

POPE BENEDICT XV. NOW AT DEATH'S DOOR

POLICE EXPECT TRUE BILL IN WILSON CASE

Los Angeles Authorities Proceeding With Trial of Former London Evangelist.

PRISONER UNPERTURBED
Securities Taken From the Accused's Safety Deposit Vault Are Checked.

(By Direct Wire to The London Advertiser.)

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Whether Herbert L. Wilson, former London pastor, and his alleged confederate, Herbert R. Cox, will be held to the speeding charge that on the night of November 3 last, at the corner of First and Alameda streets, they participated in the daring robbery of a United States mail truck and a violent assault upon Nelson Grimes, the driver, is being decided by the federal grand jury which met at 10 o'clock this morning and at 2 o'clock this afternoon was still in session.

There is no doubt in the minds of the police or court officials but that a true bill will be returned but it is considered problematical whether an indictment will actually be brought in today and the consensus of opinion of all quarters is that several hearings may yet ensue before a final decision is rendered.

The appearance of both Cox and Wilson for preliminary hearing in United States Commissioner Long's court this morning as the grand jury was meeting was of little significance. With the latter body in session nothing could be accomplished.

Cox was brought into the court first, but after a few moments' delay, was hurried back to the county jail, departing just as Wilson arrived handcuffed to United States Deputy Marshal Walter Williams.

Wilson Remains Calm.
After a brief wait while the post-office authorities conferred with United States District Attorney Herron, Wilson was also returned to the county jail to wait the opinion of the grand jury.

Up until the present time Cox has not been called upon and the belief is that although it is now acknowledged he has made certain statements considered by the police to be of great importance, he will not take the stand until the government presents its case at the forthcoming trial.

Never since has timely arrest and near "get-a-way" three weeks ago has the former London evangelist shown such remarkable composure as he did today in Commissioner Long's court.

At intervals since his apprehension he has been subject to grueling cross-examinations but has never once, the police admit, acknowledged by word or action his participation in any one of the various robberies last year totalling \$3,000,000 in different cities along the coast, that have been credited to him as leader of a gang with a nationwide reputation.

No further action has yet been taken with respect to the third man, Lacey, who is also at the county jail following his arrest more than a week ago, as a member of the Wilson band. While the search is still being maintained in the East for Lewis Wilson, brother of Herbert, and said to be the custodian of hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen by himself and pals, two other suspects have long since vanished across the border in the general direction of Tia Juana, and although sharp look-out is kept at border points, the chances of their immediate capture are now considered indeed slim.

Securities Are Checked.
This morning Commissioner Long, Postoffice Inspector Cookson and Assistant U. S. Attorney Herron, visited the local bank where the money and securities taken from Wilson's safe deposit box at the time of his arrest and checked over the holdings that are now in the hands of the government.

Attorney Silverstein, one of the Wilson attorneys, announced at noon today that following the latest move by the government, the previous motion to reduce Wilson's bond of \$100,000 will not be pressed.

When the grand jury opened this morning Nelson Grimes, who drove the mail car that was held up and robbed on the night of November 3 last, at the corner of First and Alameda streets, related the occurrence in detail up until the moment that he was assaulted and rendered unconscious.

He stated that but to the approximate value of \$750,000, by the "stick-up" men. His description of the latter the police aver tallies with that of the Wilsons and their alleged associates.

Other witnesses who were called this morning were Aldro Denier, Henry Davies and J. R. Alexander.

ROBBERS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES
Toronto, Jan. 20.—Imprisonment in the penitentiary for life was the sentence imposed today on Andrew Sachuk and John Kapulinsky, for the robbery of the branch of the Bank of Montreal here on October 18 last. The court postponed sentence on Sam Seniloff, who was also convicted. The other two prisoners had made affidavits to the effect that Seniloff had nothing to do with the robbery.

City Faces Loss of More Than \$30,000 On Forced Sale of Thirty-Six Houses

JOINT MEETING OF RAIL UNIONS FAILS IN AIMS

A. R. Mosher, President of Canadian Body, Detained in Montreal.

FEW MEMBERS ATTEND

International Organization Official Alleges "Certain Moves in the Dark."

The failure of A. R. Mosher, of Montreal, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, to reach London as expected for the general mass meeting in the Labor Temple Thursday night, prevented what had been predicted as a final "show-down" in Canada, between the national organization which he heads and the international body, the Brotherhood of Railroad and Steamship Clerks and Freight Handlers, with headquarters in the United States.

A. C. Hay, of Ottawa, vice-president of the latter brotherhood, arrived in London on Thursday afternoon and attended the scheduled meeting, which for certain reasons did not measure up to fullest expectations.

