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JAPAN TO LEAVE SIBERIA

SPECULATION ON SUCCESSOR TO BENEDICT

Italian Government Wants To Have Sympathetic Man.

FUNERAL MAY BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Thousands Continue to Stream Past Bier of Head of Catholic Church

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Jan. 24.—Significance is seen in the reception at the Vatican of an Italian cabinet minister and the half-masting of the flag of the quinquennial mourning for the Pope. Newspapers express the hope that the next Pope may end the long difference between the church and the Italian government.

While thousands are streaming past Benedict's bier, cardinals are on their way from foreign countries for the election of the new Pope.

Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, is reported to be the government's choice for Pope.

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Jan. 24.—The interment of Benedict XV. has been tentatively fixed for Wednesday afternoon. The body will lie in state in the basilica of St. Peter's only a day more, according to these plans. Benedict's wish not to be embalmed necessitates departure from the custom that the Pope's body lie in state for three days.

Final decision will be taken Wednesday morning, but the present view of the Vatican is that it will be impossible to keep the body exposed beyond Wednesday afternoon. The statement also was made Monday night, but not officially, that the coffin would be closed within a few hours, and that the usual ceremony of worshipers filing past kissing the uncovered feet of the dead pope would be eliminated.

Safety Almanac For 1922 Is Issued

The Minor Safety and Health Almanac for 1922 has been issued by the United States Bureau of Mines. In co-operation with the United States Public Health Service. The almanac, which has been compiled by H. C. Williams, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, contains containing the usual fund of information concerning sun, moon, wind and weather, precious crystals and the doctrine of Safety First. The almanac is freely illustrated and contains many articles by experts in safety, health and sanitation problems. It is intended for circulation among the million coal and metal miners and quarry workers in the United States. Copies may be obtained from the Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C.

In Rinker Square, New York City, there stands a house in which Captain Kidd, the famous pirate, once lived.

Caucus on Soldier Bonus Scheduled for Thursday

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Call for a caucus Thursday night of the Republican members of the house on the soldier bonus bill was issued Monday. Immediate action on an adjusted compensation bill has been demanded by a group of members who were in the military service during the war. At the conference they plan to offer a resolution instructing the ways and means committee to proceed at once to the drafting of a bonus measure. The resolution also will provide that when reported to the house, the measure is to be the continuing business until passed.

House leaders said no effort would be made at the caucus to reach the

MANY PERMITS ARE ISSUED BY THE ENGINEER

Report of State Engineer Shows Nearly Five Hundred Water Use Applications in Year 1921.

During 1921, 452 permits to appropriate water were issued by Percy A. Cooper, state engineer, under which it is proposed to irrigate 25,206 acres of land, develop 7740 horsepower, and furnish the cities of Lakeview, Warrenton, Crawford Point, Myrtle Creek, Myrtle Point, and Elk City, with municipal water supply. The permits also include the appropriation of water for domestic, stock, mining, fluming lumber, log ponds, etc., and the storage of 11,344 acre feet of water in 28 different reservoirs.

During the past year nearly \$3,000,000.00 were expended by Oregon irrigation districts in construction work, and work is now under way on four irrigation districts which will involve the expenditures of additional funds amounting to \$700,000.00.

Irrigation district bonds in the amount of \$2,347,000.00 were certified during 1921, and contracts were entered into for the payment of interest by the state on irrigation district bonds in amount of \$4,375,000.00.

The U. S. Reclamation Service is definitely committed to the construction of the Lower Power Valley Project for the irrigation of some 60,000 acres of land, and during 1921 expended considerable money on the various units of the Klamath and Umatilla projects.

There is every indication that a large amount of construction work, involving irrigation development, will be undertaken in Oregon during the ensuing year.

In Union county, permits have been issued to the following:

To B. A. Rogers, covering the appropriation of water from Grande Ronde river for irrigation of a five-acre tract.

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European Reaction on U. S. Farms Is Discussion Topic

Farms in Europe Getting Back to Normal Basis Rapidly Conference Is Informed Today.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The national agricultural conference today considered Europe as a factor causing the general American farm depression. G. F. Warren, of Ithaca, N. Y., who has just returned from an investigation of European agriculture, said that the farming industry in Europe is getting back to normal basis rapidly than other industries.

