

GOVERNMENT
SYMPATHETIC,
FARMERS TOLD

President Suggests Co-operative
Loaning, Buying and
Selling Associations and De-
velopment Water Resources

300 ATTEND SESSION

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Attended by approximately 300 delegates representing agriculture in all its phases and the industries relating to farming the agricultural national conference was convened here today by Secretary Wallace and immediately heard from President Harding a declaration of interest and sympathy by the administration in the present plight of the nation's farmers together with a series of suggestions for remedying existing conditions.

The president in his address, touching upon the agricultural situation in detail, but without attempting to dictate the course of conference discussions outlined a half dozen broad questions to the consideration of which the conference might well give its attention.

These briefly included: Development of a thorough code of law and business procedure with the proper machinery of finance, through some agency, to insure that turnover capital shall be as generously supplied to the farmer and on as reasonable terms as other industries; formation of co-operative loaning, buying, and selling associations; creation of instrumentality for collection and distribution of useful and true information so as to prevent violent fluctuations of markets; practical development of the water resources of the country, both for transportation and power, including plants for electrification of the national railroads; methods for bringing about further reclamation, rehabilitation, and extension of the agricultural area; promotion of a new conception of the farmers' place in the national social, and economic scheme.

Waterway Project.
Feasibility of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway project "is unquestioned," President Harding declared. "I have spoken," the president said, "of the advantage which Europe enjoys because of its easy access to the sea, the cheapest and surest transportation facility. In our own country is presented one of the world's most attractive opportunities for extension of the sea ways many hundreds of miles inland. The heart of the continent, with its vast resources in agriculture and industry will be brought into communication with all the ocean routes by the execution of the St. Lawrence waterway project. The enable ocean going vessels to have access to all the ports of the Great Lakes would have a most stimulating effect upon the industrial life of the continent's interior. "The feasibility of the project is unquestioned, and its costs compared with some other great engineering works would be small. Disorganized, prostrate, the nations of Central Europe are even now setting their hands to the development of a great continental waterway, which, connecting the Rhine and Danube, will bring water transportation from the Black to the North sea, from Mediterranean to Baltic. If nationalistic prejudices and economic difficulties can be overcome by Europe, certainly should not be formidable obstacles to an achievement, less expensive and giving promise of yet greater advantage to the people of North America. Not only would the cost of transportation be greatly reduced but a vast population would be brought overnight in immediate touch with the markets of the entire world."

26 Women Attend.
Delegates from all sections of the country representing agriculture and industries dependent on agriculture attended the opening session to consider the present situation confronting the farmer and lay down a permanent agricultural policy. Problems of financing, production, distribution and marketing constituted the broad vision of the program to be considered during the first five days of the conference allotted to study of every emergency relief measure.

