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FOUR FRUITLESS BALLOTS TAKEN FOR NEW POPE

VOTING MAY CONTINUE AT VATICAN TODAY; TWO BALLOTS SATURDAY.

ROME, Feb. 4.—Two days of fruitless voting for a new pope, during which the conclave of cardinals in the sealed up Vatican took four resultless ballots indicated tonight that the deadlock might not be broken and that compromise candidate was virtually certain.

Twice today the watchers on the house tops and roofs of buildings near the Vatican and the tense crowds in the great square of St. Peter's saw columns of black smoke roll from the chimney of the Sistine chapel, where the election is being conducted. Black smoke is the emblem of no election. If it had been white, the populace would have known a new pontiff of the Roman church had been chosen.

The fifth ballot will be taken Sunday morning unless the immured cardinals have agreed otherwise. It is customary to continue the balloting over Sunday when conclave conditions are such as present themselves at present, so it was supposed tonight that two more ballots will be taken tomorrow, just as they were taken today and Friday.

When the day passed without a selection, hope was revived among the Americans in Rome that Cardinal O'Connell of Boston would arrive in time to cast his ballot for the pope. The liner Presidente Wilson, upon which the American cardinal is traveling, is meeting with heavy weather in the Meriterranean, but her captain reported by wireless this afternoon that he hoped to reach Naples Monday morning.

By dusk this evening the waiting, watching crowds had dispersed leaving only a few foreign pilgrims and sight-seers in the Piazza of St. Peter's. There was no way in which the populace could satisty its curiosity. It is traditional that no information comes from the walled up Sistine chapel, where the conclave is under way. Any speculation appearing in the press is taken at its face value, which is not much.

It is not even known what names have been voted upon for pope. Gossip among the Catholic colleges mentioned nearly half the Italian cardinals as "papal possibilities," with Cardinal Maffi, Cardinal Lualdi, Cardinal Laurenti and Cardinal LaFontaine the favorites.

RESIGNATION ITALIAN CABINET WON'T EFFECT GENOA CONFERENCE

ROME, Feb. 4.—Anxiety over the fate of the Genoa economic conference, aroused throughout Europe by the collapse of the Bonomi cabinet, was set at rest tonight by official assurances transmitted to the world by the Italian foreign office through the International News Service.

"The impression apparently has been created outside of Italy that the resignation of Premier Bonomi and his ministry will affect the proposed economic conference at Genoa," said the foreign office statement. "That is entirely incorrect. There is no connection between the two matters whatsoever.

"Leaders in the chamber of deputies are in favor of the Genoa conference. They want it to be held. They realize its benefits. Any fabian tactics regarding the conference will not come from the hosts (the Italian government). If there is any postponement, it is believed the guests declined to come. Italy, of course, cannot discuss the subject of the conference with powers, until a new government is formed here."

The conference is scheduled to open on March 8, giving more than a month for final preparations.

CONFERENCE TODAY ADJOURNS TO LAST MEETING ON MONDAY

CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—After the longest session yet held, and which saw the completion of three months work, the Washington conference adjourned at 2:35 o'clock this afternoon until Monday.

On Monday the treaties will be signed and President Harding will address the conference at a final session.

Secretary of State Hughes brought today's hectic session to a close with a speech in which he expressed his "profound thanks and appreciation" for the co-operation of his colleagues in bringing to a "successful conclusion" the most important task ever undertaken in behalf of world peace and concord among nations.

FORMER PREMIER OF ITALY REQUESTED TO FORM A NEW CABINET

ROME, Feb. 4.—King Victor Emmanuel, upon recommendation of Tomasso Tittoni, president fo the senate, and Enrico De Nicola, president of the chamber of deputies, has requested former Premier Bonomi to form a new cabinet, but Signor Bonomi declined, according to the newspaper Il Mesagero today.

The cabinet crisis, which was precipitated Thursday when the Bonomi cabinet resigned as the result of parliamentary attacks, continued today.

Signor Giolliti was offered the premiership but declined on account of advanced age. When Signor Giolliti's refusal became known, it was anticipated that Signor De Nicola would undertake the formation of a new ministry some time today.