M. S. Carr, of East St. Louis, Ill., representing the B. of R. and S. C., throughout the Dominion of Canada, which body is affiliated with the "Big Four" Brotherhoods of America, lays unqualified blame, as he can discern it at this moment, for the failure of Thursday's meeting upon certain of the local representatives of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, headed by Mosher.

C. P. R. Men Transfer.
But a few days ago the Canadian Pacific clerks and freight handlers turned over to a man to the international organization, and Local No. 1485 as inaugurated.

In the local Canadian National shops and offices are two unions, one national and one international. When Representative Carr announced earlier in the week that he would endeavor to weld the members of the two unions into one, he was told, he explains by Mosher's officials in the city, "not to worry about the matter," as they would notify all their members, and incidentally, advised that they would bring to the city for a joint debate, in the hopes of an amicable understanding, no less a person than their president, A. R. Mosher.

It developed that A. R. Mosher failed to appear, without the information, it is said, that he was "held up" in Montreal on business. On Friday morning Vice-President Hay, of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and Freight Handlers, returned to Ottawa, somewhat disappointed over the turn of affairs.

While a trifle unwilling to attach direct blame upon any of the members of the local national organization, M. S. Carr feels that on the face of things there has ensued "certain moves in the dark." He fully believes, until convinced otherwise, that some of the members of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees were cautioned to remain away from the general mass meeting on Thursday, which accounted for a rather poor attendance.

Meet Again Monday.
Another meeting has been called for Monday night next, however, in the K. of P. hall, when the question of the differences between the two rival organizations will be thoroughly discussed.

Since the expulsion of the union by the Dominion Trades Congress in Winnipeg in 1921, the local C. B. of R. E. necessarily have not been allowed seats in the local trades and labor council.

While one of the main arguments emanating from the C. B. of R. E. is that too much money is being contributed to the headquarters across the line, the representatives of the international body claims that three times as much money is sent to Canada from the American unions to pay strike benefits and the like than is ever paid here by the members of the union.

WOMAN DYING FROM ANTHRAX

New York, Jan. 20.—(Canadian Press).—A woman's death from anthrax in Brooklyn was traced yesterday to a shaving brush, which she used to lather her husband's neck.

The victim was Mrs. Borghild Meland, 22, of 525 Fifth Street, Brooklyn. She died in the Kingsboro Avenue Hospital after a sudden seizure with the mysterious ailment. Dr. William Jacobson of the health department made an investigation.

It shows one of the most peculiar cases in medical annals. Singularly enough the husband was not affected. A tiny pimple on Mrs. Meland's left cheek had become infected on Christmas Day, when she aided her husband to shave, the physician found,

Reported Dying

Head of Roman Catholic Church Suffering From Attack of Pneumonia.



POPE BENEDICT XV.

DECLARES BRITAIN KEEPS PROMISES

Belgian Minister of War Discusses Anglo-Belgian Agreement.

Brussels, Jan. 20.—M. Devezze, minister of war, talking today to the Anglo-Belgian agreement, expressed the hope that it soon would make a tripartite agreement by taking in France.

Concerning doubts that recently have been circulated in Belgium, with regard to the efficacy of British intervention on behalf of Belgium, the minister declared history had shown that Great Britain when she made engagements kept them, using all the force at her command. Concerning the alleged slowness of Great Britain's intervention in 1914, M. Devezze declared that the situation had changed—Belgium's defence being better organized and Great Britain having immense quantities of materials and reserves at her disposal.

The minister said he considered the Anglo-Belgian pact constituted an element of considerable safety to Belgium and to European peace, without in the slightest diminishing Belgium's liberty. He added, however, that the country must make the necessary sacrifices. This would in nowise imply a show of militarism.

DISLIKE ACTIONS OF LIQUOR BODY

Members of Quebec Legislative Assembly Demand Changes in Commission.

Quebec, Jan. 20.—Canadian Press.—The Quebec Chronicle says: "That some of the members of the Quebec Legislative Assembly are beginning to kick over the traces as regards the activities of the Quebec liquor commission, was manifest yesterday afternoon when sixteen members waited on Premier Taschereau before the sitting of the house, and demanded certain changes.

The fact that the meeting was not altogether a love-feast was evident from the fact that the interview delayed the premier from arriving at his seat in the house, and as a result the meeting was twenty minutes late in starting.

The members did not mince words in voicing their grievances, and one member, like Salome of old, demanded a head. He wanted the head of Hon. George Simard, chairman of the liquor commission. After lingering as long as he could with the irate members, the premier told them that the house was sitting, and he said that they would be given full opportunity to air their grievances at a caucus of the Liberal party, which will be held next week.

