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WHOLE WORLD PRAYING THAT POPE MIGHT BE SPARED TO HIS PEOPLE

Latest Bulletin from Bedside of Pontiff Reports Him as Sinking Rapidly—"If It Pleases the Lord I Shall Work Again for His Church, I Am Ready; If He Says It Is Enough, Let His Will Be Done," Last Words to Cardinals Before They Retired from His Chamber.

LATE BULLETIN

Rome, Jan. 21—(3 a.m.)—The condition of Pope Benedict is slowly growing worse and now is extremely grave.

His mental faculties are showing signs of decline.

Frequently the Pontiff murmurs incoherent phrases.

Rome, Jan. 20—"If it pleases the Lord that I shall work again for His church I am ready; if He says it is enough, let His will be done."

These were the last words of Pope Benedict when the Cardinals withdrew from his chamber this evening. The Associated Press was told that the Pontiff retained consciousness, and that he recognized the various prelates.

Professor Ettore Marchifava, one of the physicians in attendance on the Pope this evening, still was somewhat hopeful as to the outcome. "There is a thread of hope," he added. He said that the Pontiff was resisting his ailment with great fortitude. The patient obtained a little rest in the early evening hours, but he was not better, nor yet any worse, said Dr. Marchifava.

All the Cardinals of the Curia remained at the Vatican throughout this afternoon, and this evening a large number of them were present in the ante-chamber to the sick room.

As each Cardinal passed through the adjoining rooms he wore an extremely anxious look. Bishops and priests flocked about them asking for information as to the condition of the Holy Father. All the Cardinals concurred in the opinion that there still was a ray of hope, but that the condition of the patient was most desperate. Although his breathing continued difficult, the fact that he had been able to throw off some of the congestion in his lung brightened the spirits of the Pontifical court during the evening.

Crowds Seek News

There was an immense crowd of Vatican diplomats and Monsignors within that portion of the Pontifical apartments on the far side from the Pope's bed chamber. They came to sign the visitors' register and to seek what news they might obtain. Throughout the afternoon large numbers of persons constantly visited the Vatican to sign the register while throngs remained outside and made inquiries of each priest leaving the building by the immense bronze doors.

The apartment occupied by the Pontiff is the same as that used by Pope Pius X. The windows open on the spacious St. Peter's Square, overlooking the whole of Rome. The bedroom of the Pope is the last but one from the corner. The corner room now a small chapel, was the death chamber of Pius X.

Room Simply Furnished

The room where Benedict lies ill is simply furnished. There are a few paintings on the walls and a crucifix above the bed. It contains gold-framed chairs upholstered in red damask, and a small table near the bed.

Among the Cardinals of the Curia who remained in the Vatican throughout the afternoon and during the evening, was Vincent Vannelielli, Dean of the Sacred College. He said that at a time like this the death of the Holy Father would be a great calamity. From time to time he left the other members of the Sacred College in the anti-chamber and entered the sick room to bring back the latest news to his colleagues.

When the great specialist, Dr. Marchifava, proclaimed that there still was a thread of hope for the recovery of the Pope, an humble friar of the Dogood Brehiren who had been attending the Pope throughout his illness, was even more sanguine, saying:

"During my lifetime work among the sick and poor I have seen so many recover who looked worse than does the Pontiff.

"To me he does not show the appearance of being a desperate case." When Dr. Marchifava left the bed chamber this evening, he wished the Pope good-night. Benedict smiled and replied:

"I accept this as a happy augury."

The Pontiff's voice, however, was hoarse, and it was with difficulty that he spoke.

During the evening the Marquis Chiesa was admitted to the sick chamber. Pope Benedict asked his nephew to pray for him and the Marquis replied that the whole world was praying.

Members of New Parliament Will Be Gazetted This Week

Ten, However, Will Not Appear in List Because of Recounts Going on.

Ottawa, Jan. 20—(Canadian Press)—By Saturday next all the members of the new Parliament, with the exception of ten, will have been gazetted. Gazetting of members from the constituencies has been held up, either by recounts or by the difficulty in getting returns. The names of the ten constituencies are as follows:—Comox-Alberni, B. C.; Skeena, B. C.; Vancouver South; Edmonton West; MacLeod, Alta.; North Battleford, Sask.; Victoria, Ont.; Drummond and Arthabaska; Yamaska, Que.; and Yukon.