The socialist leaders held a caucus at which they adopted a resolution calling upon the new cabinet "to make every effort to carry out the Genoa conference despite attempts by imperialistic and nationalistic powers to sabotage it."

It is believed that the socialist resolution makes it certain that the ministry will support the conomic conference. While the socialists are receiving opposition from the popular party, they are supported by labor.

Many of the rivers in Nevada and Utah have no outlet to the sea.

PREMIER STEPS IN TO PREVENT ARMED CLASH IN IRELAND

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Premier Lloyd George tonight stepped in to avert a new threatened armed clash in Ireland.

Following afternoon reports of threatened or impending movement of Ulster volunteers to the southern boundary, the premier, according to the Sunday Express, had invited both Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, and Michael Collins, Irish Free State leader, to London for a conference over the crisis arising from the proposed revision of the Ulster frontier line.

INFLUENZA ON INCREASE IN NEW YORK SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The influenza scourge in this city today reached the highest point since the epidemic of fours years ago when 1,297 cases were reported for the 24 hours ending this noon, compared to 1122 yesterday. Pneumonia was almost on the increase, 222 cases being reported today compared with 206 yesterday. There were 72 deaths from pneumonia and fifteen from influenza during the 24 hour period.

Original language of the New Testament was Greek.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF MOVIE DIRECTOR ENDS ABRUPTLY WHILE DETECTIVES SCURRY FORTH AGAIN

Relatives Search Is Being Conducted for Sand, Former Valet and Secretary to Murdered Man, Who Is Alleged to Have Threatened Him—Mabel Normand and Others on Stand Tell of Last Seeing Taylor—Head of Detectives Claims to Have Line on Guilty Party.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—New and important evidence gathered late this afternoon by detectives was followed immediately by the launching of a relentless search for Edward F. Sands, former valet of William Desmond Taylor, noted Los Angeles motion picture director, found murdered Thursday morning in his bungalow home here.

That Sands is known positively to be in Los Angeles and that he is regarded as one of the most important witnesses in the probe, were statements made tonight by police investigators.

Every available officer of the police department, and experienced man hunters of the sheriff's office were detailed to the search. Sheriff William I. Traeger assigned Deputy Sheriffs Fox and Joe Nolan, noteworthy crime experts, to aid the police in locating the former valet of the slain film director.

In was said tonight the police have under surveillance one of the most prominent actors of the Hollywood motion picture colony. They are reported to be investigating his movements on the night of the murder. This actor, who also has directed several pictures, recently is said to have had a bitter quarrel with Taylor due to jealousy over a beautiful motion picture actress.

Officers working on this angle of the mystery would not reveal the actor's name. They said if he made any effort to leave the city his detention would follow.

Inquest Ends Dramatically.

An inquest into the death of Taylor, held at a local mortuary today, was concluded with all dramatic suddenness, much to the surprise of the crowd of morbidly curious people who had gathered to hear the testimony of a number of film stars widely known to "movie fans."

There were only five witnesses questioned, one of these being Mabel Normand. The jury returned a verdict that Taylor was killed "by a gunshot wound inflicted by a person, or persons, unknown to this jury, with intent to kill, or commit murder."

The police late tonight admitted that the hurried departure of detectives from the inquest chamber this afternoon was for the purpose of locating "Dapper Dan" Collins, an alleged gunman who was reported to have been in the vicinity of the Taylor home the night of the slaying. They did not find Collins, however.

Reporters were not to learn the destination of the detectives, as great secrecy was observed.

The police and Coroner Nance evidently took great care that only known facts in the case would be placed before the jury to enable it to return a stilted and formal verdict that Taylor had been killed by an unknown assassin. The room in which the inquest was held was crowded to the doors. Many who were unable to gain admittance stood about in the street in order to gain a glimpse of famous film actors and actresses. There was a hush of expectation when Coroner Nance called the name of Mabel Normand as a witness.

The attractive picture star appeared calm as she walked to the witness chair and formally gave her name.

"I saw Mr. Taylor at his home on Wednesday evening," she stated. "I called at 7 o'clock that evening and left at about 7:45 o'clock.