INSANE PRISONER IN N. Y. JAIL KILLS CONSTABLE

New York, Jan. 20.—A crazed negro, awaiting examination as to his sanity, last night shot and mortally wounded Patrolman Otto W. Motz, in a rear room of the West One Hundred and Twenty-Third street police station. Motz, who had a wife and two children, died in less than an hour. He had been shot with his own gun. A second killing was averted when the gun misfired. Patrolman John Halter was the second intended victim. In the room when Motz was shot he leaped at the negro as he stood over his victim's body. The maniac wheeled about, pressed the weapon against Halter's abdomen, and pulled the trigger.

The negro, who later gave the name of Frank Whaley, was subdued after a terrific fight, in which a score of policemen beat him down.

FINANCE BOARD TO CUT PRICES OF RESIDENCES

Will Offer Commission-Built Dwellings At \$4,560 and \$3,100.

SEEKS AID OF REALTORS

Decides On Effort To Dispose of Properties as Soon as Possible.

The selling price of the Garfield avenue houses of the Housing Commission is to be \$4,560, and the Pine Lawn houses, \$3,100.

The above prices were agreed to by the Housing Commission and Finance Committee of the city council on Thursday night. The cut is a little better than 20 per cent.

There are 36 houses in all to be sold, 22 at Pine Lawn and 14 at Garfield, besides 101 lots, and Garfield Avenue at 6 1/2 per cent. About \$140,000 is involved and the deficit close to will bring the total deficit close to \$40,000, or about two-thirds of a million on the tax rate.

The city has one chance to reduce the loss, the 104 Pine Lawn lots which are in question have been advanced by the city more than \$30,000, the cut on the actual cost exceeding that amount. Besides there is the accrued interest for over a year on each Pine Lawn lot at 6 per cent. About \$140,000 is involved and the deficit close to will bring the total deficit close to \$40,000, or about two-thirds of a million on the tax rate.

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Tells East's Needs

London Nurse Outlines Conditions in Famined Areas of Transcaucasian Russia.



MISS ELIZABETH THOM.

WARNS YOUTHS TO TELL TRUTH AT LESLIE TRIAL

Toronto Judge Aroused by Conflicting Testimony in Murder Case.

PHYSICIANS TAKE STAND
Collins Testifies He Gave London Woman Accused of Murder \$10.

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G. R. TAGGART SEES NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY

American Consul Believes Spring Will Mark Dawn of Better Conditions.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Reports Note of Optimism Abounds Among Officials of U. S. Capital.

Giles Russell Taggart, American consul in the London district, has just returned from a six weeks' stay in Washington, where he had been interviewing the heads of the different departments of the American Government regarding the consular work in this district. He conferred with the authorities of the commerce department concerning business relations between the United States and Canada as they affected this district, sought information from the department of the interior about income tax, and cleared up certain immigration difficulties.

The stay of the consul in Washington permitted him to observe at close range the general atmosphere of the American capital during the great arms parley of the nations, now in progress.

On New Year's Day the consul met President Harding, and during his stay interviewed Samuel Crompton, head of the American Federation of Labor, and talked with ex-President Taft.

Optimism Abounds.
There abounds in all departments of the American Government, said Mr. Taggart, a pronounced note of optimism concerning business and industrial conditions in the republic. All are hopefully looking forward to a revival of trade and the opening up of business on a broader scale in the spring of 1922.

The arms parley, which has summoned people of every class and description to Washington, lends a different aspect to the capital, in Mr. Taggart's opinion.

Though the influx of delegates and others has swollen to the greatest extent a transient population, always comparatively large, there was no profiteering in hotel rates, nor yet any advance in the cost of living, a cost which, however, is greater than in Canada, ordinarily, said Mr. Taggart.

A comparison of the price of different foodstuffs had shown him, he said, that the only article which was lower in Canada, even despite the rate of exchange, was coffee, which could be had cheaper here than in Washington.

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E. W. BEATTY, K. C.

SEEK SOURCE OF BEAUTY POWDERS

Police Search For Sender of Letter With Deadly Contents.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—It has not yet been determined by the police whether the poisonous package, sent in a letter, which killed Anderson Buchanan, was mailed or delivered to his home at 228 Riverdale avenue. The police yesterday spent most of the day trying to clear up this point.

"We do not know how the letter was delivered at the house," said sergeant of detectives Cronin, who has charge of the case. "I asked Mrs. Buchanan yesterday when I interviewed her, and she told me she was ready to go into the witness box and swear that the envelope had a two cent stamp on it, the postmark 'Toronto' stamped on it. Beyond this we have no other information as yet regarding how the letter got into the house."

Chief of detectives Guthrie stated that the detectives had interviewed a young woman yesterday, who is a friend of Mr. Buchanan's, that the woman stated that she had no knowledge of anything concerning the envelope or the delivery of it.

The impression the police received from the young woman was that she appeared to be quite honest in telling her story and answering the questions and showed no hesitancy in telling all about herself.

So far the police have been unable to locate the origin or manufacturers of any so-called beauty powders that should be taken into consideration by the police in connection with the case but refused to disclose why they are anxious to locate her.

