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ADVISES AMERICANS STAY OUT OF MEXICO

State Department Gives up "Responsibility"—Time For Re-evaluating Mining Titles is Extended

Washington, Dec. 30.—The provisional government in Mexico City has issued a decree extending to March 31 the time for re-evaluation of mining titles, according to a Mexico City despatch today to the State Department.

A message dated noon, Dec. 24, from Eagle Pass, says the "situation remains unchanged at Piedras Negras."

A mail report from the American vice consul at Ensenada, Lower California, states that "while there has been some political disturbances of late, conditions in general are improving and the district is quiet." He adds that the bitter feeling against Americans, which was noticeable last spring, apparently has disappeared and that 175 to 200 are now in the district.

In that connection, however, the State Department announced that it "does not advise Americans to return to Mexico, and those who do so go there on their own responsibility."

The Carranza agency here announced receipt of the following message from Gen. Carranza's secretary at Vera Cruz: "General Villareal, at Monterey, informs us that he recently had a conference at Saltillo with Gen. Alvarez, the Gutierrez Governor of the State of San Luis Potosi, who informed him that Bullock Gutierrez had sent him to in-

form Villareal that he had demanded from Villa that he eliminate himself from political activity, but that Villa had not complied, and that Gutierrez was disposed to enroll himself and his troops once again under the banner of the first chief of the Plan of Guadalupe.

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BRITAIN HAS 17 DREADNOUGHTS NEARLY READY

First Lord of Admiralty Predicts Fifteen Will be Ready Next Year, But Naval Experts Say Another Two Will be Completed

London, Dec. 18. (By United Press mail to New York).—The claims of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, that Britain will have fifteen more Dreadnoughts ready for action before the end of next year, is the latest boast. In fact, according to naval experts, it is an understatement by at least two ships. Since the outbreak of the war the British censor has rigidly suppressed the publication of anything concerning the building, launching or commissioning of warships, but without breach of confidence, it is possible to compile a fairly accurate list of England's reinforcements from Admiralty data already made public.

When war was declared, England had in commission twenty-eight dreadnought battleships and battle-cruisers, not counting the Lord Nelson and Albatross, which, although nearly as powerful—they mount four 12-inch and ten 8-inch and two 10-inch guns apiece—are reckoned as pre-dreadnoughts.

Building or refitting, Britain had thirteen ironclad monitors on August 4, and another four just laid down. These vessels were reinforced by the purchase of two battleships building in England for Chile and the forcible acquisition of two building for Turkey.

Work at the shipyards is proceeding so feverishly that the four battleships of the 1914 programme may be completed before the end of the war, but Mr. Churchill does not reckon them in his estimate of ships ready next year. It will be seen, then, that he has seventeen vessels, including the Turkish and Chilean acquisitions.

Two Put into Service.

Of these ships, five, the Emperor of India, the Benbow, Queen Elizabeth and Wasp and the 80,000-ton 80-knot battle-cruiser Tiger, were launched over a year ago, and have almost certainly been commissioned since the outbreak of hostilities. Two are known to have put to sea.

Of the others, the Valiant, Barham, Malaya, Royal Sovereign, Royal Oak, Recluse, Ramilies and Revenge, laid down just over a year ago and some if not all, must have been launched by now. The same applies to the Turkish Dreadnoughts Birge, Osman and Resadiye, and to the Chilean Almirante Latorre (now named Canada). Considerable progress has been made on the Turkish vessels, and it was only Turkey's lack of money that hindered their completion. Once Britain took them over, this drawback disappeared, and during the four months of the war the work of completion has been pushed forward.

Have Huge Gun-Power.

