

HOSTS PRAYING FOR THE POPE

Thousands Gather in Front of Vatican This Morning and Make Petition for Pontiff's Recovery.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT DECLARES PHYSICIAN

Report that He Is Acutely Afflicted with Nephritis Denied—Relapse Causes Anxiety.

By Associated Press.

London, April 9.—A Central News dispatch from Rome says the pope suffered from a fainting fit lasting two hours this morning. It was stated the pope was in extremis. His physicians asserted the pope was no worse.

Rome, April 9.—Three thousand pilgrims gathered in the course of the morning on the piazza di San Pietro in front of the Vatican under the open window of the pope's apartment and said prayers for his recovery.

A thunderstorm accompanied by hail disturbed the pope this morning. His nervous system has become very sensitive since the beginning of his illness.

Prof. Marchisava assured the Associated Press this morning that his holiness is suffering "only from a relapse of influenza which like all relapses, is caused by a certain amount of anxiety connected with the excited position of the patient and his great age."

Reports as to the pope being acutely affected with nephritis or inflammation of the kidneys, said the professor, absolutely unfounded. "What the pontiff needs above all is rest," continued the physician, "and the 24 hours he has spent in bed completely isolated from affairs has already produced a salutary effect. All symptoms of a dangerous character which have been mentioned in unauthorized reports are either imaginary or grossly exaggerated. The present condition of the pope excludes any danger unless complications should intervene."

Rome, April 9.—The condition of the pope was much improved today, Professor Marchisava, the vatican physician, visited the pontiff for over an hour this morning and found his fever greatly reduced. His temperature was only slightly above normal but he still suffered great depression and weakness.

Cardinal Pompili, who was made a new vicar general only a few days ago, issued orders today for special prayers for the pope in all the churches of Rome during the next three days.

Professor Marchisava's examination of the pope this morning was of the most minute character. He declared afterward there was a noticeable improvement but stated that the relapse he suffered yesterday did not appear to be on the decline.

Pontiff Very Weak.

Pope Pius dozed for a short time this afternoon. When he was awake he appeared to feel too weak to take much notice of those around him. He smiled, however, when he was visited by his sisters and his niece, who sat quietly in the room for some time without disturbing him.

The temperature of the pope rose slightly at 3 o'clock this afternoon, reaching 99 degrees.

While official reports state that the amelioration in the pope's condition continues, it is reported in other quarters that the pontiff is suffering from difficulty of respiration, thirst and prostration.

Everything is being prepared at the Vatican to give the pope a long period of rest. All pilgrimages have been suspended during this month. Several cardinals who called personally at the Vatican this morning to inquire about the pope's health were not allowed to see him.

The callers were informed by Cardinal Merry del Val that an improvement had taken place in the pope's condition and that there was no real cause for alarm.

The official Vatican newspaper, the Osservatore Romano says in its evening edition today:

"We are glad to be able to give the assurance that after his relapse on Monday evening the condition of the pope is constantly and notably ameliorating."

For Early Philippine Independence.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 9.—Delegates Barnhart and Quason of the Philippines, President Wilson today expressed the hope Philippine independence would be attained as soon as possible and promised to give the subject early consideration.

Steamer Sifts Barge.

By Associated Press. Boston, April 9.—The steamer Nantuxet, bound from Baltimore for Boston, with twenty-eight passengers, was in collision with an unknown barge near Cross Key lightship in Nantuxet sound before dawn. A wireless message gave no details.

OLSON ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Unwritten Law Frees Minnesota University Professor, after Sensational Trial.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., April 9.—The jury in the case of Prof. Oscar Olson, formerly of the University of Minnesota farm school, charged with the murder of Clyde N. Darling, alleged wrecker of the Olson home, returned a verdict of not guilty at 8:35 last night.

The jury had been out since 5 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:40 the foreman announced that a verdict had been reached. Judge Orr was called, arriving nearly an hour later. As the words "not guilty" fell from the lips of the foreman, Olson, who had been brought to the court room, attempted to rise but dropped back into his seat. He recovered his composure and with tear-dimmed eyes shook hands with the jurors, the judge and the newspaper men.