ENGLISH FARMERS END LABOR CRISIS
Break Deadlock by Agreeing To Pay Workers 15 Cents an Hour.

London, Jan. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The deadlock between the National Union of Farmers and the Agricultural Laborers Union as a result of a dispute over the question of wages to be paid this year, has been broken, according to a statement of a representative of the former. Agreements have been reached between the two organizations and representatives of the farm laborers in 23 counties, extending generally over three months, while in the case of the County of Pembroke the agreement extends over a year.

The average rate of pay agreed upon is 15 cents per hour, and this, it is understood, is not likely to be reduced. A 48-hour week agreed upon for the months of January and February will probably be extended to 50 hours in March and April, and later, in some counties, 54 hours may constitute the week. A fixed rate for 48 hours is being made, beyond which overtime is to be paid, and extra time allowed for Sunday work.

A comparison between the wages paid agricultural workers in the United States and Great Britain showed that for 1921 the average in the former was 42s 9d per week, against 42s 6d in the latter.

IN PURSUANCE OF the avowed policy of the new board of education, that estimates for 1922 be prepared as speedily as possible, W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board, announces that his department is busily engaged in compiling the probable public school requirements for the year.

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PHYSICIANS TO PONTIFF FEAR END IS NEAR

Great Throng Assembles Outside Vatican To Await Latest News.

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED

Head of the Roman Catholic Church Stricken With Bronchial Affection.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 20.—At 2 o'clock today physicians attached to the Holy See intimated that His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. was in a dying condition.

A great throng assembled in St. Peter's early in the forenoon to await news from the Vatican.

The Eucharist was solemnly carried to the pontiff at 11:30 o'clock, and in the presence of eighteen cardinals the Holy Sacrament was placed in the Palatine Chapel.

Prayers were said in all Catholic schools, and all business at the Vatican was suspended.

The grave condition of Pope Benedict is the result of the spread of the inflammation which had been confined to the bronchial tubes to the right lung.

The pontiff's respiration is becoming difficult.

Professor Bignami was called at 3 a.m., when the change in condition became marked. He returned again at 7 o'clock with Professor Marchisaglia, and they went into consultation with Dr. Battistini and Dr. Cherubini. Afterwards a bulletin signed by all was issued, reading: His holiness passed a sleepless, agitated night. The inflammation reached the right lung last night. Respiration is difficult. Temperature, 38 Centigrade (100 Fahrenheit); pulse, 102; respiration, 38."

Cardinal Giacomo Della Chiesa assumed the name of Benedict XV. when he was elected pope by the sacred college, Sept. 3, 1914, in succession to Pius X.

Benedict XV. was Archbishop of Bologna when he was elected pope. He was born at Regli, in the Diocese of Genoa, Nov. 21, 1854, and was ordained a priest Dec. 21, 1878. He served as secretary of the Nonciature in Spain from 1883 until 1887, later being appointed secretary to Cardinal Rampolla.

The pontiff was appointed substitute secretary of state in 1901, and in 1907 was elected to the post of adviser to the Holy office.

In 1907 he was appointed papal nuncio of Madrid in succession to Mgr. Rinaldi, but his appointment was cancelled three days later. This incident occurred just before he was made Archbishop of Bologna.

There have been two hundred and fifty-seven pontiffs from St. Peter until the election of Benedict XV. in 1914.

BUFFALO POLICE WILL RE-ARREST BULLOCK

Hamilton, Jan. 20.—It was learned this morning that arrangements have been made by the defence in the Martine Bullock case that if the appeal against deportation, which is at present pending, fails and Bullock is sent back to New York state, he will be immediately arrested by the Buffalo police on a technical charge. This action has been taken in order to provide plenty of time for the defence to communicate with Governor Miller, of New York, and to assure that Bullock cannot be railroaded out of New York state by the Norlina authorities without waiting for the observance of formalities. Should the appeal succeed, Controller Trevelyan will immediately endeavor to secure Bullock's release from jail, where he is held at the request of the Carolina authorities, by writ of habeas corpus. The mode of procedure has operated successfully in previous cases of similar character.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fair.
Saturday—Southeast and west winds; fair and somewhat milder.

Pressure is low across Canada and relatively high to the southward. The weather is moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec, and quite cold in Manitoba and northern Ontario.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	24	14
Calgary	24	14
Winnipeg	4	18
Pt. Arthur	6	16
P. Sound	32	16
Toronto	37	14
Kingston	25	14
Ottawa	32	14
Montreal	36	16
Quebec	24	20
F. Point	16	8
St. John	52	28
Halifax	34	34

*Below zero.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 35; lowest, 9.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 22; lowest, 7.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 a.m., 29.15.
Today—8 a.m., 29.35.