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## Papini Claims Scientific Proof of The Divinity of Christ STATISTICAL FREE STATE IN QUESTION

### ITALIAN AUTHOR IS TO ANNOUNCE LAW IN NEW BOOK SOON

Says Differences Which Divide Christians Will be Swept Away.

WILL MEAN MUCH

Sees Ultimate Return of Man to a More Primitive Existence.

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FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 15.—"I believe I have succeeded in finding proof of the Divinity of Christ which is to be formulated in a law based upon facts which all mankind knows," Giovanni Papini, author of the "Life of Christ," and one of the foremost authorities on Biblical law, declared today in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

See End of Antagonism.

"Differences which divide Christian faiths in America, the fight between 'fundamentalists' and 'modernists' over 'Virgin birth, three miracles and the sacred sacrifice of Christ, all will be composed into the divinity of the Saviour is proven."

The author said he would announce the new law in a book he was preparing, a book which would contain material supporting the scientific validity of his claim.

"It would take only a score of words to formulate a law which would be the key to settlement of doubts maintained by large numbers of the earth's population concerning Christ's divinity," he said.

What Christ Want.

"There are thousands accepting him as a good man and a wise teacher, a benefactor of mankind. But more is required. One must also believe he was a God, to whom he must look for guidance not try to reduce to the level of ourselves."

"The thousands regarding him as a man cannot have the same feeling toward him. They do not think they are obliged to serve him and they implicitly, since they regard him as a man. But when he becomes a God, then reverence, worship and obedience to his teachings follow."

"Debaters, seeking concrete proof, tend to see facts proving that Christ was also a God. I have studied these doubters. They really want scientific, mathematical proof. I have also come to a realization of what it would mean (Continued on page 2, sixth column)

MASQUERADED AS MAN FOR 24 YEARS

"Paul J. Beach," Who Died Saturday, Led Life of Girl Until 21.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 15.—"Mr. Paul J. Beach, who claimed to be a former Chicago packing house official and Sacramento Railroad employe, who died here Saturday, was a woman, the physicians and nurse who attended "Mr. Beach at his last illness have revealed. "He" was 43 years old.

Was Married "Man."

The dual personality existed for 24 years, seven of which presented "Mr. Beach to the world as a married man, "Mrs. Beach formerly Mrs. Florence A. Dillon, with whom she went through a marriage ceremony in Sacramento in June, 1919, died last May.

"Mr. Beach is said to have been a native of Tennessee and is said to have died of a normal girl until 21 when she disappeared and took up his career as a "man" in a Kentucky inn.

Will Sail From St. John For England

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—The last party of Christmas excursionists over the P. R. lines left here on Saturday in the extra steamer and coaches attached to the "Imperial Limited" en route to St. John to sail on the S. S. Montagu December 16. This will be the last connection from Western Canada and comprises western agriculturists who, on account of the late crop season, were unable to get away on earlier dates.

### Cured Speeder

MUNICIPAL JUDGE JOHN T. LEVERGOOD.

OF Shawmut, Odis, created a sensation when a youth brought before him for speeding was given the alternative of going to jail for 30 days or going to the morgue for an hour every day for 30 days. The young speeder took the latter. He lost 20 pounds but he has been cured.

### RED FLAG RAISED AT PARIS EMBASSY

Neighboring Parisians His Ceremony But Police Chase Them Away.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Red Flag of the Russian official hymn, and those present sang the words of the hymn. Krasin made a short address, but his note does not give its substance.

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### CHINESE CIVIL WAR ENDS WHEN GEN. CHI QUILTS STRUGGLE

Civil Governor of Shanghai Takes Over Reins of Office.

TROOPS FALTERED

Defection of Chi's Soldiers Given as Reason for His Decision.

Canadian Press Cable.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.—The end of civil war in China after four months of fighting was virtually assured today when abandonment of further resistance to the regime of Tsum Chi-Jui on the part of the Yangtze river provinces was made certain by arrival here of the family of Chi Shieh-Yuan, military governor of this province, and the report that General Chi was preparing to follow.

Going to Shanghai.

General Chi, who was one of the leaders of the forces which besieged Shanghai in September and October, has been at Nanking recently and is reported to have a special train set out on the tracks there ready to bring him to this city.

Man Kuo-Chun, the civil governor of Shanghai, is reported to have taken the reins of government at Tientsin this morning at 10 o'clock.

Troops Rallied Him.

The sudden decision on the part of General Chi to quit his resistance to the newly instituted government at Peking is reported due to the defection of virtually all of his troops, and the more is recognized as marking complete cessation of fighting in all of China.

NEW YORK IS SWEEPED BY SNOW AND WIND

Highway and Railroad Traffic Are Hindered by Storm in North.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—White landscapes greeted Central and Northern New York today as the first widespread snowstorm of the season ended early in the morning.

Swept along on a wind which reached a maximum velocity yesterday of nearly 60 miles an hour in some places, the storm served effectively to hinder highway and railroad traffic throughout the affected area.