Nothing Develops In Inquest Over Trescoli's Death

Mystery Surrounds All Happenings in Connection With the Man's Murder.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 20—The inquest into the death of Vinenzo Trescoli, the Italian restaurant keeper, found dead in his store at 196 Demontigny St., East, on January 5, was officially adjourned for one week here today for the gathering of further information.

Nothing of importance transpired at the hearing. Trescoli is stated to have come to Montreal from New York with the purpose of murdering a prominent police official of this city, according to that official's evidence given at an earlier hearing of the case.

Further Startling Announcements From Chita Government

Moscow, Jan. 20—A radio message from Chita says that the anti-Bolshevik Government in Vladivostok, headed by M. Merkuloff, has leased to Japan business interests the Ussuri Railway lines from Vladivostok to Khabarovsk.

According to another Chita despatch, partisans of the Chita Government have blown up three bridges on this railway line, cutting off the followers of M. Merkuloff from Vladivostok. The fighting continues.

DE VALERA WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC

Dublin, Jan. 20—Eamon De Valera at the coming meeting of the "Ardheis," or High Council of the Sinn Fein, will move, it was learned today, that, until international recognition of Ireland as an independent Republic has been secured, the aim of that organization shall be the same as before—to secure that recognition.

He will contend that it shall be the duty of all members of the organization to labor to uphold the established Republic, of which the Dail Eireann is the Government, to maintain the unity and independence of Ireland to preserve the individual character of Irish citizenship and prevent its being merged into common citizenship with the people of Great Britain as subjects of the British Crown and to oppose the will of the British Parliament, the British Crown or any other foreign Parliament or authority to legislate for Ireland or hold sway in Ireland by refusing allegiance to the British King.

CHAMPIONS THE CAUSE OF STEFANSSON

Arctic Controversy Result of Clash Between Practical and Class Room Trained Explorers.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20—The controversy between Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, and members of his party on the Northern expedition, was due to a clash between the practical and class-room-trained members of the expedition, Harold Noice, a member of the Stefansson expedition said in giving his version of the affair here today.

According to Noice, when the Karluk, one of the ships used in Stefansson's explorations, was outfitted, Dr. R. M. Anderson and Prof. J. J. O'Neill declared the fresh water tanks were not large enough. Stefansson explained to them that on the ice there are always to be found pools of fresh water; when snow on the ice melts the salt water goes to the bottom, leaving the fresh supply to be easily obtained. They were not convinced that this was sure, so ill-feeling began from the start, he said.

That Supply Point.

Another controversy was described by Noice as follows:

"After the Karluk was lost in the Arctic Ocean, in the early winter of 1913, Stefansson went to the Anderson ship, the Alaska, which was then at Demarkation Point, to obtain supplies and assistance for making a sled trip across the Beaufort Sea.

"The party aboard the Alaska were astounded that Stefansson should think of making such a trip at that time of the year. They seriously questioned whether he was in his right mind, and a conference was held to determine whether they should depose and detain him.

"Stefansson, however, brought pressure to bear so that he finally obtained supplies for the trip. He had only one sled. He found two men on the ice, Ole Anderson and Storker Storkerson, whom he induced to accompany him They were gone eighteen months, during which time they lived off the country."

Several Prominent Detroiters Serving Jail Sentence

Recorder's Court Sends Them Up for Infraction of Traffic Laws.

Detroit, Jan. 20—A group of Detroiters, several of them prominent business men, were working in the kitchen and dining room, and performing other menial task at the Detroit House of Correction, today, following their sentence to the institution by Judge Charles L. Bartlett, of Recorder's Court, after their conviction for speeding.

Each prisoner at the Detroit city prison must work 8 hours a day, under the rules of the institution, and men sent to jail for violating the traffic ordinances are not excepted, it was announced today by officials of the prison. Judge Bartlett has sent upwards of a score of speedsters to jail within the last week in an effort to reduce traffic law violations.

