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REPORT THAT POPE IS DEAD

Story Was Circulated This Morning But Later Denied By Rome

CAME FROM MADRID

Despatch From Madrid Said News Had Been Received There of Pope's Death, and That It Had Been Confirmed at the Papal Office There—London Heard Same Story as Was Sent to This Country—Rome Later Said There Was No Truth in the Report.

Rome, April 11.—There is no truth in the report circulating throughout the world, based on a telegram from Madrid, that the Pope is dead.

The First Story. Madrid, April 11.—A private dispatch received here from Rome which was confirmed at the Nunciature announced the pope is dead. Was Held to Get News. A cable dispatch from Rome, sent at 4:27 p. m. and received in this country shortly before noon disposed of the alarming report sent from Madrid and circulated throughout the world early in the day that Pope Pius X. was dead.

The first report stated that papal nunciature at Madrid confirmed the private dispatch received there announcing the pope's death. Similar dispatches were received in London from Madrid.

Meantime the cable from Rome was silent. For nearly three hours no direct communication could be had from that city. Urgent efforts from different capitals of Europe by telegraph and long distance telephone, were made to secure direct information from the Italian capital. Paris secured long distance telephone connection shortly before noon and was informed that the Madrid report was untrue. Immediately following this telegraph and capable dispatches direct from Rome gave the same information that the Madrid report of the pontiff's death was untrue.

Pope Pius X. has been in rather poor health for some weeks. At no time has his condition reached the critical stage or one giving serious cause for the apprehension of those about him.

Continues Audiences. Rome, April 11.—The pope continues his audiences. He received today Cardinal Della Volpe, Prince Bergese, and Senor De Estrada, the Argentine minister at the vatican and his family and Count and Countess Jonghe. Afterwards the pontiff greeted a number of Italian and foreign personalities.

No Direct News. Washington, April 11.—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. Nothing within the last few days indicated the pope was in a critical condition, although his

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS HOLD CONVENTION

New York, April 11.—The democratic state convention met to elect four delegates at large and 86 district delegates to the Baltimore convention. Seymour Van Santvoord is temporary chairman. After the committees were appointed the convention adjourned until two o'clock, during the recess the committee held meetings. Governor Dix, Senator O. Gorman, Charles F. Murphy, and Alton B. Parker were virtually agreed upon as delegates at large.

Irish Home Rule Bill. London, April 11.—The Irish home rule bill, the third effort made by the 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.

health has for some time been unsatisfactory. On March 25 he was compelled to suspend his audience for a few days, owing to a slight cough accompanied by catarrh. On March 27 he was sufficiently improved to resume his audiences. Among those greeting the pope that day were some 350 Americans. They noted a slight pallor and some hoarseness in the pontiff's speech, but beyond that there was no evidence of serious physical disability. The first dispatch from Madrid received today is but a few words. It is noted that it states that it was a private dispatch which brought the first word of the report to Madrid. This would be open to much doubt. The subsequent statement that the Nunciature confirmed the dispatch gives a seriousness to the report which cannot be overlooked. Why a report of such gravity should be first made public at Madrid has not been explained, and gives further reason for reserve of judgment.

Absence of word from Rome for more than an hour after the receipt of the first dispatch from Madrid, together with complete lack of information at offices of the Cardinal and other Catholic dignitaries in this and other countries adds further question to the authenticity of the Madrid report. Rome has not confirmed the report and no other capital of Europe, excepting London, has reported the receipt of any messages on the subject.

Washington Office Not Informed. Washington, D. C., April 11.—The charge d'affaires of the papal legation who is directing church matters here pending the arrival of Cardinal Falcone's successor, said he had no advice from Rome confirming the report of the death of the pope. It was said if a dispatch had been sent from the Vatican to the Madrid Nuncio an identical dispatch would have been sent to Washington. The state department also was without notice.

Same News in London. London, April 11.—The same dispatch as the one transmitted to America was received here from Madrid announcing that a private message confirmed by the papal nunciature at Madrid stated that the pope was dead. The dispatch from Madrid came through the usual channels. Nothing beyond the first few words it contained has been received, nor has any additional information concerning the Madrid report come from any source.

Cardinal Has Received No News. New York, April 11.—At eleven o'clock the members of Cardinal Farley's household were without news of the pope, either directly or indirectly. Monsignor Lavelle said they were beginning to fear the report was true, but they would continue hopeful until some official news was received.