The five Queen Elizabeths and five Royal Sovereigns are armed with eight of the new 15-inch guns, and will be able to fire the most tremendous broadside of any vessels afloat. The Germans have a 15-inch gun, but according to the Admiralty's latest information they will be unable to mount any one ships completing next year's Dreadnoughts and battle cruisers in process of completion, at the outbreak of hostilities, however, the British fleet was eight ships, Kurfirst, Derfflinger and Lutzow, were launched in 1913, and the first four are almost certainly in commission or nearing completion now. Of the others only the Kron Prinz (launched in February, 1914) can be ready within a reasonable time. Moreover, all three mentioned are only armed with 12-inch guns, unless a last moment change in their construction has been made.

Austria has but two Dreadnoughts nearing completion, while France has seven, of which three are probably in commission now, or should be shortly. Japan, seven (three probably ready for commissioning early next year), and Russia eleven. The notorious slowness of the Russian shipyards, however, will probably prevent the early commissioning of any of the last-mentioned.

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FRANCE MAY RESUME RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN THROUGH WAR

Negotiations Proceeding For The Last Two Months Promise to Attain Success — Pope Benedict's Plan

Rome, Dec. 30.—The resumption of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and France has been practically assured since it became known that negotiations to that end initiated by Pope Benedict have already progressed to a most favorable point.

The efforts of the Vatican in this direction are being taken at Rome as only one more example of the quick, decisive action which has marked every step of the pontificate of the new Pope. As a matter of fact, this resumption of official relations between the Vatican and Paris, important as it is in itself, is only one step in the bigger plan of Pope Benedict, to bring about a settlement of the famous "Roman question" and to establish peace between the Vatican and Quirinal.

Pope Benedict's plan to this end provides for the Vatican having an official representative at the peace conference which will adjust the affairs of Europe at the close of the present war. Negotiations to attain this result have been opened directly with England, and it has now become desirable that the Vatican also be on friendly relations with all of the powers that will be represented. At the present time France is the only one of the European nations engaged in the war with whom the Vatican is not in accord. Austria, Russia, Germany, Belgium and even Serbia have regular ambassadors accredited to the Vatican which in turn has ambassadors accredited to those courts. Although England previously did not have these official diplomatic relations with the Vatican, the latter had direct communication with the English government through Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster and now through the new English envoy here. For the peace conference to be convened without the Vatican being in official relation with France would unquestionably prove a great drawback to Pope Benedict's desire to settle at once and for all the quarrel between Italy and the Vatican and to place the latter on a thoroughly guaranteed basis of temporal independence.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

The sixteenth annual business meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association for the consideration of reports, passing of accounts, dealing with business arising out of the same, the election of officers, and such other business as may properly come before it, will be held in the assembly hall of the Carnegie Public Library, Ottawa, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8 o'clock p. m. It is pointed out that though the war takes up most of the national attention and energy, yet work so vital to the continued well-being of the nation as the protection of our natural resources should be pressed forward as vigorously as circumstances permit, so that after the war our people will have the raw material out of which to build up renewed prosperity. All who can attend and take part are therefore requested to do so. The Commission of Conservation holds its annual meeting on the mornings and afternoons of January 19th and 20th, in its offices opposite the Carnegie Library, so that those attending can participate in both meetings.

France Receptive

Much as it is to the Vatican's advantage in the present moment to be on friendly terms with France, it has been no secret for several years past that France also was in a most receptive mood. Where the protection of large Catholic populations in the Orient had been entrusted by the Vatican since the separation of the church and state in France, to other powers, France has long been steadily losing prestige in those countries. This prestige has been going largely to Germany and Austria, who have at all times maintained friendly relations with the Holy See.

Galling as this has been in the past to France it would certainly be more insupportable when the present war is over were she to see her two enemies continue to enjoy these advantages, and

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Evening Dresses for ladies and misses in Satin, Silk, Chiffon, Crepe de Chine, Taffeta, Lace and Net, in cream, yellow, pink, blue, white, black. Trimmings are of fancy net, lace, ribbon; some with distinctive flowers, beading and rhinestone effects, gold lace, etc.—84, 86, 88 bust measurement. Prices from \$20.00 to \$37.00.

