York 2.

At Philadelphia—Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3.

At Washington—Detroit 2, Washington 4.

At St. Louis—Boston 1, St. Louis 2.

National.

At St. Louis—Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 4.

At Chicago—New York 1, Chicago 1 (game called, 11 innings, to catch train).

At Cincinnati—Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 5.

College Baseball.

At Victoria—Victoria 5, University of Washington 2.

STRIKERS THREATEN RAILROADS

Teamsters and Freight Handlers Deal Out Ultimatum to New York, New Haven and Hartford System.

Teamsters Threaten to Go Out on Sympathetic Strike If Committee Is Not Met.

58,000 MEN ARE INVOLVED

Threatened Strike Will Effectually Tie Up Traffic and Cause Great Annoyance to Travelers.

New York, May 23.—At a meeting of the representatives of the teamsters and freight handlers union late tonight it was decided that unless the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system consent to meet the committee from the strikers early tomorrow, the teamsters will go out in sympathy with the freight handlers. According to President Curran of the union 58,000 men will be involved.

STEAMER REPORTED LOST.

But Later Reports Show That Crown Is Safe in Narrows.

Tacoma, May 23.—There is a report current here today, supposed to have originated at Victoria, B. C., to the effect that wreckage from the Nome seamer Crown had been found on the west shore of Vancouver island.

Seattle, May 23.—The steamer Cottage City reports the passage with the Crown May 21, between Ketchikan and Wrangle narrows. The information fully disproves the sensational report to the effect that the Crown was lost on the Vancouver island coast. When sighted by the Cottage City she was apparently heading into the narrows. So far as the Cottage City officers could observe the Crown was in no trouble.

Roosevelt Goes to School.
Washington, May 23.—President Roosevelt left here today for Groton, Mass., to attend the prize day exercises at the school which Theodore, Jr., and Kermit Roosevelt attend.

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