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GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED EVEN MORE THAN THE PONTIFF WOULD ACCEPT.

Vatican is protected by Remington and Waterbury Arms Which Gives Quite a Modern Touch to the Picturesque Pile—Austrian Spies said to Infiltrate Historic Place.

BY ALICE ROHE. (United Press Staff Correspondent) ROME, July 30.—(By mail.)—While startling stories of how the pope is about to flee to Spain for safety continue to blossom on the journalistic tree with regularity, it is interesting to know what is really going on to protect the head of the historic church.

That the Vatican is protected by Remington and Waterbury arms, gives quite a modern touch to the picturesque pile. The protection offered and given by the Italian government is interesting to analyze on account of the relations between church and state. Benedict XV has no need to worry for his safety as the government of Italy not only gives protection but has offered far more than he would accept.

As to internal security the Italian police take no steps as the Vatican is considered a "foreign state." The Italian government brought the pope to accept, if it so pleased him, whatever armed forces he saw fit for protection of the Vatican and the pontifical property. These men would be exempt from military duty to the Italian government. Moreover, the government offered the pope the necessary protection of modern arms and ammunition.

Benedict XV, always practical, declined the offer of men, being desirous of increasing the number of Vatican armed guards, especially since he had desired all of his attendants who had military service to perform or who wished to go as volunteers to file at once beneath the banner of the Patria. The holy father is credited with saying to Cardinal Gasparri: "Let all go who have the desire and let them know that not a soldo will be deducted from their pay that their places will be waiting for them— but let us not talk of accepting the offer of the government for more men—that would be the same as converting the Vatican into a haven of patriots."

The government, knowing how the apostolic palaces are infested with Austrian spies, who as visitors to the great museums and galleries alleged students of the libraries, have ears and eyes open, suggested an army of plain-clothes men.

The Vatican, however, so far has not accepted the government's offer of police though there is every reason to believe arms and ammunition have been introduced into the Vatican through the government. The armed Vatican corps are indeed manned with Remingtons. These arms being very heavy, the Swiss guards are being trained in the use of Waterbury's, the heavier arms being given to the outside guards. The gendarmes are also armed with revolvers which they need in their duty in the gardens and courts.

In Piazza St. Peter and in the Old Borgo there are two barracks, in which are stationed great contingents of territorial militia and carabinieri, who are in constant contact with detectives in uniform and in plain-clothes, who in turn are stationed at the famous bronze doors in the Via della Fontana along the outside wall of the Basilica of Saint Peter. At the Cavalleggeri gate and the Angelica gate are two stations of carabinieri, reinforced by a great body of territorial militia. Protection of the Vatican meteorological observatory, which is in the garden, has been augmented by the presence of a number of civil functionaries who assist the Jesuits. In the observatory an electrical reflector has been placed with which it is possible to search the now dangerous depths of the sky. The observatory is in direct telephonic communication with the Vatican. It was thought at first a good idea to place an observation station upon the cupola of St. Peter's as was done in 1870, but this idea was abandoned.

A most scrupulous guard has been placed about the palaces of the Dataria and the Cancelleria and the Propaganda of the Faith beneath the Quirinal.

It is believed the treasure of the Propaganda may have been transported to the subterranean vaults of the Vatican or elsewhere.

At night the apostolic palaces are wrapped in darkness as is wise in a city within the war zone, for the church has learned its lessons from Rheims and its other despoiled religious houses. The rare pedestrians who pass at night through the solitary ways on either side of the Vatican are regularly stopped by carabinieri. And if these passers-by can not justify their presence at that hour in the deserted ways they are amiably requested to choose more frequented streets. Even supply wagons which at dawn cluster up to the Vatican are inspected minutely, and the drivers have to present identification cards. Letter carriers and messenger boys are stopped at the bronze doors, where they give over their messages except those for the secretary of state. Special ushers carry the messages to the other persons residing within the Vatican walls.

It is now clear how vigilant an eye the government keeps on the Vatican and how careful is its protection.

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JAPAN MAY SEND MEN TO HELP THE RUSSIANS

TOKIO, Aug. 24.—That Japanese troops may soon face the Germans in Poland was reported here following publication of an interview in the Kokumin Shimbun, in which Premier Okuma is quoted as Japan has decided the time has come to give "greater assistance" to her ally Russia in the war.

for years, this season have become a blessing. Ira G. Boyce, an oldtime merchant at John Day, says eggs are more plentiful than in years because of the abundance of this delicacy for the chickens to feed on, and that the August record of production will beat any in its history. The grasshoppers are more numerous than ever at this time of year.

Okuma is reported as refusing to discuss details. It is believed certain that large shipments of munitions of war will be immediately made via Vladivostok to Russia, and while it is not officially confirmed, it is generally believed that troops will be sent in the near future.

