CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS MEETS TO ELECT NEW POPE

Said to be Largest Gathering tory of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sixty-Two Cardinals, and More Than 200 Clericals Are Imprisoned in the Vatican at Rome.—Much Interest.

Rome, July 31 .- Midnight .- The largest conclave in the history of the Catholic church has assembled in the Sistine chapel for the purpose of electing a successor to Leo XIII. Sixty-two cardinais, with over 200 clerical and lay attendants, are, to all intents and purposes, prisoners within the vatican.

Dr. Lapponl's duties began immediately after the opening of the conclave, much fear being expressed concerning the health of Cardinals Mocenni, Cretoni and Langenieux, who are aiready The first cardinal to be taken to his bed was Cardinal Herrero Y. Espinosa, Archibishop of Valencia, who is 81 years of age and was appointed a cardinal at the consistory held in June last. He is prostrated by over-fatigue,

News from within the precincts of the conclave at midnight is to the effect that after prayers the cardinals took supper at a common table with the exception of nine of them, who had their meals served in their cells. Cardinal picked them up. Herrera Y. Espnola, with the assistance of a cordial administered by Dr. Lapponi is reported to have gone quietly

Tomorrow morning the cardinals will enter upon the solemn duty of choosing three days possibly, though not probable tomorrow, a new Pope will be chosen. But no matter how long a time may be required, the absolute seclusion of the princes of the church from the outer world must, according to the church law, continue until a choice is

Prognostications as to who will wear Prognostications as to who will wear the tiara as Leo's successor have little value as even the cardinals, who this evening entered their cells, seemed to be without definite ideas as to the issue. • Cardinals Rampolla, Serafino, Vannutelli, Di Pietro, Gotti and Oreglia continue to be most frequently mentioned as the likely candidates, but the moment the name of one of them is mentioned a hundred reasons are supplied FLOOR TO BE RAISED to show that he could not possibly be

The rival claims of the leading Italian cardinals, so frequently ventilated in the local press, are matters which are all important in connection with the de cision of the conclave.

More interesting, perhaps in a certain way is the impression which prevails in certain sections that, no matter what the verdict of the conclave may be great changes are impending in the polfey of the vatican and that within a year or two the new Pope will no longer consider himself a prisoner in the vatican, but will, unlike Leo, leave its precincts when necessary.

Just before going into his cell today a prominent cardinal threw an interesting side light on the chances of Rampolla. Leo's secretary of state has been persistently abused recently by the government papers for his temporal power policy.

'I am not so sure," said the cardinal, to the representative of the Associated Press, "that the public attacks on Carnot inspired with a view to working in the Auditorium, up among Catholies and cardinals a spirit of enthusiasm for him which might greatly increase his chances of short discussion Contractor Tennent election. Indeed, it is perfectly certain was asked to get ready as soon as that the Italian government would not possible to begin the work of raising be at all sorry to see Cardinal Rampolla wear the tiara as, at heart, I do not believe the government has any serious tions between the vatican and the quir-

Before entering the conclave Cardinal Gibbons requested the Associated Press of this building and when it is combeen given out by him while in Rome and also all published accounts of conversations he is alleged to have had with private individuals referring especially to the statements of the Italia yesterday to the effect that he had criticised the policy of Rampolla.

Until the conclave is ended, 700 Italian troopers will remain in the plazza of St. Peters, 400 to the right and 300 tain railway went on a strike yesterto the left, while 150 more soldiers will day afternoon. Their grievances seem be stationed in the plazza at St. Mark. to be of a varied character. Among will patrol the walls of the vatican.

The gardens and streets adjacent to (Continued on Page 2.)

of High Prelates in the His- THREE ARE DROWNED; MANY INJURED

TO SEE AN ARMLESS MAN SWIM ACROSS RIVER

Bridge Collapsed While Hundreds of Spectators Were Watching Clarence Lutz Swim.

