

POPE OF ROME REPORTED DEAD

World Stirred by Telegrams From Madrid of Private Message Which Proved Erroneous.

ROME LONG CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

Finally Reached From Paris by Telephone—Pontiff Unwell But Condition is Not Critical.

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Madrid, April 11.—A private dispatch received here today from Rome and confirmed at the nunciature announced that the pope is dead.

London, April 11.—The same dispatch as one transmitted to America was received here from Madrid this morning announcing that a private message, confirmed by the papal nunciature at Madrid, stated that the pope was dead.

Genes With Startling Suddenness.—The report from Madrid of the pope's death comes with startling suddenness and is to be taken with reserve until direct news is received from Rome.

At Danville: Danville 10; Greensboro, Carolina Association, 5. At Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia 7; University of Michigan 4. At Chapel Hill: Davidson College 4; University of North Carolina 2.

At Wake Forest: University of North Carolina 1; Wake Forest 3. At Norfolk: Toronto 10; Norfolk 4. At Newberry, S. C.: Newberry College 7; Charleston College 5.

At Greenville, S. C.: Furman 2; Trainee, Lee West 4. At Annapolis: Navy 15; Fordham College, New York 4.

At West Point: Lafayette 4; Army 4. At Lawrenceville: Mississippi 4; Louisiana 3. At Knoxville: Knoxville City 3; Columbia 2.

At Washington, April 11.—The charge dispatches of the papal nunciature who is directing church matters here pending the arrival of Cardinal Falson's successor, said he had no advice from Rome confirming the report of the death of the pope.

New York, April 11.—At 11 o'clock this morning members of Cardinal Farley's household were without news of the pope, either directly or indirectly, save a cable which was received from Rome at 10:30 p. m.

REPORTS IN FLOOD ARE OPTIMISTIC

Only at Luxara Is the Situation North of Memphis Desperate.

Memphis, April 11.—With the upper rivers falling, optimistic reports come from all except one of the flood menaced points along the Mississippi river north of Memphis.

Breaks Relieve Lower River, Vicksburg, Miss., April 11.—A great army of men throwing up earthworks to fight off the sweeping torrents of the Mississippi flood, rested on their arms last night along the river stretches from Helena, Ark. southward.

The most crisis of the last 24 hours has been bridged with temporary victory, at least, to the credit of the government engineers and levee board chiefs.

Breaks in the levees along the Arkansas shore in the Memphis district have delayed the flood crest, thus giving the battalions laboring to strengthen the dikes of the lower river additional time to make their work more sure.

The usual crop of rumors concerning alleged breaks in the dikes below Helena were placed in circulation by more or less interested persons. Late in the afternoon it was rumored the river had cut through at Giles bend, above Natchez.

Late last night the situation was unchanged at Giles bend. There has been a break in a subsidiary levee, but government engineers declare they have the breach under control.

The levee at Millers bend, near Greenville, Miss., held strong yesterday and Major Woodruff, United States engineer, declared he thought the dike would withstand the additional pressure that will be exerted by the slowly rising flood.

Alarm reports have circulated concerning conditions at Greenville. There seems to be no justification for them. However, it is true that if there should be a break above there, the chances of inundating the city would be overwhelming.

A large territory in the Yazoo river valley north of Vicksburg has been flooded by backwater. Railway service between Vicksburg and Memphis was suspended on the Yazoo and Mississippi valley railroad yesterday because of the overflowing of the Yazoo river valley.

It is declared a negro was killed a few miles about Greenville by the patrol on the Mississippi dike, because he was carrying dynamite in his boat.

DEMOCRATS MEET IN EMPIRE STATE

Dix, O'Gorman, Murphy and Parker Stated as Delegates At-Large.

New York, April 11.—The democratic state convention met this morning to elect four delegates at large and 86 district delegates to the Baltimore convention.

After the committee were appointed, the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Governor Dix, Senator O'Gorman, Charles F. Murphy and Allan B. Parker were virtually agreed upon as delegates-at-large.

KILLED IN BOUT

New York, April 11.—John Goldberg, aged 21, died today from a fracture skull sustained in a bout with a Chicago south at the Sharkey Athletic club last night.

RECIPROcity HURT TAFT IN NEW YORK

Antagonism to President's Measure Helped to Prevent Instructed Delegation.

Rochester, N. Y., April 11.—The republican party of New York state in convention here yesterday declared for the re-nomination of President William H. Taft and passed a resolution urging the state's delegation to the Chicago national convention to vote to that end.

The Taft presidential plank found an opponent only in City Comptroller William A. Prendergast, of New York, a Roosevelt delegate, who made a vigorous speech against the platform and declared that the president could not be re-elected.