SOCIALISTS FIRST IN FIELD Name Ladies' Tailor for President and Engineer as Running Mate.

New York, April 11.—The socialist labor party, at its national convention here unanimously nominated Arthur Elmer Reimer, ladies' tailor of Boston, Mass., for president of the United States and August Gilhaves, of New York, a stationary engineer, for vice president. Daniel De Leon presented the platform, which condemned the methods of organizers like Haywood, who managed the Lawrence strike. The question of the final adoption of the platform was postponed until tomorrow.

Twenty-eight delegates were present today, among them Mrs. Edith L. Cody, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Oliver Johnson, of Oakland, Cal., acting as a proxy for Oregon.

SHOOTS GIRLS, KILL HIMSELF

Boy, 19, Rejected as Suitor by Mother of 15-Year-Old Victim. Logansport, Ind., April 11.—Otto G. Brown, 19 years old, old son of a Macy, Ind., farmer, shot and probably fatally wounded his sweetheart, Leona Ehlinger, 15 years old, then killed himself, because the girl's mother refused her consent to their marriage.

Brown left two notes, one of which he signed "Leona," indicating that he had carefully planned the double tragedy in case marriage was refused him. In the note to which he signed his own name Brown asked that he be buried beside his victim, and concluded with: "May shame befall any one who defies this wish."

Knox at Havana.

Havana, April 11.—Secretary Knox and party arrived aboard the cruiser Washington this morning. The cruiser passed Morro Castle at 9 o'clock, proceeding slowly up the harbor exchanging salutes with the fortress of Canabas until she came to her moorings.



FLOODED SECTIONS OF MEMPHIS. The photograph shows the condition of a street running parallel with the river, but two blocks from the water front.

GLENN FAVORS NONE OF THREE

Former Governor Not Taking Position in Senatorial Scrap

Former Governor Glenn of Winston-Salem was in the city today on his way to Wilson, where tonight he will deliver an address before the Wilson County Sunday School convention. He will return here tomorrow and at night will make a short talk on Governor Aycock at the memorial exercises in the auditorium. "I am for the old crowd of state officers," Governor Glenn said, when asked what he would say about politics. "They have made the best sort of officers, and are the finest I have seen in my travels." The ex-governor was asked where his strength would go since death had removed Governor Aycock from the race for the senate. He has not said, he declared, and added that Mr. Aycock's death had affected him so that he had not thought of whom he would support.

DRAINAGE CONGRESS

New Orleans, April 11.—Cooperation between the states and the nation in a comprehensive drainage plan was urged by Isham Randolph, of Chicago, addressing the national drainage congress. Five hundred delegates, representing 38 states, are present. The speakers included Senator Newlands of Nevada, Congressman Ransdell of Louisiana, E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina and C. C. Elliott of Washington.

Wake County Wild Cat.

(Special to The Times.) Cary, April 11.—Among the Easter celebrations was a large picnic given at Asbury Park. Among the other sports indulged in were boating and fishing. One young lady from Raleigh went fishing and snagged a bull frog that weighed six pounds. When it was pulled from the water, the young lady nearly fainted. She suffered under the delusion that she had caught a wild cat, she was so badly frightened that a doctor and a trained nurse were called to the scene. After a while, the difference between a bull frog and wild cat was explained to her and she finally recovered from her fright.

Aged Man Dies.

Charlotte, April 11.—Mr. J. Wallace Griffith, aged 83 years, for two score years esteemed and honored by the people of Mecklenburg county, died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home near Ebenezer church, following a brief illness with pneumonia.

Mrs. H. W. Little of Wadesboro, N. C., is visiting Mrs. J. W. Denmark and taking in the Music Festival.

OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM RIVER FLOOD

Memphis, April 11.—With upper rivers falling optimistic reports come from all except one flood menaced point along the Mississippi river, north of Memphis, at Osborn, Ark. The situation is desperate. The base of the levee weakening.

HOW MANY VOTES IN NATIONAL ELECTION?

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 499 or 531 members, has been asked for by members of the house judiciary committee.

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

GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER WEDS

Miss McDonald Secret Bride of Father's Secretary. Santa Fe, N. M., April 11.—Miss Frances McDonald, daughter of Governor and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, was married secretly Saturday at Carrizozo to N. A. Spence for two years the governor's private secretary at his ranch home in Lincoln county. The wedding was announced today.

