

HITCH IN AFFAIRS AT TARTAR CITY

The French Minister Refuses to Present His Credentials to Court at Peking.

DEMANDS OF FRANCE MUST BE FULFILLED

Joint Audience of Foreign and New Chinese Ministers at Peking Is Postponed Because of Action of M. Beau-M. Gambon, the French Ambassador at Washington Unable to Explain Cause of Difficulty.

Peking, Jan. 10.—The French minister, M. Beau, refuses to present his credentials until China fulfills certain demands of the French government. The joint audience of the foreign and new Chinese ministers, which had been arranged, has been postponed because of M. Beau's action.

Washington, Jan. 10.—When shown the news dispatch from Peking, stating that the presentation of certain demands upon China by the French minister at the Chinese capital has caused a serious hitch in the proceedings there, M. Beau, the French ambassador at Washington, expressed great surprise saying that he was not aware of any claims preferred against the Chinese government by the French republic which would be likely to cause an interruption of affairs at Peking.

CROP ESTIMATES.

Average Yield of Wheat in the Past Ten Years.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the average yield per acre of wheat in the United States in 1891, 15 bushels, as compared with 12.3 bushels in 1900, 12.2 bushels in 1899, 15.3 bushels in 1898 and 13.3 bushels, the mean of the averages of the last ten years.

NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS.

Additional Majors Allowed to Thirtieth and Other Regiments.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—General orders were issued today from the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania allowing an additional major to the First, Second, Third, Sixth, Ninth, Thirtieth, Sixteenth and Eighteenth regiments, each of which now has only two majors.

Buttwood Will Resume.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 10.—The 700 men employed at the Buttwood colliery of the Parrish coal company who went out on strike Wednesday evening a number of days ago, were employed about the works, held a meeting tonight and declared the strike off. The non-union men agreed to join the mine's union. The mine will resume operations tomorrow.

Subpoena for M. Lampra.

Washington, Jan. 10.—At the request of Senator Morgan, chairman of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, the sergeant at arms of the senate today issued a subpoena for M. Lampra, representing the Panama Canal company, to appear before the committee. The subpoena was served and Mr. Lampra will attend a meeting of the committee tomorrow.

Plan to Pension Presidents.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Representative Lovington of Massachusetts today introduced a bill providing a salary for ex-presidents of the United States at the rate of \$25,000 annually, from the date of retirement from the presidency. The bill is to apply to any ex-president living at the time the law is enacted.

THE SCHLEY MEASURES.

Ten Resolutions and Bills Bearing Upon the Case in Congress.

Washington, Jan. 10.—When the house committee on naval affairs met today, the organization representative of Representative Hixey of Virginia proposed that the various measures relating to Admiral Schley be considered by the committee as a whole instead of awaiting the consideration of a sub-committee.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE RESULTS.

Senator Davis Believes That Much Good Will Come of the Meeting in Mexico.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator H. G. Davis, chairman of the United States delegation to the international American conference, who leaves for Washington tonight, took leave of the conference at today's session in a brief speech, saying, in part: "Among the achievements of this conference a plan of arbitration has been substantially agreed upon that will be of great value to all of the republics. This, I feel sure, is a long step towards preserving peace and settling disputes between American republics."

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FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Three Men Killed and Several Are Wounded in an Accident at Huntington, W. Va.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 10.—A boiler exploded at the lumber mills of Lewis Mitkiff, in the southern part of this county today, killing three persons and injuring several others. The dead: Lewis Mitkiff, of Pomerooy, Ohio; Bert Trippett, Salt Rock, Va.; Benjamin Mesinger, Salt Rock, W. Va.

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PLAN TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY.

Assistant Postmaster General Will Prepare Supplemental Boxes.

Washington, Jan. 10.—In connection with the efforts the postoffice department is making to expedite the delivery of mails in cities a new scheme for quicker dispatch of special delivery letters is under consideration by Assistant Postmaster General Shellenbeger. This contemplates attaching a supplemental letter box to the regular letter boxes on the streets with a view to depositing therein only the special delivery letters.

PARDON SEEKERS RESORT TO FORGERY.

Names of President and Prominent Citizens Attached to Livingston's Petition.

Helen, Mont., Jan. 10.—A plot to secure the release from the penitentiary of L. C. Livingston, sent from Silver Bow county in April, 1900, to serve for five years for forgery, has failed. The names of several prominent New York people were forged to the petition that was presented that Livingston came from the distinguished New York family of that name and had served as a rough rider in Cuba.

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INVESTIGATING THE WRECK.

District Attorney Jerome and Others Visit the Park Avenue Tunnel.

THE TRAIN DID NOT EXPLODE TORPEDOES.

Tests of the Signal System in the Park Avenue Tunnel Demonstrate That the Torpedoes Could Not Be Exploded by an Ordinary Locomotive—Condition of the Victims.

New York, Jan. 10.—To better acquaint themselves with the conditions in the Grand Central tunnel where the terribly fatal accident occurred on Wednesday last, District Attorney Jerome, State Railroad Commissioner Baker, Assistant District Attorney Garvan and Superintendent Franklin of the railroad, made a trip of inspection through the tunnel today.

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EX-COMMUNICATION BAN REMOVED FROM CROWLEY.

Announcement to That Effect Made by Chancellor Coleran.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 10.—It was given out today by Father A. M. Coleran, chancellor of Bishop Zanel's diocese, that the ban of excommunication had been lifted from Father J. J. Crowley, of Chicago. In making the announcement, the chancellor said: "To the best of my knowledge, the ban signed by Father Crowley was removed Christmas eve. On Christmas morning he celebrated mass in the chapel in the convent of the Poor Clares, in this city, something he certainly could not have done had not the excommunication been set aside."

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PARAGUAY IS IN STATE OF REVOLT

HE LANDED HIS MAN.

But Patrolman Ross Had to Go Into a Dark Culvert to Get Joseph Kane Who Fought Hard.

Patrolman Finlay Ross, of the North Scranton precinct, had occasion to arrest James Kane, of Dunmore yesterday afternoon and he finally landed his man after a long chase along the Delaware and Hudson railroad tracks, which had an exciting finish in culvert under Sanderson avenue at the corner of Marion street where the two men struggled fiercely in lanky darkness and in icy cold water.

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OTHER LEGISLATORS ARE WOUNDED

A Collision Occurs in the Chamber During Which Senator Facundo Insfran Is Killed and Several Other Senators Are Injured—The Quarrel Was Provoked by a Discussion Over the Presidential Succession—Congress Places Government in Control of the Vice President.

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