"There is going to be a happy reunion at the Olson home tonight," was all Professor Olson would say as he started for his home, where his coming was being awaited by his wife and little daughter. Professor Olson had not seen his daughter since his arrest the night of the shooting.

In April, 1911, Darling, a laundry wagon driver, began paying Mrs. Olson attention. Her husband was out of the city much of the time. After secret meetings had been going on for nearly a year her conscience began troubling her. According to the trial story she began Darling to stay away from her. He returned. When she threatened to tell her husband all, he begged that she would not dare and kept her in fear. She finally made a confession to her husband. She did not tell everything, but enough to have him warn Darling to stay away. Later she revealed the entire story to Professor Olson. On March 5, Professor Olson returned from a trip over the state. Mrs. Olson was in Montevideo, visiting, and had intended returning that day. It was late at night, Olson was half dozing when he heard a sound in the yard. He went to a window and saw a figure approaching the back door, according to his testimony. He took his revolver and waited. As the door opened Olson fired two shots. Both bullets went through the right lung of Darling.

The trial lasted six days. Mrs. Olson told her story from beginning to end. At the end of her testimony she collapsed.

GUDGER INDORSES FOUR FOR BERTHS

Congressman Makes Recommendations for Postoffices in This District.

Gazette-News Bureau.

Wyatt Building.

Washington, April 9.—Representative Gudger this afternoon asked Postmaster General Burelion to make the following appointments for postmasters: D. J. Kerr, Canton; W. C. Hall, Black Mountain; W. H. Stearns, Tryon; and Plato Rollins at Rutherfordton.

Mr. Gudger reached a decision in the above offices after considering the indorsement of each candidate and after conferences with Senators Simmons and Overman. The senators have the privilege of holding up nominations and for this reason congressmen are conferring with Senators Simmons and Overman so that there may be no misunderstanding.

OSBORN NOMINATION IS EXPECTED SOON

White House Report Also Says Breckenridge Will Be War Secretary's Assistant.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 9.—Henry C. Breckenridge of Lexington, Ky., is slated for assistant secretary of war and William H. Osborn of Breckensboro, N. C., for commissioner of internal revenue. This information came from the White House today though their nominations had not yet been prepared.

Mr. Breckenridge is a graduate of Princeton in the class of 1877 and was one of President Wilson's pupils who distinguished himself in public speaking and political sagacity.

FLOOD OUTLOOK MORE SERIOUS

Downpour Throughout Mississippi Basin Will Augment Troubles of the Levee Workers.

BAD SPOTS DEVELOP IN REELFOOT DIKE

Graves Bayou Break Widens—Memphis Now Has Big Area Covered by Water.

By Associated Press.

Memphis, April 9.—Rain throughout the Mississippi basin, especially heavy in the upper portions of the valley, today gave a graver aspect to the flood situation. Heavy downpour, accompanied by strong winds, had a bad effect on the stretches of levees where the fight has been hardest during the past week, but this morning reports to the central offices in this city indicated all the dikes were holding.

The weather disturbance today is central over western Arkansas, according to Forecaster Emery, with heavy rains along the valley between Memphis and St. Louis. This will tend to prolong and probably increase the flood. Mr. Emery stated, because all the tributaries of the Mississippi will be called upon to carry off a large surplus of water. The gauge here stood at 46 at 7 o'clock today, a rise of four-tenths of a foot in 24 hours.

Hickman Situation Bad.

Hickman, Ky., the situation today is reported unusually serious. The Rootfoot levee has developed several bad spots in the first mile south of Hickman and in the fifth mile. Several thousand bags of sand have been used to strengthen these places and large gangs of workmen are constantly at work bringing up supplies and distributing them along the line.

Reports today from Wyanoke, Louisiana, Osceola, Mound City and Point Pleasant on the Arkansas side state that all levees were holding, but with the higher stage of the river, the situation was growing more serious. The break at Graves bayou, south of Memphis, was reported to be about 1000 feet wide today, with the water pouring through the crevasse at a terrific rate.

Memphis Hardly Flooded.

In Memphis the flooded area, resulting from the back water, was largely increased by the heavy rains of the night. For several hours this morning the east and west street car lines on Madison and Union avenues were stopped on account of the overflow of those streets, but later in the day regular service was resumed. A serious hole developed in the levee protecting the city gas plant, and it was stated that the plant probably would be shut down before night. This would seriously inconvenience thousands of families who are dependent wholly on gas for fuel or light.