Influenza Is Not Epidemic In Any Part of Canada

Ottawa, Jan. 20—(Canadian Press)—Influenza is not epidemic in any part of Canada, according to the federal department of health. There is the usual number of bad colds, which winter brings and perhaps isolated cases of 'flu' but no epidemic, in view of the fact that influenza is said to be epidemic in England, the news is reassuring.

THE STILLMAN SCRAP GROWING MORE BITTER

Banker's Counsel Repeats Charges Wife Misconducted Herself With Indian Guide.

New York, Jan. 20—James A. Stillman's fight to have little Guy Stillman adjudge illegitimate was intensified today, in the Appelate Division of the Supreme Court. The banker's counsel repeated charges that Mrs. Anne U. Stillman had misconducted herself with Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, who Mr. Stillman contends, is the father of Guy. Love messages, purported to have passed between Mrs. Stillman and Beauvais, were introduced. They began: "Dearest Honey" and "Dear, Dear Freddie."

Counsel for Mr. Stillman declared his wife had never denied the charge that the child is illegitimate, and pronounced her recent predictions that Guy's good name would be upheld in court by saying her defense had shown reasonable probability of success. The action today was an appeal from an order which would have Mr. Stillman provide $7,500 to meet the expenses of a hearing in the suit at Montreal. The court reserved decision.

Mr. Stillman's lawyers said the banker had paid Mrs. Stillman $122,000 in the last nine months without a murmur, but it was now time to call a halt.

Has Proofs Of Bribery

John F. Brennan, counsel for Mrs. Stillman, declared he had the names of thirty-three residents of Canada who had testified they had been approached with various offers by people in the employ of Mr. Stillman.

Mr. Jenkins, in reply said:

"We emphatically deny that any witnesses have ever been approached by anybody representing Mr. Stillman, or that a dollar had been paid to them or promised." The Court of Appeals has held that perjury, committed in Canada, is not punishable in the United States," he remarked.

Replying, Mr. Brennan said:

"May I, too, also suggest that any immunity granted to Mrs. Stillman's witnesses applies also to Mr. Stillman's witnesses."

Previously it had been charged that the testimony of two Canadian witnesses, called by Mr. Stillman, had been influenced by bribery. People who will testify for us, I can assure the court, will tell nothing but the truth," said Mr. Brennan.

Insisting that the question before the court was simply whether Mrs. Stillman would get the $7,500, Mr. Brennan said her lawyers had declared that they would pay the expenses of the Canadian trip if necessary. The court reserved decision.

Ontario Liberals Searching For Man To Lead The Party

Several Prominent Names Being Mentioned for the Position.

Toronto, Jan. 20—A Toronto Star news item today runs:

"With the approach of the session of the Ontario Legislature and in view of the Liberal convention which has been called for the beginning of March, the question of a provincial Liberal leader is being much discussed in political circles. Of the names which have been mentioned in connection with the appointment of a new chief, that of R. J. Fleming seems to be very popular, but doubt still remains whether he would be able to see the way to accept.

"So far as opinion can be canvassed, the view seems to prevail that the party would be best served by an outstanding man outside the Legislature, but should the quest in this direction be unsuccessful it is thought that Major J. C. Tolmie would be strongly in the running. The member for Windsor was a candidate in the convention which chose Mr. Dewart and it is stated that he is ready to lend his name as during again.

TRIBUTE PAID BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING DUBLIN

Gov't Expresses Appreciation of Services Rendered During Their Time There.

PERFORMED DUTIES OFTEN REPUGNANT

Commanding General Said They Proved Themselves Among the Best of the Empire.

Dublin, Jan. 20—A striking tribute to the departing British troops is paid by General Sir Nevill Macready, military commander of Ireland, in a special order of the day. He says:

"The government, having decided that the time has arrived to commence withdrawing troops from Ireland, wishes to express its deep appreciation of the services they rendered during the time they formed part of the Irish command.

"While I feel there is no desire on the part of the army to rake up past animosities or bitterness, you have been called to perform duties, in many respects repugnant to our traditions and devoid of all the glamor of war, though in many ways entailing greater strain, and greater individual danger.