United States Senator Elihu Root, one of the "big four" selected to go to Chicago, was the chief champion of the platform and delivered a speech in which he made a vigorous defense of the American judicial system and a sharp attack upon the recall of judges.

The other delegates chosen are State Chairman William Barnes, Jr.; William Berri, of Brooklyn, and Edwin A. Merritt, jr., speaker of the assembly.

The day's session was given over entirely to speeches on the platform made by Senator Root, James W. Wadsworth, former speaker of the assembly, Mr. Prendergast and Job Hedges, of New York.

There is much dissatisfaction with the president's stand on Canadian reciprocity and this was a factor in preventing the instruction of delegates for Taft. Reciprocity was approved by business interests in the cities, but the Barnes people felt there are other voters in the state besides the business men in the big cities whose wishes should be consulted.

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MEMORIAL IS UNVEILED TO CONFEDERATE WOMEN

Gen. Irving Walker Presides at the Ceremonies at Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., April 11.—The memorial to the Confederate women of South Carolina erected by the state was unveiled today. Gen. Irving Walker, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans, presided. The central figure is that of a woman waiting to be crowned with laurel by a figure in the rear, inscribed on the monument is the following:

"In this momentous generation unborn shall hear the voice of a great people testifying to the sublime devotion of the women of South Carolina in the hour of their country's need."

Mr. Knox at Havana. Havana, April 11.—Secretary Knox and party arrived here aboard the cruiser Washington this morning.

Washington, April 11.—President Taft left Washington at 12:30 o'clock today for New York, where tonight he attends a dinner of the Yale club. He will make a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria, returning to Washington Friday.

TAFT CAMPAIGN FORLORN HOPE

Washington Observers Believe New York and Illinois Results Cost Him the Nomination.

STANDPATTERS SEEK STRONGER CANDIDATE

Problem Now to Beat Roosevelt and They Want Man With Vote Getting Strength.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, April 11. In a single day the Taft renomination campaign has crumbled to pieces like the proverbial house of cards.

Mr. Taft will not be the republican nominee to succeed himself. That is the verdict of all observers. Illinois and New York have settled the question. New York, always a doubtful star, by refusing to instruct its delegation for Taft; Illinois, by giving an overwhelming declaration for Colonel Roosevelt.

For a month, the managers of the "regular" republican forces have been giving about as much attention to the question of finding a new candidate with a chance to be elected, as to the effort to get support for Mr. Taft.

Always a doubtful state, New York has become so doubtful that it dares not instruct for Taft. It is more interested in the nomination of a favorite son of its ancient machine for vice president than it is in renominating a president.

Illinois has done yet more. It has sent word to the country that it is a critically doubtful state. By a vote of about three to one it has declared against Taft, by more than two to one it has preferred Roosevelt to him.

The primary in Illinois, in so far as the democratic presidential candidates are concerned, has put Champ Clark far in the lead and he is now an odds-on favorite for the nomination. His overwhelming defeat of Governor Wilson in a primary where the people had a chance to vote is considered a victory of far reaching importance.

Democrats here who are only interested in seeing the democrats nominate a man who can win are firm in the belief that yesterday's result was a hard job for Governor Wilson.

Telegrams received at the Roosevelt headquarters show that the Roosevelt plurality in the Illinois presidential preference primaries is considerably more than early reports indicated and is growing as complete returns come in.

Political activity in both parties has proceeded on the assumption that the larger number was correct, but this is now questioned on the ground that the reapportionment of congress does not become effective until March 4, next. The question has created considerable confusion, but will not affect conventions, as national committees fixed the number of delegates arbitrarily in accordance with the new apportionments.

IRISH HOME RULE BILL BEFORE THE COMMONS

Government Makes New Effort to Settle Long Standing Quarrel.

London, April 11.—The Irish home rule bill, the third effort made by a liberal government of the United Kingdom in a quarter of a century to settle the quarrel between Great Britain and Ireland, was introduced in the house of commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

BEACH STILL SILENT

Accused Wife Slashes Her Hair In the Hands of His Lawyers. Page, April 11.—Frederick O. Beach the Wall Street broker against whom the Alben, South Carolina authorities issued a warrant charging assault with intent to kill his wife, wrote a letter this morning declaring that he still had no statement to make in connection with the charges and nothing to say that she was in the hands of his lawyers in New York.

VOLCANO DESTROYS HONDURAN TOWNS

Ship Captain Brings News of Great Disaster Near Bocas del Toro.

Mobile, Ala., April 11.—Thousands of persons have been killed and whole Indian villages swept away by the eruption of Chiriqui peak, near Bocas del Toro in Honduras, according to the story of Captain Olavik of the United Fruit steamer Fort Morgan, which arrived here yesterday.