"Mr. Taylor escorted me to my automobile at the curb and we chatted a moment. After the car started away and as it was turning around, I turned and waved my hand at him. He was standing on the sidewalk."

Miss Normand was asked who was present at the Taylor residence during the visit. She replied that the only person there besides herself and the slain man was Henry Peavey, the colored servant.

"He left the house within five or fifteen minutes before I did," said Miss Normand, referring to Peavey.

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SHANTUNG TREATY IS SIGNED SATURDAY BY JAPANESE AND CHINKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The treaty between Japan and China, providing for the return to China of the former German leased territory in Shantung, was signed by the Chinese and Japanese delegates late today, thereby bringing to an end one of the most difficult problems of the Far East.

Under the terms of the pact, the former German territory of Kiaochow held by Japan since the Germans were ousted at the beginning of the world war, goes back to China immediately.

The Shantung railway, about which there has been the greatest controversy, is to be returned to China, but Japan is to retain a decree of supervision until China has paid an indemnity of approximately 53,000,000 gold marks.

Rye is raised farther north than any other grain.

TWO TREATIES ADOPTED BY 9 WORLD POWERS

CONFERENCE CLOSES WITH GREAT BURST OF SPEED SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

WASHINGTON Feb. 4.—Coming down the home stretch with a final burst of speed, the arms conference, ably piloted by Secretary of State Hughes, this afternoon crossed the finish line with a flourish of oratory which brought enthusiastic applause from the delegates and demonstrations from such of the audience as had not been driven from their seats by hunger.

The outstanding work of the day's session was the adoption of the long awaited nine-power treaty respecting China. It pledges the powers to strict observance of the open door and puts them on record as guaranteeing that they will not violate the territorial, political or administrative integrity of China. It scraps the time honored policy of "spheres of influence" in China, which has been a prolific source of international misunderstanding in the past.

In addition to this important accomplishment, the conference adopted a nine-power tariff treaty, designed to aid in the rehabilitation of China by giving her an adequate customs tariff, and it approved a supplement to the so-called four power pacific pact, definitely exempting the homeland of Japan from the operations of that treaty. Besides these treaties, the conference adopted approximately half a dozen resolutions calculated to clear up tangents of misunderstandings in the Far East and to improve the future relations of the participating powers.

Two new records were hung up in today's session—one for time, the other for accomplishment. Starting at 10:40 a. m. the conference breezed steadily through a mass of work until 2:35 p. m. when Chairman Hughes announced an adjournment until 10 o'clock Monday morning, when the delegates will meet once more to go through the formality of signing the numerous treaties which the conference has produced.

When the final resolution had been adopted unanimously by the conference and Secretary Hughes had moved that the minutes of the secretariat-general be declared closed, thus marking the virtual end of the conference, there followed a period of speech making in which the heads of the various delegations paid tribute to the conference, to the American delegation and to the American people.

Rubies are also known as red sapphires.

GEORGIA SENATOR WILL ASK THAT CONTRACT BE SENT FARM COMMITTEE

POMERENE FROM OHIO TALKED OF FOR PRESIDENT

APPROACH OF SPRING IS STARTING CAMPAIGN TALK IN CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The grand old game of politics in the national capital may some times doze a bit, but it never sleeps. And even in its fitful dozing it keeps one eye open and to the windward.

Ever since the Republican avalanche of 1920 swept the Democratic administration—both national and state—in the discard, things have been slumbering, politically speaking.

Now, with the approach of spring, and notwithstanding that Warren G. Harding has been in the White House less than a year, and has three more years to go, the political robins of the 1924 campaign are already bestirring themselves and chirping about on the greensward of Capitol Hill.

Democratic quietude should not be taken for Democratic stagnation. The Democrats of Capitol Hill honestly believe they have an excellent chance to capture the House of Representatives next fall, and cut down the Republican majority in the Senate to almost nothing.

The more optimistic believe they can win the Senate, too, but the more conservative content themselves with claiming the House.

The first whisperings concerning a Democratic candidate for 1924 are now going the rounds of Capitol Hill, and they center about Atles Pomerene, present senior senator from the president's own state of Ohio, who is to come up for re-election next November.

