

CABLE NEWS.

A New and Popular Arm of the British Service-Marine Volunteers.

Germany and Austria Adopt an Anti-French Tariff-The Maybrick Case.

Papal Guarantees-Italy's Attitude.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—M. Crispien appeared in the Italian chamber of deputies yesterday and made a great speech. The former premier made a peculiar admission that the law of guarantees regulating the relations between Italy and France may be altered. Marquis Rudini replied with all the finished irony for which he is noted. He was not of Crispien's opinion. He believed the relations with the Pope could not be changed. In the course of his speech he said Austria would come to the aid of Italy in the event of war—the first official avowal of the fact. It is certain that, considering the way in which Rudini speaks of the relations between Austria and Italy, the latter is not in the alliance on a footing of equality. The day will come when Italy will no longer be willing to play that part. On that day the triple alliance will have gone out of existence. France's policy leans toward waiting for Italy to come to her senses, in order not to be under the necessity of fighting on the south and east, but can France wait? That is the question.

Portugal's Finances.

LISBON, Dec. 7.—The government agreement for the reorganization of the Bank of Portugal, signed on Friday, is expected to strengthen the credit of the country. The minister of finance has announced to the Cortes that he believed metallic currency would be restored in Portugal before March next.

A Carnival of Blood.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Li Hung Chang, viceroy, telegraphs to the Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent confirming the news of the crushing defeat of the rebels. The correspondent then gives further details of the recent massacre, which show that it was a veritable carnival of blood. Li Hung Chang has also telegraphed that martial law will be proclaimed throughout Manchuria.

Colliery Disasters.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—A terrible catastrophe has occurred in the colliery at Nifka, Russian Poland, in which it is reported that 180 men and 40 horses were killed.

Fonseca's Ministers Denounced.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 7.—President Peixoto to-day issued a manifesto declaring the members of the Fonseca government traitors to the constitution.

The Wine Trade in Spain.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Madrid reports great irritation throughout Spain against France on account of the vote of the French Senate imposing duties that will destroy the wine trade between Spain and France. The Spanish government will do nothing to prevent a popular manifestation against the new duties. The consequences of this political economical action will soon be felt in the field of politics.

Judgment Against Mutual Reserve Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The judges of the Court of Appeal, to-day, held that the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was liable for the payment of \$10,000 life insurance policy effected by the late James Maybrick in favor of the wife—Mrs. Maybrick—now in prison under a life sentence, after having been found guilty of causing her husband's death by administering poison to him, and the wife does not benefit by the payment. This decision has been awaited with great interest by insurance companies throughout the world, and it establishes a precedent in the law affecting life insurance.

The Maybrick Decision is the Subject of General Comment.

The prominent insurance president to-day, that the inducements to murder for the sake of insurance would be greatly increased, as the murderer would be sure that if he or she did not get the insurance their heirs would receive it. It is believed that the case may be carried higher.

An Anti-French Tariff.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The customs tariff between Germany and Austria is strongly anti-French. The duties so far as possible are heavily increased on everything coming from France. The tariff runs until 1903, unless either party gives notice of its withdrawal.

Prince Marquis Comodoro.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The marriage of Mary Cornwallis West, daughter of Col. Cornwallis West, M.P., to Prince Henry of Hesse, took place this afternoon, at half past two, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster.

A British Marine Volunteer Corps.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Admiralty officials recently came to the conclusion that the number of men available for active service in time of war would not be sufficient to form complements for all the vessels that would be called into the service. If a mobilization of the naval strength were attempted, therefore, a serious difficulty would arise from lack of men. The reserves among the merchant seamen and fishermen would hardly more than suffice to furnish crews for the armed merchant cruisers, into which a number of the able-bodied seamen would be converted in case of hostilities. A committee was appointed to inquire into the circumstances, and, after a careful secret investigation, they have made a report, embodying a plan for the formation of the new auxiliary force, by means of which it is expected the deficit referred to will be remedied. A appeal to patriotism is to be made and extra inducements are to be offered for the purpose of procuring volunteers for the new organization, which is to be styled "The Marine Volunteer Corps." Island and coast towns alike are invited to organize such bodies of the corps. Volunteers from existing infantry regiments will be allowed to join the marine volunteer corps on condition that they consent to make short cruises every year, and hold themselves able for active service afloat in

time of war. This clause is necessary, because, according to the terms of their enlistment, existing volunteers are not liable to service outside of Great Britain, while, as members of the volunteer marine corps, they may be called upon to go to any part of the globe. It is expected that the new corps will prove a popular one and it will remedy what threatened to become a weakness in England's naval force. It presents in some of its features a resemblance to the naval militia scheme now being tried in the United States.

The Breslau R.R. Accident.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—A serious railway accident occurred near Breslau, a train being derailed and a number of passengers injured. Seven of the injured are now in the hospitals with the prospect that some of them will die of their hurts.

A Self-Styled Mail Robber.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—R. G. Palmer, the self-styled American, who gave himself up to the police recently, charging himself with stealing some mail bags at Clark, Nebraska, and who was remanded at Bow street police court, December 1st, to await the action of the United States legation, was to-day released from custody, the representatives of the United States failing to press for his extradition. The Scotland Yard authorities are grumbling over the unnecessary work to which they are subjected by what may be called bogus crooks from America—fellows who accuse themselves of having committed crimes in the United States, and surrender themselves to the police in the hope of being extradited for imaginary offences, thus getting a free passage to their native land, where they are aware they can safely secure their liberty. As to Palmer there is even some doubt of his hailing from America.

