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THOUSANDS IN MOURNING AT POPE'S DEATH

Papal Secretary of State Is Now in Charge of Vatican

SACRED COLLEGE MEETS NEXT MONTH

Cardinal Gasparri Is Prominently Mentioned as Successor to Benedict XV

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 23.—A meeting of the sacred college in conclave to elect the successor to the late Pope Benedict XV will open February 1 or 2. The pope's body today lay in state in the basilica of St. Peter's while vast throngs passed reverently before the catafalque.

The body was taken early today to the Sistine Chapel from the throne room, where it was placed Sunday after his passing.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 23.—Pope Benedict XV passed away at six o'clock Sunday morning. At 11 o'clock Saturday night he was still alive and was gradually growing weaker, the end coming at six the following morning.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 23.—Arrayed in full canonicals, with golden mitre, gloves and ring, the body of Benedict XV lies in state.

For many hours Sunday to the room where he had made his fight for life came a stream of officials, the representatives of foreign nations, high prelates and others. Then, late in the afternoon, in gorgeous procession composed of palatine guards, gentlemen, the Swiss guard, secret chamberlains and honorary chamberlains the body was solemnly transported down the royal staircase, through to Clementine hall, into the throne room, where it was placed on a raised catafalque before which the whole diplomatic corps paid devout reverence.

The Sacristan Zampilli gave absolution and the cardinal sprinkled holy water, while the penitentiaries chanted prayers, answered by the kneeling onlookers. Immediately afterward the doors were opened to the multitudes desirous of looking for the last time on the departed pontiff.

The sacred congregation convened Sunday morning where the cardinals were informed of the pope's death. With the exception of Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, they gathered in Benedict's private apartment. Gasparri in due and solemn form, escorted by the Swiss guard in full dress and accompanied by the prelate and acolyte of the reverend apostolic chamber, entered the apartment a few minutes later. He will administer the holy see during the interregnum.

Cardinal Gasparri, surrounded by the cardinals, then proceeded to verify the death of Benedict, extending over the lifeless form a silver wand and crying out "Giacome! Giacomo! Giacomo!"

He opened the certificate of death and declared: "Dominus Pater Noster Mortuus est," thus announcing officially the pope's death.

On leaving the pontifical chambers Cardinal Gasparri, still escorted by the Swiss guard, descended to the first floor, where the sacred congregation convened, commencing its deliberations at 10 o'clock.

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Mrs. Herman Siegrist Passed on This Morning Following Short Illness

LORD BRYCE PASSED ON YESTERDAY

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. 23.—England today mourned the passing of Viscount Bryce of Dechmont, who died yesterday.

The end came peacefully and somewhat suddenly at Sidmouth, where he had been staying. He had been extremely energetic to the last.

As a man of letters and a publicist, Viscount Bryce was a world figure. Outside his own country he was best known in the United States, where since the early eighties his interests had so largely centered that he was sometimes styled an "English Yankee." One remarkable thing repeatedly said of him was that he knew America better than most Americans. His "The American Commonwealth" has been a standard textbook in the schools of the United States for the past generation—providing the spectacle of a foreigner instructing Americans in the workings and structure of their own life and laws, as de Tocqueville had done so some sixty years previously in his "Democracy in America."

Ambassador to U. S.
Through his book, through innumerable addresses in his country, and through five years' service as the British ambassador in Washington, Viscount Bryce became one of the most notable human links in the chain of friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain. The extent to which he made his personality felt is explained in part by the fact that while he was a scholar and statesman of the highest rank he always could be found willing to meet people and to discuss publicly and in a friendly way topics of national and international interest.

He was a man of varied achievements, and mere reference to his interest in America does not by any means sum up his remarkable career. He was called "the most versatile living Englishman," which would be true, says a biographer, had he not been born in Ireland, son of Scotch father and Irish mother, and educated in Glasgow, where he went to Oxford. He was born in Belfast, May 19, 1873; his father being the Rev. James Bryce of Glasgow, a clergyman of the established Church, and his mother, Margaret (Young) Bryce of County Antrim, Ireland. He was educated in the high school and University of Glasgow and subsequently gained a scholarship at Oxford, from which he obtained his B. A. degree in 1892 and his D. C. L. in 1876. He afterwards added to his honors degrees in many of the most famous universities in the world.