This is the first time this mountain was ever known to be active. The flames shot very high and the smoke and ashes were blown far out to sea. The property loss is reported to be heavy.

It is reported that the shock of the eruption is being felt at Culebra cut, Panama canal and men on the Fort Morgan say that the water in the cut, according to reports reaching Bocas has risen two feet within the past few days. This is attributed, they say, to the volcanic action.

With regard to the eruption of Chiriqui peak, Captain Olavik said: "The Fort Morgan was berthed at the Almirante wharf about 14 miles from Bocas del Toro, on the morning of April 5, loading bananas, when about 4 o'clock the eastern sky blazed forth and a great rumbling was heard. Looking that direction I saw great volumes of fire shooting skyward."

"I learned before leaving that the third of a row of mountain peaks, situated about a mile from us, had burst into flames or had turned into a volcano. The peaks were southeast of the Fort Morgan and are called the Chiriqui. The peak that became active was the highest of the number, its height being estimated at 2340 feet above sea level."

"The natives who had been loading the ship all night, were terror-stricken. Some of the men fell on their knees and prayed. All work was suspended for several days as the people watched the volcano."

"Soon after the eruption the Fort Morgan was caught by a great current and tore her moorings. When we got out into the open sea great rocks and shoals were sticking out of the water in places where before we had navigated the vessel. Small islands could be seen all around the shore."

"I have been running to Bocas del Toro for a number of years and about two years ago when a party of Swiss scientists were in that country, one of them predicted that very peak would burst into an eruption less than two years. The prediction has come true."

RULING IS REQUESTED IN ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Difference of Opinion as to Its Membership Is Causing Confusion.

Washington, April 11.—A ruling from the department of justice as to whether the electoral college that will choose the next president of the United States shall consist of 490 or 512 members has been asked for by members of the house judiciary committee.

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WILSON ON PRIMARIES

Says the Illinois Result "Spoke for Itself"—Will Not Admit Disappointment.

Trenton, April 11.—Governor Woodrow Wilson upon his return here today, said the Illinois primary result spoke for itself and he accepted it because he believed the people have a right to express themselves in matters of this kind. Asked if he was disappointed, the governor said he could not say, because he did not know what the real situation in Illinois was.

Drainage Congress In Session

New Orleans, April 11.—Co-operation between states and the nation in a comprehensive drainage plan was today urged by Isham Randolph of Chicago, addressing the national drainage congress. Five hundred delegates representing 48 states are present. Speakers today included Senator Newland of Nevada, Congressman Dandell of Louisiana, E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina and C. Q. Elliott of Washington.

GREAT OVAATION FOR ROOSEVELT

ASK TAFT TO CURB OFFICE HOLDERS

President's Attention Called to Flagrant Violations of Law in Kentucky.

Washington, April 11.—As president of the United States, and not as a candidate for that office, President Taft has been called upon to check the violation and defiance of law by federal office holders.

The outrages against the public committed by postmasters and other federal officers in Kentucky are made the basis of a demand, sent by Senator Dixon to the president that he cause immediate steps to be taken to punish those guilty of crime against the electorate, and to prevent further violations of law similar in character.

The crimes of federal office holders in Kentucky, in order to obtain for President Taft a packed convention to elect delegates to support him are without parallel in political manipulation of the convention in Indiana were thought to have established a record for dishonesty in politics.

But even these have been exceeded in Kentucky. There the county chairmen are mostly federal office holders, chiefly postmasters. In the election of county delegates to the state and district conventions, the certificates of the county chairmen that certain men have been chosen delegates is the basis for temporary rolls of all delegates. Other delegates are only admitted after a contest.

Only Taft Men Certified. In Kentucky counties the federal postmaster-chairmen of the county committees, regardless of whether the county elected Taft or Roosevelt delegates to state and district conventions, have certified only the election of Taft delegates. They have done this where the vote was 2 or 3 to 1 against Taft. This would be outrageous should the county chairmen were county politicians, without any direct responsibility to the public; but the fact that they are federal office holders, and that these men, employed in the public service, believe they can resort to crime and be sure of protection from the president of the United States, reveals a condition which, were it not absolutely proved, could hardly be believed to exist.

Senator Dixon very truthfully tells the president that this is being committed in his interest by public employes, and, that unless he enforces the law and stops the criminal practices, he will be the open beneficiary of the crimes committed. Senator Dixon's letter is as follows: "To the President of the United States: I have the honor to acknowledge the deep sense of common honor and of the broad love of fair play which characterize the American people as a whole, and in the interest of the welfare of the republican party, which all republicans genuinely desire to promote, I submit for your consideration and action the following dispatch which I have received from the Hon. Edward C. O'Keefe, former chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Kentucky and republican candidate for governor: "Later returns give Roosevelt first district, but chairman of McCracken county, who is deputy postmaster at Dudauch, signs the Taft certificate, though Roosevelt carried the county by 366 to 517."

