SPEAKS IN DEFENSE OF NE TEMERE

REV. FATHER VAUGHAN DISCUSSES DECREE

Declares Church and Law in England Differ Regarding Marriage

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Before fifteen hundred people, a large number of whom were Protestants, and who completely filled Our Lady of Lourdes church, Rev. Father Vaughan uttered a defence of the "Ne Temere" decree, in which he maintained that in England the State and the Established Church were not at one regarding what marriages were legal or illegal. Father Vaughan also expressed himself as of the opinion that in the British Empire every person ought to consider it not only his privilege but his duty to speak the language which was the language of the Empire. Other languages, he said, must be tolerated, but the dominant language must be English.

Referring to the "Ne Temere" decree, Father Vaughan said he thought that non-Catholic clergymen, instead of getting absorbed in the business of misrepresenting that Papal decree, might possibly do better service to their church by exhorting their people to attend some of its services in more than negligible quantities. Before undertaking to give advice to the Holy See and the governments of their country it might be well for them to study matters more closely connected with their own institutions.

"I submit," Father Vaughan continued, "that they might do worse than study the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer, especially the edition 'printed for the new reign.' There they will find that marriage with a deceased wife's sister is declared to be invalid. On the other hand, the law of England has made all such unions perfectly lawful.

"What legal right, then, had the State Church, which was the creation of an Act of Parliament, which might end it as it had made it, to proclaim that such marriages were unlawful? To me it is impossible to understand how with so many contradictory points about marriage in the Protestant church their clergy can venture over the borders to instruct us about a sacrament which they refuse to recognize."

Turning to the question of "bilingual" schools, Father Vaughan said that he considered this matter quite beyond the range of politics. "We could do with fewer politicians," he said, "and more statesmen. Everything is brought into politics.

"Although it is no business of mine," he said, "one thing seems clear to me, that we like to have our language spoken in every place in the bigger house called the British Empire. Everyone ought to share it not only his privilege but his pronounced duty to speak the language which is the language of the Empire. Of course, other languages must be tolerated, but the dominant and pervading language, without any question at all, must be English."

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

Missionary and His Wife Wounded By Chinese—Mission Workers Reach Hankow.

Hankow, Dec. 27.—Eighty missionaries, a majority of whom are Scandinavian-Americans, have arrived here from the Laochow and Fanchong districts, in the province of Hu Peh. A few still remain at Laochow, awaiting the arrival of others from outlying districts.

Rev. C. W. Landahl, a missionary at Taihing Tien, at the request of the soldiers, took control of an improvised militia force for protection against robbers.

A letter from Stan Fu says the Rev. Donald Smith of the English Baptist mission, and his wife attempted to take the Chinese school girls to their homes in the north of Stan Fu. A band of robbers attacked them, seized Mr. Smith, broke both arms and slugged him. They then gashed his wife on the leg and left them both for dead, but they revived and were brought [illegible]

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

TORONTO MOTORMAN REMANDED FOR WEEK

One of Victims of Street Car Wreck in Critical Condition—Others Improving

Toronto, Dec. 27.—This afternoon the report from the General hospital about the injured in the street car wreck was that Robert Hall, who has a laceration of the brain, is in a very low condition. His condition has not improved any since he was brought to the hospital. Arthur Blow, Miss Brayne and Miss Patterson, the other three of the worst injured, are resting a little easier today and the doctors think they have good chances of recovery. Miss McMillan, W. Casson, Mr. Marson and Mrs. Wetherbee, are all reported to be coming along nicely and well on the road to recovery. At St. Michael's hospital Thomas Thompson is better this morning.

William Moore, the motorman, appeared in the police court to-day charged with manslaughter. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for a week.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT ATTEND.

Declines Invitation to Be Present At Peace Dinner in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—Close on the heels of the peace meeting which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of the treaties with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners the country has ever seen, to be held here Saturday night.