Early Book.
As a matter of dates it is interesting that in 1892, the year of his graduation from Oxford, when he was 24 years old, appeared his "Holy Roman Empire," a work which has come to be used in colleges and universities the world over, and which like his "American Commonwealth," reflects remarkable capacity for research and philosophical vision. The "Holy

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Well Help Select New Pope



CARDINAL DOUGHERTY

FISHERMEN CARRIED OUT DURING GALE

Terrific Gale Sweeps Lake Superior and Man and Woman Are Ice-locked in Boat.

(By Associated Press)
PORT WING, Wis., Jan. 23.—Carried out into Lake Superior by a gale Saturday, Alfred Peterson, a fisherman of Knife River, Minn., reached here after his wife had perished in an open row boat. His legs and arms were frozen. Peterson after leaving his wife's body in the ice-locked boat, crawled from one ice cake to another until he reached shore.

Japan Says She Does Not Want Any of the Territory of Siberia

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A statement declaring that Japan has no territorial design in Siberia and giving assurance that Japanese troops would be withdrawn as soon as a stable government would be established, was made today to the far eastern committee by Ambassador Sidelars, Saghalien, as well as other portions of Siberia, were included.

NO LUNCHEON TOMORROW.

Dr. E. P. Mossman, president of the Ad Club, has announced that, in respect to the bereaved families, there will be no meeting of the club tomorrow noon. Dr. W. T. Poy, chairman of tomorrow's scheduled luncheon, has postponed his program until later in the month, previous arrangements for the three weeks' luncheon preceding his program being moved up one week.

SPLIT TRICKS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD

Important Change in Railroad Rules Are Announced Today

SMALL STATIONS TO BE RE-OPENED SOON

Many Important Departures From Rules Put into Effect During Government Control.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Abolition of penal overtime payments until after the ninth hour of work and authorization of "split tricks" instead of compelling overtime payments of two shifts for intermittent work over a span of more than eight hours are important changes in rules governing railroad clerical and terminal employees issued by the United States railroad labor board today.

The new rules, which become effective February 1, supersede the national agreement made by the federal administration with the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, which has been in effect since January 1, 1920. About 200,000 employees are affected.

Application of the new split trick rules and elimination of time and one-half pay for the ninth hour are expected to save the railroad millions of dollars, labor board statisticians estimating that the amount would reach \$15,000,000 annually. During the rule hearings many roads testified that baggage men, train announcers and other employees doing intermittent work, many of them young boys or aged men formerly paid \$75 a month, were receiving \$175 and \$200 due to operation of the overtime rule. This overtime will now be eliminated. The eight hour day was retained in principle, however, as were collective bargaining and union recognition. The new rules cover all points in clerical working agreements not covered by rules negotiated between individual roads and their employees.

Time and one-half pay now applies only to the tenth hour of work or thereafter, and 10 hours worked if held on duty more than two hours when called for extra work. Sunday and holiday work.

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CHINESE ARMY MAY BE CUT DOWN MUCH

Conference on Arms Limitation Reaches Important Decision at Washington Today.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—As a means of giving effect to the declaration last week in favor of reduction of the Chinese army, the arms conference today considered a resolution proposed by the American delegation looking to prohibition of importation of arms into China.

The plan is believed acceptable to most of the delegation of the powers represented and it was indicated that the Chinese would not oppose it.

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE POPE

A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of the Valley this Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XV. Father Loesser will give a short and appropriate address during the same. The public is most cordially invited to attend this service.

High School Girl Passes Away Suddenly

Last night at about eight thirty Ella Scriber, eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scriber of Island City, passed away quite suddenly in La Grande, presumably from heart failure. She was a sophomore in the La Grande high school and was quite popular. Her death came as a surprise and a shock to her many friends.

The remains are at the Bohlenkamp Chapel. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

TOO MUCH RESTRICTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—Too much legislative restriction and government interference has made it impossible since the return of the railroads to private control for them to earn as much as 12 per cent on their investments, Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific railway, declared today.

The statement was made in an address before the 32nd annual convention of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association.

CHILDREN LOST

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—Three small children were reported as drifting out to sea on an ice cake from the shore at Wood Island Park, East Boston, late today. A police boat put out to their rescue.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Secretary of State Hughes is understood to have informed the far eastern committee today that the question of the Japanese 21 demands, abrogation of which is asked by China, will be taken up as soon as settlement of the Shantung controversy is made.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—E. O. Heinrich, finger print expert, testifying in the Arbutic trial, identified finger prints of Arbutic on the door of Arbutic's room in the Hotel St. Francis.