The preliminary groundwork for Pomerene's candidacy already has been laid. His managers have gone just as far as possible until it is seen whether the senior senator from Ohio is coming back to the Senate next fall. If he does not come back, has candidacy, of course, dies aborning; but if he does come back, then the Pomerene campaign is going to be launched in earnest.

Tuning forks were invented in 1711 by John Shore, Handel's trumpeter.

OPEN WARFARE ON BETWEEN STRIKERS AND STATE TROOPS

NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 4.—Open warfare was begun tonight between the Kentucky state guards in Newport and strikers and sympathizers who have been at war with the men hired to replace them since the plant of the Newport Rolling Mills went on an open shop basis several months ago.

The first real clash between the state military forces and the strikers took place on North street, between Brighton and Pabedia streets. Scores of shots were fired and five persons were seriously wounded.

Twelve men, employed at the mill, were proceeding in a body to their homes when they met strikers and sympathizers said to have numbered between 300 and 400 men, women and children.

The larger body is said to have attacked the non-union workers, while women and children hurled stones.

Kentucky guardsmen were summoned and according to a report made by Captain L. V. Crockett, in command of the tank corps, the strikers opened fire upon guardsmen and volley after volley were fired. Shortly afterwards more soldiers arrived on the scene and the mob was driven back with clubbed rifles.

Twin tube tunnel 1,500 feet long, has been completed under the river Elbe at Hamburg, Germany.

AGRICULTURAL BLOC SAID TO BE SOLIDLY BACK OF FORD OFFER.

HEARINGS ON OFFER MAY START WITHIN 2 WEEKS, IS PREDICTION

"Solid South" Expected to Support Measure in Both Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Senate "agricultural bloc" will open its battle Monday for immediate acceptance of Henry Ford's offer to lease Muscle Shoals, it was learned tonight.

A resolution calling upon the Senate to immediately consider the offer will be introduced Monday by Senator Harris (D.) of Georgia.

Senator Harris will ask that the offer, now in contract form, be sent to the agricultural committee.

The Ford contract, submitted to Congress by Secretary of War Weeks, was sent to the House of Representatives, and the Senate ordinarily would have to await House action before taking it under consideration. Under the Harris motion, the Senate act at once upon the contract.

"I will move that the Senate consider Ford's offer at once," said Harris tonight. "Contrary to custom, Ford's contract was sent to the House, and under the circumstances the Senate has nothing to act upon. I will urge that my motion be adopted and the agricultural committee requested to investigate and report upon the contract at once."

The Harris motion will precipitate concurrent hearings on the offer in both the Senate and House. It will reflect the sentiment of the "agricultural bloc," which is united behind the offer. The "bloc," it was indicated, will demand early action from both sides of Congress.

Under rules of the Senate, four committee might take the offer under consideration. These are the military affairs committee, because the offer embraces army property; the appropriations committee, because an appropriation is necessary; the agricultural committee, because the contract calls for manufacture of fertilizer, and the judiciary committee, because a federal contract is involved.

Members of the "bloc" will urge that the offer be referred to the agriculture committee, because of its extreme importance to farmers. This committee, headed by Senator Norris (Republican) of Nebraska, has repeatedly gone on record favoring farm legislation. The "bloc," however, feels the offer will be reported favorably by any one of the four committees.

If the matter is referred to the agriculture committee, members of the "bloc" tonight predicted that hearings might start within a week.

The "bloc" hopes to have the contract favorably reported within the next month so that work might be started if accomplished by spring.

Serious opposition is expected from the water power and fertilizer interests, but the "bloc" contends it has sufficient support to insure passage of the legislation needed to give Ford the project. This support comes from all agricultural states, including the "solid South" and from many mid-Western senators.

DEMAND CHEAPER BEER

RHONDDA, Wales, Feb. 4.—Unemployed miners have appealed to the municipal authorities to help them in their demand for cheaper beer. Owing to the high price of the beverage, many of the workmen's clubs are in danger of closing.

Unemployment among women in Great Britain has decreased one-third in the last half year.