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IMPORTANT DECISION.

Taxation of Deeds for War Revenue Exceeds to Church Property.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Acting Commissioner Williams of the internal revenue bureau has rendered an important decision on the question of the taxation under the war revenue act of a deed of conveyance of church property, executed by the executors of a Roman Catholic bishop to his successor. The acting commissioner held that such deed was taxable.

The question arose in the case of the Right Rev. Bishop McGovern of Harrisburg, Pa., who willed the property to his executors, and they in turn conveyed it to his successor, Right Rev. J. F. Shanahan, the present bishop of the diocese of Harrisburg.

It was contended in opposition to the tax that the bishop holds the title to the property in trust, and that he has no personal interest or estate therein. It is held, however, that the deed fully vests the title, and under the law the succeeding bishop is a purchaser, although he does not pay any consideration for the conveyance. A stamp tax of \$1 per \$1,000 of value will be required.

Precautions Against a Panic. JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 12.—The city council held a special meeting and passed resolutions advising the people to keep quiet and not create a panic over the outbreak of fever in the city of New Orleans.

General Tracey's Argument. PARIS, Sept. 12.—General Benjamin F. Tracey continued his argument in behalf of Venezuela before the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary arbitration committee, claiming the Spanish title to Guayana was established before the arrival of the Dutch. He then proceeded to deal with the rules of law which he considered applicable to the case.

Recruits Make Their First Start. SALEM, Mass., Sept. 12.—Seventy-eight recruits for the new Fourth regiment volunteer infantry, stationed at Fort Niagara, N. Y., for service in the Philippines, left Salem to join the command.

Cuba's Prisoners Released From Cadix. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Senator Quesada has been informed that nine more Cuban prisoners have been released from the Spanish military prison at Cadix.

MARKET REPORT. New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Sept. 12. Money on call, 5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World—Some of Their Findings and Only the Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Harried Reader.

Michael O'Neil of Despatch, N. Y., was run down and fatally injured by a passenger train on the New York Central railroad.

President McKinley has commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment for Thomas McVeigh, who murdered a minister of the gospel at McAlester, Okla.

The St. Joseph's orphan asylum at Hartwell, O., a suburb of Cincinnati, was entirely destroyed by fire. No lives were lost.

Daniel L. Fish, author of Fish's arithmetic and other well known school books, died at his home in Rochester, N. Y. He was 79 years old.

The Spanish officers on trial for surrendering Santiago to the Americans, have all been acquitted.

The Thirty-third regiment of volunteers have been ordered from Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to San Francisco, where they will embark for the Philippines.

Richard Kesse, a prisoner sentenced to death for murder at Springfield, Mo., committed suicide in his cell by taking morphine smuggled to him by some unknown person.

Charles L. Bailey, one of the most prominent iron merchants in Central Pennsylvania, died at his home in Harrisburg, aged 78 years.

Charles A. Daniels, a prominent canal contractor, died at his home in Albion, N. Y.

An incendiary fire at Port au Prince, Hayti, destroyed 20 buildings.

General Shafter may be retained in the volunteer service after his retirement from the regular army next month.

A temporary Alaskan boundary may be agreed upon until the question is permanently settled.

The New York butchers' association has secured two large packing plants at Wichita, Kan., and will fight the beef trust.

The New York Central depot at Cayuga, N. Y., was destroyed by fire.

The Olympic Park hotel at Lake View, near Paterson, N. J., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$30,000.

Seven persons were killed in a collision between a freight and passenger train at Miller's station on the Erie railroad.

Five persons, three of them children, were bitten by a dog on Eighth avenue, New York city. The dog was killed.

John Y. McKane died at his home at Sheephead Bay, aged 58 years.

Admiral Dewey is well pleased with his reception in Gibraltar.

The G. A. R. encampment elected Colonel Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., for commander-in-chief for the coming year and selected Chicago for the meeting in 1900.

Captain Henry Geck, aged 73 years, died at his home in Rochester of paralysis. He was captain of the famous Old Thirtieth New York during the civil war.

William B. Smith, a prominent druggist of Troy, N. Y., died from an overdose of chloral. Whether suicide or an accident is not known.

Fourteen dwelling houses in the village of South Harwich, Mich., were destroyed by a timber fire which swept through the little town.

Mrs. Michael G. Mundy, 68 years old of Rochester shot and killed herself. Her mind had become unbalanced by worrying over an invalid husband.

The United States transport Sheridan landed the Minnesota and South Dakota regiments at San Francisco.

John Brewster killed John Collins by a blow of the fist in a fight in a Buffalo restaurant.

