

NEXT POPE TO BE AN ITALIAN IS INDICATION

Conclave of Cardinals Called To Meet in Rome. Election of New Pontiff To Be Held Feb. 2nd. TO AVOID EUROPEAN POLITICS Cardinal Mercier of Belgium Will Be Candidate. Are Thirty-One Italian and Thirty Other Votes.

Rome, Jan. 22.—The conclave of cardinals to elect a successor to the late Pope Benedict XV will be held February 2, according to the Giornale d'Italia today. The Italian government has issued a circular letter to the powers assuring them that the conclave will have complete protection and will be assured of the utmost independence. The forthcoming conclave is assured unprecedented freedom from the entanglements of European politics due to the fact that Austria's domination has been removed and Germany's influence greatly reduced. Formerly, Austria, being a Catholic country, had the power of veto at a papal election.

Next Pope Italian. It is accepted as a foregone conclusion that the next pope will be an Italian. The two cardinals who are believed to have the best chances are Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary, and Cardinal Pietro LaFontaine, archbishop of Pisa. It was pointed out in Vatican circles, however, that the administration of his office has offended more than one cardinal. The Italians will have thirty-one votes in the conclave; the non-Italians will have thirty. If it becomes necessary to choose a compromise candidate, the cardinal-priest Alessandro Luadi, archbishop of Palermo, or Cardinal Pietro LaFontaine, patriarch of Venice, may be the successful choice. No Chance For Mercier. Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines (Belgium) has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the papacy. He will have the support of cardinals from at least some of the allied countries, but he probably will be successfully opposed by the Gasparri group on the ground that he overstepped the bounds of clerical propriety by his patriotism to Belgium during the war. New that France is again represented at the Vatican with a diplomatic envoy (Ambassador) nominated by the French in a position of some influence politically. The election will be watched with deep interest in the Italian government for the election of the next sovereign pontiff may determine whether the reconciliation between the Vatican and the Italian government will be successful. The Italian government is anxious for the reconciliation was made evident during the pontiff's final illness and his death. While all the cardinals resident in Europe are expected to reach Rome in time for the conclave, it is considered extremely doubtful whether all American cardinals will find it possible to be present, at least for the opening of the session, as the date set is barely to permit of their departure. Cardinals Maffi, LaFontaine and Ratti of Pisa, Venice and Milan respectively, are the most prominently mentioned in the Vatican circles as the most likely candidates for the position as successor to Pope Benedict. In these circles, Cardinal Maffi is especially mentioned as the favorite even of these three prelates.

American Cardinals Late. Boston, Jan. 22.—Cardinal O'Connell and his official party will begin the voyage to Rome tomorrow to participate in the election of a pope. The party will sail from New York for Naples on the steamer President Wilson, and Cardinal O'Connell will have only eight days to reach Rome before the conclave opens. An Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia is in the West Indies for several days at least. Cardinal O'Connell will be the only American with a voice in the election. Irish Cardinal Leaves Tuesday. Belfast, Jan. 22.—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, has arranged to depart for Rome tomorrow. Old Resident of Leavenworth Dead. Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Ella J. Phelps, 88 years old and a resident of Leavenworth for fifty years, died here this morning. Two sons, H. M. Phelps Leavenworth, and Edwin S. Phelps, New York, survive. Mrs. Phelps was active in church and social affairs.

Main Points in Pope's Life

Succeeded late Pope Pius X. Born at Pegli, Italy, November 21, 1854. In diocese of Genoa, 1880. Ordained priest in home land December 21, 1878. Served as secretary of Nonciature in Spain from 1883-87. Appointed secretary to late Cardinal Rampolla in 1887. Appointed substitute secretary of state in 1901. Elected to post of adviser to holy office in 1907. Appointed archbishop of Bologna, December 16, 1907. Named cardinal by Pope Pius X. May 23, 1914. Elected pope, September 3, 1914. His full title, Pope Benedict XV, bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter, supreme pontiff of the universal church, patriarch of the west, primate of Italy, archbishop and metropolitan of the Roman province, sovereign of the temporal dominion of the holy Roman church.