On Oneida Lake, north of here, where the blizzard was unhindered in its sweep, several boats were blown ashore and the crews formed to make their way through blinding snow to shelter.

"RED" STUART SOLD TO BOSTON CLUB

Toronto Disposes of Amherst Hockey Player—Amount Not Disclosed.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Another member of the team that won the world's hockey championship for Toronto in 1921-22, has been disposed of by the local owners, a deal having been completed on Saturday whereby William "Red" Stuart was sold to Art Ross' Boston Club for an undetermined amount. Stuart's departure Sunday left Roch and Dye the sole survivors of the Irish championship team.

"Red" Stuart belongs in Amherst and has a wide reputation as a speedy stick handler.

Don't forget us! What a tender, heart-stirring story there is in those three words! It was the thought of those poor kiddies, longing for Santa's visit, yet fearful they would be forgotten, that gave birth to the Empty Stocking Fund idea. How distressing it was to the poor mother not to be able to say, "Yes, my child, Santa will bring it at Christmas." Instead, how her heart must ache to tell her little ones that perhaps Santa could not get to their house on Christmas eve.

If the contributions are sufficiently generous and the Empty Stocking Fund committee can get the names, there will not be a Santa-less home, nor a presentless child in St. John this Christmas. Won't you help?

The fund this morning totals \$504.09—about as much more is needed. This is the way the fund stands now:

Saturday's total ..... \$443.09

Rev. J. F. E. .... 2.00

Mrs. B. H. Smith .... 1.00

Miss M. B. Smith .... 1.00

H. .... 2.00

Ira C. Merritt .... 1.00

Friends ..... 5.00

Total ..... \$504.09

A previous contribution of \$10 should have read, "Last Year Club."

### Woman Refutes Old Joke

Mrs. Julia P. Lombard of New York disproves the old glib that the safest place when a woman shoots is where she's aiming.

For this 150-pounder dropped at her first shot where she is hunting near Wonalancet, N. H. Behind her is Miss Cary Peabody of Cambridge, Mass.

LEAVES \$10,000 TO FREDERICKTON K'RK IF IT REMAINS OUT OF CHURCH UNION

Mrs. T. G. Loggie Attaches Condition to Bequest in Her Will—Pictou Church Similarly Remembered—Estate Totals \$100,000.

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICKTON, Dec. 15.—The will of the late Mrs. T. G. Loggie, wife of Colonel T. G. Loggie of this city, was admitted to probate today.

Winnifred and McNair were executors. The estate is valued at more than \$100,000. With the exceptions of bequests, the estate, both real and personal property, is left to her husband, Col. T. G. Loggie; her son, Major Gerald P. Loggie of Winnipeg, and Major Loggie's children.

Mrs. Loggie, who was an ardent anti-unionist in the discussion in the Presbyterian body relative to church union, has made a bequest of \$10,000 to St. Paul's church in Fredericton, on the condition that the church remain Presbyterian.

To the Presbyterian church in Pictou, N. S., her native town, she being a member of the Purves family, she has bequeathed the same as that mentioned here. A bequest of \$10,000 made to Victoria Public Hospital, which was announced. There also is a bequest to a personal friend.

Overcome by Smoke.

W. P. Moore of Pembroke, Ont., was overcome by smoke and taken to hospital. He was the last to be rescued, his room being on the third floor. His condition is satisfactory. Mr. Moore was the only serious casualty, although two other persons suffered bruises or cuts from broken glass.

With masses of flame shooting on almost every side of the hotel and heavy smoke enveloping the buildings, it was thought for a while that many would be injured.

Belongings Lost.

In several cases people left all their personal belongings behind. Four women and six men made their escape via ladders from the second, third and fourth floors, with the assistance of firemen. Most of them left money, jewelry, clothing and other personal belongings behind, but they took their lives philosophically.

The site of the fire is an ill-fated one. The hotel Cecil and Dominion Theatre were built by the late contractor James Davidson in 1907. Today's fire was the fifth on that identical property.

Brooklyn Blaze.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Six hundred persons were driven from their homes in Brooklyn early today by a fire in the storage building of the Western Milk Company, two blocks from the home of Mayor Hylan. The storage building, almost every story of which was filled with milk cans, was destroyed. Sparks were carried long distances by the wind and outbuildings, was swept away Sunday morning by floods which broke down the dykes on the side of the Yodder river.

Mine Also Flooded and Power House Demolished When River Breaks Dykes.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 15.—The Cheryvale orchard ranch owned by E. G. McBride of this city, including an eight room dwelling house, fruit packing stores, stables and outbuildings, was swept away Sunday morning by floods which broke down the dykes on the side of the Yodder river.

Mine is Flooded.

The Red Mountain mine, 40 miles north of Chilliwack, has been completely flooded. All mining work has ceased and the miners are flocking into Chilliwack and other towns in the district with their belongings. It is reported.

