

# POPE SUFFERED INTENSE AGONY FOR MANY HOURS

## BREATHING WAS A TRAGIC TASK AS END DREW NEAR

### Pontifical Family Called In to Death Chamber 'In Early Morning

### MUCH EMOTION SHOWN BY ALL ATTENDANTS

### Cardinal Gasparri Takes Charge of Church Until the Election

(By The Associated Press)

Rome, Jan. 22.—Pope Benedict breathed his last at 6:00 o'clock this morning. The news was hurriedly communicated from the papal bed chamber to the principal ante chamber, and was announced by Monsignor Pizzardo, deputy papal secretary of state, just as the ponderous bells of St. Peter's, overlooking the Vatican court yard, began tolling the hour of 6. Then one by one the bells in Rome's 400 churches joined in the horologe symphony that marked the passing of the head of the Roman Catholic church.

### Night of Pain.

The end came after a long night of intense agony and suffering, the pontiff now and then lapsing into delirium throughout the long, anxious night. Shortly before midnight he took a little nourishment, which seemed momentarily to revive his spirits, but within an hour afterwards he began to sink again. At 11:15 o'clock, Dr. Battistini emerging from the pontifical chamber into the ante room, told the Associated Press correspondent the end was approaching, that already his hands and feet felt cold. "He will live only three or four hours at the maximum," said the physician.

From that period on the pope feared the end of his life. Breathing became a tragic, agonizing task as the supreme pontiff, who had resisted the severe lung and throat congestion, was now finally too weak to overcome the overwhelming attack. His hands and feet rapidly weakened, and at 5 o'clock in the morning it was ascertained that the end was a matter of moments. According to Cardinals Gasparri, Sambo, and Pizzardo, and the pontifical household, he was notified that the end was rapidly approaching. Cardinal Gasparri entered the bed chamber at 5:50 o'clock, passing through the ante chamber, wearing deep furrows on the brow of his bowed head and walking with short rapid steps to the bedside of the dying pontiff. He had been only nine minutes before the pope breathed his last.

### Solemn Reverence.

Yesterday evening virtually all the cardinals resident in Rome were in attendance at the Vatican, the services being presided over by solemn reverence on the part of those present. The ambassadors from Spain, Argentina and Portugal called at the apartment towards midnight, and it was nothing except imminent death could be foreseen at that time.

After midnight the crowd which had waited many long hours around the pontifical apartment to only a few men, and it was not until the pope actually passed away that a stir to call the pontifical family together was made.

The formal announcement of the pope's passing was the occasion for a scene of deep emotion. All those present in the ante chamber went, and the relatives knelt in silent prayer. Shortly afterwards Cardinal Gasparri proceeded with the formal taking over of temporary charge of the affairs of the church. He will be the nominal head of the church until a new pope is elected.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS

North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Fair and colder Monday—Tuesday cloudy. Virginia: Fair and colder, cold wave Monday; Tuesday fair continued cold.

Texas: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday, cooler.

Extreme Northwest Florida, Alabama: Cloudy and colder Monday; Tuesday unsettled, probably rain.

Tennessee: Cloudy and colder Monday; Tuesday unsettled, probably snow or rain west and central portions.

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Jesse Greer, brother of the fugitive, was caught late today after being followed for several miles. He was strung up to a tree and with drawn rifles leaders of the searching party made him tell all the knew of his brother's whereabouts. Later he was placed in the Sandersville jail.

### Rob Restaurant, Bind Proprietor, and Set Fire To Building

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# LEADERS IN FIGHT IN PLANS FOR DISABLED VETERANS



Judge Robert S. Marx, national commander of the Disabled Veterans of the World War, leading their fight.

Major Arthur Dean, who resigned as assistant secretary of Veterans Bureau, after reported disagreement with the War Department.



Colonel Robert I. Rees, who succeeds Major Dean as assistant director of Veterans Bureau.

Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the Veterans Bureau, who defends the bureau against present attacks.

# "DIRT" FARMERS WILL BE THERE

## Agricultural Conference to Begin Today

### Should Be Invested in Foreign Channels

## REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC

### Overstocked Supply Earns No Interest and Serves No Useful Purpose

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 22.—Representatives of farmers and of industry dependent on agriculture will meet here tomorrow in a national agricultural conference to consider the present situation of the farmers and to lay down a fundamental national agricultural policy.

Five days have been allotted for the conference, which is expected to discuss the economic situation facing the country's producers and then take up the matter of a permanent agricultural policy. Over half of the personnel will be composed of "dirt" farmers, the remainder to comprise representatives of state agricultural officials, editors of agricultural papers, and industrialists connected with agriculture.

