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LITTLE HOPE HELD FOR LIFE OF POPE

Pneumonia Centers in Pontiff's Right Lung.

OXYGEN IS ADMINISTERED

Words of Cheer Spoken to Cardinals.

MENTAL FACULTIES WANE

Holy Father Declares That He Is Ready Either to Die or Live for God.

ROME, Jan. 21, 3:40 A. M.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of Pope Benedict is slowly growing worse and now is extremely grave. His mental faculties are showing signs of decline. Frequently the pontiff murmurs incoherent phrases. After receiving communion the pope asked for extreme unction, which was administered shortly after 2 o'clock this morning by Monsignor Zampini, assisted by Monsignor Tassoni. At the conclusion of the ceremony the pontiff called Monsignor Zampini to his bedside, thanked him and shook his hand.

Baptistist Takes Rest.

As a result of the pope's insistent appeals, Professor Battistini left the chamber at 2:40 o'clock for a short rest.

Fresh centers of pneumonia infection had developed in the lungs of the patient and the catarrh from which he suffered still persisted. His temperature, shortly after midnight, was 101. Breathing was hard and difficult.

The pneumonia yesterday centered in the pontiff's right lung, but neither lung was functioning as the physicians desired, in consequence of which there was much accumulation of phlegm, which at times threatened suffocation. The pneumonia was described as being of the purulent, or pus type.

Pontiff's Mind Bright.

Through all his sufferings the mind of the pontiff remains bright and he is described as being exceedingly cheerful and unafraid of death. "If it pleases the Lord that I shall work again for his church, I am ready," he says. It is enough, let his will be done," the pontiff said Friday night as the cardinals were withdrawing from the sick chamber after having paid him a visit.

Throughout the early hours of the night Benedict was reported to have been fairly comfortable, but as midnight approached he became restless. He found difficulty in breathing and oxygen again was administered. This seemed to give some relief.

Extreme Unction Administered.

During the day the holy father received extreme unction and the holy sacrament was administered. Many of the cardinals and members of the diplomatic corps attached to the Vatican, many of them with tears in their eyes, watched the solemn ceremony through the doorway leading from the sick chamber into the ante-room.

Several times when cardinals entered the bedroom during the day and knelt and kissed the hand of the pontiff as they lay on a cushion at his bedside, the holy father spoke words of cheer to them.

That the members of the sacred college fully realized the gravity of the situation was evident from the troubled looks upon their faces. Except for Professor Marchiafava and a friar of the "do good brethren" pessimism pervaded the pontiff's medical attendants.

CONSTRUCTION IN 1921 ACTIVE IN PORTLAND

14,032 PERMITS INVOLVE \$17,004,126.

City's Record 40 Per Cent Greater in Valuation Than Seattle's, Report Shows.

The past year was one of the most prosperous in Portland's history in all lines of building, according to the annual report of the building department, filed yesterday by H. E. Plummer, chief building inspector.

The report shows that 14,032 permits were granted in 1921, and that the total value of the permits was \$17,004,126. These figures represent an increase of 36 per cent in the number of permits and 39 per cent in total values over 1920. In only two previous years, 1911 and 1912, were there more dwellings erected than last year, when 2833 permits for dwellings, built at a total cost of \$9,855,586, were issued.

Four thousand small garages were built at a cost of \$800,000. Permits for 5622 repair jobs total \$1,666,776. Portland's building record is 27 per cent greater than that of Seattle, and 40 per cent greater in valuation than that of Seattle, according to Mr. Plummer's report.

GIRL COASTS UNDER CAR

Child on Sled Passes Between Wheels, Emerging Unhurt.

While coasting on a sled several nights ago a girl about 12 years of age came down a hill on Grand avenue, jumped the curb and ran between the wheels of a street car while it was moving, emerging on the other side without having touched a part of the car.

The story comes from Harold W. Quigley, coach of the Jefferson high school basketball team, who was a passenger on the car. Mr. Quigley said the motorist brought the car to a sudden stop and stepped out to pick up the pieces. Passengers, attracted by the incident, also got out and listened to the lecture the motorist gave the child. The street car fortunately was going slow, while the sled was traveling at a swift rate. The girl's name was not given.

