

## REPORTED DEATH OF POPE PIUS OFFICIALLY DENIED

### FALSE RUMORS EXCITE EUROPE

Impossible to Secure Confirmation or Denial for Hours—Messages From All Parts of World Pour in Seeking Verification—Denial Causes Joy.

Pope Continues Daily Audiences Despite Falling Health—Pontiff Welcomes Several Personages.

ROME, April 11.—Official denial of a widely circulated report of the death of Pope Pius was given the United Press at the vatican this afternoon, the denial being accompanied by the announcement that a rigid investigation would be started to fix responsibility for the message alleged to have been sent to Madrid falsely announcing the demise of the pontiff. The first rumor that the pope had died suddenly reached here in answer to inquiries of the United Press bureaus at Paris, London and New York. These were quickly followed by requests for information from newspapers in other European capitals.

**Great Excitement Prevails.**  
The reports caused great excitement and hundreds of persons flocked to the vatican to secure confirmation. For several hours admission was denied to the vatican for fear that undue excitement might cause a change for the worse in the condition of the pope, and this action led to the belief that there might be some truth in the report. Later when messages of inquiry from church dignitaries from all parts of the Christian world began pouring in on the vatican, seeking verification, the United Press correspondent was summoned and told that the report was without foundation.

**Thousands of Inquiries.**  
Monsignor Cheretti spent three anxious hours this morning as a result of the rumors of the death of Pope Pius, and was much relieved when informed at noon that the vatican had officially denied the report. During the morning the charge d'affaires received thousands of telegrams asking for information regarding the rumors of the pope's death. Though the legation staff feared that the report was true, Monsignor Cheretti maintained that it was not. The Italian embassy expressed joy that the rumors proved unfounded.

**Continues His Audiences.**  
Despite persistent reports that his condition is alarming the pope continues his daily audiences. His holiness today received Cardinal Della Volpe, Prince Borghese, Senor De Estrada, the Argentine minister at the vatican, and his family, and Count and Countess Jonghe. Later in the day the pontiff welcomed several Italians and foreign personages.

William R. Blome of Salem is in Medford on a brief business trip.

### TYPHOID STRIKES FLOOD VICTIMS

Epidemic of Disease Adds to Sufferings of Refugees in Missouri—Two Deaths Reported From Typhoid—Smallpox Also Raging.

Thousand Persons Living in Second Stories to Be Moved in Boats to Camp in Hills—6500 Homeless.

NEW MADRID, Mo., April 11.—An epidemic of typhoid fever today has added to the sufferings of the flood refugees in this section. Two deaths have been reported at Wyatt, where two cases of smallpox also have developed. More than 1000 persons who have been living in second stories will be moved in boats to a camp which is being built in the hills near by. Red Cross officers report that 6500 persons are homeless on both sides of the river between Cairo and Tiptonville.

### TEAL ARGUES FOR FREE SHIP TOLLS

WASHINGTON, April 11.—That American coastwise steamers should not be charged tolls through the Panama canal was declared today before the senate canal committee by Joseph N. Teal of Portland. "As to allowing railroad owned steamship lines to use the canal," said Teal, "the opinion of the people on the coast is that the railroads should not be permitted to own steamship lines anywhere. It destroys independent shipping."

TACOMA, Wash., April 11.—Jason Moore, former organist of the First Presbyterian church, is suing the church corporation for \$210 in unpaid salary. Moore resigned recently after a disagreement and alleges that the money was due him on his contract.

### TAMMANY IN CONTROL OF CONVENTION

NEW YORK, April 11.—An unstructured democratic delegation from New York, pledged to vote as a unit, will be sent to the national convention at Baltimore. When the state democratic convention began here today, Charles P. Murphy, leader of the Tammany Hall forces, was in complete control. It is generally believed that the New York delegation will vote for Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York on the first ballot. Murphy is silent, and it is not known who he favors for the presidency.

### Was Reported to Be Dead



POPE PIUS X

### LORIMER ONLY TAFT STRENGTH

CHICAGO, April 11.—That Theodore Roosevelt carried every district in Illinois except that of Senator William Lorimer is conceded today by the supporters of President Taft. In the face of this, the Taft men are still trying to secure the national committee from Illinois and want the state convention to adopt a platform endorsing President Taft. The figures as shown by the returns of the Illinois primaries to date are as follows: Roosevelt 267,426; Taft 126,928; La Follette 43,755; Clark 211,809; Wilson 77,781. Complete returns of the suffrage vote of Cook county in the Illinois primary show that 135,410 voted "no" and 71,354 in favor of the project. Not a single ward in the city gave a majority for the "cause."