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Beaded Tunics in black, blue, grey, yellow, rose, tango, turquoise, purple. Prices from \$7.75 to \$22.00.

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FERRIS KID GLOVES—Two-dome; black, white and colors. Pair \$1.35.	ANTELOPE GLOVES—One-dome; tan and greys. Pair \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.75.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—One-dome; tan. Pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.60.	ANTELOPE GLOVES—Silk-lined, two-dome; tan and greys. Pair \$1.35, \$1.75.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Grey. Pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.60.	DOE GLOVES—(Washable)—White, one and two-button. Pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—White. Pair \$1.40.	DOE GLOVES—(Washable)—White, long. Pair \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Black. Pair \$1.60.	EVENING GLOVES—White, long.
ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES—One-dome; tan. Pair 90c. to \$1.00.	MISSIE'S AND CHILDREN'S GLOVES—A complete range of sizes in all makes.
ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES—Two-dome; tan. Pair \$1.00.	Pair 65c, 75c, 80c, \$1.10, \$1.20.

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for that reason France at the present moment appears fully disposed to make peace as is the Vatican.

From highest Vatican sources it was today declared that the negotiations for a resumption of diplomatic relations have been progressing for fully two months past. Cardinal Amette of Paris has been delegated with the task on behalf of the Vatican while former Premier Briand has conducted the negotiations for the French Government. They are declared to have arrived at a basis for a new round of submission to the Vatican and Paris. With the urgent necessity of the two powers getting together before the present war ends, it is not thought likely that either will raise any obstacles that might be of an unworkable nature and a speedy settlement is being universally expected.

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HAD CHILLY RIDE ACROSS CONTINENT

Six Chinamen in Box Car From Vancouver to Jersey City WERE NUMBED WITH COLD

Leader of Party Said Canadian Railway Employee Had Taken \$50 Bribe to Hide Them in Car

New York, Dec. 30.—On his rounds through the freight yards of the Erie Railroad at Jersey City at midnight, Watchman Martin Dwyer heard the doors of a box car rattle. He made his way through the darkness to the door and turned his electric lamp on the door. At intervals of a few seconds, it would creak and shake from a feeble blow on the inside. Dwyer ran for assistance and returned in a few minutes with Inspector Michael Daly of the railroad. By this time, a board near the door of the wooden doors had been pried off, and the two men could see by their lanterns that a sort of crowsbar was being used in an effort to pry the door open through the side of the car.

"What are you doing in there?" shouted Daly.

Inside the car the crowsbar fell with a clang, and there was silence for a few seconds, followed by a chattering in a strange tongue.

"I am going to open the door," Daly called out. "Do you understand English? If any of you try to get out you will be shot."

There was more chattering, but the men in the car made no effort to escape as Dwyer and Daly broke the seal and opened the door. Holding their dark lanterns at the opening, the railway men saw first piles of boxes containing merchandise, but as they pointed the lanterns upwards the rays showed them six Chinamen, five of whom were lying wrapped in blankets, while the sixth, who had been working the crowsbar, sat on a drygoods box. He came out when the railroad men commanded him to, and admitted that he spoke English. He translated a command to the others to climb out of the car, but none obeyed. One of them muttered something, and the Chinamen on the outside translated: "He says they are too cold to move. They have been riding in there for nearly two weeks. Come all the way from Vancouver."

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SUBMARINE DESTROYS MINES IN CHANNEL OF THE DARDANELLES

Athens, Dec. 30.—It is reported that a British submarine entered the Dardanelles on Saturday and destroyed three of the five series of mines which had been laid in the channel. The submarine was not seen by the gunners at the forts and escaped undamaged.

The Turks are transporting heavy guns from Adrianople to points on the Sea of Marmora, near the Bosphorus, especially Santo Stefano and Kadi-Kio (on opposite sides of the entrance to the Bosphorus), and commanding the approach to Constantinople from the sea of Marmora.

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