MARY GARDEN IS WINNER

Chicago Opera Association Head to Back Up Woman Manager.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Mary Garden positively will direct the Chicago grand opera company next year, and "no foreigner will be allowed to interfere with the company's welfare," Samuel Inzoli, head of the new civic opera association, declared tonight in discussing the resignation of Lucien Muratore, tenor, and reports that "whenever anyone might revolt against Miss Garden's management."

"No Frenchman, no foreigner of any kind, is going to come over here and try to run the Chicago opera company," he said. "I heartily approve of the association's attitude of dictation in this country has ended, and that American dictation is to have a try."

OFFENDERS ARE HUMBLIED

Speeders in Detroit at Work in House of Correction.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 20.—A group of Detroiters, several of them prominent business men, were working in the kitchen and dining room and performing their menial tasks at the Detroit house of correction today, following their sentence to the institution by Judge Bartlett of the recorder's court after their conviction of speeding.

HOUSE MAY ACT FIRST

Bonus Question May Be Left to Revenue-Raising Body.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Initial action on the proposed soldiers' bonus legislation may be left to the house.

Administration and congressional leaders are understood to be in agreement that the measure should carry the means of financing the adjusted compensation for the ex-service men and under the constitution revenue-raising bills must originate in the house.

JAPAN HOLDS UP TREATY PRINTING

Publication Is Delayed After Agreement.

SCOPE CAUSES DIFFERENCES

Way Is Laid for Another Conference to Be Called Soon.

ISLAND MATTERS WAIT

Question of Including Bonin Group in Understanding Still Depends on Japanese.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American proposal to lay openly before the world all the treaties and understandings that relate to China met with an unexpected setback today when it came before the far eastern committee for formal adoption.

Although such a step had been agreed yesterday "in principle," the problem of defining the exact scope of the agreement precipitated a long debate, and after several changes had been made in the draft presented by the American delegation, final action was postponed at the suggestion of the Japanese.

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RIGGER KILLED BY TREE

Skull of Eugene Man Is Crushed in Woods Near Mabel, Or.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Lawrence Young, 20 years old, son of Mrs. Mary Anderson of Eugene, was killed almost instantly when a portion of a tree fell on him in a logging camp of the Coast Range lumber company, near Mabel, at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Young, who was employed as a rigger, was near a big tree that was being felled. As it started to fall the top lodged in another tree and fell in a S-shaped dissection. Young's skull was crushed.

Coroner Branstetter left late this afternoon for Mabel to hold an inquest.

INFLUENZA STILL RAGES

Mortality in United Kingdom Shows No Abatement of Disease.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The latest mortality figures show no abatement in the outbreak of influenza in the United Kingdom.

FEDERAL EXPENSE CUT \$700,000,000

ORDINARY COSTS DROP OFF IN FIRST HALF OF YEAR.

Interest on Public Debt of \$508,000,000 Is Largest—Navy Gets \$271,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ordinary expenses of the government fell off by nearly \$700,000,000 during the first half of the current fiscal year.

During the six months, July 1 to December 31, 1921, ordinary expenses of the government aggregated \$11,835,000,000 compared with \$2,588,000,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year, while public debt disbursements totaled \$3,078,000,000 as against \$3,945,000,000 for the first half of the fiscal year of 1920, the treasury announced today.

Of the ordinary expenses for the first half of the current fiscal year interest on the public debt of \$508,000,000 was the largest item, with \$271,000,000 for the navy department and \$144,000,000 for the war department next in size. Navy department expenditures were \$57,000,000 less than for the corresponding period of the previous year, while the war department total showed a decrease of \$28,000,000.

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These charges, he added, did not apply to all companies making loans to farmers, for some, he said, were doing the right thing and helping the farmers all they could. Otacek, however, he asserted, "are taking advantage of the farmers' distress to exploit a fact of which the farmer is often ignorant which cannot be justified."

Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Board of Farm Organizations and president of the National Farmers' union, also issued a statement, in which he declared the government had "ditched" the farmer "because through the federal reserve board and other agencies it allowed ruinous artificial deflation to bring agriculture to its present deplorable straits."

Real success for the conference, he asserted, would be possible only if a plan is evolved "through which speedy aid will be given the farmers so that they can continue as producers of food and clothing materials for this country and for a large part of the world."

WOMEN TO ATTEND MEET.

Secretary Wallace Also Made Public the Names of 26 Women Who He Announced Probably Would Participate in the Conference as Delegates.

