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FALSE RUMORS SAY POPE DEAD

ENTIRE WORLD EXCITED AT DELAYED DENIAL OF RUMORS
VATICAN POSITIVELY REFUTES
EARLY STORIES OF DEATH

For Hours Questioners Are Held at Bay Lending More Color to Wild Reports of Pope Pius' Death at the Vatican.—Entire World Finally Brings Vatican to Peak.

Rome, April 11.—Official denial is given to the widely circulated report of the death of Pope Pius to the United Press at vatican this afternoon, the denial being accompanied by the announcement that a rigid investigation will be made to fix the responsibility of the message alleged to have been sent to Madrid falsely announcing the death of the pontiff. Reports of the pope's death caused intense excitement. Hundreds of persons flocked to the vatican to secure a confirmation. For several hours admission was denied to the vatican in fear undue excitement might cause a change for worse in the condition of the pope. This action led to the belief that there might be some truth in the report. Later, when messages of inquiry from all the church dignitaries of the world began pouring in seeking a verification, the United Press correspondent as a summary told the report was without foundation.

Early Dispatch Alarms.

London, April 11.—A dispatch to Reuters from Madrid early today said the papal nunciature there had received this afternoon the announcement of the death of Pope Pius. This led to a wild search for verification the world over.

United Press Active.

Paris, April 11.—A news dispatch from Madrid to Paris also said that Pope Pius had died today. The Madrid agency was unable to verify the report from Rome.

Early in the day the United Press bureau here made every effort to get confirmation on the long distance telephone from Rome of the reported death of Pope Pius but failed. As soon as the Paris correspondent asked in French if the pope was dead, the connection was knocked down and the correspondent informed the line was in trouble.

Reported Dead at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, April 11.—Rev. T. E. Cullen told the Daily News here that Archbishop Ireland had received a private cablegram announcing the death of Pope Pius. This is later denied.

Gibbons Hears of Decline.

Baltimore, April 11.—Cardinal Gibbons set this section at rest when he announced he had received no direct word from Rome for several days. He said he was not informed the pope's condition was serious.

Farley Allays Fears.

New York, April 11.—Cardinal Farley, too, announced he had received no word of Pope Pius' death. Catholic dignitaries have been inclined to discredit the report all along.

COUNTY CLERK RESIGNS.

W. C. Boatman Will Move to Portland to Take up New Duties.

Enterprise, April 11.—(Special)—W. C. Boatman has presented his resignation as county clerk of Wallowa county and May 4th will move to Portland where he becomes auditor of the Crossett Timber company, at a lucrative salary and also to benefit his wife's failing health.

The matter of his successor is still undecided. His deputy, C. G. Bilyon, is a democratic aspirant for the nomination but as the majority of the county court is republican, it is not known if Bilyon will obtain the unexpired term or not.

ONE MAN HOLDS VOTE OF NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES IN PALM OF HIS HAND.



Photo by American Press Association.

Tammany Leader Murphy Shown With Former Lieutenant Governor "Tim" Woodruff. Murphy today clinched the solid delegation from New York to the Baltimore convention and that entire crowd will vote precisely as Tammany's leader says they shall.

"HELP BOYS" CLUB STARTS

HELP BOYS CHIEF AIM

CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS FEDERATION TAKES SHAPE.

Employment of Director of Boys' Work Among General Purposes.

Having for its chief aim, the betterment of physical, moral and mental conditions of the boy and young man in La Grande the Civic and Religious federation was organized at a meeting of friends of the movement last night. Officers were elected and committees appointed under the general plan which will work toward the obtaining of a competent instructor in athletics and other phases. Several plausible schemes are under consideration but have yet to be closed up. All the churches in the city are lending their aid but it is not a church movement other than that it has for its chief aim, such principles as are found in every church. That the boys will find in this movement's culmination something of tangible worth to them is promised from the amount of interest displayed last evening.

A general executive committee consisting of the officers and heads of various committees, will administer the affairs of federation.

J. E. Stevenson is president, George H. Currey, vice president, Richard L. Duignan secretary and A. W. Nelson, treasurer.

Further meetings to bring the general plans to a successful head will be held within the next few days.

MILL COMPANY EXONERATED.

Death of Colon McShain at Telocaset Held Purely Accidental.

Union, April 11.—(Special)—Yesterday afternoon an adjourned coroner's inquest found that the fatal injuries sustained by Colon McShain of Elgin two days ago in a Telocaset sawmill, were entirely accidental. The mill company and the crew were exonerated of any blame in the distressing accident.

Meeting of Public Utility Men

Joplin, Mo., April 11.—A large attendance marked the opening in this city today of the sixth annual convention of the Missouri Electric, Gas, Street Railway and Waterworks association. The meeting will continue three days and will be devoted chiefly to the discussion of technical problems.

SLAYERS OF DEER PUNISHED

TO ENFORCE STATUTE

DEPUTY LEFFELL SECURES CONVICTIONS.

