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POPE BENEDICT IS REPORTED TO BE DYING TODAY

PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED

The Last Sacraments Have Been Administered to the Pope and Reports Coming From His Bedside Are That His Death is Momentarily Expected.

Rome, Jan. 20.—Pope Benedict's life hangs in the balance today and fears were expressed at the vatican at noon that His Holiness was in a dying condition. During the early hours this morning there was a sudden change for the worse and the bronchial affection spread to his lungs.

The Pontiff asked and received the last sacraments insisting upon this if only to give a good example despite attempts of his attendants to dissuade him. The Pope's physicians were in consultation at an early hour and a bulletin issued afterward indicated the Pope's condition as serious.

Dr. Battistini stated then that while the condition of his Holiness was grave it was not hopeless.

About 11 o'clock in the forenoon the Pope's condition became aggravated and the administration of oxygen was begun. At 11:30 the eucharist was solemnly carried to him.

Meanwhile prayers were being said in all the churches and Catholic institutions in Rome in behalf of His Holiness, and great crowds began to assemble in St. Peter's Cathedral.

Rome, Jan. 20.—At 12:30 today it was stated that Pope Benedict was in a dying condition.

London, Jan. 20.—It is now definitely stated that Pope Benedict has pneumonia according to a Central News dispatch. His condition is causing considerable alarm in the Vatican.

Rome, Jan. 20.—The official bulletin issued this morning on the condition of His Holiness read:

"His Holiness has been ill four days with influenza bronchitis. It has been ascertained that the affection has spread to the right lung. The patient passed an agitated night and had no sleep."

Washington, Jan. 20.—Monsignor Bonzano, Papal delegate in Washington was informed in a cablegram from Rome, was informed in a cablegram from Gaspari, Papal secretary, that Pope Benedict was very seriously ill. Such a message was regarded as indicating the Pope's condition must be extremely serious.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The Papal Nunciature here received a telegram from Rome shortly after 5 this afternoon saying the Pope was sinking rapidly.

Rome, Jan. 20.—Upon leaving the Papal apartment the cardinal who administered extreme unction said the Pope's mind was perfectly clear but his condition was very grave.

Rome, Jan. 20.—At 5:10 p. m., the condition of Pope Benedict remains stationary, it was stated at the Vatican. Camphor injections were being resorted to.

His Holiness recognizes those about him.

COLD WAVE IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—With a cold wave bearing a minimum temperature reported officially as varying between 20 and 31 degrees prevalent throughout Southern California today Col. H. B. Hersey, director of the United States weather bureau here declared he believes the cold spell had been very disastrous to Southern California's unharvested citrus crops.

SAYS FARMERS TO BENEFIT BY FORD FERTILIZER PLANT

MR. WEEKS BELABORED

Mr. Gray Silver Says There Has Been a Useless Delay on the Part of the Government Over Mr. Ford's Offer, and That Much Money Has Been Lost Through This Delay.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 20.—The charge that the Federal government has lost practically a million and a half in the last six months by not accepting Henry Ford's offer to lease the dam and operate the nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was made here today, before the meeting of the Southern group members of the American farm bureau by Gray Silver their Washington representative.

Mr. Ford's offer was made to Secretary Weeks on July 8 last and will be transmitted to the Secretary in its latest form at once.

In addition to Mr. Ford's offer several offers for Muscle Shoals has been made Mr. Silver said adding that the Secretary had admitted none have compared with Mr. Ford's offer or can even be considered seriously. Further Mr. Ford's offer has been published for a week and yet Mr. Weeks has delayed sending Mr. Ford's offer to Congress.

In Mr. Ford's offer Mr. Silver declared the farmers see the first real opportunity to secure these high grade plant foods which the scientists have repeatedly told them were possible or plant foods which on expert testimony were admitted to have one half the present cost.

Mr. Silver declared when Mr. Ford tells the farmers he can make the cheap high grade fertilizers they need "the farmers are ready to take that statement at 100 per cent."

Washington, Jan. 20.—Declaring that many farmers who have never done so before are having to mortgage their lands in order to get necessary money, Secretary Wallace said, "It is discouraging to note many companies and individuals are in the business of loaning money on farm mortgages, are taking advantage of the farmers distress to heartlessly extort a rate of interest and terms of loan which cannot be justified."

Farmers the secretary said were being compelled to pay 6 1-2 and 7 per cent on five and ten year loans without option payment and also a commission of 5 and 6 per cent and as high as 10 per cent was being added. The Secretary added many loan companies were cutting down the loans to lowest possible point thus restricting the farmers' credit at the very time when it should be expanded as far as may be done safely.

Mr. Wallace declared that no one could find any fault with such restrictions in value of farms as may be dictated by sound business judgment and no one should object to a reasonable rate of interest but added in this time one finds it necessary to censor his words when speaking of some of the practices being followed by all together too many companies individuals engaged in the farm mortgage business.

GENERAL NEWS

The new Poincare government was given a vote of confidence by the chamber of deputies last night. The vote was 472 to 107.