### REBELS SHOOT AT PASSENGERS

NOGALES Ariz., April 11.—Three Mexican passengers were shot and seriously wounded and a score of American refugees had narrow escapes from death today when a band of Mexican rebels fired on north-bound West Coast railway train south of Guaymas. When the first volley was fired the passengers in the Pullman coaches threw themselves on the floor. Practically every window in the three Pullmans was shattered by bullets. Three bullets pierced the engineer's cap. It is feared the rebels will tear up the railroad tracks between Nogales and Guaymas.

### CANADIAN PACIFIC IS FEATURE IN MARKET

NEW YORK, April 11.—Today's opening stock market had Canadian Pacific as a feature with a gain of 3 1/2 points. Rock Island was up a point for the preferred and Erie, Reading, Anaconda Copper and National Lead showed decided strength. Amalgamated, Utah, United States Steel, American Smelting and some standard railroad stocks made declines before noon. Later there was a more even tone and strength developed in Union Pacific and Steel. The market closed steady. Bonds were irregular.

### HOME RULE FOR IRELAND PUT UP TO PARLIAMENT

Premier Asquith Presents Government Measure in House of Commons—Irish Delegation Clamors Vainly for Admission.

Minority at Ulster Cannot Override the Will of the Majority of Irishmen Declares Premier.

LONDON, April 11.—With hundreds of persons crowded into the galleries and thousands of others unable to gain admission, Premier Asquith presented today the government's home rule bill in the house of commons. Outside, a large Irish delegation clamored vainly for admission and a number of Irish bishops had difficulty in securing seats. To prevent a demonstration by suffragettes tickets were issued only to the wives and daughters of members of parliament. In urging the passage of the measure, Premier Asquith said: "I cannot admit the right of a relatively small minority of Irish citizens at Ulster to veto the will of the vast majority of Irishmen who favor this bill."

An uproar followed Premier Asquith's statement denouncing as false Andrew Bonar Law's declaration in Belfast that the government had sold itself to secure Irish votes. Law leaped to his feet and facing Premier Asquith repeated the charge. This caused a sensation. From the ministerial side came shouts of "Muzzle him!" Sir Edward Carson was the next speaker. He attacked the bill as being "ridiculous, fantastic, impossible of administration and a direct insult to Ulster."

### COUNT FESTETIES UNDER ARREST FOR OLD CRIME

LONDON, April 11.—Charged with having committed fraud in Berlin two years ago, Count Festeties, a young man of high lineage and a popular European society favorite is under arrest here today. He furnished \$50,000 bail.

### LA FOLLETTE TO BE IN MEDFORD NEXT THURSDAY

Wisconsinite Comes Prepared to Make One of the Most Vigorous Campaigns in Political History—Is Accompanied by Wife.

Speaks in Ashland, Jacksonville and Grants Pass—Whirlwind Campaign is Planned by Insurgent Candidate.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—Prepared to make one of the most vigorous campaigns in the political history of Oregon, Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin will arrive in Medford Saturday and from that day till the following Thursday will tour the state, speaking in all the centers of Oregon. Mrs. La Follette accompanies the senator and during their stay in Oregon she will make several addresses in favor of woman suffrage. Thomas McCusker, Oregon campaign manager for Senator La Follette today announced the following complete itinerary of the senator's speech-making campaign in Oregon: In Southern Oregon. Arrive Pendleton 4:50 Saturday morning, April 13, speaking in the afternoon; leaves Pendleton in the afternoon, arriving La Grande 2 o'clock the same afternoon, delivering an address and parting at 12:45 Sunday afternoon. The senator leaves Portland at 6:30 Sunday evening for Eugene; arrives Eugene 10:45 Sunday night, delivering address there the following morning; leaves Eugene Monday afternoon at 12:10 for Albany; arrives Albany 1:45 Monday afternoon, addressing followers there at 2 o'clock; leaves Albany for Corvallis at 3:30 Monday afternoon, arriving there at 4:15 that afternoon, making address there, and leaving for the return trip to Albany at 5:30, arriving there at 6 p. m.; leave Albany 6:21 for Salem, arriving 7:12; address there that evening and remains in Salem all night; leaves Salem 8 a. m. Tuesday by automobile for Amity, delivering addresses there and at Dayton, arriving McMinnville at noon and speaking at 1 o'clock; leave for Newburg at 1:30 by automobile, speaking there