Refugees continue to reach the city in increasing numbers from the flooded districts in Arkansas. All able-bodied men, both white and black, were sorted out and turned over to the United States engineers and levee board for work on the levees across the river.

Official Flood Bulletin.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—Here is the weather bureau's special flood bulletin for today:

The Ohio river at Cairo at 7 A. M. Wednesday was 54.6 feet, a fall of 1.1 foot in the last 24 hours. The rain which fell in the last 24 hours over the Mississippi valley, the lower Ohio valley and the watersheds of the western tributaries of the Mississippi south of Cairo has added to the seriousness of the flood situation in the Mississippi. Stages in the Mississippi Wednesday morning were as follows:

Memphis 46 feet, 9.7 foot above high water of 1912; Vicksburg, Miss., 45.7 feet, 4.4 feet below high water of 1912; New Orleans 16.1 feet.

Slight Fall at Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., April 9.—The Ohio river today had fallen one-tenth of an inch since yesterday morning and registered 54.6 feet. Should heavy rains continue over the Mississippi and Ohio watersheds it is feared conditions here again will become critical.

Southern Pacific Stockholders Meet.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., April 9.—In conformity with the decree of the Supreme court of the United States dissolving the Union and Southern Pacific merger, the Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific was reported today at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific company.

The name of Robert S. Lovett and others conspicuously on the old board do not appear in the list of the directors elected.

Federal Minimum Wage Bill.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 9.—A minimum wage of \$9 per week for all women and girls employed in work which goes into interstate commerce and a prohibition against the employment of girls under 15 years are proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Chittenden.

NO NATIONAL INTERFERENCE

Wilson Decides that Federal Government Shall not Interpose in California Legislation.

COURTS MUST GUARD JAPANESE RIGHTS

Should the Measure Pass, Federal Tribunal Will Pass Upon Its Constitutionality.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 9.—President Wilson let it be known today that the federal government would not interfere with pending legislation in California by which aliens who have not declared their intention of becoming naturalized as American citizens are prohibited from owning land or property. He communicated this decision informally to Representative Raker.

Although the measure is aimed primarily at the Japanese, the fact that it makes no discrimination of race as well as the desire of the president not to interfere with the sovereignty of the state has precluded any action by the federal government at this time.

The president was told by Mr. Raker that the people of California would enact the law through the initiative and referendum if the legislature refused. He declared the sentiment was five to one in favor of the law. The president's position had been merely that of an inquirer.

Representative Raker had shown the president a telegram from J. B. Sanford, a leader in the senate of California, requesting that the federal government should not interfere with local affairs. The president's decision today, Mr. Raker said, would find approval in California.

President Wilson told Mr. Raker the whole question touched the sovereignty of the state and he led it to California to make such laws as it deemed advisable for itself, with the hope the law would be passed.

It is believed that the protest of the Japanese government will be held in the state department until the legislation is actually passed. Then the constitutionality of the measure may be tested in the United States courts by Japanese residents in California.

Liberal Oppose Bill.

Tokio, April 12.—The executive committee of the national liberal party passed a resolution today urging the governments of Japan and the United States to prevent the passage of the California land ownership bill, owing to the serious effect it will have on interests of the two nations and on their relations.

NEW DISSOLUTION PLAN DISAPPROVED

McReynolds Dose'n't Like Lovett's Method of Unscrambling Eggs.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—Attorney General McReynolds today disapproved the new plan of the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger recently submitted to him by Robert S. Lovett chairman of the Union Pacific board. The Union Pacific will submit the plans to the United States court at St. Louis. Mr. Lovett has advised the attorney-general.

The proposed plan now goes to the court with the opposition of the attorney on the ground that it does not meet the decree of the Supreme court dissolving the merger.

The plan proposed that the Union Pacific place its \$196,000,000 worth of the Southern Pacific stock in the hands of a trustee for 2 1/2 years. The stock would be disfranchised. Stockholders of the Union Pacific would be permitted to buy 100 shares each. The attorneys believe that the same objections apply to that arrangement as applied to the original suggestion of the Union Pacific that the Southern Pacific stock be distributed pro rata among stockholders of the Union Pacific. This was disapproved.