Acceptances have already been received from the majority.

SOUTH WIND LOOSENS COLD'S GRIP ON CITY

WARMER TEMPERATURES PREVAIL ALL OVER NORTHWEST.

Occasional Rain Is Forecast and Snow Turns to Slush; Skating Rained for Many.

The freeze at Portland softened and ran yesterday under the influence of a southerly breeze that sent the temperature up to 33 degrees. Snow was turned to slush and ice to water in all parts of the city. In the evening the thermometer was on its way down toward the freezing point again, but the weather bureau held forth the promise that the back of the cold spell had been broken and that warmer weather will prevail during the next few days at least.

The official forecast last night was for warmer weather in Portland and vicinity today, with occasional rain or snow and southerly winds.

Warmer weather was reported from all other parts of the northwest. A peculiar freak of the weather yesterday was to give Alaska warmer weather than northern California. Newly reported a temperature of 34 degrees at 5 A. M., while Sacramento reported 23 degrees—a temperature low enough to inflict severe damage to the growing oranges and lemons.

Through the rising temperature brought joy to the man who pays the family fuel bill and to every driver of an auto, it brought grief to the lovers of ice skating. The lake in Laurelhurst park, which has been the Mecca of the skaters, was flooded Thursday night to insure a smooth surface yesterday, but the water failed to freeze. The ice remained fairly intact, but was too far submerged to do the prospective skaters any good.

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GRANTS PASS, OR., JAN. 20.—(Special.)

With a rise of but one degree in temperature the cold spell still hangs over the city. More water pipes were reported burst during the night. The thermometer registered 13 degrees Thursday night.

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HOURLY TEMPERATURES AT PORTLAND YESTERDAY.

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1 A. M.	31	1 P. M.	31
2 A. M.	31	2 P. M.	31
3 A. M.	31	3 P. M.	31
4 A. M.	31	4 P. M.	31
5 A. M.	31	5 P. M.	31
6 A. M.	31	6 P. M.	31
7 A. M.	31	7 P. M.	31
8 A. M.	31	8 P. M.	31
9 A. M.	31	9 P. M.	31
10 A. M.	31	10 P. M.	31
11 A. M.	31	11 P. M.	31
12 M.	31	12 P. M.	31

FARMERS FARMED, WALLACE ASSERTS

Producers Victimized by Money Lenders.

EXTORTION OPENLY CHARGED

Advantage Taken of Crisis, Declares Secretary.

BIG CONCERNS ARRIGNED

Insurance and Farm Loan Mortgage Companies Accused of Preying on Producers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The front today with the announcement by Secretary Wallace that he would lay before the national agricultural conference next week charges that certain companies lending money on farm mortgages were taking advantage of the present crisis to charge "extortionate" interest rates.

The agricultural department also made public information it had gathered that banks of the United States had outstanding approximately \$3,869,891,415 in personal and collateral loans to farmers and \$1,447,482,925 in farm mortgage loans at the end of 1920.

"In all lines of business," the secretary declared, "we find predatory individuals who seek opportunities to take advantage of the misfortune of others. We expect that from men of a certain type, but it is a real shock to note that the same sort of thing is now being done by some insurance companies and farm mortgage loan companies, of whom we have a right to expect a higher code of ethics."

DR. COOK VERIFIES FIND

North Pole Notebook Buried 1500 Miles From Where Recovered.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 20.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, shown today the Associated Press story from Canada that a notebook in the possession of a wandering Eskimo, declared that the book had been buried by a member of his party at least 1500 miles from where it was recovered in the Arctic region. The book had been dug up or found and later traced in by the Eskimos.

Much other evidence of this kind on his north pole trip will be found, he added, and said all of it would vindicate him and sustain his claim of the pole discovery.

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TRAIN SCHEDULES IN FOUR STATES SPEEDED UP.

Changes Effective February 12 Announced by Southern Pacific General Agent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Important changes in its passenger train schedules in California, Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico, under which important trains will be speeded up where it can be done with safety, and additional trains will be provided, will be made effective February 12 by the Southern Pacific company, according to an announcement today by John M. Scott, general passenger agent. Mr. Scott outlined the main changes and said that fuller details would be made public later as they were worked out. The changes will make the schedules as good as, and in some cases better than in pre-war days.