New Fox Not Feared. BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The German press takes the view that Italy's declaration of war on Turkey will not alter the situation in the Dardanelles and will have no effect on Balkan politics. Italy will probably try to occupy some territory in Asia Minor, according to the views expressed by the papers, but Turkey, it is declared, is strong enough to keep the Italians from Turkish territory.

Pests From Egg Output. BAKER, Ore., Aug. 24.—Grasshoppers, a pest in the John Day country

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READING LETTER FROM LLOYD GEORGE.

Photo shows a wounded North Wales soldier in a Crocyden Hospital reading a letter written by Mr. Lloyd George, the British minister of munitions, in his own hand. The letter says in part:

LONDON, Aug. 24.—It is said that the Iron Crosses awarded the German troops number almost a half million. The English Victoria Cross is probably the rarest decoration award-

ed by any nation. At the same time, however, praise in return for the risk of his life, is the only reward his commander can bestow upon a brave soldier. It is becoming customary for English dignitaries to acknowledge with personal letters, written by hand, the heroism that comes to their attention.

LEADER OF MEN WHO LYNCHED FRANK SAID TO BE HONORED MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY

(From the Atlanta Constitution.) ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Full details of the laying of the plans for the removal of Frank from Milledgeville and their successful culmination were disclosed here.

Story of How Mob Lynched Frank. "The public will never know the identities of the 25 men who took into their own hands the execution of a law that had been stripped from them by Governor Slaton. I would not advise inquisitive authorities or persons to try to reveal them. They are as zealously banded together now, and as relentless, as the moment they invaded the state prison."

This was the statement of a citizen of Marietta to a reporter for The Constitution Tuesday afternoon. He was thoroughly aware of the movements of the lynching clansmen, of their plans, and of their painstaking system of advance preparations. He would neither admit nor deny that he was a member of the mob.

The men who hanged Leo Frank, the murdered of Mary Phagan, did not go about it with a spirit of lawlessness nor vindictiveness. They felt it a duty—a duty to their state and commonwealth, a duty to the memory of Mary Phagan, whom all Cobb county loved and whose memory is cherished by every household in the hills you see over there to the west. First Planned For Months Ago. "They would have lynched him more than a month ago if some one

hadn't got careless and permitted a 'leak.' Governor Harris was apprised of the plans and ordered the militia to be in readiness. That was the day when the county police were scouting in the edge of Fulton and Cobb counties on the lookout for automobiles from Marietta.

"Governor Harris and the military authorities no doubt received widespread censure for apparently unnecessary action, but if the truth were known it gave Leo Frank at least one month of grace he would not have received from the hands of the men who were about to go to Milledgeville for him.

"Ever since the day Governor Slaton commuted the sentence of Frank, this hanging has been in the process of formulation. Minute and definite plans were drawn, and there was not a missing thread from the fabric of the perfected scheme when the twenty-five men set out early that night on their journey to Milledgeville. Prominent Man Chosen As Leader. "Meetings were held in a spot so conspicuous that you would be astonished to hear its name called. A leader was chosen, a man who bears as reputable a name as you would ever hear in a lawful community. He was a man respected and honored. Hundreds of men would obey him—the twenty-five would have gone through hell and high water with him. The chosen twenty-five (although this wasn't the entire number available) were men whose worth was

who brought retribution to the memory of Mary Phagan was of grim vindication even if at extreme peril.

"When the business of organization was finished the next object was to fully acquaint themselves with conditions and contingencies in Milledgeville, the first seat of action. Advance men were sent to the scene. They went in automobiles that they might familiarize themselves with the roadways and draw maps of them.

"In Milledgeville they made thorough observations of the prison grounds, took into contemplation the barbed-wire entanglements, made themselves acquainted with the telegraph and telephone connections, and made intimate inspection of all in-roads and outlets to the town.

"The plans were perfect when the hour came to strike. Two Men Sent In Advance. "Two men were sent in advance of the main body. They were to reconnoiter and to sever telegraphic and telephonic communications with the outside world, so that Milledgeville authorities could not notify other townships to intercept them as they carried Frank to the place selected as the scene of his death.

"Early Monday night the automobiles assigned to the journey were sent along their respective routes to pick up the chosen men. Even the wives of hardly any of them were aware of their departure. The automobiles slid up quietly to the front of the houses, a signal given, and the men joined them.

It is doubtful if members of their 25 households knew that they had been absent after midnight. It won't be possible to disclose the identities of the 25—even through their wives of children.

"The men who proceeded to Milledgeville never grouped until they reached the outskirts of the town. They took a circuitous route so as to avoid the much traveled roads and larger towns. Approaching Milledgeville a car was sent ahead to inform the 'advance' man who were to cut off communication."

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