PRESENT OFFICERS REELECTED TODAY

At a meeting of the state library commission, Dr. Louis Round Wilson of Chapel Hill was reelected president, Miss Minnie W. Leatherman of Raleigh secretary and Dr. Charles Lee Smith of Raleigh treasurer. The other members present were Dr. Joyner and State Librarian Sherrill. The commission decided to extend its debate libraries to other important questions of the hour and these will be lend free of charge to colleges and debating societies, the borrowers of course paying transportation charges. The commission bears the same relation to the state library that the office of state superintendent of public instruction bears to the public schools of the state, and its object is to promote and advance libraries, thereby spreading intelligence.

Flirt draws men as sticky fly-paper draws flies—and often with similar results.

MEMORIAL SUGGESTION

Movement For Aycock County to Be Formed

Greensboro, April 11.—The latest suggestion for a permanent memorial to the late Gov. Charles B. Aycock comes from High Point, and is that a new county be formed from portions of Guilford, Davidson and Randolph, with High Point as the county seat, the new county to be known as Aycock county. The new county proposition is far from new, it having been a subject of warm political discussion in the three counties affected for a number of years, but previously the advocates have wanted to bring in the name "Fisdom." Now it is said Piedmont has been discarded and at the coming session of the state legislature a determined effort will be made to form the county of Aycock, with High Point as the county seat.

The suggestion of Aycock, however, will probably meet strong opposition, not only through opponents of the new county, but the more ardent admirers of the late governor. In the last light before the legislature the principal weapon of opponents of the new county was that it would be republican, while as matters now stand the rest of republicans in that immediate section is snowed under by the large democratic vote of the main body of Guilford, Davidson and Randolph. Aycock admirers won't like the idea of "Aycock" county going republican, and there are many people who will fight the proposition just because of opposition to a new county.

SIXTH DISTRICT PRIMARY

Executive Committee Met Today to Decide Matter. (Special to The Times.) Dunn, April 11.—The congressional executive committee of the sixth district will meet in Fayetteville today to decide on the question of submitting to the voters of this district the choice of a candidate through a voting primary. Mr. R. G. Taylor, of Dunn, is the member of this committee from Harnett county. The voters in the district are very much interested in the outcome of the meeting tomorrow, as Sinclair has challenged Congressman Godwin for a joint debate. Godwin and Sinclair seem to be the only candidates so far, and they disagree as to the time of holding the proposed primary.

Dr. I. P. Hicks, accompanied by his wife, went to Richmond today with Mr. Draughton, one of our most successful merchants, who will undergo an operation at St. Luke's Hospital. Cotton sold on the streets yesterday for 14 cents, and from the appearance of the cotton yard one would imagine that the cotton sea-son was at its height. The high price just at this time seems to have

a tendency to stimulate the farmers to increase the acreage. One man was heard to remark that he did not intend planting any, but if the price was going up above 10 cents, he thought he would put in a large crop.

Mr. D. H. Hood received a telegram today stating that his son Paul, who is attending Page's School of Pharmacy at Greensboro, was quite sick. Mr. Hood is on the noon train and will be at his son's home tonight, if he is able.

TALK OF COUNTY FAIR

Since Politics Have Eased Up, Other Things Are Attracting Attention. (Special to The Times.)

Scotland Neck, April 11.—There has been some talk of organizing a county fair to be pulled off here next fall. Those who are agitating the question say there is no doubt as to the financial success of the proposition, and point to the magnificent success of the Weldon fair, which has passed into history, its chief promoter, Major T. L. Emery, having died some time ago. A county fair here should be a big success from a point of patronage as well as from a financial viewpoint.

There is some talk of Scotland Neck having a clean-up day in the near future, and it is really needed. Politics in Halifax county seems to be a thing of the past. One seldom hears politics mentioned, and especially local politics. One man has said that the people here had apparently lost all interest in affairs political. But no doubt things will warm up after a while.

Mrs. Claude Kitchin has gone to Washington City to visit her husband, Hon. Claude Kitchin.

VERMONT DIVIDED

While Delegates are Uninstructed, State Seems Divided.

Montpelier, Vt., April 11.—Of the eight Vermont delegates to the republican convention at Chicago, two district delegates will go instructed for Taft and two for Roosevelt. The four delegates-at-large are uninstructed, although the state convention endorsed President Taft's administration and all four delegates expressed a personal desire for his re-nomination.

Two of the delegates were chosen without opposition and the other two after spirited contests between the Taft and Roosevelt forces in which the Taft majorities were 54 and 53 respectively. Chairman Williams of the republican state committee, and the principal Taft leader in Vermont, said last night that while the delegates-at-large were uninstructed, he was sure they would vote for President Taft.