James H. Webb of Hillsboro has been named grand master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons to succeed J. Bailey Owen of Henderson.

General Pershing has taken the leadership in an opposition to further reduction in the enlisted strength of the regular army.

THOMAS' STORY IS CORROBORATED BY SEVERAL MEN

CHARACTER WITNESSES

Witness Who Visited the Scene of the Murder Stated it Was Impossible to Distinguish Any Person in the Darkness at This Point; Other Testimony Supported.

Concord, Jan. 20.—The defense today in the trial of O. G. Thomas who is being charged with first degree murder in connection with the killing of Arthur J. Allen at Kannapolis on the night of Oct. 25 continued to present corroborative testimony.

Robert Lowe of Kannapolis and C. W. Swink, W. G. Caswell and W. J. Glass of Concord, testified that about 8 o'clock on the night of Jan. 5 Mr. Mayence of the defense's counsel had taken them to the place where the tragedy occurred, that two men had walked beside their car in the darkness and it was impossible to distinguish where they were until a flash light had been used.

W. J. Cline of Kannapolis proprietor of the Kline boarding house corroborated other witnesses as to the time Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Lowe left his home on the night of the killing and declared they had invited him to go along. He also testified as to the good character of Thomas and Mrs. Lowe.

CHILDREN ON ICE CAKE FLOATING TO SEA.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Three small children were reported as drifting out to sea on an ice cake from the shore at Wood Island park, east Boston, late today. A police boat put out to their rescue. The children were playing on the cake when it broke lose and drifted away.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Jan. 20.—There was a renewed covering in the cotton market during today's early trading. After opening steady to an advance of 2 points the market worked off. March advanced from 17.74 to 17.90 or 13 points net higher.

New York, Jan. 20.—Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 17.70, March 17.80, May 17.42, July 16.97, Oct. 16.36.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Jan. 17.87, Mar. 17.85, May 17.50 July 16.99, Oct. 16.35.

Spots, Wilson market 16 1-4c.

LIVERPOOL OPENED

Jan. 10.31, Mar. 1.26, May 10.22, July 10.09, Oct. 9.86.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED

Jan. 10.34, Mar. 10.32, May 10.28, July 10.20, Oct. 9.84.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling 420 3-8, Francs 808 1-2, Lire 434, Marks 49 1-2.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.14 1-4, July 1.02 3-4 Corn, May 53 5-8, July 55 1-2.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Wheat, May 1.14 1-4, July 1.02 1-4. Corn, May 53 5-8, July 55 1-4. Oats, May 39 1-8, July 39 3-4.

STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 20.—Gulf State shares resumed their sensational advance at the opening of today's stock market. After reacting the stock rallied to 87, a new high record. Replogle which is prominently mentioned in connection with one or more proposed mergers of independent steel suddenly shot forward on a succession of dealings to a gain of 10 5-8 points. Other stocks including prominent rails and specialties were irregular.

REPARATIONS MAY NOT COME BEFORE GENOA CONFERENCE

FRANCE IS OBJECTING

In This Case the United States May Not Send a Delegate to the Genoa Conference, But May Appoint a Representative on the Reparations Commission.

(By David Lawrence.) (Copyright, 1922, by The Daily Times.)

Washington, Jan. 19.—The United States government has one move left which may make it unnecessary to attend the Genoa conference and which may make the new Poincare ministry in France see that ultimately it cannot pursue a single-handed policy in handling German reparations.

This move is the appointment by President Harding subject to the confirmation of the Senate of an American representative on the Reparations Commission.

The prediction was made in official quarters today that the step was inevitable as a consequence of the new declaration by Premier Poincare that France will not go to the Genoa conference unless it is agreed before hand that German reparations will not be discussed. Coming on top of the statement by Poincare that he thinks the Allied Supreme Council no longer necessary, and that he would insist upon a literal return to the provisions of the Versailles treaty, the belief prevails that the Reparations Commission with the moral influence and importance which it lost when the Supreme Council took the matter of reparations out of the hands of the Commission, a move which many French and British critics have ever since characterized as "illegal" in the sense that it violated the Versailles treaty.

The truth is the Supreme Council was waiting for America to ratify the Versailles treaty and hesitated to see the reparations commission have too much power. On the other hand, the United States now has ratified its own treaty with Germany which embraces the economic and reparations clauses of the Versailles treaty and entitles America to a seat on the Reparations Commission. The Senate adopted a reservation requiring the President to obtain the confirmation of the Senate for any appointment to international commissions provided for under the German treaty.

But in view of the turn of events it is not expected that the Senate would object to the sending of a full-fledged representative to speak for America at the Reparations commission meetings to take place of the unofficial observers who have heretofore attended.

The Reparations Commission consists of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and Belgium. Unanimous voting is not necessary. This means that an alignment of Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Japan would dominate the decisions of the Reparations Commission and leave the Poincare ministry not a bit better off with respect to German reparation payments than was the Briand ministry. In fact M. Briand made the point as he retired that a return to the Versailles treaty would inevitably mean that France would be outvoted on the reparations commission anyway.