Start Library For Sailors' Home, Halifax

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 15.—A box of books to form the nucleus of a library for the sailors' home of Halifax will leave Brantford this evening packed by the Royal Navy chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. It is to be a forerunner of contributions from this inland city to a complete library.

### GUESTS HAVE CLOSE SHAVE AS OTTAWA HOTEL IS BURNED

With Glass Below Zero, Occupants Flee Building in Night Clothes.

\$250,000 DAMAGE

Several People Carried Down Ladders by Fire Department Men.

By Canadian Press.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Fire early today caused \$250,000 damage to the Cecil Hotel, and caused some of the guests to make a hurried exit in their night clothes. Others were carried down ladders by firemen.

Two Below Zero.

The temperature was two degrees below zero when the first alarm was turned in at 2:29 a.m. Within a few minutes the roof had become a blazing mass. It fell in at the rear end, and myriads of sparks were carried on the crest of a strong west wind toward the central portion of the city, threatening the whole northwestern area of a block of buildings. The flames were brought under control at five o'clock.

All Accounted For.

Firemen and those who got out first devoted entire attention to the fire on the rest of the guests. A check-up of the hotel registry revealed that 28, whose names were on the list, had been accounted for.

Many of the guests had to be taken from window ledges and in highly excited state.

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### Irish Envoy to U. S.

PROF. T. A. SMIDDY, new Free State minister, has assumed his duties in Washington, as Irish diplomatic representative in the United States.

BRITISH REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE IRISH APPEAL TO LEAGUE

England Considers Treaty is Not One of International Scope.

CHARTER OF LIBERTY

Will Also Oppose Reference of the Pact to International Court.

HERBERT BAILEY, British United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The question of the status of the Irish Free State has suddenly become a dominant issue in politics. Recently the Free State submitted to the League of Nations a copy of the treaty made with Britain in the matter to make it quite clear that the League had no concern with such a treaty, arguing that they could not give the League power to regulate the relationship between Britain and the Free State because the League could not send an army into Ireland if the Treaty was broken by the Republican government.

Compared With Canada.

The Irish, on the other hand, replied that the status of the Free State is identical with that of Canada, with Dominion powers. Britain thereupon responded that the status of Ireland had nothing whatever to do with the matter, since it was the treaty which created the Free State, and its fulfillment is purely a matter of internal concern and does not affect foreign nations, which could only intervene in any question through the mediation of Great Britain.

Question of Empire.

Thus Britain voices the opinion that the League has no right whatever to interfere with the relations as to who rules the Empire, the King or the League, which has been vexing many minds lately.

The projected Imperial conference to discuss the foreign policy of the Empire is taking shape rapidly, and is much nearer than many believe. Premier Baldwin said that a sentence of 60 days would do for her husband. "That's your Christmas present," said Magistrate Giddie to Pemberton.

League Is Notified.

ROME, Dec. 15.—A subject of unusual interest as the League of Nations Council adjourned was the announcement that Great Britain had sent a note to the League asking that the Irish treaty be not recognized as an instrument capable of being registered under the provisions of the covenant.

Because England did not regard that document as an international treaty. One effect of this move, it is said, is that Britain will refuse to recognize any Irish appeal to the League, based on a convention which the British declare they regard as the charter of liberty, and not as a treaty between two sovereign states.

Dublin Is Advised.

By the same token, it is believed, Britain would oppose any Irish attempt to obtain an advisory opinion from the World Court of Justice in the way of an interpretation of the covenant. Only registered treaties have any standing before the World Court, and although the Irish document has been duly registered at Geneva, Great Britain apparently holds that this gives Ireland neither the right to appeal to the Council nor the Court.

It was learned that a copy of the British communication to the League has been officially forwarded to the Free State Government at Dublin.

GERMAN INDUSTRY MUST CONTRIBUTE

Shipping and Railways to Contribute 17.1 Per Cent of Dawes Bond.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The ministerial council have fixed 17.1 as the percentage which German shipping and private railways and tramways must raise of the total five billion marks of the industrial bonds stipulated by the Dawes report. Each concern must contribute its share in the form of a first mortgage on its plant and other equipment.

Weather Report

Synopsis—The deep depression which was over the Great Lakes on Saturday has since moved northeastward to Labrador and the weather has turned cold in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Decidedly cold weather with snow has prevailed in the western provinces.

Forecasts:

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Strong northwest winds or gales, decreasing on Tuesday; fair and decidedly cold today and Tuesday.

Northern New England—Fair tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness; not much change in temperature; diminishing northwest winds becoming variable.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Temperatures—

Lowest Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night

Victoria .... 38 59 36

Calgary .... 24 24

P. Albert ..... 20 24

Winnipeg .... 2 2 2

Toronto .... 18 22 16

Montreal .... 2 2 2

St. John .... 2 2 0

Halifax .... 2 2 0

New York .... 22 40 22

\*Below zero.