It developed yesterday, according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function at which President Taft will be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring as "traitors" to their principles all those who accept the invitation to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

To arrange a harmonious programme the executive committee of the national citizens met and discussed the subject.

A member of the committee, who would not have his name printed, said that Mr. Roosevelt replied with a seven-page letter, leaving no doubt whatever that he would not attend.

By another interview Mr. Roosevelt signified his intention not to attend

JAPANESE IN THE UNITED STATES

Returns Showing Large Increase in Immigration Declared to Be Incorrect.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27—The latest census report issued apparently indicates that the flow of Japanese laborers to the United States has not been checked and that the arrangement with the Japanese government is therefore ineffective. The official figures indicate that in 1910 when the census was taken there were 71,722 Japanese in the United States as compared with 24,326 in 1900. The increase is recorded at 47,396 in ten years and the rate of increase as 194.8 per cent, a rate of increase almost ten times as great as the rate of increase of the total population. The census figures are declared to be misleading, however, by those who are closely following the Japanese immigration situation. The statistics are entirely accurate so far as known, but they are likely to lead to incorrect conclusions. It is declared that had the census been able to give the figures year by year, it would have shown [illegible] the Japanese population are leaving the country faster than they were [illegible] 1909 the Japanese who [illegible] the United States proper [illegible] while the departures [illegible] The same year the [illegible] Hawaii number- [illegible] from Ha-

CAUSE OF FATAL EXPLOSION A MYSTERY

Inquiry Into Accident at Depew Bay, in Which [illegible] Killed

Map of Persia, Tabriz and Resht, scenes of recent massacres, are on the border of the Caspian sea.

BIG ISSUES OF THE FUTURE

HON. R. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT MONTREAL

Former Minister Says Conservatives Made Naval Policy Double-Barrelled

Montreal, Dec. 27.—"We, however, accept the verdict that has been rendered as the people's rule, but we make no apology for the stand taken on the question of reciprocity by the late administration at Ottawa," Hon. Rodolph Lemieux.

The ex-Minister of Marine and Fisheries was the guest of honor at the Montreal Reform Club, and most of the stalwarts of the party were present to meet the Liberal party's leader in the district of Montreal.

Reviewing the achievements of the Laurier administration, Hon. Mr. Lemieux contested the right of the present postmaster-general to claim credit for the reduction in the cable rates, when, as a matter of fact, he himself had brought about that reduction. The speaker then referred to the speech of the president of the Bank of Montreal, R. B. Angus, whose address, he said, attested to the prosperity of the country, which had been fostered and promoted by the late government. He attributed to the Fielding tariff in 1897 the greater part of this prosperity.

Reciprocity, Hon. Mr. Lemieux declared, was not judged on its merits. The verdict was not a triumph of sentiment over self-interest, but of fear over self-reliance.

On the navy question he declared that the Conservatives had made the naval policy double-barrelled, one barrel for Quebec and the other for the English-speaking provinces.

As for the future, he said, there were big issues on the horizon. The west is crying out for reductions in the tariff, which, to say the least, will have to be readjusted. The consumer in the east also asks for relief. Neither did he think very much of the tariff commission or any other irresponsible body attempting to shift the responsibility from the minister's shoulders. Trusts, combines, and mergers, he said, must not rule the country. As for the near future, the speaker said that the Liberal party would reorganize and with a great cause and a great leader they would rise again. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was seventy, but they would remember that Gladstone was seventy-two when he made his famous Midlothian campaign. Consequently there was no reason for discouragement.

DIE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Within half an hour of each other two drunks were brought to the police station and sent to the hospital owing to their condition. Both died before reaching the hospital.

DESPONDENT MAN'S SUICIDE.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—J. E. Dalton hanged himself in a barn at the rear of a boarding house, Sunday afternoon, because he could not buy Christmas presents for his family. The body was found by a hostler.

RUN DOWN BY TROLLEY CAR.

Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and their three sons were injured, one perhaps fatally, when they were run down by an interurban car on a bridge near here. The boy is fatally hurt, being hurled from the bridge.