In the country, the statement declared, the situation was unfortunate because the high premium on American exchange has attracted the gold flow of the world, resulting in overstocking beyond current needs and a surplus earning no interest and serving no useful purpose.

## NO GIRL IN PANTS FOR OTTAWA CHURCH

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Young women who come to church in skiing costumes "without skirts," will be put out, the Rev. Father O'Gorman, pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, announced today. He declared that in the future he would not permit girls to attend services in regulation breeches, Jersey and jacket than he would permit men to come to church in rowing togs.

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# DISCOUNT BRUCE FAR VOLS LEADER DIES IN BRITAIN

## Only Topic in Agenda That Remains To Be Explored By Delegates

## NO LONG DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT EXPECTED

## Japanese to Oppose With- drawal of Troops Until Settlement

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 22.—The problem of Siberia, the only topic on the agenda of the Washington conference now remaining unexplored, is to replace the Chinese questions during the coming week as the permanent concern of the arms delegates.

The Japanese who expect Siberia to be considered at tomorrow's meeting of the Far Eastern committee today from Tokyo an expression of policy by Foreign Minister Uchida which they regarded as determining definitely the attitude toward their government troops from Siberia until a stable administration has been established there.

## Central Issues.

This position the delegation is expected to lay before the committee as soon as it begins its Siberian discussions, bringing the negotiations at once to a consideration of the central issues involved in the problem. There is no indication that any other power intends to stubbornly dispute the Japanese stand, or to bring on a prolonged debate over lesser questions.

In some quarters there is apparent a belief that Japan should be invited to set a definite date for the withdrawal of her military forces, but the Japanese delegates today they had no present intention of doing so. Their troops, they declared, were in Siberia solely to protect Japanese interests during the present unsettled conditions, and therefore it would be wholly impossible to fix a withdrawal date until there are definite assurances of an improvement.

Although the Far Eastern committee is about to shift its attention to the Chinese request for withdrawal of their troops, the Russian-Chinese alliance of 1896, both of which are considered likely to be renewed.

## Meeting of Jewish Organiza- tions in Greensboro; No- table Addresses

(Special to The Journal)

Greensboro, Jan. 22.—With prominent Jews from all parts of the five southern states and the district of Columbia, composing the fifth district of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith here for the forty-seventh annual convention of the district, the opening session of the convention was held at the Imperial theatre at 8 o'clock this evening.

The annual convention North Carolina is being held in Greensboro for the major portion of the time will hold joint sessions.

Every train reaching the city today was met by a delegation of the two organizations into Greensboro. This evening the Imperial theatre was well filled as the meeting was called to order.

An informal reception at the home of E. Sternberg brought the evening's program to a conclusion.

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# CONCORD MOVED DEEPLY IN CASE OF O. G. THOMAS

## AIR IN HIS VEINS ALONG WITH BLOOD

## Georgia Negro Convict Puzzles Doctors When Needle Is Inserted in Arm

(By The Associated Press)

Dublin, Ga., Jan. 22.—Contrary to the teachings of medical science a negro convict, Ira Allen, was found here today, who had air in his veins, along with blood, according to reports of doctors.

The county physician, Dr. A. T. Coleman, says that when he started to make an intravenous injection in Allen's arm, air hissed out, sounding like a punctured bicycle tire as he inserted the needle.

Another incision was made in other place, with similar results, he says. Other doctors were present at the second operation.

## FIND BODIES OF WOMAN AND SON

### Murdered With Hatchet and Gas Turned On

### Heads Were Cut Away

### Boy Tightly Clasped In Mother's Arms; Husband Suspected

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The decapitated bodies of Mrs. Margaret Tierney, 26 years of age, and her three year old son, Ralph, today were found in their home. They had been murdered with a hatchet found near the bodies. The room had been tightly closed and the gas turned on, but the coroner said there was no doubt that both mother and child were dead long before the murderer fled.

Patrick Tierney, Mrs. Tierney's husband, is sought in connection with the double killing.

Ralph's body was tightly clasped in his mother's arms, and police think that she was defending her child from the murderer's attacks. The hatchet apparently had been purchased for the killing as it was new and still bore the price mark.

William Brennan, landlord of the building in which the Tierneys lived, told the police that Tierney several times had threatened Mrs. Tierney.

## DIRECTORS OF SOUTH ATLANTA WILL MEET

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 22.—Directors of the South Atlantic Association of Baseball Clubs have been called by President Walsh to meet in Columbia Tuesday.

The meeting is expected to result in approval of the schedule for the 1922 season and the addition of the official ball to be used in all championship games. The season will open April 17 and close September 4.