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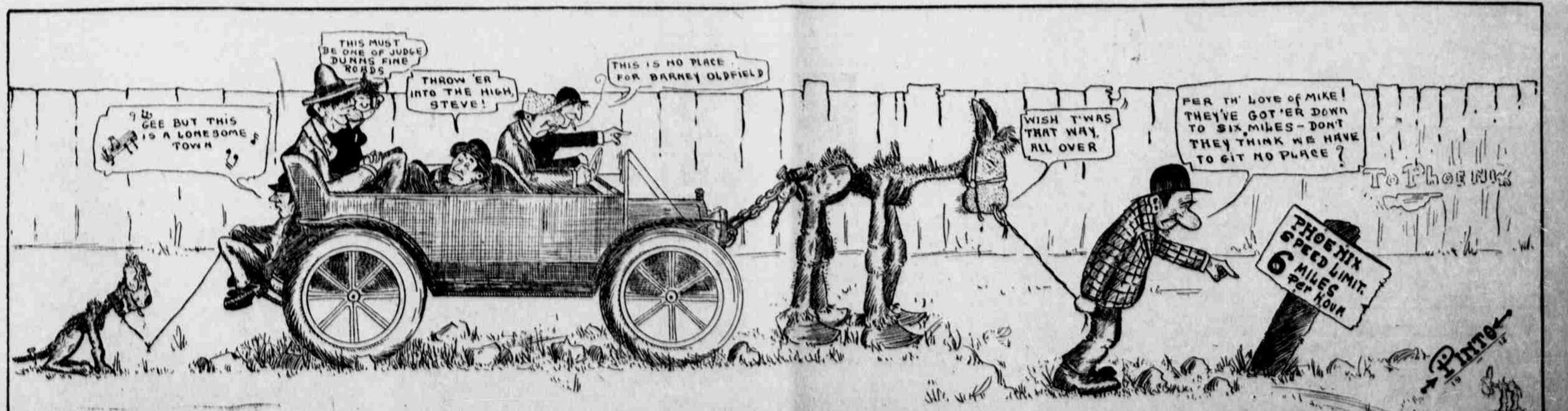
### STREET FIGHT OVER CONTROL OF MICHIGAN

Roosevelt and Taft Delegates to Republican State Convention Locked in Struggle for Control—Fear of Riot Calls Out Militia.

Teddy's Friends Seize Points of Vantage in Convention Hall and Refuse to Be Dislodged From Control.

BAY CITY, Mich., April 11.—Fighting, shouting, and cursing, but subdued by a squad of police who charged with drawn clubs, the Roosevelt and Taft delegates to the Michigan state convention forced their way into the armory here this afternoon and then came a wild scramble for seats. Clothes were torn and many a black eye and bruised face bore witness to the hotness of the fray. The riot started when, after a delay of hours, the doors of the armory were thrown open and the sergeant at arms sought to admit only those holding credentials issued by the state central committee. Hand to hand conflicts were numerous among the delegates, with honors among the Taft and Roosevelt supporters about even. After the convention was called to order W. D. Gordon, a Roosevelt man, was thrown bodily from the platform when he tried to speak. Both sides charged strong arm tactics, and groans, hisses and catcalls greeted the Taft men's attempt to perfect organization. Pandemonium reigned on the Roosevelt side of the armory, where a chairman, tellers and committees were elected and all the Roosevelt contesting delegates were seated. Taft and Roosevelt speakers attempted to talk at the same time from different parts of the platform, while about each speaker his adherents clustered, beating back by main force those who tried to drown out the orator of the opposing faction.

BAY CITY, Mich., April 11.—Battling in the streets to gain points of vantage, Taft and Roosevelt delegates to the republican state convention here this afternoon were locked in a struggle for control. Although the convention was due to meet at 10 a. m., the doors were still closed at noon. Fearing the convention will end in a riot because of the bitterness existing between the two factions, Governor Osborn ordered a detachment of state militia to the armory building to prevent disorder. At noon the delegates were lined up outside the armory, with the Roosevelt following in control of the vantage points. Despite the efforts of the adherents of President Taft, the Roosevelt delegates refused to be dislodged, and it was doubtful just when the convention could be called to order. The armory is being guarded by Captain Beckwith and 15 national guardsmen and Mayor Woodruff, in charge of a squad of policemen. The distribution of two sets of admission tickets caused much trouble, the sergeant-at-arms recognizing only those presented by the members of the republican state committee.



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