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Calendar for Next Week.

JANUARY.

1-Sunday-Feast of the Circumcision. 2-Monday-Octave of St. Stephen. 3-Tuesday-Octave of St. John. 4-Wednesday-Octave of the Innocents.

5-Thursday-Vigil. Commemoration of St. Telesphorus, Pope, Martyr. 6-Friday-The Epiphany, holy day of obligation.

7-Saturday-Of the octave.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S SYSTEM OF ESPIONAGE

For the last quarter of a century well informed Catholics have been tell-.ing their co-religionists and the rest of the world how France was really governed by the secret lodges of Freemasonry. Those liberalistic Catholics who are always ready to believe the enemy rather than their real friends pooh-poohed the idea that a Catholic country could be ruled by a mere handful of Freemasons. These are the silly optimists who sided with the enemies of the Church in the Dreyfus case. Now, however, the recent revelations of the "Figaro" have opened their eyes. The Liverpool "Catholic Times," terribly shocked at these disclosures, which are exactly what the best French Catholic papers have been saying for 25 years has the following:

"The Masonic system of espionage over the officers of the French army and their families has been pretty fully set forth in the correspondence published from day to day by the Figaro. The War Office punished for religious observances not only on signed reports from the Masonic headquarters, but also on anonymous letters. One of these latter was as follows: 'Monsieur Minister,-I have the honor to send you the enclosed letter. The person who made the collection was the daughter of Colonel Du Cor de Duprat, of the 4th Hussars at Meaux. Without desiring to enter into the private life of a superior officer, or to appreciate the ultraclerical character of this exhibition you fail. will understand that the despatch of such a letter has a moral character which it is impossible to ignore.' The letter enclosed in the anonymous contribution was a note of invitation to a festival celebrated in a chapel of the Carmelites in 1902. At the foot were the words: 'The collection for the completion of the chapel will be made by Mlle. Du Cor de Duprat.' In the archives of the Minister of War it was recorded upon this letter, that as a result of the receipt of the information, Colonel Du Cor de Duprat, who had been pro-, posed for the rank of General was struck off the list."

Here are some extracts from the Paris "Figaro." First comes a letter requesting information, from Captain Molin, General Andre's secretary, to M. Vadecard, secretary of the Grand

Republique Francaise, Minister of War.

Cabinet of the Minister

(Grand Orient, Oct. 31, 1901, No. 9437.) Paris, Oct. 31, 1901 Dear Brother Vadecard:

Herewith I send you a long list of names of infantry officers who all figure on the list for promotion, and on whom it is of the utmost importance that we should determine as soon as possible. The General urgently asks you to do what you can to hasten the sending of the information required, and begs me tell you that he is full of confidence in the reports should be in towards Noperhaps you will manage with your accustomed willingness to oblige.

Affectionately yours, MOLLIN.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Figaro published the reports concerning officers sent in by a master in a higher elementary school at Dole, Brother Casimir val d'Amour." They were enclosed Satan; artful, hypocritical, capable of No. 13416. with the following covering letter:

A. N. E. S. L. A. D. G. O. D. F. Labor, Justice, Solidarity, Liberty,

Equality, Fraternity. Grand-Orient, Oct. 15, 1901, No. 8906. Orient of Dole, Oct. 13, 1901 My dear Brother (Vadecard):

Herewith I send you the information I have been able to get together on the superior officers residing in the zone of influence of our atelier, that at Dole and Auxonne. I have waited till the last minute because I wanted to be informed with the utmost exactness concerning the personages in question. You will excuse my delay in forwarding the enclosed confidential notes.

Pray accept, my dear Brother, the expression of my most fraternal and devoted sentiments.

THE VEN. OF THE VAL D'AMOUR Information on Officers Who Are Serving or Have Served in the Garrison of Auxonne (Cote d'Or).

Colonel Delor-Commanding the 41st of the line at Rennes; formerly lieutenant-colonel in the 10th of the line at Auxonne. A militant clerical, going very regularly to Mass, a great friend of the Cure of Auxonne. Strongly supported the Clerical officers of his regi-

Lieutenant-Colonel Parseval — At Aurillac; formerly a major at Auxonne. Made himself ridiculous at the cantonment of Fauverney (Cote d'Or) in 1899 by falling on his knees when a procession was passing.

Commandant de Crehu—Of the 10th regiment. A Breton and a strong Catholic. Goes often to Mass, is a member the Clericals, and would reach, if posof the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Commandant Leroy Albert-Of the 10th regiment. At a meeting praised the League of the French Fatherland. Is a son-in-law of General Ruyssen.

Blandin de Chalain-Captain in the 10th. A former student of the Jesuits at Dole, assists regularly at their periodical meetings. Should be watched and unfavorably reported in high quarters.

Menetrier-Captain in the 10th. Never ceases caluminating the Freemasons and the Freethinkers.

The Eighth Regiment of Chasseurs at Auxonne

Colonel de Malvou-Goes to Mass.

Commandant Saverot -- A militant Clerical; goes to Mass.

