

HOLMAN IN FAVOR OF CONSOLIDATING TWO GOVERNMENTS

Committee Should Be Appointed Now to Frame Bill for Legislation, Asserts Commissioner.

Rufus C. Holman, county commissioner, in answer to a recent editorial in the Journal saying that politicians are class opposed consolidation of city and county government, has written a letter to the Journal in which he emphatically advocates consolidation and says that others in the public service should be found to support the reform.

"I assure you," says the letter, "that I am not only in favor of consolidation under conditions which will apportion the cost of municipal government equitably between the urban and rural people of the county according to the benefits received and services rendered, but that I have repeatedly and consistently held this opinion ever since I have been a county commissioner and previously when I was a member of the city charter commission."

"On two different occasions I have been instrumental in causing regular meetings to be held between the members of the city council, county commissioners and the board of directors of school district No. 1, whereby the public service and mutual understanding of a few things of minor importance have been accomplished under existing conditions."

Holman's recent proposal to City Commissioner Pler and the school board that the city, county and school district consolidate their purchasing departments cannot be accepted until the city charter is altered, in the opinion of Pler, expressed in a letter to Holman.

"It is better to begin on this at once," said Holman Saturday. "It will take up four years at least to get a consolidation bill through the legislature and have it ratified by the people. I hope some committee will be formed to outline and push the plan. I would be glad to serve upon such a committee. Consolidation is not going to cut expenses of government in half by any manner of means, but it will effect big savings in many departments."

Conspiracy to Kill Mrs. Maude Stubbs Points at Husband

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—With the issuance of a state warrant, police declared today they had uncovered an alleged plot to kill Maude Moore Stubbs, recently acquitted of the murder of L. Roy Harris, at Knoxville, Tenn., and that they had information that may lead to clearing up of the robbery of the home of A. J. Littlejohn here of \$100,000 in stocks and securities.

Four men besides Stubbs are under arrest and are held in the city jail. They are A. F. Johnson, Henry McGovern, C. F. Bellow and George Stanley.

Police say they have a confession from Johnson that Stubbs had plotted to kill his wife by poisoning her food with strychnine. Johnson, so the police say, confessed to receiving \$1000 from Stubbs for his part in the alleged plot.

Mrs. Stubbs is said to be in Seattle. Henry McGovern also received \$1000 for buying the poison, police say.

Police also declare that Johnson confessed that he, Bellow, Stanley and McGovern pulled off the Littlejohn robbery.

The men were trapped through advertisements placed in local newspapers negotiating with Littlejohn for the return of the stolen securities.

Soon after being acquitted in Knoxville of the murder of Harris and her return to Tacoma, Mrs. Stubbs obtained a warrant for the arrest of her husband, charging he tried to force her into a life of shame. These charges were later dropped by the prosecuting attorney because of lack of evidence.

Conductor Slapped By Mary Garden Is Sore; Will Not Serve

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—The second serious split within a week in ranks of the Chicago Opera company occurred today when Chief Conductor Giorgio Polacco refused to hold a baton while Directress Mary Garden sang her season's farewell to a Chicago audience.

Polacco, who was brought from Europe by Miss Garden, declared he would not direct her appearance in "Louise" after a quarrel with the directress, when she is said to have beaten him with her fists and ordered him to get out of her sight in a hurry.

When Lucien Muratore, world famous tenor, left the company earlier in the week, he named Polacco as one of his supporters against Miss Garden's reign as head of the opera company.

When programs for "Louise" were changed to read that Gabriel Groves, assistant conductor, would yield the baton, it brought out Muratore's claim.

Miss Garden took exception to Polacco's directing "Pellaea and Melisande" Monday night, because he "kept his nose in the book," according to gossip around the Auditorium theatre and during the rehearsal of "Louise." The conductor threw the score in Miss Garden's lap and told her he would not conduct the orchestra while she sang.

Boycott on Cement Is Delaying Highway Work for 8 States

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Construction plans for over 3000 miles of cement highways in eight states in the Mississippi valley are being held up as a result of a boycott against cement manufacturers by the states.

Contracts involving expenditures of over \$125,000,000 are tied up and will not be let until the price of cement comes down.

In case the price of cement does not drop, the highways in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Wisconsin will be made into some other kind of hard surfaced highways.

In states where provision has been made for the construction of state-owned cement plants, work will be rushed on these plans so that the states will not be dependent on the manufacturers.

The highway department representatives of these eight states took steps tonight before adjourning their fourteenth annual meeting, pledging themselves to a "gentlemen's agreement" to boycott the cement manufacturers until the price comes back to what they term "normalcy."

Unsecured Creditors Of Morris Bros. Are Given 30 Per Cent

The unsecured creditors of the old Morris Brothers bond house who did not join the reorganization committee pool and take preferred stock in the new corporation, have been paid 30 per cent of their claims during the last week by Earl C. Bronaugh, trustee.

Judge Bronaugh received permission from Referee A. M. Cannon to make the payment. These creditors will probably receive about 50 per cent of their money, according to estimates made by the trustee. A second payment is not likely for at least 90 days.

The new corporation officials announced Saturday night that they were ready to retire 300,000 shares at 100 per cent, or 6 1/2 per cent above the guarantee made with the federal court at the time the assets of the bankrupt institution were taken over.

PSYCHO-ANALYSIS, ETHICS

"Psycho-Analysis and Ethics" will be the subject of a talk by H. C. Dekker before the Science and Arts club this evening at 8 o'clock in hall A, third floor, Labor Temple, Fourth and Jefferson streets. The meeting is public, with questions and discussion following the speaker.