## MURDER CASE BEGINS

Macon, Ga., Jan. 22.—One hundred witnesses have been summoned for the trial of Charles E. Smith, charged with the murder of B. B. Mercer, which begins in superior court here tomorrow.

Mercer was with his brother on the street when he was shot down on Jan. 11. Lawyers for Mercer say the defense will be justifiable homicide. Judge John D. Humphries, of Atlanta, will preside at the trial.

## JAPAN'S POSITION IS EXPLAINED BY UCHIDA

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 22.—Consideration of her own safety compels Japan to continue the present her forces in the maritime provinces of Siberia, Foreign Minister Uchida declared yesterday before the Diet in Tokyo, according to a text of his speech made public today by the Japanese embassy.

The attitude of the Japanese arms delegation, when the question of Siberia comes before the Washington conference—possibly tomorrow—will follow closely policy announced by Uchida, it was declared tonight.

## GANG HOLDS UP SALISBURY MAN

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Smith told the police and others that a short time before his plight was discovered, four men, unknown to him, entered the place, seized and bound him, robbed his cash drawer of about \$28, threw kerosene over the interior of the restaurant and left him to perish in the burning building. He was unable to give a very adequate description of the assailants and the police tonight had not made any arrests.

Weekly Labor Papers.

(By The Associated Press)

Ashville, Jan. 22.—Establishment of weekly newspapers in Winston-Salem and High Point, N. C. within the next ninety days was announced today by James F. Barrett, publisher of Asheville and Charlotte labor papers, and president of the State Federation of Labor.

Full Assortment From reports, Special correspondents Washington, Raleigh and other State correspondents. W. E. A. News, pictures, comics and features—best there are to be had.

# OPINIONS VARY SOME ONE WAY, SOME ANOTHER

## Many Feel Sure Prisoner Will Be Freed; Others Hold Differently

## STRONGEST EVIDENCE FOR STATE FRIDAY

## Never Before in Cabarrus Has a Trial Aroused Such Interest

(By W. M. SHEPHERD)

Concord, Jan. 22.—What will the jury do with O. G. Thomas? Is this the last Sabbath the Charlotte auto salesman will spend in prison for killing Arthur J. Allen, or will he spend other Sundays in prison with freedom later, or with serious penalty?

This is the question that is on the lips of every one here today, as the court rests for Sunday after conducting one week of the trial of Thomas.

The main issues raised Friday after offering testimony for four days, general opinion seemed to be that the prisoner would be freed. His attorneys had presented an almost impregnable defense. They had offered three scores of witnesses, and for every witness they had offered several character and corroborative witnesses. It was a masterful defense; not only the best perhaps ever offered in Cabarrus county, but one of the best in the history of the State.

Since Friday the State has offered a score of rebuttal witnesses. The State since Friday has introduced to the court several witnesses who have contradicted in many important details the testimony of several of the important defense witnesses.

The main issues now seem to hinge on the testimony of Thomas, Mrs. Robert Lowe, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shinn, for defense; John McDuffie and little 13-year-old Gladie Lawing for the State.

Thomas and Mrs. Lowe insist that they went straight from the Cline boarding house to the scene of the tragedy. John McDuffie is just as persistent in the belief that he saw Mrs. Lowe riding in a Ford sedan driven by a man wearing "an army shirt" a few minutes before Allen was killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinn saw the shots fired. They saw no man talking to Thomas before the shots were fired. They saw no car pass the Thomas car. Gladie Lawing is just as positive that she saw "Thomas" car standing in the road several minutes, and saw a sedan pass "Thomas" car, before the shots were fired. She is positive that Thomas and Allen had a conversation before the killing.

Who will the jury decide is right? Never before in the history of the county has a case attracted such local interest. Not only are Concord people interested, but Kannapolis people are just as interested.

## TEXTILE STRIKE IN RHODE ISLAND

### Move Follows an Announce- ment of Wage Reduction of 20 Per Cent

(By The Associated Press)

Providence, R. I., Jan. 22.—Following announcement by a majority of Rhode Island textile corporations last week of a wage reduction averaging 20 per cent, and effective for the most part tomorrow, the United Textile Workers Council today voted to authorize a strike on a state-wide scale.

No date was set for the strike action, the council delegating to Thomas F. McMahon, its president, authority to call out union workers whenever he considers the moment opportune.

The strike vote followed the recent action of the United Textile Workers in declaring the organization unilaterally opposed to further wage reductions.

Rhode Island Textile Plants, in announcing wage reductions last week, declared that southern competition and a collapse of the tire fabric market were contributing factors in a condition making the cut necessary.

To Hold Convention.

Ashville, Jan. 22.—The bureau of envelope manufacturers, American Envelope Co., has announced that it will hold a two day quarterly session in Asheville beginning Monday.