STEAMER FOUNDERS IN BAY OF BISCAY

All but Two of the Crew Go Down When Vessel Sinks

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—[illegible] another vessel, the German steamer Chios, foundered with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the Bay of Biscay.

The Chios belonging to the German Levante line was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria last Thursday, when she was caught in the hurricane and sunk with all but two of her crew. The chief officer and one sailor were rescued by a passing vessel.

The Chios was built in Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,560 tons net.

ATTORNEY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Driver of Car, Which Contained Three Persons, Makes His Escape

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eye-witnesses of the killing of Attorney Otis Ballou, formerly of Omaha, last night by an automobile containing three persons, say that the car, which was driven rapidly, dragged Ballou's body fifty feet. As soon as the wheels had thrown the dead man aside, the driver put on full speed and raced down the street. Ballou's skull was crushed in and a leg broken. The police have no clue.

SPANIARDS FACE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

Reports of Fighting Between Troops and Riff Tribesmen in Morocco

Madrid, Dec. 27.—An official dis- [illegible] from Melilla, Morocco, says the tribesmen, undismayed by a se- [illegible] repulse of Dec. 22, reappeared in [illegible] fierce attacks on Dec. 23 and 24, [illegible] lasted for some hours. The [illegible] held their positions and [illegible] the enemy to retire, but suffer- [illegible] Present figures show six [illegible] killed and 36 men killed or [illegible] d.

[illegible] of continued fighting in the [illegible] country, which has heretofore [illegible] fied, foreshadowing the poss- [illegible] another campaign in Moroc- [illegible] ated a painful sensation in [illegible] Alfonso has decided [illegible] for

TO STOP JAPANESE COMING TO CANADA

RESULT OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN JAPAN

Member of Japanese Parliament Says Country Desires to Trade With Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—That the Japanese government intends in future to send no Japanese immigrants to Canada at all, was stated by K. Miyako, lawyer and member of the Japanese parliament for Ibaraki, near Tokio, who is in town en route home from Rome. For some time past, as is generally known, Japanese immigration to Canada has been restricted, but according to Mr. Miyako, as a result of an agreement between different members of the cabinet of his country, it will in future be absolutely stopped. Mr. Miyako was one of seven representatives chosen by the Japanese parliament to represent it at the interparliamentary congress of members of parliament to be held in Rome. On account of the outbreak of cholera there, however, the meeting was postponed.

Japan will be in the throes of a general election next May, he said. There is, however, no big question up. The navy matter apparently does not bother the people in the land of the rising sun, the cabinet being content to keep up the present sea strength without pursuing a policy of enlargement. What will be done in future, however, is a subject for debate. Military training is compulsory, the army being selected from the total able-bodied adult population.

In reply to a question as to the status of Korea, Mr. Miyako replied that it had now been placed under a governor-general, and was a dominion like Canada. The Japanese government was taking no stand in the Chinese revolution, he further stated, just looking on without interference, as nothing except perhaps Japanese trade with China was affected. Apropos of trade, Japan was anxious to secure both Canadian trade and friendship, as it had heard of business progress that characterized the merchants in the Dominion.

NATIVE FOR GOVERNOR.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gobinda Gwpta, member of the Indian council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Benda. A native has never before held such an important position.

COTTON WEAVERS ARE LOCKED OUT

Order Throws 160,000 Employees of Lancashire Mills Out of Work

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 27.—Notices were posted to-day at all of the mills belonging to members of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners in North and Northeast Lancashire that the cloth mills will be closed to-night and not be reopened until further notice.

Weavers numbering 160,000 will be locked out and an equal number of spinners will be reduced to half time. The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners decided to curtail the production of yarn by stopping work on three days in each week, beginning January 1, while the looms are idle.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN'S HOME.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Amendments to its charter involving the authority to found and support a home for deserted and neglected children will be asked for at the next session of the legislature. In addition, the society will ask the right to collect the wages of men who, having families to support, neglect their duty in this direction and squander their money on drink.