"The call has been answered in a manner worthy of the best traditions in the service. I honestly believe no other troops in the world would or could have carried through the work in which you have been engaged without loss of morale or prestige. You officers and men have accomplished the most difficult task any soldier can be called to undertake. You emerged with your discipline unshaken, your conduct in the eyes of all fair-minded men, blameless. When history is written you will find you contributed no inconsiderable share towards what we hope may prove eventually settled peace and prosperity for Ireland."

The general concludes with his personal thanks, saying the soldiers, under abnormal conditions, proved they were second to none.

Protection Assured Matthew Bulloch By Gov. Morrison

Assures Negro Will be Protected if Turned Over to American Authorities.

Washington, Jan. 20—Adequate protection will be given Matthew Bullock, negro, who is now fighting extradition from Canada, if the Canadian authorities return him to North Carolina, where he is wanted on charges of inciting to riot, Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, declared here today. "There is absolutely no danger of mob violence against the negro," the Governor said, "but out of abundance of precaution every protection will be given when he is brought back for trial."

Governor Morrison forwarded extradition papers for the negro to the State Department last night before leaving Raleigh. State Department officials refused to discuss action on the extradition, saying it was against department rules.

Farmers Reaffirm Determination To Oppose Meighen

Will Force the Electors to Declare Themselves Again at the Polls.

Kemptville, Ont., Jan. 20—Headquarters of the U. F. O. organization of Grenville constituency authorize the statement that there is no chance of the Progressive candidate retiring to allow ex-Premier Meighen to return to the House of Commons by acclamation. In some quarters it was rumored that this course would be followed, owing to Mr. Meighen influencing J. A. M. Armstrong, ex-M. P., to allow Premier King an acclamation in North York, but apparently the determination is to force the electors to declare themselves again at the polls.

Landis Reported Seriously Ill With Bronchial Troubles

Physicians Fear Influenza or Pneumonia Which Might Prove Fatal — Condition Not Critical.

Chicago, Jan. 20—Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, is seriously ill with bronchial troubles, it was announced at his office tonight. He has been confined to his home for several days with a bad cold and doctors said that they feared influenza or pneumonia, which might prove fatal to a man of the Judge's age, although his condition was not critical.

LLOYD GEORGE NOT TO BE STAMPEDED BY UNIONIST REBELS

Ontario Radial Controversy Takes On New Twist

Premier Drury and Hydro-Commission, Headed by Sir Adam Beck, in Wrangle.

Toronto, Jan. 20—The issue between the Drury Government and Sir Adam Beck in respect to the Toronto, Niagara and St. Catharines radial has entered upon a new stage as a result of a further communication sent by Premier Drury to the Hydro Commission. It is unlikely that the letter will be made public until the return of Premier Drury to Toronto on Tuesday, unless Sir Adam takes that step, but it is understood that the Government has demanded that the hydro return to the Government the $2,000,000 of bonds issued in connection with the purchase of the radial right-of-way and guaranteed by the Drury Government prior to its decision to refuse bond guarantees.

Royal Jewels of Russia In Philadelphia

Pearl Necklace, Formerly Owned by Catherine II., Property of Mrs. James Cromwell.

Detroit, Jan. 20—The pearl necklace, formerly owned by Catherine II., Empress of Russia, and purchased nearly two years ago by the late Horace E. Dodge, Detroit automobile manufacturer, was given three months ago by Mrs. Dodge to her daughter, Mrs. James H. Cromwell, of Philadelphia. This announcement was made today by Howard B. Bloomer, executor of the Dodge estate.

It followed the clearing up yesterday of the mystery surrounding the ownership of the jewels, purchased by Mr. Dodge in New York for $825,000. Simultaneously with Mr. Bloomer's announcement today, it was learned Mrs. Dodge wore the necklace but twice during the time it was in her possession. The first time was the wedding here of her daughter and Mr. Cromwell; the second was the wedding of her son, Horace E. Dodge, Jr., to Miss Lois Knowlson.

The gems were sent to Philadelphia by express three months ago.

Soviet Russia Buys Eight Steamers From Great Britain

Several of These Ships Are Still Sailing Under the British Flag.

Washington, Jan. 20—Soviet Russia has purchased eight steamers in Great Britain during the past six months, it was announced tonight by the Commerce Department. Six of these steamers, of 3,150 tons each, were bought at prices ranging from 26,000 pounds to 32,000 pounds.