The WEATHER NEWS

FORECAST FOR KANSAS. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature Tuesday and west portion tonight.

THREE ABOVE ZERO

No Let Up in Cold Weather Before Wednesday. Many Below Zero Temperatures Reported in Northwest. TODAY'S TEMPERATURES. 7 o'clock... 5 11 o'clock... 7 8 o'clock... 5 12 o'clock... 5 9 o'clock... 6 2 o'clock... 9

Shippers' Forecast. Protect all thirty-six hour shipments north against a temperature of 5 degrees below zero, and east 5 degrees above zero. South 10. A temperature of 3 degrees occurred in Topeka at 5:30 o'clock this morning. This was the second lowest temperature of the season. The lowest on January 19. There will be no let up in the cold weather before Wednesday and it is not a certainty then, says Meteorologist Flora. The temperature Tuesday will be slightly warmer.

DAKOTA RAIL SUIT DISMISSED

State Made Mistake and Took Case to Wrong Court. Washington, Jan. 22.—The suit of the state of North Dakota to prohibit the Chicago & Northwestern and other railroads in that state from charging increased rates within the state, was dismissed today by the supreme court. The court, in dismissing the proceeding, declared that the suit should have been brought in the United States district court and that the federal government should have been made party to the suit.

REPORTS ON POPE'S DEATH

Conflicting reports from London, Paris and Berlin brought about the publication Saturday that Pope Benedict XV had died on the afternoon of January 21. The first report from Rome came over the wires of the International News Service to The State Journal shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Later in the day the Associated Press carried a statement from Cardinal Bourne of London to the effect that the pope had died. The State Journal in the third and fourth editions carried the Cardinal Bourne statement, also a statement from the Association Press at Rome to the effect that the pope was alive at 5:18 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

In the fifth edition The State Journal published another Associated Press report from Rome that the pope was alive at 8 o'clock. At the hour this edition went to press the cardinal in London had not retracted his statement, and as cardinal are informed of such an event before the public, the original information was carried over to The State Journal's final editions.

The Rome report at 8 o'clock was also printed here at 4 p. m. Not until 1:50 o'clock Sunday morning did the Associated Press announce officially the death of the pope at 6 p. m. Saturday. The dispatches conflicted throughout the day and newspapers all over the country were perplexed. The premature information from the cables was no fault of the newspapers publishing the important information. Much of the confusion was caused by reason of the fact that there is seven hours difference in time between Topeka and Rome.

MARTIAL LAW DUE

Oklahoma Governor May Call Troops to Capital. New Lawless Outrage Increases Demand for Soldiers. STRIKERS ARE BEING BLAMED Negro and Wife Murdered and Home Burned. Clemency Promised Lyncner if Others Are Exposed.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—Martial law appeared imminent for this city today. Gov. J. B. A. Robertson had ordered a complete investigation of the burning to death of two negroes this morning and was preparing to call state guard units for duty in the city. It was stated at the capitol. Reports that the order proclaiming martial law had been signed were denied. New Outrage Disclosed. The city was in a state of excitement following the fire in which a negro packing house worker and his wife were burned to death in their home. Evidence of violence was found in the badly crushed skull of the negro.

Since the lynching of Jake Brooks, a negro packing house worker, on January 14, by alleged packing house strikers, request has been made by citizens that martial law be declared. Governor Robertson, who returned a few days ago from a trip to Texas, announced Saturday he would declare martial law if the situation demanded such an extreme measure. He further promised clemency to any member of the mob which took part in the lynching of Brooks, if the person would turn state's evidence.