Three Are Fined for Killing Game Out of Season Near Joseph.

Joseph, Ore., April 11.—(Special)—Deputy Game Warden W. E. Leffell several days ago arrested Ralph and William Wise, of Smith Mountain, for violation of the state game laws, both having shot a deer out of season, as also J. E. Potts, living at the head of Wallowa Lake, for killing a mountain sheep.

They were arraigned yesterday before Justice Conaway, and on pleading guilty the Wise boys were each fined \$50.00 and costs, and J. E. Potts \$100 and costs.

During the past few years no attention has been paid to the state game laws in this part of the county, but State Game Warden Finley, assisted by Deputy Game Warden Leffell, are determined to punish all offenders, and during the past few months there have been quite a number of arrests and convictions as the result of their work.

Seventh Day Adventists.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 11.—Delegates from local conferences embracing Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia are attending the biennial meeting of the Columbia Union conference of Seventh Day Adventists, which opened here today for a ten days' session.

Ten Miles of Shade Trees.

Kennewick, Wash., April 11.—The people of Kennewick today planted ten miles of shade trees along the bank of the Columbia river as their contribution to the state-wide observance of Arbor Day. Business in the town was generally suspended while the citizens turned out en masse for the tree planting.

Cotton States Open Season.

Jackson, Miss., April 11.—With many new players in their ranks the six teams of the Cotton States Baseball league opened the season of 1912 today. Jackson had the Greenwood team for her guests, Hattiesburg played at Meridian and New Orleans and Vicksburg met in Vicksburg. The schedule calls for a season of 120 games.

HOME RULE IS UNDER DEBATE

ASQUITH PRESENTS
GOVERNMENT BILL
AMID GREAT ADO

REDMOND READY TO DEFEND
MEASURE WITH ASQUITH

Opposition Primed for Action When Vote Is Pending—Great Crowds Gather for Entrance While Bill Is Read to the Commons' Members—Suffragettes Are Kept Out.

London, April 11.—With hundreds of persons crowded into the galleries and thousands of others unable to gain admission Premier Asquith presented today to the house of commons the government's bill to give Ireland home rule. Outside a large Irish delegation clamored vainly for admission. A number of Irish bishops had difficulty in obtaining seats. To prevent a demonstration by suffragettes, tickets were issued only to the wives and daughters of members of parliament. Just before the house of commons convened a caucus was held by the Irish nationalists. Following Premier Asquith's presentation of the measure, Sir Edward Carson planned an attack on the measure while John Redmond, leader of the nationalists, was to speak in defense of it.

Urging passage of the measure, Asquith said: "I cannot admit the right of a relatively small minority of Irish citizens in Ulster to veto the will of a vast majority of Irishmen who favor the bill."

Bishop McGovern Consecrated

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—In the presence of a great gathering of prelates and priests from a dozen states and of the Catholic laity of this city and vicinity the Rev. P. A. McGovern was today consecrated bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo., in succession to the Most Rev. James J. Keane, who recently became archbishop of Dubuque. The ceremony took place this morning in St. John's church. The consecrating prelate was Archbishop Keane. He was assisted by Bishop Scannell of Omaha and Bishop Garrigan, of Sioux City. Bishop Tihen of Lincoln preached the consecration sermon.

Southern League Race Starts

New Orleans, La., April 11.—The race for the championship pennant of the Southern league began today with games scheduled in Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans. Montgomery was programmed as the opponent of Birmingham, Chattanooga lined up at Atlanta and Nashville at Memphis, while the New Orleans champions entertained the Mobile team.

Moving Body of General Kearny.

New York, April 11.—With the honors befitting the memory of an illustrious hero, the remains of General Philip Kearny, who was killed in the battle of Chantilly, while leading his division of the Third Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac, were removed from the family vault in Trinity churchyard today to the City hall. Tomorrow the body will be placed on a special train and taken to Washington, where it will be interred in Arlington Cemetery, an appropriation of \$5,000 having been made by General Kearny's home state of New Jersey to cover the cost of removal and ceremonies.

Virginia Y. M. C. A.

Roanoke, Va., April 11.—Many delegates are in Roanoke for the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia, which meets tonight for a session that will continue until Monday. Many well known speakers have been engaged to address the convention, among them J. A. MacDonald of Toronto, B. B. Farnsworth of New York, L. W. Meeker of Chicago, Walter M. Wood of Philadelphia and Dr. Charles W. Kent of the University of Virginia.

MURPHY HOLDS VOTE IN HAND

ENTIRE NEW YORK
DELEGATION GOES
AS HE SAYS

MAYOR GAYNOR MAY GET THE
FIRST BALLOT AT BALTIMORE

Fights in Street of Bay City Follow Gathering of Delegates to Nominate Presidential Delegates—Situation in New York Harmonious With Murphy in Control.

