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TWO PAPAL OFFICES COMBINED IN MGR. FALCONIO'S NEW CHARGE

Representative at Ottawa Will Also Be Apostolic Delegate Already Affairs at Wash.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Herald says: The Pope has determined to consolidate the Canadian Apostolic delegation with that of Washington. Archbishop Domenech, of Washington, O.S.F., will be Mr. Falconio's successor. This move will have the effect of placing an American official as the chief representative of the Vatican in the English-speaking countries of North America. It also gives another evidence of the fact that the Pope is in the American continent, for which Archbishop Domenech stands as head, receives another check in the selection of a Franciscan monk, an active member of the local Catholic circles, as his successor in the office.

Mr. Falconio is one of the Pope's special proteges, and his transfer to Washington was said yesterday in ecclesiastical circles as the course with his two predecessors in the office there.

His appointment as Mr. Martini's successor and the consolidation of the apostolic delegations at Ottawa and Washington is a big surprise in local Catholic circles, as the "key" to the supposed well posted, it is stated, for the time being has been that the Pope intended to send to Washington Mr. Merry Del Val, son of the former Spanish Minister at the Vatican. He is a young ecclesiastic who has been in the United States with many important missions, notably on the commission that passed on the case of the claim of the validity of Anglican ordinations. He was educated in England by the Jesuits, and his Spanish connection would, it was thought, be of special benefit in Washington in the settlement of the various church questions concerning Cuba and the Philippines.

WINNIPEG CITIZENS CONDEMN MR. ROBLIN'S RAILWAY BARGAIN

Mass Meeting Called by the Mayor Drew a Large Crowd and Some Strong Denunciations Were Made by Conservatives —Ex-Mayor Andrews Was Specially Vigorous

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—(Special)—A mass meeting of citizens, called by Mayor Arthurson, was held at Selkirk hall on Saturday evening to discuss the railway bargain. The hall, with a seating capacity of 1500, was crowded to the doors. A general discussion was given to any citizen to address the meeting.

The speakers were: J. H. Brock, William Scott, ex-Mayor Gitzow, ex-Mayor Andrews, J. H. Haslam, the unsuccessful Dominion Conservative candidate for Selkirk; J. C. Sprague and Sampson Walker. William Scott, who is president of the Labor party, was the only speaker who was not a strong Conservative, and all, with the exception of Sprague and the three Winnipeg M.L.A.'s, strongly denounced the measure. The Winnipeg representatives said they could not go into further explanation than had already been given, but they wished to assure the audience that the interests of the people would be fully protected, and that they would be well satisfied with the measure when the full facts were known, and if, after full discussion in the House, they considered the measure was not in the interests of the province they would not endorse it.

Mr. Andrews was angry when he rose to speak that he could hardly give utterance to his thoughts. "What does all this mean?" he said. "Have the Conservatives an extraordinary agreement, as they call it, a false statement, to make fools of those members of the Conservative party who hold the interests of country before those of party?" He said the Government had sent a communication to the Telegram, the Government organ, and also the organ of Mackenzie and Mann, giving a respectful criticism of the contract, and that had been refused publication. Other speakers claimed that Mackenzie and Mann had already bartered away their right of signing rates to the Dominion Government, and now they come to the Manitoba Government and endeavor to sell those rates a second time. The audience was too deeply interested in the discussion to be very demonstrative, and only on a few occasions was there purely an application to the financial loss of the "community of interests" theory.

GIANT COMBINATION.

Trust Companies Unite With Three Banks in a Massive Undertaking.

New York, Feb. 24.—President Ouloughlin of the North American Trust Company of New York announced the completion yesterday of the largest combination of trust companies with other financial institutions ever known. The deal involves a money power in control of an assets account approximating \$50,000,000, according to the statement of one of the promoters.

Eight trust companies, two New York National banks, one Cuban bank and one important realty company are included in the plan. The banks are the Seventh National and the Ninth National, and the Bank of Havana.

Each of the twelve properties but one will retain its corporate identity. The federal law, it will be remembered, does not permit the merging of a national bank and a trust company. The scheme is

TWO SIGNAL VICTORIES GAINED BY BRITISH FORCES IN AFRICA

Botha's Army in the Transvaal and That of Dewet in Orange River Colony Scattered, With Severe Losses to Both—Prisoners, Guns and Supplies Captured.

Dewet Said to Have Slipped Away in a Boat, With Plumer in Hot Pursuit—Delary Reported to Have Been Taken Prisoner—Major "Gat" Howard of the Canadian Scouts Among the Slain.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener: "MIDDELBURG, Transvaal, Feb. 24.—French reports from Piet Retief, Feb. 22, that the result of the columns sweeping the country east is that the Boers are retreating in scattered and disorganized parties to the number of five thousand in front of him.

The Casualties.

"Summary of total losses inflicted upon the enemy up to Feb. 18: 292 Boers known to have been killed and wounded in action, 86 taken prisoners, 183 surrendered, one 15-pounder gun, 462 rifles, 160,000 rounds of small ammunition, 3500 horses, 70 mules, 3530 trek oxen, 18,700 cattle, 155,400 sheep and 1070 wagons and carts captured.

"Gat" Howard Killed.

"Our casualties: Five officers and 41 men killed and four officers and 108 men wounded. I regret to say that Major Howard, a very gallant officer of the Canadian scouts, was killed Feb. 17.

Dewet Also Badly Whipped.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 24.—Col. Plumer engaged General Dewet yesterday near Bisselfontein, on the south bank of the Orange River, capturing a gun and a pom-pom and taking 50 prisoners. The Boers were scattered and are being pursued by Col. Plumer. It is reported that Gen. Dewet escaped to the opposite bank in a boat, and is now fleeing with a handful of followers.

THE ROUT WAS COMPLETE.

London Daily Mail Gives Details of the Battle Between the Forces of Plumer and Dewet.

London, Feb. 25.—A correspondent of The Daily Mail, with Henker's column, writes Saturday, says: "Gen. Dewet was routed yesterday by Col. Plumer, with whom were Col. Henker, Craddock, Jefferys and Grabbe. This success was preceded by a series of desperate attempts on the part of the Boers to escape from the water belt of the Orange and Brak Rivers.

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Big Men in It.

The names on the petition for incorporation are those of Sir William C. Van Horne, chairman of the Executive Board of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, Montreal; Richard B. Angus, Montreal; George R. Cockburn, bank president, Toronto; H. Vincent Macdonald, bank manager, Montreal; A. D. Russell, vice-president of the People's Bank, Buffalo.

A majority of the men whose names are attached to the petition for incorporation are well known in Canada. Now the other 20 per cent. have been brought into the consolidated company.

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