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POPE BENEDICT MAKES STRIKING APPEAL FOR PEACE

Cardinal Von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, However, Conceded to a Friend That Peace Will Be Impossible for Another Year at Least.

ROME, Dec. 6.—The secret consistory, at which new cardinals are to be named and other important business transacted, began shortly after ten o'clock this morning. Notwithstanding the world-war it was preceded and attended with the same pomp as was customary under Pope Leo. The only difference to-day was the absence of some of the foreign cardinals, especially those from the United States.

The cardinals from the belligerent countries were almost in the group of cardinals priests, in their order of seniority. The English Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, came first; Cardinal DeCabrerie, Bishop of Montpellier, France, second, and Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, third. They were separated by the Monk Cardinal Serafini, from Cardinal von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, who was the last of the group.

Cardinal Billot, who is German-born, and Cardinal Gasquet, who was born in London, were in the group of cardinal deacons, in which there was no cardinal of the other belligerent countries.

Pope Benedict looked well and strong. He was full of determination, especially when delivering his allocution, in which he again condemned the horrors of war.

The Pope's Allocution.
In his allocution, the Pope said to the cardinals:

"Without doubt you are aware of the difficulties which, up to the present, have impeded us from convoking the sacred college. If, finally, I have been granted to-day to see you again in goodly numbers, it is not because those difficulties have become less, but because we feared that by longer delay the procedure of the Roman curia might seriously suffer, since during this year and the one just past not a few are the vacancies which death has caused in the sacred college.

"If at all times the loss of enlightened councillors and trusted assistants cause sorrow to the Roman Pontiff, it is much more so now, having assumed the Government of the Church.

"In this grave and historic moment before the assembly, notwithstanding the ruin accumulating during the last sixteen months; notwithstanding the desire for peace grows daily in many hearts, and that numerous families, in their sorrow, long for it; notwithstanding that we have tried many means that might hasten peace and allay discord, nevertheless the fatal war grows in fury by land and sea, and threatens unfortunate Armenia with extreme ruin.

"The letter, which, on the anniversary of the beginning of the war, we addressed to the belligerent peoples and their rulers, though it received a reverent hearing, by no means produced the beneficent effects that were expected.

"As vicar of Him who is the peaceful King and Prince of Peace we cannot but be moved by the misfortune of so many of our children, we cannot but continually raise our hands in supplication to the God of mercies, entreating Him with our whole heart that He may deign, in His power, to put an end to this sanguinary conflict.

"While we seek, with all our resources, to alleviate the doleful consequences, we feel obliged by our apostolic office to inculcate anew that only means which can quickly put an end to the tremendous conflagration.

"Prepare for that peace which the whole of humanity ardently wishes for; that is, a peace that is just and lasting—not advantageous to one alone of the belligerent parties.

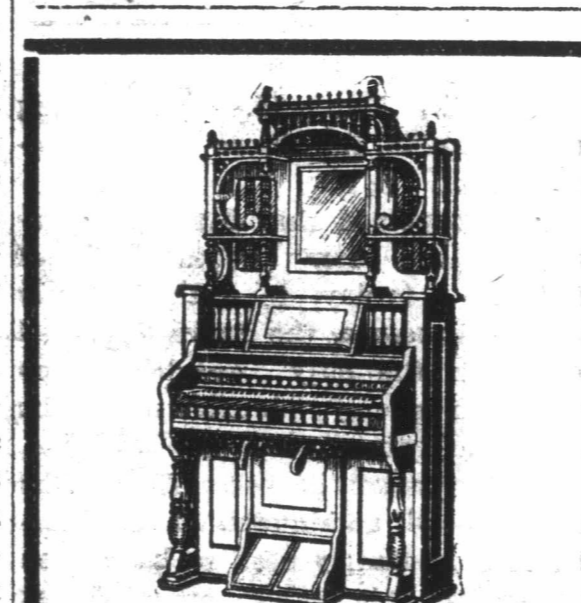
"The way which can surely lead to this happy result is that which has already been tried and found satisfactory in similar circumstances, and of which we made mention in our last letter. That is, an exchange of ideas, be it indirect or direct, based on good will and calm deliberation and set forth with clearness, duly recognizing the aspirations of all, eliminating the unjust and impossible, and taking into account, with equal measure, what is just and possible.