The internal revenue department at Washington has decided that the war tax must be paid on deeds transferring church property from one owner to another.

William Metzgar, a well known attorney of Connersport, Pa., shot himself on account of business troubles.

Rear Admiral Phillips says that less than 20 war vessels will take part in the Dewey reception on account of so many of our vessels being in foreign ports.

It is said that Rear Admiral Sampson will be assigned to the Boston navy yard when relieved of the command of the North Atlantic squadron.

J. B. Eustis, formerly ambassador to France, died at his home in Newport, R. I., of pneumonia.

The Sons of Veterans in session at Detroit decided to meet next year in Syracuse, N. Y.

William H. Longstreet, a music dealer of Elmira, N. Y., killed himself with a pocket knife. His health had unbalanced his mind.

Two fires in Louisville destroyed property worth \$250,000. One fireman and a spectator were fatally injured.

CONSUL UNDER A CLOUD.

Serious Charges Against a Keystone Man at Dawson City.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—There is another Pennsylvania consul besides Dr. Bedloe against whom charges are pending at the state department, a J. James C. McCook, stationed at Dawson City, Northwest Territory, is the unlucky man.

The state department has clippings from the Klondike Nugget of Dawson wherein it is set forth that on April 12 McCook had a very hilarious time with the men and women in a saloon hall. The newspaper alleged that he tried to beat a young Canadian because he refused to forswear allegiance to her Britannic majesty, when McCook came into the hall, roaring out, "Who's not an American?" and offering to equip anyone not so blessed with a full-fledged citizenship in this glorious republic.

Before the consul left the dance hall he lost his watch chain and the next day he had a girl arrested for the theft, but the evidence produced at the trial was to the effect that during the evening McCook had told the girls who surrounded him to take anything he had, and had given the watch and chain to "Nellie."

Before the affair of April 12 the records of the state department show that Consul McCook sued the Nugget for \$30,000 for libel, the action being based on a cartoon showing the consul perspiring very profusely in an effort to write a dispatch in grammatical English. The record shows that he lost his suit. The department knew nothing about the scrape in which the consul was involved until in his dispatches he began defending himself. Then he was investigated and the facts were brought out.

The department has just closed the newspaper incident by admonishing Mr. McCook that a consul should avoid controversies with newspapers.

ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 11.—An earthquake shock was felt in the mountain districts of Cambria county. A terrific subterranean explosion occurred, followed by a perceptible quaking of the earth over a radius of 50 miles.

Window glass was shattered all over Cambria county, Carrolltown suffering the most. Windows in nearly all the town residences were shattered.

The shock was felt at Johnstown and Gallitzin, 20 miles from the center of the seismic disturbance. Word from Elk Lick, 50 miles away, says the shock was felt there. A perceptible quaking of the earth was followed by a slight detonation. Local scientists ascribe the phenomenon to an explosion of subterranean gases.

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Refugees Reach Cape Town. CAPE TOWN, Sept. 12.—Four trains containing refugees from Johannesburg have arrived here. Four hundred refugees have already arrived at Durban. During the past week the relief committee of Johannesburg assisted 3,000 cases of distress reported throughout the Transvaal.

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PREPARATION FOR WAR.

England Is Rushing Troops to South Africa.

All the Transports Available Have Been Secured—At the Same Time the Boers Are Massing on the Frontier and There Is No Abatement of War Preparations in the Transvaal.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The activity in the war and admiralty offices continues, though there is nothing new regarding the Transvaal situation. The government will follow to the end its project of sending force sufficient to protect the enormous British interest in South Africa. Officers of the admiralty office have started for various towns on the coast to investigate transport facilities and perfect arrangements for shipping the troops which will probably sail this week. It is understood that General Sir R. D. Buller, who will command the British forces in South Africa in the field, will start for Cape Town on Saturday. The Indian authorities are chartering steamers to transport troops to South Africa as rapidly as possible.

It is said that orders have been sent to America for light iron girders and bridging sections for possible use in South Africa.

Transports are moving to the docks preparatory to embarking troops. Special dispatches from Johannesburg report the greatest anxiety there. Fifteen hundred people left town on Saturday, and it is proposed to transfer the business of the stock exchange to Cape Town. The Johannesburg town council is appealing to the government for power to start relief works, to meet the exceptional distress.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein reports the distribution of arms and considerable exodus to Cape Colony. According to this correspondent the Boers are massing on the frontiers and there is no abatement of war preparations in the Transvaal.

GUARDING THE LINE. Hollanders in the Transvaal Will Help the Boers, but Italians Neutral.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12.—The officials of the Netherlands Railway company have been notified to hold themselves in readiness to guard the line in the event of war.