One of the larger steamers, formerly the Ashwin, has been renamed the Trotzky and up to November at least several of these ships, it was said, were still sailing under the British flag, although owned by the Soviet authorities.

Bank of Commerce Declares Dividend

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 20—The board of directors of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at their meeting held today, declared a dividend of three per cent for the quarter ending 28th February, 1922, payable 1st March to shareholders of record of thirteenth February. The transfer books will not be closed.

Has No Idea of Restoring Power of Veto to the House of Lords.

TO MAKE HIS POLICY KNOWN TODAY

Contemplating Turning the Coalition Into a Distinctly Liberal Direction.

London, Jan. 20—Indications from today's meeting of the Liberal Conference are that Premier Lloyd George has decided to fight the rebellious Unionist wing of the coalition, which now has been trying to force him to legislate to restore the power of veto to the House of Lords, of which that House was deprived a decade ago, mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. Lloyd George himself. His exact policy, however, will not be definitely known until tomorrow when the Prime Minister makes his speech before the Conference.

The election of Mr. Lloyd George and Winston Spencer Churchill, President and vice-president, respectively, of the new National Liberal Council, decided upon by the Conference today, is interpreted to mean that the Premier contemplates turning the coalition into a distinctly Liberal direction, hoping thereby, to gather into the Ministerial fold all moderate elements from both parties.

Significant Meaning

It is regarded as significant that Mr. Churchill's speech today made no allusion to the Lord's reform, while Sir Gordon Hewart, who is an important member of the Government, declared for great Liberal principles as regards peace, retrenchment and reform, adding that there could be no unlimited Lords veto.

In this connection he said: "Do not think this or any other Government would be so foolish as to endeavor to restore to the Lords its old privileges."

This was a distinct challenge to the "die-hard" section demanding restoration of the veto.

U. S. Mails Now Moved In "Bandit Proof" Container Cars

Government Has Contracted for Use of Cars in Regular Mail Service.

New York, Jan. 20—Chicago mail tonight was loaded for the first time into new "bandit-proof" container cars, introduced by the New York Central lines. The United States Government, beset by mail bandits, contracted for use of the cars in the regular mail service.

The containers, each with a capacity of 438 cubic feet, were locked at the General Post Office. Then they were taken to the station on motor trucks, lifted by cranes and then lowered into grooves into the container cars.

Loaded, the cars look like a solid block of steel safes set inside protection steel ends and sides equipped with a device which makes it impossible to open the container doors while in transit.

$3,000,000 Worth of Raw Furs For N. Y. Auction Sale

New York, Jan. 20—(Canadian Press) — Approximately $3,000,000 worth of raw furs from all parts of the world will be put under the hammer at the auction sale that is to be held in the Masonic Hall here, beginning on Feb. 6. The coming sale will be the seventh annual winter event of its kind in this city, but will be the first to be held by the New York Auction Company, which was recently organized here with a capitalization of $1,000,000 to fill the place made vacant by the passing of the New York Auction Sales Corporation.

NEGOTIATIONS OVER ANGLO-FRENCH PACT TO BE RESUMED AT ONCE

They Will Proceed Through the Regular Diplomatic Channels Between Paris and London—First Question Will be With Reference to Germany.

Paris, Jan. 20—Negotiations through regular diplomatic channels between Paris and London, regarding the proposed Anglo-French pact, will be begun at once, it was announced today. The next question to be taken up, it was stated, probably will be measures with reference to Germany.

There is still some doubt in French official circles as to whether consideration of the reparations question will be resumed, where it was left off at Cannes, or whether the negotiations will be begun anew.

OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO BURY UNKNOWN WARRIOR IN CANADA

Executives of Last Post Fund Deprecate Any Attempt to Duplicate Here Solemn Ceremonies That Have Already Taken Place in the Motherland.

Montreal, Jan. 20—At a meeting of the executives of the last post fund here today, a resolution was adopted that "the last post fund go on record as deprecating any attempt to duplicate in Canada, the solemn ceremonies that have already taken place in the Motherland, and beg to express the serious doubts that such a ceremony in the Dominion would not only be futile, but might serve the purpose of gratifying those who do not represent the real spirit of Canada as related to the empire."