PERSIANS ATTACK INDIAN TROOPS

BRITISH CONSUL'S ESCORT ENGAGED IN FIGHT

Natives, When Repulsed, Carry Off Their Dead and Wounded

Teheran, Dec. 27.—W. Morgan Shuster is still here awaiting the nomination of a successor to whom he can hand over the funds of the country. The populace which holds Mr. Shuster in great esteem, is much incensed against the cabinet because of its action in dismissing him. Many protests have been sent to the authorities.

Dispatches from Shiraz received here give further details of the attack at Kaseroon. The Indian troops were escorting W. A. Smart, British consul at Shiraz, from Bushlere to his post. In the vicinity of Kaseroon fifty-five miles west of Shiraz, they were attacked on all sides by the Persians. A desperate fight ensued. The Persians were driven off and it is believed they carried several dead and wounded with them, while the Indian cavalrymen also suffered a number of casualties, including two killed.

During the fighting Mr. Smart disappeared and it is not known what has become of him. His wounded horse was found at the roadside.

Opposes Withdrawal of Troops.

London, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph understands that Foreign Minister Sazoneff favors the withdrawal of troops from Persia at the earliest possible date. Premier Kokovsoff, however, disagrees on this point, and, says the correspondent, is master of the situation and promises to be quite as powerful as Stolypin was.

Reports of Atrocities.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The Russian troops continue to kill Persians in Tabriz, according to dispatches received in Washington yesterday from official sources in Teheran.

Cablegrams from the Persian capital declare that the Russian atrocities have so aroused the Persian people that it will now be impossible to bring about an amicable settlement.

Must Surrender Arms.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Russian consul at Tabriz, in a dispatch to the foreign office here, says he has informed the governor that the disarmament of the populace is indispensable to the opening of negotiations. The governor has placarded the town in consequence of this, ordering the immediate surrender of all arms.

IMPORTANT MINING DEAL IN SLOCAN

Vancouver Syndicate Secures Working Bond on Group of Claims

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—An important mining deal was closed here when a Vancouver syndicate comprising Messrs. Arnold M. Daly, J. L. Parker, M. E. W. Harry Wilson and J. P. McCraney of this city in association with George A. Macleod and Dr. H. R. Swaine, well known mining men of Spokane, acquired a working bond on the Panama group of four claims in the Slocan district, and made a first payment.

The property is a high-grade silver proposition adjacent to the Lucky Jim mine and within one mile of the C. P. R. extension now being built from Three Forks. The ore occurs in a slate and lime contact and has been exposed by means of open cuts along its trend for a distance of over 1,000 feet. In the bottom of a 65-foot shaft sunk on the vein there is three feet of grey copper carrying silver values averaging $100 a ton. Two short cross-cuts have been run to jan the ore which has also been drifted upon. The main cross-cut is 500 feet east of the shaft at a depth of 100 feet showing an ore body three feet wide and assaying 198 ounces of silver per ton.

Three well known Spokane mining engineers have reported favorably on the property. The number includes J. V. Richards, who is interested in the present deal and who formerly had charge of the Standard mine, the Slocan property now so much talked about on account of the phenomenal richness of the ore and the size of the ore bodies.

It is proposed to begin development work on the Panama group immediately and start shipping ore without any delay. A drift 800 feet long will be driven, giving a depth of 400 feet under the collar of the shaft. The owner of the property, H. Giegerich, a well known merchant of Kaslo, shipped several carloads of ore to the Trail smelter, the returns averaging $100 per ton. Mr. Richards is authority for the statement that there is enough ore in sight to pay for the bond.

ELECTIONS IN P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 27.—Nominations take place for the Prince Edward Island general elections on Thursday. The construction of a tunnel across the strait has long been the chief factor in island politics. The feature of the present campaign is that the Conservatives are now professing satisfaction with the proposal that instead of this a car ferry be established.