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FARMING IS SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE

President Harding Tells the Farmers of His Sympathy

THREE HUNDRED IN ATTENDANCE

Suggestions Made by Nation's Head Regarding Remedying of Existing Conditions.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Attended by approximately 300 delegates representing agriculture in all its phases and industries related to farming, the national agricultural conference was convened here today by Secretary Wallace. The conference immediately heard from President Harding a declaration of sympathy for the administration in the present plight of the nation's farmers, together with a series of suggestions for remedying existing conditions.

The president, who walked four blocks from the White House to the meeting at a hotel, received an ovation when he appeared. The delegates frequently applauded his statements, especially the declaration for more adequate credit facilities and the assertion that agriculture "is truly a national interest and not entitled to be regarded as primarily the concern of either a class or a section or a bloc."

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Development of a thorough code of law and business procedure, with the proper machinery of finance to assure the farmer as generous a supply of working capital on as reasonable terms as is granted other industries, was advocated here today by President Harding in opening the National agricultural conference.

"An industry," he said, "more vital than any other, in which nearly half the nation's wealth is invested, can be relied on for good security and certain returns."

Declaring that on the matter of what may be called fixed investment capital, the disadvantage of the farmer so impressed public opinion that the federal farm loan board was established to meet the need. The president said that the farmer still needed some working for supplying him with working capital.

"Compared with other industries," he continued, "the wonder is that agriculture, thus deprived of easy access to both investment and accommodation capital, has prospered even so well."

Lines on which financial support of agriculture may be organized, he said are suggested in the plan of the federal farm loan board and in these rural finance societies, which have been so effective in some European countries.

"The co-operative loaning associations of Europe have been effective incentives to united action by farmers," he continued, "and have led them directly into co-operation in both production and marketing, which have contributed greatly to the stabilization and prosperity of agriculture."

Whether these organizations are considered as means to buying the farmer's requirements in a cheaper market, he asserted, "or to selling his products in a more remunerative one, the conclusion in all cases is the same: it is that the farmer is as good a business man as any other if he has the chance."

The manufacturer, he said, whose

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LA GRANDE BOY GETS AWARD

(Special to The Observer)
SEATTLE, Jan. 23.—James D. Mathis of La Grande was today awarded \$80 a month government compensation beginning immediately, because of disabilities due to World War. The award was made here by United States Veterans' Bureau. Mathis was adjudged disabled temporarily.

TEPEES EXEMPTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Indian tepees will be closed hereafter as hunting grounds for government liquor scouts unless armed with search warrants.

Instructions to this effect were sent all federal prohibition directors tonight by Commissioner Haynes.

SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, NEARING HIS DESTINATION



Eggs Getting Scarce Because of Cold Snap

Egg production in the Grande Ronde valley has been cut down between 50 and 75 per cent, according to a number of poultry raisers, because of the extremely low temperatures of last week. The production of eggs on most farms is practically eliminated for the time being and the commercial poultry raisers report 75 per cent of their hens have ceased to lay.

The large comb breeds have their combs and wattles frozen, while the smaller breeds suffer only from frost on their feet. C. S. Schultz, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Poultry Producers' association, has a flock of hens that was yielding 100 eggs per week, but now produces only a few.

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In other sections of the state, as well as in Washington, poultry raisers are also reported as having suffered greatly because of the freeze, and being prepared for the cold weather, and local raisers expect that prices of eggs will go to new high points. Today eggs were 45 cents.

Standard Oil Company is Robbed of Postage Stamps

On Wednesday night two persons entered the Standard Oil office and throughly ransacked it, escaping with about \$100 worth of stamps. Nothing else of value was taken as the company does not keep any large amount of funds on hand at the office and nothing could be found by the thieves but the stamps.

An entrance was effected by breaking down the door and footprints pointed to the fact that no people had taken part in the raid. Otherwise no clues have been found.

The stamps were of a denomination from one to fifteen cents and it is hoped that the robbers may be apprehended through these as a large number of stamps cannot be passed without suspicion.

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Tonight and Tuesday rain in the southwest portion of the state and not so cold in the eastern portion.