

two points of view are very far apart. With such differences, an agreement is difficult and the Vatican itself prefers to keep out of any conversations aiming at reunion unless the Anglicans want more than simple friendship between the church, and are willing to recognize the supreme religious authority of the Pope."

Melbourne, Dec. 28th.—So serious has the rinder pest outbreak among cattle, pigs and goats become in Western Australia that it has been decided to isolate the effected area for a year. This will necessitate the vacating of farmholdings by dairymen for the period mentioned.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 28th.—President Coolidge was endorsed for Presidential nomination at the Cleveland convention next June by Republican State Committee meeting here today. Party leaders said this probably means that the Ohio delegation vote will be cast solely for Coolidge.

Paris, Dec. 28th.—A bill limiting the power of landlords, so as to prevent increases in rents of more than 110 per cent over the figures obtained in 1914, was voted by Parliament yesterday. The Chamber of Deputies originally voted a 75 per cent limit, but yielded to the Senate's insistence on the more liberal figures.

Hong Kong, Dec. 28th.—The British steamer Hydrangea was attacked by pirates last night while on her way from Hong Kong to Swatow.

San Salvador, Dec. 28th.—Advices received here from Managua say the various political organizations of Nicaragua, including the Liberals, have 26 candidates for the Presidency of the Republic. The advices add that feeling is running very high and that great excitement prevailed among the people of Nicaragua.

Ottawa, Dec. 28th.—One of Canada's most accomplished scientists and distinguished public servants Mr. Otto Klotz, director of the Dominion Observatory died here to night after a brief illness. He was 71 years old.

London, Dec. 28th.—Presiding at the annual meeting of the British Sailing Ship Owners Association, Mr. A. W. Daniels said 60 per cent of British sailing ships engaged in the deep sea trade were tied up. There was a reduction of 94,673 tons in the United Kingdom and Dominions sailing tonnage between June 1922 and June 1923, while the worlds sailing tonnage had decreased by 12,605,760 tons in that period. These figures, he added, did not include vessels fitted with auxiliary engines, the development of which had been remarkable. There were 45 ships of 13,000 tons gross so fitted last year, but now there were 1,149 of 458,585 tons fitted with auxiliary power.

London, Dec. 28th.—Arising from a suggestion made by the Prince of Wales that a pageant of Empire should be held at Wembley in connection with the Em-

pire Exhibition next year, steps are now being taken to organize such a pageant. For this purpose a special meeting of representatives of the Dominions was held at the War Office today, when a preliminary discussion took place as to the form the pageant should take. It is understood that special features suggested comprise a representation of the following. Early explorers, the glories of the Elizabethan period, the exploits of Robert Blake, English Parliamentarian and Admiral 1590-1657, development of transport, history of India, early settlement in Canada and Australia, missionary enterprise, abolition of slavery, history of South Africa and the development of sport. The organizers of the Empire pageant will tour the Dominions in a short time and will also visit the Sudan, with a view of obtaining characteristic exhibitions from each.

Hilo, Dec. 28th.—Supt. Thos. Boles, of the Hawaii National Park, telephoned from volcano house this morning that the volcano Kilauea had shown unusual activity since last night. Ten or fifteen feet of lava are said to have fallen into the main pit of the crater, covering an area about 40 acres wide and a number of fountains of lava were spouting from opening in the pit.

Brussels, Dec. 28th.—80,000 Belgians, deported by the Germans during the war are bringing a monster collective damage suit against the German Government, by virtue of Art. 304 of the Treaty of Versailles. The suit will be heard in accordance therewith by the German-Belgian mixed Arbitration Tribunal sitting in Paris on January 7th, under the Presidency of Paul Moriaud, head of the Law Faculty of Geneva University.

London, Dec. 28th.—The U. S. Shipping Board S. S. "Conejos", which was reported in distress in the Eastern part of the Black Sea, is sinking fast, according to a despatch to Lloyds from Constantinople. The "Conejos" last midnight reported "number one hold full of water, sea choppy." An hour later another S. O. S. said "sinking fast 42-14 38-46 E. a position about 130 miles west of Batum. S. S. "Clontaren" proceeded to the scene, but up to 11 a. m. had not sighted the "Conejos," after searching in a few miles radius. She reported that if the search was continued unsuccessful, she would proceed southward on the lookout for lifeboats from the "Conejos."

Moscow, Dec. 28th.—Christmas Eve saw another deportation of a large group of "undesirables" from Moscow. Their families and friends gathered at the stations to see the prisoners off, but were kept back by the guards and only permitted to wave their hands in farewell and the prisoners behind the iron bars of the prison cars were unable to see their relatives. To refute rumours that the mass arrests marked liquidation of the new economic policy of the Soviets, an official statement, issued by Dzer-

jinsky, head of the political police, declared that nearly 1,000 arrests and deportations had been made only in the cases of people accused of using the new economic policy for their own end. The statement says the Government measures will not effect people paying their taxes and carrying on legal trade, thus assuring the stability of the new policy.

Guayaquil, Dec. 29th.—Advices from Tulcan, say that three new earthquakes have been recorded there. Severe earthquakes were felt in Northern Ecuador and Southern Columbia December 16th and 17th one of the shocks did considerable damage in the City of Tulcan, some reports saying that the place was completely destroyed. There was a renewal of the quakes on December 22nd.

London, Dec. 29th.—Interest to the amount of \$232,000 on the Canadian loan to Greece for the second portion of this year, is now on the way from Athens to London. This will bring the total interest payment from Greece to Canada for the year up to \$450,000, the amount agreed upon between Athens and Ottawa some time ago, when the postwar debt of Greece to the Dominion was consolidated. The debt approximately amounts to \$8,000,000.

London, Dec. 29th.—The experts of the new great imperial air combine, which the Government has subsidized, and is supporting, are watching with great interest the reports of the "Dixmude disaster". While sympathizing deeply with France in the loss of so many valuable lives, it is believed that much will be learned from the tragedy to prevent further accidents. The greatest hope of the new combine is that it will be the first to inaugurate Trans-Atlantic Air Traffic, via Canada, in which airships of similar type to the Zeppelins will primarily be employed.

Paris, Dec. 29th.—Efforts to clear the mystery of the fate of the dirigible "Dixmude," had yielded no further results up to this morning but it was hoped that Captain Joubert, the French Naval Attache in Rome, who was due in Sciacca, Sicily, today would find in the pockets of Lieut. Grenadan papers that would explain the disaster. At present everyone is convinced that the entire crew of fifty men perished and that the ship herself was destroyed. One point which is puzzling the marine department officials is the fact that none of the pigeons which the "Dixmude" carried have returned.

Paris, December 29th.—M. Venizelos left Paris for Athens last evening. He evaded the newspapermen by announcing that his departure had been postponed. The extreme caution with which the movements of M. Venizelos were surrounded was explained in Greek circles, close to the former Premier, as due to the fact that the bitter animosities aroused by the interior political troubles in Greece have not yet been appeased.