Portland, Ore. July 31.-While hundreds of people stood on the Morrison street bridge today to see Clarence Lutbz, an armiess man, swim across the Willamette river, a section of the bridge collapsed, precipitating more than one hundred people forty feet into the river. Minnie Raymond, Lottie Cameron, and an unidentified boy, were drowned and twenty-five persons were slightly injured.

Many fell on two small house boats moored to a pier of the bridge immedlately under the spot where it gave way. Several persons were injured by striking on the house boats while others were hit by falling timbers.

Many fell from the roofs of the house boats into the water, where dozens of small boats and launches Every ambulance in the city, several

fire companies and a large force of police arrived within a few minutes and victims with broken arms and legs were hurried to the hospitals.

The bridge is an old wooden structhe new Pope by ballot. The general ture, having been built 16 years ago. impression exists that within two or and has been considered unsafe for some time, although it was not con-

******* HERE IS THE PRIZE

La Crosse, July 31.-Wm. Renz went fishing last night in the Mississippi and hooked a large catfish. The fish gave battle and Renz, unwilling to let go, was drawn into the river *******

IN THE AUDITORIUM

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AUDI-TORIUM CO.

Was Held Yesterday and Contractor Tennent Will Begin Work at

Yesterday at noon was held a meet ing of the executive committee of the Auditorium company in the office of Secretary Randolph for the purpose of making final agreements as to the dinal Rampolia by the government are work to be done in changing the floor

> All of the plans were carefully gone over by that committee and after a

Mr. Tennent did not know exactly what day he could begin the work, but fled. Brown also ran bleeding in the disposition to after the existing rela- will probably commence on the job next week.

This work is certainly to be a great thing for the arrangement of the floor to deny all interviews alleged to have pleted no town in the South near the size of Asheville will have such a pub He building or auditorium

> It is not known how long it will take to do this work.

QUARRYMEN STRIKE

Fifteen employes at the rock quarry of the Asheville and Craggy Moun-Mounted carbineers and policemen other things the workmen state that they are unable to agree with the management of the quarries, Mr. Rex the vatican will be watched day and Howland stated last night that there was no trouble with the labor unions.

Missing Fisherman's Ring Has An Interesting History.

The ring of the fisherman, which is, origin of the custom are not agreed. time has worn and used a signet ring lished it in Rome. which bore the device of St. Peter seat-The authorities as to the date of the has had his own ring and seal.

said to have been stolen from the hand Mabillon claims that no evidence exists of the dead Pope Leo, and which is no- it is believed that Peter himself used where to be found in the Vatican, was this ring. The first mention of the ring the official seal used by the Pope in all occurs in a letter of Clement IV, writhis personal documents and private let- ten in 1265. Martin V, who was elected ters. The origin of the ring was a cus- in 1417, left three briefs, all scaled by tom adopted many centuries ago by the ring of the fisherman. Eugene IV. the popes in order to keep alive the his successor, also left letters scaled memory of the poor fishermen of Gal- with the ring. In 1448, Gaetano Cenni lice. Every one of the popes since that wrote a treatise on the ring and pub

The custom of destroying the seal of ed in a boat and drawing a net from the Pope immediately after his death is of considerable antiquity. Each Pope



It's An Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good.

WAS STABBED FOR PIECE OF CHICKEN

WOUNDED BY MULATTO WAITER.

Quarrelled Over The Disposition of the Feathered Delicacy

Enraged because a piece of chicker was stolen from him. John Reed a mulatto waiter at the Battery Park hotel plunged a knife repeatedly into the breast of John Brown, a negro dish washer in the kitchen of the ho tel about nine e clock last night.

A gaping wound opens into one of Brown's lungs and there are other younds on his body where his assailant had stabbed him with a pocket knife. He was attended by two physisians, who said last night that Brown would not necessarily die uness pneumonia set in.

