

NEW POPE NAMED

CONFERENCE CAME TO AN END TODAY

Large Number of Treaties Were Completed During Session.

HARDING FORESEES BENEFICIAL EFFECT

New Era is Beginning as Result of Deliberations and Decisions Reached, Says President.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The conference on the limitation of armaments and near eastern questions, which has contributed to history six completed treaties, and two other agreed to in substance, fourteen resolutions and ten separate or joint declarations of national policy, adjourned today after the delegates had signed the treaties and President Harding delivered a farewell address in which he said, "I will say with every confidence that the faith pledged here today, being in national honor, will mark the beginning of a new, a better epoch, in human progress."

Much Applause.
The president frequently was interrupted by applause as he read from his manuscript. Long applause greeted him when he digressed to say that the United States rejoiced in common with the world that an understanding had been reached on the far eastern question. The entire party stood and applauded as he concluded, then bowed their heads as benediction was pronounced.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The majority members of the senate finance committee examining tariff rates on farm products are understood to have approved the recommendations of the senate republican agricultural tariff bloc on two-thirds of the items thus far. These rates are slightly higher than those in the Fordney bill.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—The police are seeking a woman's silk night gown which had been in the home of William Desmond Taylor, murdered motion picture director, and which disappeared after the murder. George Milo, an actor, was taken to the Taylor home last night and entirely cleared.

FATALLY WOUNDED.
PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 6.—Frank Jaeger, 18, was perhaps fatally wounded at a party at a ranch house six miles east of here late Saturday night when Frank Hegler pulled the trigger of a gun that was believed to be unloaded. The bullet pierced his lungs and it is thought he will die.

Local Unit of Oregon Committee is Named

(Special to The Observer)
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 6.—Miss Helen McDonald and Clayton Ingle of La Grande compose the La Grande unit of the Greater Oregon committee of the University of Oregon.
The Greater Oregon committee is a university organization of statewide scope for the purpose of interesting high school students in the university, of disseminating information concerning the courses and activities of the institution. It was organized several years ago and many La Grande students have served upon it, as a result of its activity in Union county.
The committee endeavors to give facts about the university to high school students so that they may benefit both themselves and the state by some day attending an institution of higher learning.
With representatives in nearly every city in Oregon the work reaches thousands of high school students. It is but one of the movements in progress today to enlist the young people of Oregon in the cause of higher education.
Miss McDonald and Mr. Ingle will be assisted in their work by the following university students from La Grande: Marcelle Perry, George Byrck, Lorna Coaling, Carrie Ellsworth, Thelma Hill, Everett Knowles, Ralph Brown, Alva Dean, Edwin, William Silverthorn and Kenneth Williams.

THE NEW POPE



Pope Pius XI, Formerly Cardinal Ratti

Amount of Taxes is Greater This Year Than for Past Year

The taxes levied for all purposes in Union county for 1922 are \$79,824.21, or more than 10 per cent. greater than for 1921, according to the tax rate sheet just issued by David Proctor, county assessor. The total amount levied for the year is \$768,473.51, compared with \$688,649.39 for 1921. While the amount the county must raise from taxation has increased, the total assessed valuation had decreased, the assessed valuation for 1922, based on the 1921 assessment, being \$26,415,611 and for the previous year \$28,920,757.
The various state and county taxes were increased from \$451,134.12 a year ago to \$496,613.47 for this year, the increase in millage being from 16.1 to 18.8. The special levies for cities and towns have been slightly decreased, the 1922 levies for that purpose being a total of \$79,473.51 and for 1921 these levies having been \$79,546.88.
A considerable increase is also noted in the special levies in school districts. The total for this year is \$191,530.00 compared with \$158,130.82 for last year. In District No. 1, which includes the city of La Grande and some outlying districts, the increase was from \$73,152.66 to \$81,657. The next largest district, No. 5, had a levy of \$20,418.79 in 1921 and for 1922 the levy in this district is \$21,289.42.

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A CAR FOR A CENT.

(By Associated Press)
DAVENPORT, Ia., Feb. 6.—Reduction of prices in automobiles which has been general for some time throughout the country, probably reached its climax in Davenport this week when a dealer announced a 1-cent sale in second-hand cars. The garage advertised that it would sell a going car for 1 cent to any person who bought a similar second-hand car at the list price.

WOMAN IS ON TRIAL TODAY FOR MURDER

Mrs. Obenchain, Accused of Conspiring To Slay Lover, Must Answer To Serious Charges.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Madeline Obenchain of Chicago and Evanston, Ill., conspired with Arthur C. Burch, a former college acquaintance, to kill J. Belmont Kennedy, a young Los Angeles real estate broker, according to the indictment in which Mrs. Obenchain and Burch were jointly charged with murder. Burch was placed on trial Nov. 22 last and on January 16 the jury was discharged after balloting for three days without reaching a verdict. The final ballot stood ten to two for conviction.

Center of Plot.
Mrs. Obenchain, the prosecution contended in the Burch trial, was the instigator of the alleged plot, her motive being revenge because Kennedy had refused to marry her. The relations between the woman and Kennedy were established by means of letters identified as being in Mrs. Obenchain's handwriting, and found in Kennedy's room and a safe deposit box after his death on August 5 last. From these it developed that they became acquainted in Los Angeles about five years ago. For two years the correspondence continued, and letters written during this time contained expressions of warm affection, and two were signed "Mrs. J. Belmont Kennedy."