Chairman Batchelder, of the Roosevelt committee, was equally sure that the four uninstructed, while John L. Lewis, a delegate-at-large, said that all four were favorable to the re-nomination of President Taft.

The platform condemns the principles of recall of judges and of decisions.

The suggestion of a popular review of the decisions of the court in a particular case is declared to be "a subtle and dangerous attempt upon the foundation of free government itself."

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Morganston Young Lady Starts on Long Journey for Babe. Morganston, April 11.—Miss Etta Mae Perkins, daughter of Attorney John T. Perkins, of this place, has just started on a journey across the continent to get a little babe the child of her brother, Franks Perkins, of Hobart, California. Young Miss Perkins has been living in that state for several years and married there. Last week his wife died leaving a babe two days old and it has been decided to bring the child here to the home of its grandparents as its father lives on a ranch and would be difficult to bring up a child in his present surroundings.

Beach Refuses to Make Statement.

Paris, April 11.—Frederick O. Beach, the Wall street broker, against whom Aiken, S. C., authorities have issued a warrant charging assault with intent to kill his wife, wrote a letter this morning declaring he still had no statement to make in connection with the charge and pointing out that the affair is in the hands of his lawyers in New York.

Killed in Bont.

New York, April 11.—John Goldberg, aged twenty-one, died from a fractured skull, sustained in a bout with a Chicago youth at Sharkey Athletic Club last night. Goldberg's opponent has not yet been identified.

COMMITTEE FILES REPORT

Wake County Medical Society Endorses Findings and Recommendations of Its Committee

CONDITIONS ARE BAD

Doctors Appointed to Look Into Conditions Here Find Many Things That Would Help City—Meat and Milk Inspector, Registration of Births and Deaths, Sanitary Abattoir Some of Things Needed—Society Met Today.

That the sanitary conditions of Raleigh are very bad, that the health laws of the city are ample but not enforced, that the city needs a meat and milk inspector and a sanitary abattoir—these are the principal findings of the special committee of the Wake County Medical Society appointed at the February meeting, with instructions to investigate conditions and report its findings and recommendations to the board of aldermen. The committee gave the society a chance to endorse its work and this was done without a dissenting vote.

The meeting, which was one of the best attended in months, was called to order by President Albert Anderson shortly after noon today, in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. The program included the reading of a paper by Dr. J. Allison Hodges, a famous eye specialist of Richmond, Va.

The society went on record as favoring the employing of a physician to devote his whole time to the health interests of the county. The report of the committee is as follows:

The Committee's Report. We, the committee appointed at the February meeting of this society to investigate the sanitary condition of the city of Raleigh and report our findings to the board of aldermen, with any recommendations for changes in the sanitary administration of our city that we deem wise, beg to report as follows:

First.—Method of Procedure.—We recognize but one method by which an intelligent person may be justified in forming opinions and reaching conclusions as to the health or sanitary condition of any community, town, city, county or state. That method is a careful consideration of the vital statistical returns from the particular community, town, city, county or state the health of which is under consideration.

Second.—Diagnosis or Conclusions.—This method, and this only method of reaching such vital conclusions, shows the sanitary condition of the city of Raleigh to be very bad. Here we wish to add that the first step in the direction of improvement, in our opinion, is the acceptance of this important fact.

Third.—Causes.—We find the laws requiring the reporting of contagious and infectious diseases amply enforceable but unenforced. We recognize the laws as primal and fundamental to all health work. We find the laws under the authority of which proper supervision of the

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PERJURY CASE WAS CONTINUED AGAIN

A continuance was granted by Justice of the Peace Bledsoe today until April 19 in the case against C. B. Collins, the Benson man who was indicted at the instance of Eldridge Smith, the continuance being asked in order that the defendant might have witnesses here to combat another charge, that of swearing falsely as to a watch. The prosecution today amended its warrant, thereby accusing Collins of two crimes instead of one.

The prosecution grew out of the death of the Benson men in Frank Wilson's "apartments" in February. Collins identified as a pistol he had seen R. A. Johnson have the weapon pawned by Fate Goss to a Durham restaurant keeper, Eldridge Smith, Goss' brother-in-law, swore out the warrant against Collins. Col. J. C. L. Harris is appearing for the defendant with Senator O. A. Harbour, of Benson, and Mr. John W. Hingdale, Jr., for the prosecution.