

ROME CARDINAL SAYS DEATH OF POPE BENEDICT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Rome Dispatch Received Late Today Declares Catholic Pontiff's End Came Late This Afternoon—Cardinals Get First News Officially—Dispatches Are Conflicting.

CALM TOWARD END

Benedict Surprised Physicians by Tenacity to Life.

Was in Alternate Phases of Consciousness and Coma.

'DUTY CALLS' HIS LAST WORDS

Sleep and Food Failed to Give Strength for Rally.

Mind Clear This Morning—Able to Hear Mass.

(By the Associated Press.)

London (5:53 p. m.)—Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, stated this evening he had been officially notified by telegraph from Rome that Pope Benedict was dead.

Cardinal Bourne's announcement of the death of the Pope is apparently in conformity with the custom by which the cardinals comprising the sacred college are first informed of the death of a pope, before the information is made known to the general public.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 21.—A Berlin dispatch to the Havas agency quotes the Wolff bureau as saying Pope Benedict died at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon, Rome time.

Alive at 5:17 (By the Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 21.—6:25 p. m.—At 5:15 o'clock this afternoon, Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, said "The catastrophe is imminent," indicating the pope's end was near.

Clung to Life.

Rome, Jan. 21.—The four attending physicians expressed surprise this afternoon over the tenacity with which he had been able to cling to life, in view of the inflexible condition of his lungs and the weakness of his heart.

The pontiff rallied slightly this morning and the doctors said that some benefit might be expected from nourishment and sleep. The pontiff, however, failed to a miracle of the virgin of Pompeii.

At 1 o'clock, when it was announced that the pontiff had given way to coma and that it was admitted that the "catastrophe was at hand," a sigh of sorrow went up. Men and women wept in the churches, which filled up with the enchanted services in the churches.

Bore Pain Stole.

Altho the pontiff had been obdurate for two or three hours and his demise was expected, news of the death threw this city into deepest gloom. The Catholic churches broke out with special prayers were said for the repose of the pontiff's soul.

The pain which the Holy Father bore so nobly but could not bear entirely, added to the strain on those who stood beside the bedside in prayerful death.

The last sacrament had been administered and prayers for the dead had been said before the final hour. Extreme unction had been administered once Friday and again early this morning.

End Came Peacefully.

During the last twelve hours of life, the pope had been in alternate fits of consciousness into semi-consciousness and at times was delirious.

During one period when his mind was wandering, he kept muttering "peace, peace." At another time he murmured that "duty calls."

The pope passed peacefully and his features were resigned and calm despite the agonizing suffering through which he had passed.

Became Weaker at Noon.

Pope Benedict became appreciably weaker about midday today and the hopes which had arisen after his period of slumber in the morning disappeared. His general condition had become worse and he seemed to be slowly expiring.

In his slight delirium during the noon hour the pontiff resorted to the efforts of the physicians to listen to his heart action and expressed a desire to rise and perform his usual duties. He felt that the pontiff's life might be prolonged until the late afternoon was expressed by the attending doctors.

The pope, to the gratification of his physicians, passed into a sleeping condition during the forenoon today, and the doctors indicated they would not abandon all hope if sleep continued three or four hours.

Pope Benedict evidently was sinking into death this morning. Bulletins from the sick room of the pontiff were eagerly scanned by throngs waiting outside the vatican, but none gave ground for hope that the prelate would rally from the sinking spells which mark the progress of pneumonia.

End Momentarily Expected.

Members of the sacred college remained in the ante-chamber of the sick room during the night, while physicians and members of the pope's family were in attendance. It was

This time the death of the pope has not been given officially, it is stated in one of the dispatches received from Rome, which died at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon. There is a difference of seven hours time between Topeka and Rome.

teared the end might come almost any moment.

At 7 o'clock it had been announced at the vatican that the pope was dying, and telegrams were sent to the papal nuncios to that effect.

At 8:20 o'clock the pontiff's physicians issued a bulletin saying: "The condition of the holy father became worse during the night, which was agitated and sleepless. The pneumonia had progressed. Temperature 104.4 (roughly 101 Fahrenheit); pulse, 122; respiration, 64."

Crowd Waits at Vatican.

Since early this morning a crowd, which was at first largely composed of newspaper men, had been gathered before St. Peter's basilica.

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TEACHER IS TRIED

Miss Tillie Roltz Before Board of Administration.

She Tells Candid Story of March of Amazons.

TO RENDER DECISION MONDAY

Didn't Hide or Dodge Any Issue in Case.

Alex McAllister Told of Mystery of Communists.

Miss Tillie Roltz, school ma'am in sizzling Crawford county—heart of the Kansas melting pot—won sympathy of the state board of administration to give her a frank, candid story of the march of the Amazons when they protested against the industrial court. Tillie Roltz didn't hide or dodge any issue in her story.

Again she grinned and laughed, or nervously bit her finger nails as she told secrets that won't help her standing a bit in the mining camps.

A Dramatic Hour.

It was a rather dramatic hour at the state house today when Tillie Roltz told her story. She told of the big dread and fear the controlled human emotions and moved men and women to action in the mining camps during the strike. Near her sat Alex McAllister, who told something of the mystery of the Communists and Reds.