"The Shasta" train between San Francisco and Portland, will make the trip each way an hour faster, thus giving 25 1/2-hour service between the two cities.

This is in addition to the half hour cut from the schedule of this train last August. This train will leave each terminal at 4 P. M. as at present, arriving at Portland at 8:20 P. M. and at San Francisco at 8:35 P. M. "The Seashore Express" train No. 17, via the coast route, will leave Los Angeles at 8 P. M. instead of 7:30 P. M., arriving at San Francisco at 8:25 A. M. or an hour faster.

The changes in time on trains 89 and 14 will give Los Angeles 15 minutes faster time to Sacramento and an hour faster time to Portland.

The San Francisco and Portland express, train No. 14, will leave San Francisco at 9:20 A. M. instead of 10:20 A. M., arriving at Portland at 8:20 P. M. instead of 9:20 P. M., thus rendering a much more satisfactory service from San Francisco to Sacramento and the Sacramento valley and also giving a much more attractive service in Oregon.

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Inquiry developed that the shirt was a sample under consideration in connection with the American relief administration's plan for the purchase of 1,000,000 undershirts for Russian children. The sample, it was said, was offered by private manufacturers at 22 cents, while the war department wants 60 cents a shirt for army surplus stock.

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GREAT SHIPPING POOL AGREED ON

Pacific Ports to Have \$30,000,000 Line.

VESSELS WILL BE BOUGHT

Fleet to Be Operated in Interest of All Coast.

HARDING FAVORS PLAN

Steps Taken to Offer Strong Competition in Race for Trade With Oriental Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Steps that will give the United States a privately-owned merchant marine on the Pacific were taken here today by a conference of representatives of all major American Pacific coast ports.

The conference agreed to formation of a \$30,000,000 shipping pool in which each port would be represented and which would carry on trans-Pacific trade as a unit in behalf of all of them. The meeting authorized Herbert Fleishacker, a San Francisco banker, to ascertain from the United States shipping board what vessels may be obtained and on what terms.

Mr. Fleishacker will go to Washington for this purpose, reporting later to a committee made up of one representative of each port which then is to decide definitely what sort of an organization shall be formed to finance the purchase of the vessels and set up trade routes.

Big Fleet Is Expected. Mr. Fleishacker, who is credited with originating the plan of a Pacific coast shipping pool, expressed himself as highly satisfied with the conference.

"I am highly pleased at the spirit in which all the ports have approached this plan," he said. "I am satisfied that as a result the Pacific coast soon will have a great merchant marine under private ownership."

Wallace M. Alexander, president of the chamber of commerce, who presided at the meeting, declared the conference symbolized two things—unity of the Pacific coast shipping interests and the removal of the government from private business.

At the meeting a telegram from Chairman Lasker of the shipping board was read, declaring that it seems a company in which all the ports are interested can alone offer the strong front American needs to protect its interests in the Pacific. The telegram added that the proposal had been approved by President Harding and that the shipping board desired to comply with the mandate of the merchant marine act and withdraw from operation of ships as soon as possible.

Subsidy Not Wanted. There was opposition at the conference to any outright subsidy, the delegates appearing more generally in favor of contracts to carry the mails and carry on transportation for the army and navy instead.

The committee to draw the tentative plan for the pool was composed of: San Francisco, Robert Dollar, Paul Shoup; Los Angeles, Harry Chandler, J. P. Fredericks; Seattle, William Piggott, H. F. Alexander; Tacoma, William Jones, J. S. Baker; Portland, I. D. Hunt, H. B. Anderson; Oakland, J. H. King, H. H. Robinson; San Diego, John D. Spreckels; Astoria, R. D. Pinneo.

The telegram from Chairman Lasker said: "Please convey to all those who are joining in this conference my deep appreciation of the interest they are taking in the matter, under discussion and my very earnest hope that out of the conference may come such a result as will bring about the concerted effort of the entire west Pacific coast co-operatively to develop each port with the strength of united effort."

President Favors Plan. "The general plan for such a company organized along the lines of my former telegram to the various chambers of commerce interested has the warm approval of the board. President Harding is fully informed of and approves the tentative plan. The shipping board has no idea of favoring one port against another, and it hopes that each port will, on considering the matter from the standpoint of its own interest and its own point of view, see its way clear to use the united assets of all to develop each in the interest of the whole.