Robert Allen, 27, a negro, said to be the cousin of Brooks, in an alleged confession implicated five white men and two negroes, who are under arrest and who will be charged with murder, according to the police. Guards Ready to Entrain. The coroner has not yet returned a verdict, pending the investigation, but it was believed the negro Will Hall was the man who first attacked in their one-room cabin in "Packing town" and that the shack was fired afterwards to destroy evidence of the murder of Hall whose skull had been fractured.

MERCURY AT ZERO

Chicago and Kansas City Suffer From Extreme Cold. Snow in Texas and Low Temperatures in Kansas.

Kansas City, Jan. 22.—Minimum temperature ranging from 1 above zero at Kansas City to 30 above at Oklahoma City were prevalent throughout the southwest early today with a slight rise at most points before noon, according to reports reaching the office of P. Connor, federal weather forecaster here. Light snow was falling at scattered points, these reports indicated. Mr. Connor said, and a general cloudiness over this section may bring more general snow today or tonight. Salina and Dodge City, Kan., Springfield, Mo., Amarillo, Tex., and Oklahoma City, Okla., reported traces of snow, but the mercury was as low as 5 degrees above, Springfield 12, Wichita 6, Concordia and St. Joseph 4 and at Amarillo 16.

BIG U. P. LOSS AT JUNCTION

Two Large Ice Houses Burned—Blaze Started From Engine Sparks. Junction City, Kan., Jan. 22.—Two large ice houses in the Union Pacific railroad yards here, used to supply all points on the Kansas division during the summer, but set to the ground last night. The fire started from engine sparks.

INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

C. N. Swanson Hurt When Studebaker and Dodge Collide. C. N. Swanson, 130 Clay street, sustained a broken arm about 9:30 o'clock this morning when a Studebaker touring car driven by his brother, W. C. Swanson, 1333 Park street, was struck by a Dodge roadster driven by Alfred R. Ahlstrom, 428 Madison street, at Third and Jackson streets.

WILL MELT POPE'S RING

Material To Be Used Making Emblem for New Pontiff. Rome, Jan. 22.—The famous papal ring which is worn constantly by pontiffs of the Roman church as a symbol of their high and holy office, will be broken up and remelted for the next occupant of the chair of St. Peter. A solemn ceremony will accompany the conferring of the ring upon the finger of the next pope. The late Pope Benedict XV bequeathed his private property to a suburb of Genoa, to his nephew, the Marquis Della Chiesa, it was revealed by the will today. Oklahoma City Country Club Burns. Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—The Oklahoma City Golf and Country club was totally destroyed by fire tonight at an estimated loss of \$150,000.

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"Helen Hunter's Husband"

BY JANE PHELPS. How Fate untangles the threads of Jack Hunter's life—threads that have been tangled by a selfish, spoiled and thoughtless wife—makes up a story of married life in the home of a young insurance agent, that you cannot afford to miss.

IN THE STATE JOURNAL

Beginning Today.

NEW MAN IN RACE 19 FIRE ALARMS

Beloit Editor May Be Candidate Sparks on Roof Is Chief Cause, Reports Show. Lee Meadows of Oberlin Puts Only Two Blazes Resulted in Serious Damage.

It is quite possible that J. H. (Jack) Harrison, editor of the Beloit Gazette, may be a candidate for the Republican congressional nomination in the Sixth district. Lee Meadows of Oberlin has put out a feeler for Harrison, and it is probable that opposition to Congressman Hays B. White may try to get the Beloit editor in the race. Harrison is a protégé of J. L. Bristol, who was appointed as United States marshal to succeed W. H. Mackey, and when the Progressive movement got under way, Harrison played the game thru with Bristol. Only when Bristol made his famous compromise agreement with Senator Arthur Capper regarding the senatorship and governorship eight years ago, did Harrison begin to see merit in the harmony movement. While the agreement looked perfectly good, it so happened that Senator Capper won the governorship and Bristol was beaten by Senator Curtis for renomination.