After the deed Reed rushed hatless down the back way to Haywood street where he seized a hat from another valter and went down Walnut street and escaped, although the police went after him as soon as they were notidirection and fell almost at the same door of his house, which is in the valley below the Auditorium.

Reed had laid aside hicken and when he found it gone e accused Brown and because some one laughed he drew his knife and attacked Brown.

here recently from Reed came Knoxville

BRIEF IN CONTEST CASE IS GOMPLETED

BY THOMAS SETTLE FOR THE CONTESTANTS AND IS NOW BEING PRINTED

Thomas Settle yesterday completed his brief on the evidence in the contested election case of Moody against Gudger which involves the right of representation from this district in the next Congress and it is now in the hands of the printer. The brief covers some fifty pages of

printed matter and is intended to emphasize the points which Mr. Settle re gards as the most important in the case. It recites parts of the evidence and is a resume of the argument which will be presented verbally to the committee on contested elections to whom the case will be referred.

This brief must be in the hands of the clerk of the House of Representatives on Tuesday next or it cannot be con sidered.

TENNESSEE CITIES LEAD IN INCREASE

PER CENT OF 49.6

a Slight Difference, Less than

New York, July 31 .- The following able, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the cities named for the week ended July 31, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year. Totals include clearings of fifty-two other cities. Canadian totals include clearings of seven

New York, \$1,295,818,317; per cent dec., 13.1. Chicago, \$152,940,104; per cent inc. Boston, \$1,153,723; per cent dec.

Philadelphia, \$115,909,662; per cent St. Louis, \$45,096,304; per cent inc

Pittsburg, \$48,210,128; per cent inc. Baltimore, \$20,337,171; per cent dec

San Francisco, \$28,054,996; per cent nc., 19.5. Cincinnati, \$21,542,800; per cent dec.

Kansas City, \$20,755,123; per cent New Orleans, \$11,338,595; per cen Louisville, \$9,263,558; per cent inc

Savannah, \$2,142.542; per cent dec Denver, \$4,339,028; per cent inc

Richmond, \$4,471.630; per cent inc Mimphis, \$2,294,281; per cent inc

Washington, \$3.428,361; per cent Fort Worth, \$2,774,369;

Atlanta, \$1,852,093; per cent inc Nodfolk, \$1,398,530; per cent inc Augusta, \$593,968; per cent dec.

Nashville, \$2,080,175; per cent inc. Birminghom, \$1,165,108; Macon, \$474,000; per

Little Rock, \$794.512; per cent dec. Knoxville, \$946,941; per cent inc. Lexington, \$424,641; per cent dec.

Chattanooga, \$519,708; per cent inc Jacksonville, \$298.427; per cent dec Galveston* \$5,360.000; per cent inc.

Totals United States, \$2,058,207,129 Totals outside of New York, \$762,-388,812; per cent inc., 2.6. Dominion of Canada-

Houston* \$12,092.804.

WHO STOLE WEBER'S \$5,000 DIAMONDS?

JOHN BROWN WAS SERIOUSLY NASHVILLE IS FIRST WITH A ROBBERS ENTER CHICAGO JEW-ELRY STORE WHILE IT IS CROWDED

> They Raise Flooring and Secure \$5,000 Tray of Shiners From the Window.

Chicago, July 31.-While the jewelstore of Louis Weber at Clark and farrison streets was full of customers lonight, robbers entered the basemen of the place and cutting holes through the floor, raised the platform between the outer and inner show winodws and stole two trays of diamonds valued at \$5,000.

The robbery created the greatest ex itement. The police who were notitiled came in large numbers. Every station was watched and telegrams sent to all the neighboring towns to head off the flight of the robbers. It is supposed that the robbery is the work of a gang which has been working in and around Chi rago for the last six months.