'IT SEND,' SAYS PAPAL SECRETARY; THEN COLLAPSES

After Being at the Point of Death For Hours Pontiff Dies Early Today at the Vatican.

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Cardinal Gasparri received yesterday afternoon the pope's last views concerning his possible successor. This interview, which was absolutely private, took place at the pope's request. All the cardinals, guards and physicians in the sick chamber were made to adjourn to an anteroom during the consultation.

All the cardinals throughout Europe within reach are already speeding toward Rome, where they will be received by Prince Chigi, who has taken up permanent residence in the apartment of the master of the chamber, who will call a conclave to consider the election of a new pope.

Rome, June 21.—Pope Benedict XV, declared by his physicians to be at the point of death, was in a comatose state late this afternoon.

A bulletin issued by the doctors who visited the pope at 5:30 o'clock said his holiness' condition had grown worse throughout the day. His heart, the bulletin said, was weakening and the pope was breathing with the greatest difficulty.

Cardinal Gasparri at 6 o'clock this evening read this bulletin to members of the sacred college and the diplomatic corps, assembled at the Vatican, and also declared Pope Benedict was "in extremis."

His holiness was believed to be at the point of death many times throughout the day. As early as 5:20 o'clock this morning, Professor Battistini, the pope's physician, declared that his holiness was passing quietly away. At that time the condition of the pontiff's heart led doctors to believe he would not live more than an hour.

Grand Penitentiary Giorgi recited mass at 6 o'clock, at which time Pope Benedict was believed to be sinking rapidly. After prayers by Cardinal Gasparri telegrams were sent to papal nuncios that the pope was dying.

Physicians then examined his holiness and a bulletin, holding out little hope for the pope's living more than a few hours, was issued. The doctors unofficially declared the end was at hand. Professor Marchisava was particularly dependent.

TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

"The catastrophe is now only a question of a few minutes," he told the waiting throng outside the Vatican. Scarcely had this announcement spread, however, than it was hurriedly recalled. The physicians had returned to the papal chamber at 9 o'clock and found his holiness sleeping peacefully. If the rest could have been continued, Dr. Marchisava said, Pope Benedict might possibly have recovered. The restoring sleep did not last, however. Before noon his holiness had taken a serious turn for the worse. He became delirious and for a time regained consciousness and for a time regained consciousness.

CAMPOR ADMINISTERED

It was during one of these brighter spells that Pope Benedict directed that a small statue of Saint Agnes should be placed on the altar near his bed, where masses were said by the cardinals.

Shortly after noon the pope became appreciably weaker. Announcements at the papal chamber said he was near death. In his delirium, struggled with physicians and attendants and wished to perform his usual duties.

Campor oil was administered to relieve the intense difficulty which the pope had in breathing. His holiness seemed to find considerable relief in the injections, although he had previously objected to them, saying that "God's will should be done."

Late in the afternoon hope had been abandoned. A bulletin was not issued after one visit by the physicians and this gave rise immediately to rumors that his holiness was dead. A decree by the Italian government announcing the death of the pontiff should not be sent from Italy until official announcements had been made by Stefani, also led to the belief that the end had come.

Stefani, who has taken up permanent residence in the papal physician. It said that Pope Benedict was in a comatose condition, that his heart was weakening and that he was breathing with difficulty. Those who believed that death had come earlier were once more heartened by this official announcement.

Professor Carubini of the medical staff had found in a previous examination that the pneumonia had attacked the left lung. He declared this left little chance for the pontiff's survival and that death could not be far off.

GOES TO SLEEP

The pope spent an uneasy Friday night. Cardinal Giorgi passed the night in an ante room off the sick chamber in the Vatican. Dr. Battistini remained at the pontiff's bedside throughout the night observing his pulse and general condition. About 2:30 a. m. the pope, smiling and affectionate, patted Dr. Battistini's hand and muttered:

"What are you doing here at this hour? You are old; go and sleep."

The physician finally left the chamber due to the insistent demands of the prelate.

About 3 o'clock the pope asked for a drink of water of which he took a few swallows. A few minutes later he began to mutter unintelligible phrases in a low tone.

The pontiff had a quiet spell following the consultation of his physicians shortly after 4 o'clock. He expressed a desire to rest, turned his head and immediately fell into a peaceful sleep.

His turn in his condition proved a great surprise to the physicians, who then expressed belief that there was some hope for the prelate if he was able to sleep for a few hours.

The clarity of the pope's mind despite his serious condition was proven this morning when he recalled that the feast day of St. Agnes, patron of Capranica college, in which he was a student in his youth.

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Spiritualists Honor New Minister, Wife, Here From Michigan

A formal reception of welcome to the pastorate of the First Spiritualist church, Seventh and Commercial streets, was tendered Saturday night to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Willard Hills, who have arrived here from Flint, Mich., to take up the local work of the National Spiritualist association and is well known in spiritualistic circles throughout the nation. He has held pastorate at Alliance, Ohio; Rockford, Mich.; Galveston, Texas; and Flint, Mich., and has done literary work in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio.

Since his arrival the church will reorganize its mid-week message service on Wednesday nights and a grand circle in which various mediums will take part every second Friday night.

Frank Branch Riley Starts on Lecture Tour This Morning

Frank Branch Riley leaves this morning for Kansas City, where he is scheduled to deliver the first of a series of illustrated lectures on the scenic and industrial offerings of the Pacific Northwest at the Knif and Fork club, Wednesday night.

Riley's itinerary includes a six months' tour of eastern cities. He took with him two assistants and all mechanical equipment and pictures for his lectures. The trip is financed by contributions from local individuals and associations, collected by a committee of business men headed by Edward Cookingham.

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