It was when Harrison lost his own job as marshal that he became most bitter against the regulars in the party. He broke with the late Governor Albaugh because Albaugh—then clerk of the United States district court—was in the north-western part of the Wilson administration in Washington when it claimed the fruits of the 1912 election. Harrison never forgave Albaugh for not saving a job—an act which Albaugh declared impossible.

Recently Harrison has been frequently mentioned as a possible postmaster of Beloit. Now both the postmaster and the congressional matter seem a bit doubtful. Harrison runs he isn't likely to receive extensive courtesies at the hands of Congressman White. If he muddies the waters out in the north-western part of the Wilson administration, he should run it would be a fight which would relieve the monotony of the gubernatorial situation on many dull days.

Harrison is a fiery writer. His editorials are probably the most scathing in Harrison's vicinity seldom drops below 115 in the shade. In the last couple of years he has shown something of a tendency to freeze up when the forward looking men in public affairs were mentioned and has rather indicated a willingness to give a desire to work with the old crowd. All of which doesn't solve the situation in the least.

HE MADE HIS OWN MONEY

Texan Arrested in Chicago Charged With Theft of Blank Money Orders. Chicago, Jan. 22.—John Cook, aged 52, of San Antonio, Tex., was arrested today by Chicago police. He was charged with stealing \$7 blank money orders.

HE WAS 100 YEARS OLD

J. W. Walker, Uncle of Rubean Smith, Topeka, Dies in Idaho. Word has been received in Topeka of the death of J. W. Walker, age 100, who died recently in Boise, Idaho. He was an uncle of Rubean Smith of Topeka. He followed the Santa Fe trail west twenty years before Rice county was settled, and was among the early forty-niners, according to Smith. He remained on the coast during the gold craze and finally drifted into the silver fields at Washburn.

HEATING PLANT BREAKS DOWN

Wearing Overcoats in Class Room Is Style at Washburn. Wearing overcoats in class was the style in some of the Washburn college buildings today as the result of a breakdown in one of the boilers at the college heating plant. In making repairs no provision was made for heat in the library until 10:30 o'clock. The library resembled Greenland in temperature. A boiler was the first breakdown at the heating plant this winter, the system is old and inadequate and some remodeling is contemplated if the winter campaign is made for heat terminates successfully.

PUSH FORD PLANS

Agricultural Conference Offered Definite Program. Farmers Tariff Schedule One of Chief Points. SESSION OPENED BY HARDING President Addresses 300 Delegates in Washington. New Business and Finance Code Is Recommended.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The first definite program purporting to outline needs of the farmers of the country, was presented the national agricultural conference this afternoon for consideration by E. B. Cornell, of Middleburg, Va. The program contemplates endorsement of the action of the conference and: 1. Development of the Muscle Shoals fertilizing plants by Henry Ford. 2. Establishment of the co-operative buying and co-operative marketing. 3. Endorsement of the stand taken by the congressional "agricultural bloc" on tax legislation. 4. Adoption of a protective tariff for farmers.

Harding Opens Session. Attended by approximately three hundred delegates representing agriculture in all its phases and the industries related to farming, the national agricultural conference was convened here today by Secretary Wallace and immediately heard from President Harding a declaration of interest and sympathy by the administration in the plight of the nation's farmers together with a series of suggestions for remedying existing conditions. The president in an address touching upon the agricultural situation in detail but without attempting to dictate the course of the conference discussions, outlined a half dozen broad questions to the "consideration of which he said, the conference might well give its attention. These briefly included: Development of a thorax code of law and business procedure with proper machinery of finance, thru some agency, to assure that turnover capital shall be as generously supplied to the farmer as on reasonable terms as to other industries. Formation of a co-operative loaning, buying and selling association creation of instrumentality for the purchase and distribution of useful and true information so as to prevent violent fluctuations of market prices. The funds act in the resources of the country including the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence deep sea water way both for transportation and power. The funds act in the resources of the nation's railroads. Methods for bringing about further reclamation, rehabilitation and extension of the irrigation and reclamation of a new conception of the farmers place in the national social and economic scheme.