WADE HAMPTON'S HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., April 9.—The home of the confederate general, Wade Hampton, head of the legion that bore his name, lies a mass of ruins on Senate street today. The saddle, upon which he fought many a hand-to-hand encounter, with "Yanks" at close quarters was saved. His granddaughter, 11 in bed with fever, was carried out shortly before the roof fell in.

The famous confederate sent's priceless collection of books and war relics were consumed.

BANKERS PUT BEHIND BARS

Two Arrests Are Made After Investigation into the States Trust Company's Affairs.

OFFICERS ARE SEEKING OTHER PROMOTERS

Dr. Picot Making Fight to Retain His Place as Superintendent of State Hospital.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, April 9.—With the arrest here last night of C. H. Bowlds and at Angier today of J. A. Bickers, officers of the State Trust company, the corporation commission expects to have others involved in the scheme in jail before night if they are in the state. None of the men are from North Carolina, but seem to have come from every other part of the south.

It is learned that banks were to be started at Hoffman, Richmond county; Pinetown, Beaufort county; Fallston, Catawba; Steadman, Cumberland; Biscoe, Montgomery; Walkertown, Forsyth; and Newport, Carteret. A stationery representative said his company had \$3000 in the banks.

Governor Craig appointed Dr. Chas. Woodard of Durham to the board of directors of the state hospital, to succeed W. A. Erwin, resigned.

Failing to take kindly to the purpose of the new board of directors of the state hospital at Raleigh to bestow his job on another, Dr. L. J. Picot, superintendent, has employed counsel to fight the matter through the courts. The board is in session this afternoon but will not take action until later in the afternoon. Dr. Picot contends he was elected for a term of six years, but it is said members say his election was for two years. Dr. Albert Anderson of Raleigh undoubtedly will be elected his successor.

The board of directors adjourned to May 14 without electing a superintendent. It is learned that R. H. Salisbury, a director, has employed Judge J. S. Manning to prevent his place being taken by A. B. Croom, Jr., the Craig appointee.

Dr. Anderson's Career.

Dr. Albert Anderson of Raleigh, who today may be elected superintendent of the state hospital at Raleigh, was born at Eagle Rock, Wake county, October 18, 1859, his parents being Jesse and Mary Anderson. He was educated in the public schools and Trinity college, receiving the degree of master of arts from that institution in 1883. Dr. Anderson studied medicine in the University of Virginia, got his degree in 1888, and located in Wilson for the practice of medicine.

The new superintendent of the state hospital at once became prominent in the medical world and in 1907 was made director of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, a position which he resigned last August when the head office was moved from Raleigh to Greensboro. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of medicine in this city.

THE STANDARD OIL BILL VETOED BY GOV. MAJOR

Missouri's Executive Declines to Permit Company to Re-enter State.

By Associated Press.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 9.—Governor Major today vetoed the bill permitting the Standard Oil company to continue business in Missouri in spite of the ouster decree of the State Supreme court.

The ouster suit against the Standard Oil company was filed in 1905. In December, 1908, the Supreme court of Missouri entered the ouster decree. Under terms of this the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company, a distributing concern, were ordered to leave the state and to pay a fine of \$50,000.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company was fined \$50,000, but was allowed to continue business in Missouri on condition that it sever its connection with the Standard.

The Waters-Pierce met this condition and a few weeks ago it was announced that Henry Clay Pierce had bought the Standard Oil holdings in the Waters-Pierce company and now controlled a majority of the stock. The Standard Oil company appealed the ouster decree to the federal court, where the decision of the Missouri court was upheld. An appeal then was made to the State Supreme court, but the appeal was overruled and a petition now is pending in the state Supreme court to grant a rehearing.

WILSON AGAIN AT THE CAPITOL

HOUSE DEMOCRATS IN TARIFF CAUCUS

Industrial Commission, Tariff Board, Woman Suffrage, Minimum Wage Favoured.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—House democrats caucused today on the tariff bill after the majority of the ways and means committee had met to formulate a tariff program for submission. The house itself had adjourned until tomorrow. The caucus will be succeeded by others, one each day for several days, and all will be secret. A fight, backed by Underwood's idea of single bills, some democratic senators believe the effect of a schedule-by-schedule revision already has been lost by the introduction of the bill as a whole. Another proposal was to group the schedules and divide the bill into four measures.