WASINGTON IS FREELY UPHELD

Tuskegee, Ala., July 31.-A resolutio was adopted today by the Alabama State Negro Baptist convention, in seasion in this city, severely condemning the attack made upon Principal Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Norma nd Industrial Institute, during his adiress at Boston last night. The resolution which was unanimous

y adopted by 300 delegates of the conention, upholds Principal Washington and pledges confidence and endorsemen of Dr. Washington as "a conservative worthy and safe leader deserving of th respect and confidence of all men.

BRADSTREET SEES MORE PROSPERITY

New York, July 31.-Bradstreets to norrow will say:

Weather, crop and trade conditions ire seasonably favorable, though ir regularity and weakness in some sta ples prices reflect readjustments of consumption to enlarged production. Copious rains in the corn belt and in the western corn region have removed some of the uneasiness existing as to the out turn of these two great crops, and despite this backwardness the outlook for general trade has been measurably helped. Iron and steel hayers are still The industrial situation has improved, the railroads are having all they can handle with the lack of

congestion again being heard. A favorable feature this week is the eported improvement in foreign demand for our breadstuffs, considerable quantities of new wheat and corn being reported.

POST OFFICE OFFICIALS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

RAISES THE IRE OF THE NEW ORLEANS COTTON EXCHANGE

By Requiring Its Signature to a Certain Form of Contract-Strong Resolutions Passed

New Orleans, July 31 .- At a general neeting of the New Orleans Cotton exchange held this afternoon the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the commercial news department of the Western Union Telegraph company has notified this exchange that unless it signs a certain or before July 31st, the service thereof will be stopped; and,

"The New York cotton exchange by confirmed the notice of the Telegraph company; and,

"The said contracts give the Telegraph company or the New York cot-ton exchange the right to stop said quotations without cause and without

"The New York Cotton exchange requires this exchange to sign an application certifying that we had not and would not countenance bucket not and will not become a gambling institution; and, "The New York Cotton exchange re-

fuses to treat with us as an exchange and insists that we must have all negotiations regarding their quotations with the Telegraph company subject to their approval; therefore, be it, "Resolved, That this exchange reuses to sign the contracts offered;

"That we refuse to negotiate other thin with the New York exchange di-

sedf respect,

"Resolved, That we ask the New people of the world.

equiring of this exchange to subscribe to conditions that are impos- that the acts of another former high sible, except at the sacrifice of our official of the postoffice department lignity and self-respect."

MORE SUITS FILED

Atlanta, Ga., July 31.-Following the contract between the parties to which

CONTRACT TO PAINT Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

The contract was yesterday given Bean & Guy, painters, 1 do the paintng on the new Y. M. C. A. building. The contractors will begin work e finished in antique oak and the outside works to be painted and finshed with ivory white. The conartocrs will begin

Monday and it will only be a few days by the commission. before the new building will begin to show itself off to very great advan-

CURTIS TO SUCCEED LEEDS Louisville, Ky., July 31 .- Theodore

intendent of machinery of the Louisville and Nashville railroad in succescion to Pulaski Leeds, who was murcharged employe.

Latest Developments of Govern ment Investigation Cause Much Excitement.—Machen Plays Star Role.

Grand Jury Has Not Yet Completed Work and More Indictments May Follow .-Heavy Bonds Furnished.

Washington, July 31-The postoffice investigation developed more excitement today, the federal grand jury returning seven indictments, involving nine persons for alleged conspiracy and bribery, in connection with postal affairs. August W. Machen, for many years the head of the free delivery service, was named jointly with contract for New York quotations by others in four of the indictments. The other men were Wm. Gordon Crawford, who was deputy auditor for the postoffice department from June 12, 1893, to September 15, 1897, and is a member of one of the exclusive clubs of Washington; Leopold J. Stern of ledo, formerly a prominent govern-ment official, and Martha J. Lorenz, notice at any time they or either may his wife; John T. Cupper, mayor of Lock Haven, Pa.; Wm. C. Long, an Ohio man, who is an intimate friend of Machen; Maurice Runkel, of New York city, and Thomas W. McGregor, shops, or in other words, that we are a protege of Machen, who was a messenger at the beginning of Machen's administration of the free delivery service, and in recent years has been in charge of supplies for the rural free