The impression prevails here that Great Britain, Italy and the United States would stand together on reparations matters and that Japan is more likely to go along with this group than with the Franco-Belgian viewpoint. There has however lately been a disquieting tendency on the part of France to help Japan at the Washington conference which may or may not mean that there is an

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PERSHING STANDS BY CAMP BRAGG AS PERMANENT CAMP

OPPOSES CAMP BENNING

The General Declares Not a Dollar Could be Saved by Closing Down Camp Bragg, Camp Benning Could Not Accommodate the Troops Now Stationed There.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Abandonment of Camp Bragg, N. C., and transfer of the artillery training to Camp Benning was opposed by General Pershing today. Suggestion that such an arrangement be concluded was made by Senator Miller of Washington in the course of a hearing before the military committee.

General Pershing in giving his views said he had recommended retention of Camp Bragg, a tract 120,000 acres and not a dollar would be saved by closing down the camp and moving to Camp Benning.

"There are not even accommodations at Benning for troops now stationed there," said General Pershing. The committee was told by the chief of staff that "every second lieutenant should be sent to Camp Benning for basic training before being assigned to service with a unit in any of the various branches of the military organizations."

The war department believes it advisable to have large military camps located near cities so troops can mix with civilians.

LIQUOR IS STOLEN FROM THE AGENTS

Men Are Equipped With Sawed Off Shot Guns to Protect Them from Whiskey Bandits

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Sawed off shot guns will be given to all prohibition agents in California under orders published here by Tom Brown, assistant prohibition director.

The action was taken Brown explained as a protective measure based on recommendations that armed bandits had attempted to rob agents of big amounts of liquor in Alameda county.

SETTLE WATERWAYS DISPUTE.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The reports submitted to Congress by the international joint commission on the proposed St. Lawrence waterway were referred to the house committee headed by representative Winslow of Massachusetts.

The settlement of the controversy was declared satisfactory.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund.	
The following contributions have been made in Wilson to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund:	
Already acknowledged \$187.	
Mrs. W. H. Anderson	2.00
William Anderson, Jr.	2.00
Miss Sarah Anderson	2.00
Wade Anderson, Jr.	2.00
W. H. Anderson	2.00
Sam E. Leonard	1.00
Mrs. S. E. Leonard	1.00
Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Grady	2.00
Lee Sadler, Jr.	1.50
Bertram H. Sadler	1.00
George J. Starr	5.00
A. B. Deans	5.00
Dr. C. S. Eagles	1.00
George W. Grady	2.00
Business & Professional Women's Club	29.50
R. T. Barnes	1.00
Total	\$246.50

PROHIBITION IS BEING ENFORCED MORE THOROUGHLY

RUM RUNNERS BUSY

The Message of Peace Must be Held Until the April Term of Federal Court; the International Aspect of the Situation Causes Mr. Kohloss to Hold the Vessel.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Federal Prohibition Director Kohloss of North Carolina conferred here with Prohibition Commissioner Haynes in connection with the Message of Peace the British ship held at Wilmington.

Disposition of the vessel, Mr. Kohloss said, would await the April term of Federal Court in North Carolina. Ordinarily the prohibition authorities would dispose of the ship within 30 days but because of the international aspect of the situation it was decided to wait until the term of Federal Court.

The liquor found aboard amounting to 999 cases has been stored in a warehouse.

Return of the ship to its owners under bond was offered Mr. Kohloss said but as the law required a bond double the amount of the value of the vessel which would have been \$10,000 the offer was declined.

Prohibition conditions in North Carolina, Mr. Kohloss said were much better, adding that over 200 stills were seized in the state during the past month. The chief difficulties along the North and South Carolina coast were rum runners operating in the Bahamas and from Nassau.

"If I had a couple of submarine chasers," said Mr. Kohloss "I could capture more liquor than we would know what to do with."

WEATHER.

For North Carolina probably rain tonight and Saturday, somewhat colder, moderate variable winds becoming northeast and east.

Dr. Thacker's Subject Tonight

Dr. Thacker will discuss tonight at the First Baptist church at 7:30. "The Man of the Hour." A cordial invitation is extended to the public and especially to school children.

BRITISH SOLDIERS LEAVING IRELAND

Dublin, Jan. 20.—All the British auxiliary police except two battalions have not left Ireland. These two will leave tomorrow.

INVESTIGATION OF MAGNETA COMPANY

Attorney General Daugherty Will Work Through the Alien Property Custodian.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Investigation of the sale of the old Bosche Magneto company by the Alien property custodian has been ordered by Attorney General Daugherty. U. S. District Attorney Harris at Boston has been instructed to investigate throughout the affairs of the Bosche Magneto company which purchased the old magneto company from the government and acquaint himself with all the facts on the subject.

MUST SETTLE OWN TROUBLE

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Shantung question must and probably will be settled between China and Japan and cannot be taken by the arms conference Senator Underwood declared in the senate today during a controversy.