Le Bachele-Captain in the 8th Chasseurs. An anti-Clerical; deserves prohim are very rare in the army and the

Capitrel-Lieutenant in the 8th Chasseurs; related to an Auxonne family which is connected with the family of General de Cointet, on the retired list at Dijon, who at the last municipal election caused the outgoing Socialists to

of the Garrison at Dole (Jura)

olic; goes regularly to Mass. A proved on finding out the truth, by the publicaa correct attitude. Regarded as having to the Grand-Orient, he has committed a weak character and under the influ-suicide in order to cover the shame ence of the Colonel.

13th Mounted Chasseurs in garrison at and of society. His name has therefore Dole. A Catholic and very militant been withheld from publication. Clerical; is always at church or with the Jesuits of the place; sends his children to the college kept by them, and puts pressure on his officers and noncoms to make them go to church. "I do not oblige you to go to the services,' he said to them, "but I shall always respect those among you who fulfill their religious duties." A descendant of an emigre, he would be a traitor to the Republic if he had the chance. Grand-Orient, April 30, 1904, No. 7829

Report of Bouquero, Commanding the Thirty-first Infantry at Paris

Colonel Lanzezac-19th foot at Courbevoie. A Creole, dangerous man, intemperate in his language, formerly a Professor of History at the Ecole Superieure de Guerre, where he got bad marks. Says he is a Republican, but is certainly not so in the real meaning of the word. He is not to be trusted.

General Silvester-Commanding the 12th Infantry brigade. At present head of the French mission in Manchuria; you. It is indispensable that most of has only lately come to the 12th from as in Brittany. the Elysee, where he was orderly officer vember 16. The time is very short, but to the President. A close character, with a stereotyped half smile upon his lips, and careful not to let people know what he thinks; most probably of not very advanced ideas; above all an arriviste. Has as his orderly officer Captain d'Archer de Montgascon, the purest product of the Jesuit schools; is possessed by fears of Freemasonry, Apollinaire, Venerable of the lodge "le which he regards as the incarnation of

sny treason; ought to be excluded from

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the Paris Garrison. Would then resign and the army would be well rid of him. General Lachouque-Commanding

the 11th Brigade of Foot. A timid character, desirous of pleasing everybody. Example: has his son at the represent with the 139th of the line at ligious school of Bossuet, which is connected with the Lycee Louis-le-Grand. This enables him to reply according to his opinion of the person who asks him about the education he is giving his son: "My son is with the priests," or "My son is at the Louis-le Grand Lycee.' Has evidently sympathies on the side of sible, the third star, but fears to compromise himself

> General Baudens-Commanding the 2nd Brigade of Hussars.

The following is a letter sent to the Grand-Orient by M. Blanchard, one of the leading members of the Lodge "Les Amis Solidaires" of Meaux, on July 16. 1902. It is addressed to Brother Vadecard, and is stamped "Grand-Orient, July 17, 1902, No. 9510:"

I did not wish to reply to you until I had got together all the information possible concerning General Baudens, who is a neighbor of mine. He is a strong Clerical; not only does he go to the Lieutenant-Colonel du Manoir de Cathedral but he assists at the religious Juaye-Militant Clerical. President of services at the Convent of the Visitation the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at at Meaux, whither he drives with his wife. His orderly soldiers are given to understand that it is good to follow religious services and to make one's Easter, etc. Like all the generals and officers of all grades at Meaux, General motion all the more because officers like | Baudens is continualy at Paris; I don't know his places of resort, but at Meaux he represents in all its eclat the alliance of the sword and the holy-water sprinkler.

An Informer Commits Suicide

The notes which follow are of a later date, and were sent to the Grand-Orient by an Insurance Agent, Venerable of the local lodge and mayor of his seaside Information on the Superior Officers town. The Figare explains that he sent in his information in ignorance of the General Mayniel-A practical Cath- use to which it was to be put, and that Reactionist, but nevertheless preserves tion of similar information forwarded which overwhelmed him. In a short Colonel de Bire-Commanding the letter he begged pardon of his people

April 23, 1904, No. 7411 Cochet d'Hatticourt, Lieut.-Colonel -Transferred from the 116th Regiment to Bell Isle as Commandant d'Armes. Has only been with the regiment four or five months. A militant Clerical. Would certainly not, had he remained with it, have prevented the incident which happened in the 116th. He is said to be friendly, especially to the Jesuits. Has been married twice and has a large family; his children are educated in various places, but not in the lycees or State schools. May remain where he is at Belle-Isle

Bezier-Lafosse, Commandant—An old Breton and a Clerical. Had his children at St. Louis, Lorient, a priest's school, but some time ago withdrew them on finding that Jesuitism was no longer the order of the day. They are now at the Lycee. Would go with difficulty, if at all, to protect the execution of the law on the congregations. Would be as well in some other district

Denunciations from Toulouse

The reports which follow were supplied to the Grand-Orient by the Lodge L'Encyclopedique" of Toulouse, the Venerable of which is M. Antoine Remond, professor in the Faculty of Medicine in that town.

Information from the Encyclopedique Lodge (Confidential, 1903) • Toulouse, Secretariste, October 30, 1903

Altmayer, General - Commanding

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