"Carlsle county, Roosevelt had all but three, one of whom, the chairman, postmaster, signs Taft certificate. The district chairman is postmaster at Mayfield. "Nothing approaching these methods has ever developed before in Kentucky politics."

"I call your attention to certain obvious facts emphasized by this telegram. "First—Several different specified federal office holders are here charged with open and flagrant violation of law of civil service regulations and of executive orders issued by the president of the United States. "Second—These acts were committed by supporters of your candidacy for renomination, and on the theory that they were in the interests of that candidacy. "Third—These acts operate to subvert the directly expressed wish of the majority of the voters in the districts where committed. In plain language, these acts constitute theft. "Fourth—Unless they are promptly reprobated by you, and those who committed them, are immediately cited to trial, you cannot escape the charge of being willing to profit knowingly by such theft. "Receiver of Stolen Goods. "Fifth—In other words, you will become the deliberate receiver of stolen goods. "Sixth—Some days ago you sent to the congress of the United States a message recommending taking the postmasters of the country outside the sphere of political influence. Those officials, to whom I have called your attention have, with the full knowledge of your message to congress, deliberately set aside and made your words ridiculous and absurd. "Seventh—These open and flagrant violations of law by postmasters in Kentucky prove that these federal officeholders refuse to credit you with sincerity in your public declarations. "Eighth—This is a public assault by your officeholders upon your honor and veracity as president of the United States. "Ninth—Other crimes as in similar nature."

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MANEUVERS CONCLUDED OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET

Battleships Steam for Home Yards After Drill Off Virginia Capes.

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Only one accident, the bursting of a steel hoop around the tube of a 12-inch gun in the forward turret of the battleship Minnesota, marred the exercises. This was reported to the department as a routine matter, without serious results.

2ND DEGREE MURDER

Verdict is Returned by Reasonable Jury in Baines Case After 30 Minutes Deliberation. Roanoke, Va., April 11.—John Baines was found guilty of murder in the second degree in connection with the killing of Miss Bess Thompson, a county school teacher. The jury of 12 men returned the verdict after 30 minutes of deliberation.

Many Thousands Throng Philadelphia Thoroughfares When He Arrives and Makes Speech.

STREETS IMPASSABLE IN NUMEROUS CITIES

Pennsylvania Campaign Develops Into Triumphal Tour—Maine Delegates Are Pledged to Him.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 11.—Across the state of Pennsylvania, from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, Colonel Roosevelt went campaigning yesterday, making his appeal for support at the primaries on Saturday. It was the liveliest day of his campaign thus far. In no other state which he has traversed since he began his fight has he found the crowds so large and demonstrative.

Whenever he spoke Colonel Roosevelt asked the people to do on Saturday what Illinois did yesterday. "We knocked them over the ropes in Illinois," he said, "and I want to see them take the count in Pennsylvania."

The colonel referred for the first time to his view upon the outcome of the fight. "If, as I believe we will," he said, "we win in this fight, I want you to remember that our success must be made to turn for social and industrial justice."

"After what I've seen yesterday and today," he said at another time, "I believe that on Saturday Pennsylvania will do what Illinois did yesterday."

As Colonel Roosevelt was whisked across the state he found crowds of such size that many of them were unable to get within ear shot. In Johnstown, Altoona, Harrisburg and Lancaster the streets were almost impassable. When he reached Philadelphia, another throng was waiting for him. Four hundred policemen lined the streets to keep back the crowds along the three squares from the station to the hotel. The Metropolitan opera house, in which he spoke last night, was filled an hour before the colonel's arrival, and the street in front of the building was filled with a jostling crowd. After completing his main speech, Colonel Roosevelt went to Labor Lyceum hall in Kensington, the northeastern section of the city, where he received an enthusiastic welcome.

Roosevelt Gains Maine. Bangor, Me., April 11.—The candidacy of Col. Roosevelt, will be supported by Maine's 12 delegates in the republican national convention. Ten were chosen at the republican state convention and at three of the four district conventions held yesterday afternoon and last night in city hall. The other two were elected a week ago in the first district. Instructions were not formally given in the case of fourth district delegates, but all those chosen were named on ballots headed "Roosevelt delegates."

The Roosevelt leaders had a good working majority in the state convention, the vote for delegates at large being 739 to 497.

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