"Even at the cost of some sacrifice, so as to not assume, before God, and man, the enormous responsibility for the continuation of this shedding of blood, of which history records no counterpart and which, if prolonged further, might mean for Europe the beginning of decadence from the degree of prosperous civilization to which the Christian religion has raised her from nothing."

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work up on their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in; through toe you will find the water go; coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,1f

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Wheat is for Italy Upon Rush Order

Such at Least is the Report From Ottawa—Government's Coup Was Executed Quickly and Without a Leak as to Plans to be Taken.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 1.—Except by the professional speculators and grain dealers, the Government is being generally congratulated on its bold and courageous stroke in commandeering the wheat in the elevators at the head of the lakes and in Eastern Canada. The announcement of the Government that the settlement with the owners of the wheat would be on the basis of the closing cash prices for the various grades in Winnipeg on Saturday, has also been approved by the general public. The Government admits no further liability and no claims for compensation or damages above the current cash price will be considered.

The group of commandeering the wheat was carefully and skillfully carried out. It is seldom that a stroke of such dimensions, with so many interested, does not "leak" somewhere or other. In this case not a word reached the trade or the public until the order went into effect half an hour before midnight on Saturday.

There is a big surplus crop all over the world this year and the Argentina and Australian crops will be to the market in January. Knowing this and that when Russia gets an outlet, wheat prices would drop to probably half the present figure, the Canadian Government has been doing everything possible to secure the sale of Canadian wheat to Great Britain and the Allies. As a result of these vigorous representations on the part of the Government, an order was placed by Great Britain, for one of her allies, it is understood Italy, amounting to from fifteen to twenty millions bushels. If there had been plenty of time on the order the Government could have quietly gone in to the open market and purchase the grain. But the order was a rush one. The matter was thoroughly considered by Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Hon. Arthur Meighen, and Hon. Martin Burrell who had the matter in hand. They were advised that if they brought on the market on this scale prices might soar to a dollar and a half, as happened when Italy when into the American market for grain shortly after that Nation joined the Allies.

The Government felt that Britain's Allies must be protected from wild speculation—a speculation which would only result in benefit to the dealers and not the producers. Unless a firm market price were secured, further orders to Canada would not be forthcoming, especially in view of the enormous American and world surplus of wheat. The Government courageously decided to take the only course which it felt was fair to the purchasing nation and the Canadian producer—it commandeered all the grain in the elevators at that time.

The Ottawa Free Press, the Liberal Organ at the Capital, heartily approves of the course of the Government. Its only criticism is that the price should have been fixed at the time the grain was commandeered and not left to further settlement. The Free Press says that the very fact that on Monday there was no trading on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange in Winnipeg wheat "futures" that the exchange traders are excited, and the Bankers' Association, the Clearance Association and allied interests disturbed, seems to indicate that there is the best of justification for the action of the Government in commandeering fifteen millions bushels of wheat in elevators east of Winnipeg.

The Free Press adds: "The men who suffer are those that do not turn a hand in the actual handling of the wheat but who fatten their pocket from it, and the middlemen who also profit by the trading in 'futures'. The interests which alone merit consideration those of the Imperial Government, the wheat producers and the consumers should be benefited."

BRAVE ACT OF CABLE OPERATOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Hugh Gregg, an operator for the British Government at the Panning Island Cable station in the mid-Pacific, dived at the risk of his life into the shark infested waters and recovered the lost end of the cable soon after the German cruiser Nurnberg, completed its work of destroying the station, according to R. M. Pitt, manager of for British interest on the island, who is here to-day.

"After cutting the cable," Pitt said "the Nurnberg towed the sea end off shore and dropped it in deep water. Gregg devised a glass bottom boat and after cruising around for several days located the lost end in forty feet of water frequented by sharks. Gregg dived repeatedly until he succeeded in attaching a line to it."

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