McAllister himself doesn't seem to know fear. He has fought Big Howard and the Biglanders. But he broke under a strain of emotion when he told how Tillie Roltz and her husband, the Italian miner, were killed in the mine.

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Benedict Was 260th Pope

Kansas Politicians Hear Thunder of Taxpayers' League.

Republicans Will Bring Raincoats to Topeka Kansas Day.

A GREAT DAY FOR BILL SNORT

He'll Toast His Shins With Plenty of Company Here.

Gossip of State Politics as Gathered by State Journal.

BY A. L. SHULTZ.

Apparently there isn't a real, genuine 32nd degree Republican in Kansas who hasn't chalked up plans for a trip to Topeka for the Kansas Day Club dinner and its preceding festivities and hostilities.

The banquet of groceries and reason this year promises to bring a near record crowd to the meeting. It will be one of the finest opportunities of the year for the party worker to meet a fellow warrior in Room 564 or join in the mutual medicine mixing and brick bat tossing in the hotel lobby.

In view of the approaching campaign the Kansas Day Club gathering this year holds more promise of mingled joy and sorrow and fear than any political assembly in this state in many months.

With the prospect of some 20 to 30 candidates of every faction, brand and creed known to the party and with the black and threatening thunder cloud of the Taxpayers' League in the west, it isn't a situation of true promise.

Even in the primary campaign the party leadership might well have viewed with some alarm, with the absence of either party leadership or organization.

Thanking you very much for the message of the primary—the viewing with alarm promises to become a rather mad general assembly.

The wise men of the party have been doing a lot of serious talking lately. To be sure the old omens haven't exchanged coons and bouquets since the Chicago convention, but there is a sort of community of interest in the primary campaign.

George B. Snow vote of two years ago, there is a growing tendency to accept the present attitude of the Cummins Republican to warrant serious, sane and solemn discussion of the problems of the campaign.

Call For Mr. Snort

This is the sort of season when Old Bill Snort comes in from the tumble weed belt and gets an audience. Old Bill has heard a rumbling and a grumbling. He knows the primary campaign will have more invitations to draw an eye chair up around the radiators in the National hotel and to toast his shins than he has had for a long, long time.

It was old Bill Snort who came to town twenty years ago with the green roots dope that the railroads and the machine politicians had gone too far.

Because the leader didn't listen to Bill Snort, the primary campaign came on. Now Bill is coming to town with information that shades will have to be liquidated. It's a matter of fact that this tax matter.

Because the word is already here, there is a rather certain prospect that the Kansas Day Club dinner will result in a big demand for a state convention to be held sometime this spring.

The Democrats have decided to try out the primary plan in an effort to suggest some nominees to voters in the primaries next August. Now it is very likely that the Republicans will follow suit.

A Get Together Program.

Just now there is a prospect that the question of restoring party organization and securing party leadership will receive more consideration from the visitors than the question of individual candidates for the governor.

Some of the party workers will be here with his followers and boosters. But the dominant feature of the meeting doesn't promise to be cementing an organization by particular.

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WASHBURN GRADS TO MEET

Former Students Will Exhibit Businesslike Classes Tuesday.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A genuine "spring cleaning" to purge motion pictures of all semblance of salaciousness was promised today by Will H. Hays, who leaves President Harding's cabinet March 4, to head a new association of motion picture producers and distributors.

Real moral cleansing and not a campaign against extension of censorship of films, is the purpose of the association which will pay him \$150,000 a year, when he resigns as postmaster general.

"I will head what you might term a moral crusade in the film industry after March 4," Mr. Hays said.

"There is nothing in this talk that the people with whom I will be associated plan a campaign against extension of censorship of motion pictures."

"We have two objectives. We will attempt to attain and maintain the highest standards in motion picture production and seek to develop the moral and educational values of motion pictures to their highest degree."

Hays said he saw "great educational possibilities" in his new vocation.

"Think of the possibilities it contains," said the postmaster general.

"We can bring the Sahara desert, the battles of old Rome and the halcyon palaces of Palestine to the school children of America. It is a great opportunity."

Just when Hays will formally submit his resignation to President Harding is uncertain, he said today. He is to be read the resignation Monday, but, however, until March 4, in any event.

Resisted Bandits Shot Dead.

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Get Your "Did" Bank Free.

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A CLOUD IN WEST! BACKS TWO BILLS

Senator Capper and Agricultural Bloc Busy in Senate.

Freight Rate and Farm Loan Probes Are Asked.

ASK CHEAPER MILEAGE BOOKS

Lenroot Bill To Get Solid Backing of Bloc.

All Rates Too High Is Declaration of Capper.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Two important moves were made today by the senate "agricultural bloc" in carrying further the program which its leaders declare is intended to benefit the consumer as well as the farmer.

Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Washington, introduced a senate bill embodying the recommendation of the joint agricultural inquiry commission of which he is a member, that the federal farm loan act be so amended as to enable the farmer to secure long term credits on his farm products.

Capper Serves Notice.

Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, served notice that the interstate commerce commission must soon reduce freight rates on farm and other products and that "unquestionably greater economic benefit just at this time lies in lower freight rates than in lower passenger rates."

Senator McCarty, Republican, of Oregon, another leader of the "bloc," announced that the Lenroot bill would receive the "undivided support" of "those senators who have the best interests of the farmer and the consumer at heart."

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