In spite of the apparent intimacy the young woman, who up to that time was Miss Madeline Conner, was married early in January 1919, in Los Angeles, to Ralph R. Obenchain, a young Chicago attorney who had just returned from overseas army service. A month later, however, she renewed the correspondence with Kennedy. After about a year she obtained a divorce in Chicago and wrote to Kennedy she wanted him to go to Chicago to marry her. Kennedy did not go and the subsequent correspondence indicated his parents were opposed to the match.

Tryst Arranged.
Mrs. Obenchain started west last June and wrote Kennedy to meet her in San Francisco. He was not there when she arrived, and she came to

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MAN SOUGHT AS SLAYER IS A NEW YORKER

Country-wide Search Being Conducted for Taylor's Murderer

ACTRESS MAY ALSO BECOME INVOLVED

Man Wanted Is Believed to Have Skipped to Mexico; Name Is Kept a Secret by Police.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Detectives are seeking a prominent young New York man, formerly engaged to one of the beautiful stars of filmdom, in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor.

This mystery suspect is reported to have checked out of a hotel here the day of the murder and left the city the following day, probably for Mexico.

The actress to whom the suspect was engaged was a close friend of the slain director and in this investigation there is a possible motive of jealousy.

Nationalists On a Rampage in India Slay Many Police

Two Thousand Attack Police Officers and Slay All; Reinforcements of Police are Also Slain.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A mob of 2,000 Indian Nationalists attacked the police officers at Chauri-Chauri on February 4, and killed the entire staff of officers there and also the watchman and eight armed police sent as reinforcements, says a telegram received at the India office today. The police officers were burned and the bodies of their own killed were stripped and then burned.

CARDINAL OF MILAN CHOSEN EARLY TODAY

EXPECTS TO SEE RETURN TO NORMALCY

The policy of the George L. Palmer Lumber company under the new management will be distinctly progressive, according to E. L. Kennon, formerly of Baker, who was elected president and general manager at a meeting of the directors several days ago. Mr. Kennon came here immediately after his election and took charge of the organization.

At present the company will continue to operate one shift and keep a sufficient crew operating in the woods to keep the mill supplied with logs. As soon as market conditions warrant the operating force will be increased by the addition of another shift.

Mr. Kennon expects great improvement of the lumber market this year and believes that it will get back to normal within the year.
"Conditions in the central west, our big market, have not been such as to warrant operating more than one shift now but the mill will by no means close down," he declared today. "Cities that in normal times took a hundred carloads have been taking only 20 carloads of lumber the past year. There is much necessary building to be done in the middle west and with a return to normal conditions we look for a heavy demand for lumber."

"The company expects to take its place as one of the progressive industrial plants of La Grande."

Mr. Kennon has been a stockholder and director of the company for the past year and has been identified with the lumbering business in Baker county for many years.

New Pontiff Takes Name of Pius XI Immediately After Result of Ballot Is Made Known; Large Crowd Expresses Joy At Result.

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Ratti, archbishop of Milan, was proclaimed elected Pope this morning. He has taken the name of Pius XI. Thousands were waiting in front of St. Peter's and gave a mighty shout when a thin wisp of smoke came from the chimney leading from the Sistine Chapel.

After the new Pope accepted and announced the name he had chosen he was escorted to the ante-room, where he discarded the cardinal's robes and, assisted by conclavists, papal vestments were placed upon him.

Later he bestowed the first public benediction upon the crowds in St. Peter's and retired to the Vatican. Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, arrived an hour after the election.

Cardinal Ratti was for several years Papal Nuncio in Poland, where his discharge of important ecclesiastical functions earned him the esteem of the Vatican authorities and because of this service the Red Hat was conferred on him June 16, 1921.

He was born at Desio, Italy, March 31, 1857, and for many years was librarian of the Ambrosian library and archives at Milan. Later he became librarian at the Vatican. He remained in this position until appointed archbishop and assigned to Poland as representative of the Holy See.

He has been cardinal only a year, but Pope Benedict was cardinal only for four months at the time of his elevation to the papacy.

He also acted as ecclesiastical diplomat in Finland and Russia at one time. His record in this latter position was considered enviable.

JAIL, MILITARIZED

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—A virtual military regime has been inaugurated in the Cook county jail, with the acceptance of the post of jailer by Capt. Wesley Westbrook of the Chicago police department. The change from a civilian to a police military man is a direct result of the escape of "Tommy" G'Connor, condemned murderer, who caused a grand jury investigation.

REBELLION STARTS

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO, CITY, Feb. 6.—Federal troops under General Sanchez have been unable to locate the band led by General Miguel Aleman, who a week ago revolted in the state of Vera Cruz, according to a statement by the war office. Aleman, who is said to have gained some adherents since he started the rebellion, has declined combat.

Unemployment is on the Decline in All Parts

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—any indication of the substantial improvement in business activities in the United States during January, said the department of labor reported today and 40 out of 65 cities and industrial centers had 4.2 per cent more workers on payroll January 31 than December 31. The calculation was made from the reports of 142 concerns normally employ not more than 500 persons each. Nearly all industries, outside of steel, textiles and railroads increased their forces. In pig-iron, the increase was 6.9 per cent, in stone 6.9, in 210 per cent, and in San Francisco 14.5 per cent.

December showed the largest decrease in employment with a drop in the number of unemployed of 15.7 per cent during the month. While the bulk of the gain in employment was in the manufacturing industry, the report also showed a gain in the service industry.



Tonight and Tuesday rain and frost to strong southeast gale.