Some of these questions the caucus took up when it met today.

Outline Program of Progressives.

Questions Relative to Revision Schedules Debated behind Closed Doors.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 9.—At a general meeting here today to perfect details of the legislative program outlined by the progressive party in the house, Gifford Pinchot, Jane Addams, Walter Weyl, and Dean Lewis of the University of Pennsylvania were called to discuss the framing of the 22 measures which the progressives expect to present to this congress.

One of these will be a measure calling for the establishment of an industrial commission to regulate corporations in interstate commerce, with powers similar to those now exercised over railroads by the interstate commerce commission.

Special attention will also be paid to a resolution providing a constitutional amendment extending the suffrage to women. During the tariff debate the progressives plan to exploit their party platform pledge endorsing the plan for a "non-partisan, scientific tariff board."

The progressives will also urge the passage of a minimum wage law in some form and today they seemed to lean toward a plan for a wage commission to establish equitable scales of wages.

Wants Rapid Progress.

The president is said to feel that more progress can be made by a visit to the capitol where he can confer with the democrats of the senate finance committee and the latter can quickly get in touch with senators reluctant to favor the bill at present. Mr. Wilson firmly believes in intimate debate in matters of legislation, not only as a time-saver, but as a means of averting misunderstandings that might come by having the administration's views transmitted indirectly.

The president's conception of that method of securing legislation is that as a leader of the party that elected him he can be a counselor and advisor. While he never has suggested that the executive in either the state or the nation should actually interfere in the process of legislation, he always has maintained that the voice of the party leaders should be heard in party councils.

Intimations have come from the White House that the president, if defeated in the present session in the issue of tariff reform, will go before the people of those states whose representatives in both houses of congress have thwarted the party program and appeal in the primaries for the selection of what he believes to be progressive candidates.

Has Many Engagements.

The president had a long schedule of engagements before his departure for the capitol. Beginning at 9 o'clock he received many callers, among them being many members of congress. At 2:20 he was to greet in the east room more than 500 school teachers, also Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., a classmate and Bishop E. E. Hoss of Nashville, Tenn., of the Methodist Federation commission in session here, and Robert S. Hyer, president of the South Methodist university of Dallas, Tex.

The president expected to leave the White House at 3:35, devoting the remainder of the afternoon if necessary to the conference at the capitol.

President Wilson's visit to the capitol was explained by members of the finance committee to be a continuation of the conference begun Monday at the White House. Members of the committee desired a further opportunity to present their views of changes needed in the tariff bill.

"The democrats of the finance committee asked for a conference with the president and we met him at the White House Monday morning," said Senator Hoke Smith. "That conference adjourned to meet again. Now the president renews the conference and instead of requiring the nine democrats of the finance committee to come to him, he has come to them."

Other members commended the action of the president in arranging to meet the finance committee at a point more convenient to senators.

Firing Continues at Naco.

By Associated Press.

Naco, Ariz., April 9.—Much gun fire between the federal garrison of Naco, Sonora and the constitutionalists forces opened at 3 o'clock this morning. The attacking party remained at a distance.

Ojeda's federal troops had reported a former assault at Naco. The rebels apparently were not seen to leave the fighting.

President Goes There This Afternoon to Confer with Senators over the Tariff Schedules.

DETERMINED TO PUT PROGRAM THROUGH

Intimates that if Defeated in Present Revision He Will Stump Against Recalcitrants.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 9.—President Wilson announced today that he would meet the democratic members of the senate finance committee in the president's room at the capitol at 3 o'clock this afternoon to talk about the tariff.

Although it had been unofficially announced before President Wilson took office that he expected to go to the president's room at the capitol at frequent intervals to be in close touch with congress, the news that he would make the first visit today following so closely on the notable scene of yesterday when the president read his message personally to a joint assembly in the hall of the house, set official circles by the ears.

The president sent word early today by Secretary Tumulty to the members of the committee that he would like to meet them at 3 o'clock. The pivot of tariff reform, it is generally recognized, will be the senate, where the democratic margin is small and where opposition to certain schedules already is apparent.

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