The Italians in the Transvaal have decided to remain neutral should hostilities arise.

The Transvaal Hollanders here held a meeting and adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Transvaal government, pledging their support.

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DREYFUS CONVICTED.

Sentenced to Ten Years Imprisonment for Treason

The 2 1/2 Years Already Served May Be Counted as Double Time and His Early Release Is Probable—The Verdict Condemned By All the Civilized Governments of the Entire Country.

RENNES, Sept. 11.—Dreyfus has borne the terrible shock with marvelous fortitude, one might almost say with unnatural calm. He seemed stupefied when M. Labori communicated to him the verdict, but he has since rallied. He passed a quiet night and he rose when his orderly brought him water at 5 o'clock in the morning, just as he did during the trial when it was necessary.

Madame Dreyfus and Mathieu Dreyfus, his brother, visited him during the course of the afternoon, his brother subsequently leaving for Paris. The application to the court of revision was taken to him at noon by M. Labori's assistant and he signed it. He

INDIGNATION IN ENGLAND. Everybody Condemns the Verdict, Even From the Pulpit.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—It would be difficult to describe adequately the indignation the verdict of the Dreyfus court martial has evoked everywhere in England. The excitement in the Jewish quarters of London is only national. Special prayers were offered throughout Saturday in all the synagogues on behalf of Dreyfus, and as soon as the verdict was known, Jews and Jesuits were seen at every street corner expressing execration and many sobbing bitterly.

At the music halls, especially the Palace theater where cinematograph pictures of the incidents and leading actors of the Dreyfus affair were exhibited, the news was greeted with groans and hisses. In the French quarter of London there was much excitement, accompanied by some street fighting.

CONDEMNED IN GERMANY. How Germans Fall About the Conviction of Captain Dreyfus.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The Dreyfus verdict causes a feeling almost of stupefaction in Berlin. It has been hoped that the statement of the reichstag, as emanating directly from Emperor William, would have rendered impossible the repetition of what is described as "one of the greatest judicial and political crimes of any age."

It is universally agreed that the second verdict is a grave political blunder, a violation of the laws of civilization and an act of moral cowardice, which the world will find it difficult to pardon.

The German press unanimously describes the verdict as cowardly and impolitic, not to say criminal.

FRENCH FLAG BURNED. A Demonstration in Indianapolis Over the News of the Dreyfus Conviction.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 11.—When the news of Dreyfus' fate reached Indianapolis, Captain Wallace Foster, who originated the plan of floating the American flag over Indiana school houses, announced that he would have the flag of France burned in the public streets.

That evening a large crowd was drawn to his home in North Capitol avenue, and encircled by women, children, bicycles and buggies, the tricolors were brought out and burned on the Macadam boulevard.

There was loud cheering as the flag which Captain Foster had obtained at the world's fair was reduced to ashes. A Frenchman participated in the ceremony.

Dreyfus Will Not Be Deported. PARIS, Sept. 11.—Under the terms of his sentence, Dreyfus will not be deported. He will not be again deported. It is rumored that the five years he served on Devil's island will be reckoned as equivalent to a similar period of confinement in a cell, which counts double. In this event Dreyfus will be considered as having purged his conviction and will be released. If he is again degraded the ceremony will be carried out in the Champ de Mars at Rennes.

Public Prepared For a Pardon. PARIS, Sept. 12.—The Journal des Debats says it hopes that after the Rennes verdict the sentiment of humanity will find scope even in the most desperate of conflicts. Public opinion, it adds, is quite prepared for the eventuality of Dreyfus' pardon.

Former United States Senator and Ambassador to France Dies in Newport. NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 11.—Hon. James B. Eustis, former United States senator from Louisiana and Ambassador to France from the United States during the second administration of ex-President Grover Cleveland, died at Newport villa, Mr. Eustis had been fairly well until about 10 days ago when he caught cold, and on Tuesday last pneumonia set in. His attending physician, Dr. Harry J. Knapp, saw there was little hope for his patient. They are James B. Eustis, Jr., the well known polo player; Nelson Eustis and Miss Lydia Eustis.

James B. Eustis was born in New Orleans on Aug. 27, 1834. He graduated from the Harvard law school in 1854 and practiced law in New Orleans after 1856. He served as judge advocate on the staffs of Generals Magruder and Joe Johnson during the war of the rebellion. He was subsequently elected to the Louisiana state legislature, serving in both houses, and was chosen United States senator in 1877 for two years. He was re-elected in 1885, and served till 1891. In 1892 he was named Minister to France. Since 1895 he had been practicing law in this city, and had affiliated with Tammany Hall politically.

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