Suffragette Refuses To Annex Husband's Name, Announcement

Woman's Party Leader Says She'll Keep Her Own Name And Use It At All Times.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Elsie Hill, woman's party leader, confirmed reports of her marriage to Albert Leavitt, professor in the University of North Dakota. She announced that she would not change her name.

"Why should I change my name? There is no law requiring it," she said, "and only custom has caused people to do it. I intend to keep my name for all legal matters, voting cards, etc., etc."

WHEAT CROP IN ARGENTINE IS HARVESTED

Smaller Yield of Grain in South America Than Last Year

RYE AND WHEAT IN EUROPE POOR

Foreign Grain Crops Appear Not Extremely Large According to Reports Reaching Washington

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The harvesting of the wheat crop has continued to make good progress in the northern and central provinces of Argentina. No official estimate of the production is as yet available but recent reports to the United States Department of Agriculture are less optimistic than earlier ones especially in Santa Fe, Northern Cordoba and Entre Rios, or the northern and most important producing areas. The yield is reported to be large in Buenos Aires, Southern Cordoba and the Pampa Territory. The quality of the grain is generally reported to be good. Recent rains have benefited the crop in the latter districts of southern Argentina but the condition is variable and the yield uncertain. The official estimate for the area of wheat is 13,927,000 acres in 1921-22, compared with 14,957,000 in 1920-21. This condition of crops is slightly below average and a poor yield of wheat is expected. The recent rains have been very favorable for crops.

Late crops have ripened fast in Australia and the harvesting will be nearly finished by January 15. The first official estimate of the wheat crop is 146,614,000 bushels compared with 145,799,000 bushels in 1920-21. Recent reports state, however, that some yields are not up to expectations especially in Victoria and South Australia and it is expected that the final estimates for the Commonwealth will show some reduction. The yield in New South Wales is reported to be large. The

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All La Grande Will Honor the Memory of Mrs. Siegrist

Between the hours of 1:30 and 3:00 also be marked by practical cessation of social activities in La Grande this week. The Neighborhood Club, which was to meet this afternoon, cancelled its meeting immediately upon receipt yesterday of the sad news of Mrs. Siegrist's end.

President E. P. Mossman of the Ad Club this morning issued a statement asking all business and professional circles to pause tomorrow during the hours of 1:30 and 3:00.

JUDGE PLEADS FOR HARMONY OF SCIENTISTS

Supreme Justice in Massachusetts Postpones Appointment of Publishing Society Trustees.

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—The consideration which governs selection of three new trustees of 120 Christian Science Publishing society were outlined by Judge Crosby at a hearing in the supreme court. After listening to arguments for and against the appointment of three men suggested by the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, he said he would not make the appointment at this time.

"I have not in mind," he said, "three persons whom I at this time believe I can appoint or am likely to appoint."

He said that the trustees were called on to perform duties as defined by the trust deed of 1893, by which Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy created the trust governing the society, and that if they did not so perform their duties they were subject to removal by the court.

He said that the church had been "wholly disrupted" since the beginning of the litigation between the trustees and the directors.

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GOVERNMENT AID ASKED BY BOARD

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Promoters for government aid to the shipping industry, worked out by the shipping board, were presented to the president today by Chairman Dwyer. The plans propose paying American ship operators a percentage of the customs receipts on goods imported.

A provision is made for membership of the crews of American vessels in the naval reserve with additional pay. A provision that a certain proportion of immigrants coming to the United States come on American ships is also included.

The plan, which is expected to form the basis of a message to congress next month, would limit the profits of American operators and provide assistance only when a reasonable profit is not obtained without aid.

TO CANVASS WORLD IN FAIR'S INTEREST

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Julius Meier informed the statewide exposition committee that he planned a four months' around-the-world tour to interest foreign nations in the exposition, leaving this month. During his absence A. P. Lea, state fair secretary, is expected to take charge of the campaign. The state is to be canvassed for a finance plan.

OFFICERS OF UMATILLA ARE UNDER FIRE

Grand Jury Probe of Law Enforcing Officials Began Yesterday in Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—To investigate charges that the public officials of Umatilla county have followed illegal methods in office and to consider any other matters which may be brought before them, the regular grand jury, called Saturday, January 21, in circuit court, Monday started its official probe.