CHINESE COURT FAVORS ABDICATION

HOPES FOR LIBERAL TERMS FROM CONVENTION

Premier Yuan Shi Kai Resigns Office—Rebels Becoming Impatient

Pekin, Dec. 27.—Representative members of the imperial court, according to an authoritative source, have signified to Premier Yuan Shi Kai their willingness to agree to an abdication.

The court, the same authority states, realizes that there is no hope for it in the detention of three or four detached sections of the country and semi-loyal provinces and hopes to obtain better terms by agreeing to the proposed referendum on the question of form of government.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai fully realizes that the Republican spokesmen gathered at the peace conference at Shanghai are not likely to accept his proposal for a carefully-elected assembly representing the entire empire. He is of the opinion that the Republicans know that the throne will favor his (Yuan Shi Kai's) plan. The premier is certain that he could win battles with the modern army at his disposal, which is better equipped and greatly superior to the rebel forces, but as he is unable to obtain any loans he would be unable to reconquer the lost provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai will probably resign his office after making the best terms possible for the throne.

Yuan Shi Kai recognizes what he considers to be Tang Shao Yi's desertion. He suggests that Tang Shao Yi might become president of the republic, which is an office he should not accept. Yuan Shi Kai also states that the nations have withheld their financial support with the help of which he could have re-conquered the country.

Conference at Nanking.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the delegates of the 18 provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on December 28th to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the national government of the [illegible] Provinces.

Revolutionists Impatient.

London, Dec. 27.—Yuan Shi Kai's proposal to decide the form of government which shall preside under new regime in China by a convention of the [illegible] over the empire is regarded here as a shrewd move, but opinion is divided as to whether it can be successful. Chinese leaders believe that the terms will be accepted by the revolutionary leaders in order to make it easier for Yuan Shi Kai to consider the abdication is unavoidable.

On the other hand, many well-informed here think the great body of the revolutionists are impatient for action to what will become of a national convention. The revolutionists are fully aware of the political helplessness of the government. With this in view the rebel army at Nanking insists on the refusal of Yuan Shi Kai to resign and the immediate resumption of military activity. The rebels confidently expect that Yuan will resign as gracefully as possible whenever such demonstration is made.

Plot to Kill Premier.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—The Chinese Six Companies, which is engaged in raising the $2,000,000 loan for the Chinese rebels, sent a cablegram to Wu Ting Fang at Shanghai to-day asking him to resume hostilities rather than yield to Yuan Shi Kai's demand for a limited monarchy. All the Chinese, it is said, are for a republic. A similar message was sent to Tang Shao Yi, who represents Premier Yuan Shi Kai at the conference, asking him also to use his influence in behalf of a republic.

News was received by the Chinese Free Press from Shanghai that a plot involving Manchu officials had been discovered at Pekin, the purpose of which was to assassinate Premier Yuan Shi Kai because of alleged treachery. The Manchus, it is said, believe that Tang Shao Yi's advice to Yuan Shi Kai to submit to a republic was due to some previous understanding between the two.

Conspirators Beheaded.

Amoy, Dec. 27.—A plot has been discovered among the Honanese troops in this city to assassinate Yuan, the taotai, and Choy, the military commander. The leader of the plot has been arrested and beheaded while several of his followers are under arrest.

The commander of the expedition which was sent to the Northern districts on December 12 to restore order there, reports that in the district of Chuan-Chow and Eng-Cha-[illegible] has been re-established. In the [illegible]try districts, however, conditions are serious, and there has been resistance. Two villages have been burned by the troops on account of the inhabitants having harbored robbers. A temporary cessation of clan fighting has been brought about at Huhan during the presence of the troops.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

New Westminster, Dec. 26.—Hearing a shot ring out in the woods of Burnaby to-day, a party of merry-makers were startled to find the dead body of one of their number, Charles Vasseur, lying dead with a bullet wound in his head. A gun lay near by. Financial losses are thought to be the motive of what the police believe to be a case of suicide.