court soon after the indictments were returned and furnished \$10,000 bail, and McGregor likewise bail. Long was arrested at his home, where Deputy Marshal Springman found him in bed. He was released on \$10,000 bail. His was the only case "That we are willing to co-operate in which a bench warrant was issued, with the New York exchange in any owing to the voluntary action of the and all measures for the suppression others indicted. Machen was not reof bucket shops and to sign any arrested under new indictment, as agreement in reason direct with said gave bonds in \$20,000 under his inexchange provided it is of a nature dictment several weeks ago, and the that does not require us to forfeit our authorities felt that this was sufficient to insure his appearance. have been issued for the out of town York Cotton exchange as a sister ex- parties indicted and their arrest dichange to meet us in this matter and expected within the next 24 hours. to treat with us as it does with Liver- The grand jury has not completed the pool, as an exchange direct, and not to work laid before it by the postal inplace us in a false position before the vestigators, and other indictments may be expected later on, possibly "Resolved, That we deplore the within a week or two. It is understood present situation, but insist that it is that two additional cases against one entirely due to mistaken views of the of the parties indicted today, a form-New York Cotton exchange which is er prominent bureau official, are being inquired into by the grand jury and

Crawford voluntarily appeared in

delivery service.

already under

igated. Machen was in consultation with suit filed by the New Orleans office his counsel this afternoon and the deof A. B. Baxter & Co. against the West- murrer to the previous indictments ern Union Telegraph Co. and the Gold probably will be filed tomorrow. Waland Stock Telegraph Co., the Atlanta ter S. Mayer, a veteran postal inspecoffice of Baxter & Co. today filed a bill tor, and for many years previously, a of injunction in the superior court special pension examiner, has done a against the same telegraph companies large part of the work on today's to prevent the discontinuance of the cases, aided by other inspectors. Postpetitioners use of the wires of the de- master General Payne returned to this endant. The petition alleges that the city tonight over the Pennsylvania elegraph companies wish to add cer- railroad from his trip of about a fortain conditions and regulations to the night on the revenue cutter Onadaga, which was making a cruise along the Atlantic coast.

Brooklyn grand jury are being invest-

indictment by the

COMPLAINT MADE ON ASSESSMENT

(Special to The Citizen) Raleigh, N. C., July 31.-Julius C. Martin and H. W. Plummed today went before the state tax commission concerning assessment of Asheville Electric company properties. It is understood that after this conference an assessment of \$250,000 was fixed on

MORE TROUBLE

McKeesport, Pa., July 31.-The most serious disturbance of the many that have occurred since the beginning of the strike at Port Vue Tin H. Curtis was today appointed super- mill took place this evening. During the fighting, John Mount was fatally injured and John Cameron was shot so that he will be crippled for life. lered by George B. Warner, a dis- Both victims were on their way home from one of the other mills.

"Asheville Is Good Enough For Me" Says Sheriff Reed.

ern and western states, and in almost every state of the South," said Sheriff J. H. Reed, last night, "but I want to shown any inclination to leave it." the sheriff evidently meant every word

"I have traveled all over the east- trayed by the famous artists Remington. In conversation last night he declared that he knew almost every path and crag of the surrounding mountains. He is a North Carolinian say that Ashevile is good enough for from head to heel, as were all his an-Yes, sir, our little mountain city cestors before him since the year 1802. is hard to beat, and very few of those One of his forefathers served who have settled here have ever term as governor of this state and the sheriff is proud of the fact. When it And judging from the emphasis with was suggested to him that he might which he uttered the above remarks, some day fill the office, the sheriff smiled in a far away manner and said: "Well, fortune does sometimes Sheriff Reed in appearance strongly hit a mas square in the face, but it's suggests the mountain sheriff, as por-