"DON'T BE AFRAID"

Mother Jones Tells Kansas Women To Free Alex Howat. Declares They're Immune From Men's Penalties. Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 22.—Bitter cold weather this morning found no more than a handful of women at a mass meeting at Franklin by "Mother" Jones, famous strike leader, to take action to get Alex Howat out of jail, were going about their usual duties. "You women must get Howat out of jail," "Mother" Jones shouted. "I'll show you how to do it," a woman shouted. "Go out and raise hell," "Mother" Jones replied. "Don't be afraid of jail. I have never paid a penny to a lawyer in my life. Women have a peculiar power. Men will not shoot them down. They can do things that men cannot do."

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TAXPAYERS PLAN CONVENTION

Congressional District Delegates Meet Today in Leavenworth. Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 22.—Two delegates from each congressional district in Kansas will meet with J. T. Faulkner, temporary chairman of the Kansas taxpayers' organization at Topeka, February 1, to select the place for a state-wide meeting at Smith's saloon as a meeting place. No particulars as to the amount of damage done in the last two cases were available at the office of the fire marshal.

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BIG N. P. L. GROWTH

Head of Board of Agriculture Tells of Condition. Says Many Conservative Farmers Have Joined Recently. 155 MEMBERS IN CLAY CO. Formed as Auxillary to Local Tax Leagues. H. W. Avery Was Formerly State Senator From Clay.

Nonpartisan League influences are being extended into a number of communities which until recently had down organization plans. Perhaps the most startling bit of information regarding activities of league managers was brought to Topeka by H. W. Avery, president of the state board of agriculture, who asserted that many conservative farmers had joined the movement in Clay and adjoining counties. Avery, who was formerly state senator from the Clay-Dickinson county district, is regarded as one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in the state. Avery has fought the league in Clay county since its organization first sought to come into Kansas from the Dakotas and Nebraska. In a conference in Topeka he admitted to the presence of the league in his home district.

League Growing in Clay County. "Until very recently we thought we could hold our organization in Clay county and would be safe against invasion of the league," said Avery. "It looked as tho the strength of the league would not at any time get beyond twelve or fifteen members in my community near Wakefield. In the last few weeks I have been away from home a great deal. When I returned to Clay county I learned of three league meetings held in my neighborhood in ten days. The startling thing, tho, is the fact that I was so safe, I am convinced that the league now has 155 farmers actually signed up in Clay county. President Avery told members of the state board of agriculture of the situation while in Topeka. He said that in his opinion the league was making a big growth in the state as an auxillary of the local tax leagues. Tax leagues have been formed in more than fifty counties in Kansas.

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CONCERT AT HIGH SCHOOL

Sergei Rachmaninoff, Russian Pianist, Appears Here, Tenth. Sergei Rachmaninoff, Russian premier pianist, appears this evening at the high school auditorium in a specially arranged concert under the direction of the Ralph Holland concert society. The first is the composition of Rachmaninoff himself and the second was composed by his father and later specially arranged by the famous son. The program for this evening's concert is as follows: (a) Aria con Variazioni... Handel (b) Nocturne in F sharp minor... Schumann (c) Invitation to the Dance... Chopin (d) Polonaise... Chopin (e) Prelude in C sharp minor... Liszt (f) Polka de W... Liszt (g) Polka de W... Liszt (h) Gopak Chromatique... Liszt

NELLIE BLY IS NEAR DEATH

Noted Writer Dangerously Ill of Heart Disease in New York. New York, Jan. 22.—Nellie Bly (Mrs. Elizabeth Seaman) is dangerously ill in St. Mark's hospital of heart disease. She has been at the hospital for more than a week and her condition today was reported critical, although it had not changed in the past two days. Nellie Bly, a writer and newspaper woman of note, gained world-wide fame years ago for a trip around the world she made around the world for a newspaper. She made what was recorded time for the Journey in those days. It was one of the first big newspaper advertisement campaigns.

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