New York, April 11.—An unimpaired democratic delegation from New York pledged to vote as a unit will be sent to the national convention at Baltimore. When the state democratic convention began here today, Chas. F. Murphy, leader of the Tammany hall forces, were in complete control. It is generally believed the New York delegation will vote for Mayor William J. Gaynor on the first ballot. Murphy is silent and it is not known whom he favors for the presidency.

Murphy Has Clear Sailing.

No opposition to Murphy developed and he will name the congressional delegates and delegates at large. The latter will be Governor John A. Dix, Judge Alton B. Parker, United States Senator O'Gorman, and Charles F. Murphy as chairman. The convention adopted a platform denouncing Taft's vetoes of the different tariff schedules and lauding the activities of the democratic house of representatives. The leader agreed that the convention will be a one day affair.

TAFT CARRIES ST. LOUIS.

Roosevelt Obtains but One Delegate From Primary Held in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., April 11.—Complete returns from the St. Louis primary election, show that Taft carried all but one of the city wards. This gives him 28 delegates. Roosevelt gets but one.

Early Returns Verified.

Chicago, April 11.—That Roosevelt carried every district in Illinois except that of Senator Lorimer, is conceded today by his supporters.

Complete returns on the suffrage vote in Cook county during the Illinois primaries show that 135,400 voted against suffrage and 71,354 voted in favor of the project. Not a single ward in the city gave a majority for the cause.

DELEGATES CARRY FIGHT

Militia Called Out to Prevent Disorders at Michigan Convention.

Bay City, Mich., April 11.—Battling in the streets to gain points of vantage, Taft and Roosevelt delegates to the republican state convention here today are locked in a struggle for control. The convention was due to meet at 10 a. m. but the doors were still closed at noon. Fearing the convention will end in a riot because of the bitterness between the two factions, Governor Osborne has ordered a detachment of state militia to the armory building to prevent disorder. At noon the delegates lined up outside of the armory and the Roosevelt following held a vantage point.

Michigan Claimed for Taft.

Bay City, Michigan, April 11.—Michigan republicans assembled in state convention here today to select the delegates-at-large to the national convention at Chicago. The early proceedings indicated that the Taft people would be able to name the delegates and frame the resolutions, despite a hard fight made by the Roosevelt supporters under the leadership of Governor Osborne.

Non-Partisans Meet.

Imbler, April 11.—(Special)—The Imbler Non-Partisan political league held their regular weekly meeting last night and discussed the county limit road bonding law.

MAJOR LEAGUES START SEASON

NATIONALS AND THE
AMERICAN LEAGUE
OPEN TODAY

PLAYERS GENERALLY NOT
IN PINK OF CONDITION

Customary Shifting of Players Not So Noticeable This Year—Harry Wolverton Makes Debut to Big League Managerial Audience in New York—Jennings, et al, Confident.

HOW BIG LEAGUES OPEN.
National league:—
New York at Brooklyn.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Pittsburg at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
American league:—
St. Louis at Chicago.
Detroit at Cleveland.
Washington at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.

New York, April 11.—Raucous cries of the umpire to "Play Ball!" today marked the official opening of the 1912 baseball season.

It also marked the beginning of the open season for office boys' grandmothers, a tremendous increase in the death rate, and the beginning of a bull market in knotholes in the baseball grounds fences. All the victims of that form of paranoia known as baseballitis were out in force and the peculiar cry of the fan, "Take him out! Take him out!" was abroad in the land. For no true fan would miss the "opener." And the big league openers were all prepared to open today.

But the 144 players who lined up for today's games were probably in poorer playing condition than the big league players on any opening day of recent years. It may be a month or more before the practice of regular games will tune the players up to the proper big game pitch. They will have to get in their regular games the training they should have had at the southern training camps throughout the spring. For spring training this year was made almost impossible by rain. At practically every training camp that lodged a big league team, rain was the regular order throughout the training season. It rained day and night, and in many cases regular batting and fielding practice was next to impossible.

With this condition confronting them, the managers of the big league teams will force as many as possible of their players into the early games, to round them into shape. The big league outfits of this year lineup almost exactly as they closed the season last year. The important shifts of players that usually mark the opening of the season were missing this spring, and each team succeeded in holding its favorites. But the big shift took place among the managers of the various teams.

In the American league Harry Wolverton has taken charge of the Yankees, succeeding Hal Chase. Jake Stahl will manage the Boston Americans. McAleer who ran the Washington team last year has taken over the presidency of the Boston outfit, and Clark Griffith succeeds him as manager of the Senators. Harry Davis is another new one, at the head of the Naps. Hughey Jennings, Bobby Wallace and Jim Callahan remain as managers of the Detroit, St. Louis and Chicago outfits, respectively. Connie Mack stays at the head of his great Philadelphia team.

There are only two managers in the National league, Johnny Kling, the catcher who will run the Boston Nationals, and Hank O'Day, the ex-umpire at the head of the Cincinnati Reds.

Each team came to bat today with a superb confidence in its ability to carry away the year's flag. Down in the south Hughey Jennings has been currying the Detroit Tigers for a

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