Graydon's Dynamite Guns in France.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Advices from Paris state that the French Government is seriously contemplating the expulsion from France of all agents of the dynamite guns and other war materials invented or controlled by Lieut. Graydon, which are being "boomed" by a syndicate of capitalists. The syndicate's agents are charged with persistent attempts to bribe high officials of the French administration for the purpose of securing contracts. Lieut. Graydon, who is at present at Calais, writes repudiating the agents' claims, and submitting documents to show that he repudiated them months ago. These documents have been deposited in the American consulate in Calais. He claims that jealous rivals are responsible for the untruthful reports concerning the syndicate.

Chinese Rebels in Full Flight.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.—Advices from Peking state that the rebels are in full flight, and that Manchuria is fully controlled by the Imperial troops. It is expected that the fugitive Mongols will take refuge in Siberia. They would probably be welcomed by the Russian government, which is using every effort to strengthen its frontier against the Chinese. The mandarins who have led the rebels at Tayon and Sanchi are to be severely punished.

Influenza spreading.

HAMBURG, Dec. 7.—There are 13,000 cases of influenza reported in this city, and the death rate is higher owing to the prevalence of the disease.

Salvation Army Troubles.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Salvation Army were the cause of another disturbance at Eastbourne, yesterday. The leaders of the local division there were convicted, a few days ago, of an unlawful assembly, as a result of the frequent collisions with the mob, and their defiance of police regulations. Several attempts were made to start meetings, but the police kept them moving. The mob booed and jeered the Salvationists, but did not get an opportunity to commit any assault.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Papal Warning to French Clergy Who Are Recalcitrant—Serious Consequences May Result.

ROME, Dec. 8.—The Pope has instructed the Papal Nuncio at Paris, Monsignor Ferretti, to disavow the recent action of the French bishops in opposition to the French Government, generally, particularly to the Minister of Public Worship, M. Fallieres. It is understood that this action was taken as a result of the refusal of the French Government to withdraw from France the French archbishops and bishops continue their aggravating conduct, directly or indirectly, as a result of the Archbishop of Aix incident.

The French Government is said to be entirely satisfied with the Papal disavowal of the present action of the French bishops in the matter of the prohibition of the Vatican. The French Government wants it as an explicit direction to the bishops to recognize their responsibility to the State. Unless something of this kind is assured, it is still possible that the French Government may, at an early date, be abolished, even though the Government may, for the present, accept the disavowal which the Pope has instructed the Nuncio to offer. There is a powerful sentiment in France in favor of ceasing formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See, but the Government has hesitated to take such a step. The Government is also strongly opposed to the prohibition of the Vatican, on the pretext of the difficulty with the Archbishop of Aix, to introduce a measure for the abolition of the connection between the Church and the State. Many Catholics are in favor of this, being convinced that the church would flourish even more than now if the connection was severed, and they point to England and the United States as without such aid or fostering. It is said that several of the bishops have expressed themselves in favor of the severance of State relations, on the ground that they would enjoy greater liberty, and not, as now, be at the mercy of a civil official, able to send them to trial, with the risk of imprisonment, every time they dare to disobey his orders in the performance of their religious duties. The discussion of the subject is growing in the church itself, and there is high clerical authority for the statement that should separation be proposed, it would not receive the unanimous opposition of the church.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Immigration Work of Next Season—Bounty Asked for Beet Root Sugar Manufacture.

Newfoundland to be Reciprocalized—Against-Shooting Fish Prohibited.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The latest purist victim of Justice in Hargrave, Northumberland, whose seat is declared vacant, and Hutchins, Conservative, elected by a majority of two, is confirmed in the seat.

The Grits are shouting themselves hoarse over the escape of Sir Richard Cartwright. Mr. Jamieson, Renfrew, has been appointed Junior Judge, in Wellington, vice Judge Chadwick, promoted to the Senior Judgeship.

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A scene arose over the appointment of a treasurer for the Presbyterian fund. Rev. Mr. Young, of the Kingston and public, and a cousin Mr. Maxwell nominated Mr. Mills, of New Westminster, remarking that all the offices were going to the island. Rev. Messrs. Macleod and McKee repudiated the nomination, and Mr. McKee resigned any such assertion and refused to serve on any committee till Mr. Maxwell withdrew his statement or it was substantiated by the Presbytery. He insisted that Mr. McKee resign from the Home Mission committee. Mr. Maxwell refused to act, and Mr. McKee was appointed treasurer. The meeting then adjourned until morning.

The Canadian Pacific special, with the marines for Halifax, passed Port Arthur at noon, to-day, having made splendid time. A conference was held in Montreal, to-day, between representatives of the steamship lines and the Minister of Agriculture with reference to the immigration work of next season. It is expected the companies will lead a vigorous assistance.

Baron Salieres is here in connection with the sugar industry. He states that in the process of refining a quantity of cane sugar is used, and he asks a bounty on the percentage of beet root sugar actually contained in the manufactured article. The Government has decided to instruct collectors of customs to levy a duty on fish imported from Newfoundland. Cases 3, allowing the suspension of collection duties, has been in abeyance for some time, but owing to the intimation that the Newfoundland authorities will not grant reciprocal privileges to Canadian fishermen, the people of the island will yet taste their own medicine.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The New Magazine for Victoria—The Election Guillotine Still Working.

Mining Act of the Province of Quebec—The Black Bass Season.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The militia department received, to-day, Col. Holmes' report as to the new magazine at Macaulay Point.