

PONTIFF IS DEAD, DECLARES REPORT SENT TO LONDON

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death was not imminent it was inevitable. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. Belief was expressed in various circles that the pope's successor will be Cardinal Pietro Maffi, archbishop of Pisa.

Although the pontiff's life had been failing for 48 hours and his demise was expected, news of the death from this city into deep gloom. The cathedral churches quickly filled up and special prayers were said for the repose of the pontiff's soul.

The signs of St. Peter's were crowded with weeping and grieving men and women as the great bell in the cathedral began to toll out the sad tidings.

During the last 12 hours of life the pope passed from a state of semi-consciousness into semi-consciousness and at times was delirious. UTERED "PEACE, PEACE" During one period when his mind was wandering he kept muttering "Peace, peace" at another time he murmured that "God will take care of it."

The pope passed peacefully and his features were resigned and calm despite the agonizing suffering through which he had passed. The pain which the holy father bore so stoically but could not hide entirely added to the strain on those who stood beside the bedside in prayerful distress.

The last sacrament had been administered and prayers for the dead had been said at the final hour. Extreme unction had been said twice, once Friday and again early this morning.

Even in his anguish the pontiff was thoughtful of those about him. He signed Dr. Battistini, his old friend to retire and get some rest during one period of lucidity. BEHELD SEVEN YEARS The four attending physicians expressed surprise this afternoon over the tenacity with which he had been able to cling to life.

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the papal chamber. At 8:30 a. m. Cardinal Gasparri said mass. Around 1 o'clock the pope's condition took a serious turn for the worse and bullethins which depressed the waiting attendants and the throngs outside were issued. It was believed at the time that his holiness could not live more than a few minutes.

A little later, after his physicians, who had attended him since he had retired from the papal bed chamber, the pope sank into a peaceful sleep. When the doctors returned at 9 o'clock they found Pope Benedict's condition greatly improved that they immediately withdrew statements they had just issued.

Pope Benedict might now continue to live for several days. Dr. Marchisavia said at 9:30 today. CARDINALS KISS HAND Pope Benedict, whose slight attack of bronchial catarrh, acquired while conducting an open air mass last Sunday, developed into pneumonia, was not expected to live throughout last night.

During the whole of yesterday, except for a few moments when he became tremendously difficult, Pope Benedict maintained a calm, serene cheerfulness. Last evening, although oxygen had to be administered, the pope remained bright.

After a visit by the cardinals, who were permitted to pass through the room last evening and kiss the pope's hand, Pope Benedict said: "If it please the Lord that I shall work again for the church, I am ready. If He says it is enough, let His will be done."

Some of the more aged of the cardinals were showing signs of great fatigue, due to the long and arduous day. Among those who were at the Vatican today, in addition to Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, were Cardinals Henry de Val, secretary of state, and Cardinal Gatti, secretary of state.

At 11 o'clock, when the pontiff was announced that the pope had given way to coma and that it was admitted that "the catastrophe was at hand," a sigh of sorrow went up. Men and women wept in the streets. Sobbs broke through the chaotic services in the churches.

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Chicago, Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—Highway officials of eight Middle Western states today went on record here as favoring state ownership and operation of cement plants to combat high prices of materials used in road building. Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi valley conference of state highway departments.

The resolutions pledged the highway departments "not to make any contracts for highway construction involving the use of Portland cement except for the few contracts for work which cannot possibly be postponed until the manufacturers have fixed the price of their products so that road construction is not unduly penalized."

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Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.) Spurred by Mrs. Wilma H. Stotts, aged 28, when he asked her to reconsider his love proposals and again become engaged to be married to him, Ralph H. Hart, aged 42, of San Antonio, Texas, a chiropractor, slashed the woman's throat with a razor today, killed her, and then ended his own life by drawing the blood-stained razor across his own throat. The double tragedy occurred in a fashionable confectionery store conducted by Mrs. Stotts.

BANDITS KILL CARD PLAYER; TAKE \$500

Kansas City, Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—Three bandits entered a room in the Venice hotel early today and held up several Greeks who were engaged in a card game. Christ Stathis, 38, resisted and was shot dead. The robbers escaped with \$500.

Moral Cleansing of Movies Is Promised by Director Hays

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—A genuine "spring cleaning" to purge motion pictures of all semblance of salaciousness was promised today by Will H. Hays, who leaves President Harding's cabinet March 4, to head a new organization of motion picture producers and distributors.

A real moral cleansing and not a campaign against extension of censorship of films is the purpose of the association which will pay him \$150,000 a year when he resigns as postmaster general, Mr. Hays declared.