Not more than a dozen persons were present in the court room when Judge Gilbert W. Phelps started giving his instructions to the seven men who are to conduct the probe. The instructions and the points of law which the court read as well as his informal remarks required about one hour to deliver, and it was 10 o'clock when the jurors retired to the grand jury room.

The legal phase of the investigation will be in the hands of L. A. Liljeqvist, special assistant to the attorney general of the state. He arrived in Pendleton this morning just before the time for the convening of the grand jury and will remain until the work of making the investigation is completed. His home is in Portland. He has been a district attorney and has taken care of several special matters for the attorney general. Mr. Liljeqvist said this morning that he was instructed to come here by Attorney General Van Winkle, who in turn had been requested to conduct the investigation by R. L. Keator, district attorney of Umatilla county.

In his remarks to the grand jurors, as he read the laws covering the work of such an investigating body, Judge Phelps called attention to the laws of evidence and informed the jurors that they were to permit witnesses to speak only of what they know and have seen and not about what they have heard indirectly or have surmised.

Five of the seven grand jurors must concur in finding a true bill, according to a point of law brought out by the court.

Judge Phelps called the attention of the jurors to the difference that exists in making reports to the court in the case of men who have been arraigned and bound over and in reporting on other matters which may be unknown to the public. In the former case, it is the law to report either a true bill or a not true bill, he said, but ordinarily, when the actions of a man or officer who has not been formally arraigned are considered by a grand jury it is the law to return either a true bill, if the findings warrant it, or to make no report and to destroy the evidence offered if it does not warrant the return of a true bill.

SETTLEMENT REACHED, IS REPORT TODAY

Complete Withdrawal When Stable Government Is Formed

AMERICAN POLICY IS RE-AFFIRMED

Islands Adjacent to Japan Are Not to be Fortified, Secretary Hughes Announces.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Virtual settlement of the Siberian question so far as the Washington arms conference is concerned, is understood to have been reached today by the far eastern committee with the acceptance of the Japanese statement promising complete withdrawal from Russian territory upon establishment of a stable government.

Secretary Hughes made a statement reaffirming the American policy against territorial aggression. An agreement on Pacific island fortifications under which the Bonin islands, adjacent to Japan, are not to be fortified, is also reported to have been reached.

BOND HOME IS BURNED DOWN

Yesterday the house owned by C. W. Bond, which is located about seven miles southeast of La Grande, caught fire and burned to the ground. The cause is as yet unknown, and it was impossible to get help to put out the fire. The house was only partially covered with insurance and the loss is quite large.

Funeral to be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

The funeral of Ella Scriber, who passed away Sunday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from her home at 2118 First street. Rev. James Lettich, of Island City, will deliver the funeral sermon. The remains will be interred in the Masonic cemetery.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 24.—The world congress of the Irish race decided today to organize an international Irish league with branches in all countries having sufficient persons of Irish descent.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The senate, with little debate, rejected the Ash resolution asking the president for information as to the conversations relating to Shantung between the Chinese and Japanese delegations of the arms conference.

The senate adopted the Norris resolution asking the attorney general whether the department of justice contemplates separate action against the International Harvester company for dissolution.

QUITS BOXING COMMISSION

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—Jim Fowler has signed away from the duty that formerly was his as a member of the boxing commission in Pendleton, and in his place, James H. Estes has been appointed. William Sheehan and Dr. F. A. Leavitt, members of the former commission, have been reappointed by Mayor to A. Hartman. They have agreed to serve.

One question which has evoked mild interest from the fans concerns the identity of the next contender. Under the law the matchmaker in the city is named by the boxing commission. The Pendleton post of the American Legion has had this job for several years but experiences in which the organization lost a nice wad of money have cured the legion of any desire to keep the matchmaking job.

Attempt Made to rob Filling Station Here

Last Saturday night somebody attempted to rob the Richardson Filling Station on Adams avenue but was apparently frightened away before they could accomplish their ends.

The window glass had been broken and a small cigar and cigarette counter had been looked half way through the window. It is thought that the robbers were frightened away before they could get the counter out and make away with it. A search for the robbers was made.

An examination proved that nothing else had been taken.