Shipment of Fruit By Steamers Urged By New York Man

Shipment of fruits by steamship, if the vessels are properly constructed, will solve the shipping problems of fruit-growers, according to E. L. Goodsell, representative of the Fruit Auction company of New York, who spoke today at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Goodsell stated that vessels with specially constructed holds were necessary to insure against loss of the perishable product. He suggested a system of fans with which air in the fruit holds could be kept fresh. The tank air in ordinary holds, he said, no matter at what temperature it is kept, is injurious to the fruit.

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Each of the state engineers, one of the state's representatives at the hearing here, said the state would concede 15,000 acres of the lake at the east end for a bird reserve if the federal government would permit the state to own the remaining part of the lake, which totals 47,000 acres for irrigation.

The state, he said, would construct a dike to separate the bird reserve from the 15,000 acres of water continually. Federal representatives this afternoon gave no indication of what they thought of this compromise, but the federal government of the controversy in which both the state and federal government claim right to the lake. The state claims the water for irrigation, the federal government for a bird reserve.

Bill Directs I. C. C. To Fix Rates for R. R. Mileage Books

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—The senate today passed a bill requiring the interstate commerce commission to direct the railroads to issue interchangeable mileage books at "just and reasonable" rates.

The bill was sponsored by Senator Cummins (Rep.) of Iowa, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, as a substitute for those offered by Senators Watson (Rep.) of Indiana and Robinson (Dem.) of Arkansas, which would have fixed the railroad mileage rate at 1 1/2 cents per mile.

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Coasting down a hill toward Grand avenue several days ago, a 12-year-old girl slipped completely under a streetcar without injury, according to a story told by a switchman on Front street near Northrup, who was in motion. The car was moving slowly, while the child had developed considerable speed. No one learned the name of the girl, although the switchman stopped to give the child some expert advice.

Boy Who Lost Leg Under Truck Dies As Result of Shock

Alexander Reed, 3-year-old son of Claude Reed of Linnton, died at the Good Samaritan hospital this morning at 10:30 as a result of shock and loss of blood caused by a badly crushed leg which he suffered when he jumped from the Skyline boulevard Friday afternoon.

It was necessary for his right leg to be amputated below the knee. Chief Deputy Coroner Leo Goodrich stated this morning an inquest would be held, since the boy's father had explained to him that the accident was not the truck driver's fault. The boy fell beneath the wheels when he jumped to the ground while the truck was in motion. The authorities did not learn the name of the driver.

ONE ACCIDENT FATAL

Salem, Jan. 21.—L. H. Siddall, chaser of Astoria, was the only workman to lose his life in Oregon industries during the week ending January 19, according to reports filed with the state industrial accident commission. Of 314 accidents reported, 232 are subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act.

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Mary Garden Swats Her Conductor and Sings Without Him

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Polacco caused the second break in the Chicago Opera company's ranks within a week when he refused to wield the baton for the directress, Lucien Muratore, world famous tenor, deserted the company earlier in the week.

Polacco tossed the score into Miss Garden's lap, shouting: "Lead your own orchestra—you don't sing with my own orchestra." A long quarrel followed, with Polacco declaring in Italian that he "wouldn't" and the directress telling him in English that she would "lead" him.

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Editor of Magazine For U. P. Is Visitor

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New Bride Taken By Willard Mack

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Miss Ellen E. Scripps of La Jolla, well-known member of the Scripps family, paper publishers, is seriously ill at La Jolla sanatorium today, following a fall from the porch of her home. Miss Scripps sustained a broken hip and "may" be helped to her feet in a few hours before a housekeeper found her.

Premier of Ulster And Collins Confer

London, Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—Michael Collins, minister of finance in the Irish provisional government at Dublin, conferred this afternoon with Sir James Craig, premier of the Ulsterist government of Ireland, and later it was announced that they had mutually agreed upon future measures for the betterment of Ireland.

JACOB SREBLY FIRED

Dallas, Or., Jan. 21.—Jacob Srebly, bachelor, living a mile east of West Salem, paid a fine of \$175 on a liquor charge.

WOMAN IS CONVICTED OF POISONING HUSBAND

Hutchinson, Kan., Jan. 21.—(U. N. S.)—The jury in the murder trial of Mrs. Maude V. Barton, charged with poisoning her husband, George V. Barton to death, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree today.

ROBBERS ON COMMITTEE

Salem, Jan. 21.—R. C. Robbins of Portland, assistant general manager agent for the Northern Pacific company, has been named by Governor Olcott to serve on the committee charged with duty to investigate conditions at the Oregon Employment Institution for the Blind at Portland. He succeeds Harry W. Stone, who declined the appointment due to lack of time.

CONTRACTOR IS CRUSHED

Hood River, Jan. 21.—W. Powell, contractor engaged in cutting a new irrigation ditch for the Farmers Irrigation company, was badly crushed Friday when a rock slide buried him. Several others had narrow escapes. Powell will recover.

Denver Bans Parade Of Jobless Veterans

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