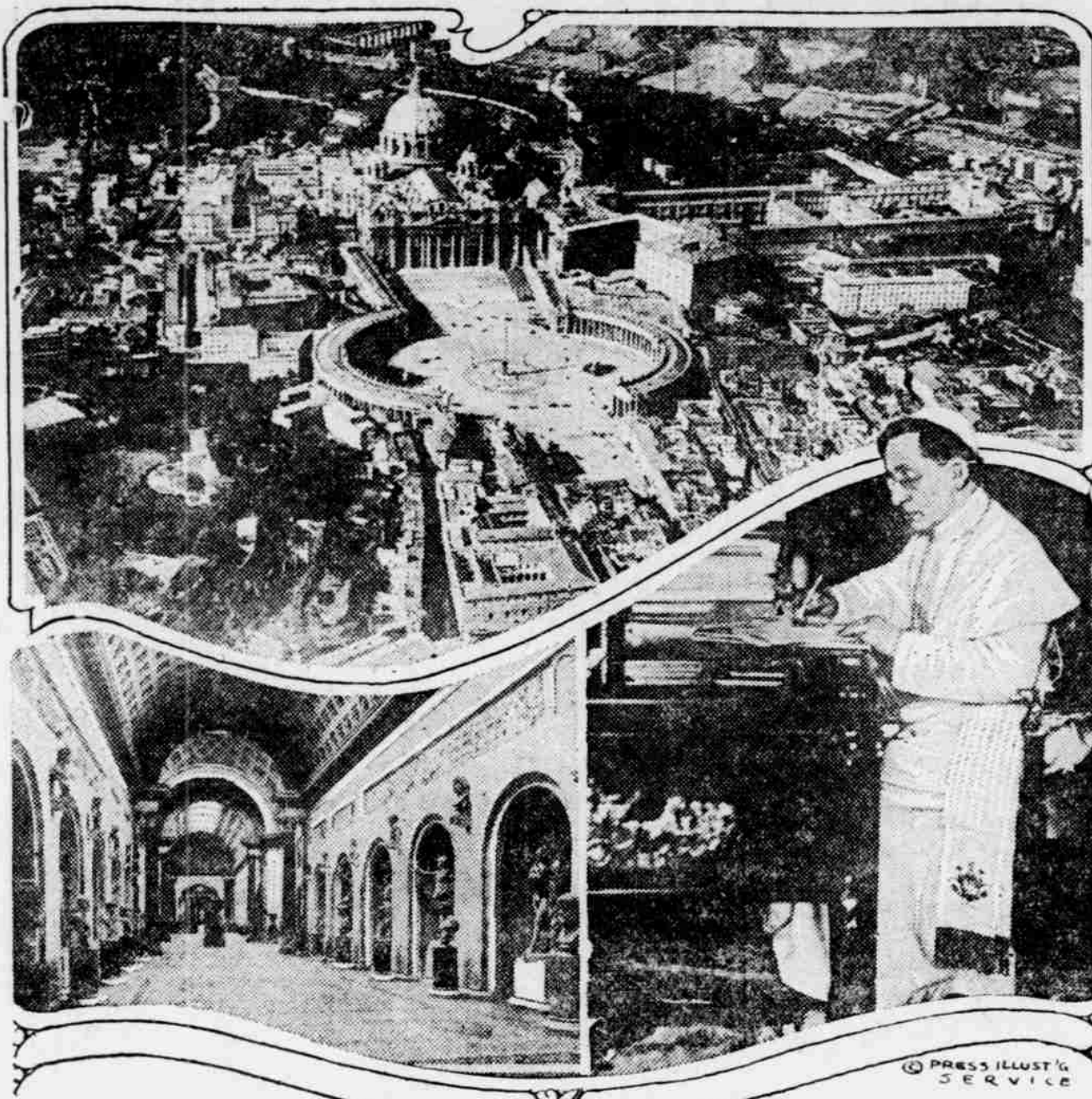
Of the delegates who accepted invitations to sit in the conference, 26 were women. Sixty odd of the delegates represent allied industries dependent on agriculture and the agricultural community, state agricultural officials, instructors in state agricultural colleges, and editors of farm papers.

Wallace to Speak.
After the opening address by President Harding after the calling of the conference to order by Secretary Wallace, an address by the secretary was to follow outlining the purposes of the conference and one by Chairman Anderson of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry devoted to discussion of agricultural prices and the general situation.

Five farmers from the leading agricultural regions of the United States were on the afternoon program to give the delegates a picture of the present agricultural situation and to suggest remedies. Then followed representatives of four of the big allied industries to describe the reaction on their business of agricultural conditions.

GOVERNMENT ADVISES STOCKING OF COAL
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Secretary Hoover announced today that the government had been advising the stocking of coal in preparation for a prospective strike on April 1, and that the Interstate Commerce commission had sent letters to industries and utility companies advising them to take the same step.

Scenes Surrounding Life and Death of Pope Benedict XV in Rome



St. Peter's church and square at Rome, as seen from an airplane. To the right are shown the vatican gardens, the pope's outdoor promenade. Smaller pictures show hall at southern end of the vatican (the hall was built by Pius VII in 1821), and Pope Benedict at his desk.

HOOSIER CONGRESSMEN PRESS BILL CREATING
TWO FEDERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS IN INDIANA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Members of the Indiana congressional delegation are pressing for consideration a bill introduced some time ago by one of the members of the delegation, Representative A. J. Hickey, for the creation of two federal judicial districts within the state of Indiana.

Although Indiana ranks tenth among the states in population it is the only one of the larger states which has only one federal judicial district. For more than a quarter of a century all federal court business in the state has been transacted at Indianapolis. For a number of years this court has been presided over by Judge Anderson.

Under existing law provision is made for conducting terms of the federal district court of Indiana at Hammond and Ft. Wayne. In the northern part of the state, and at New Albany and Evansville, in the southern section, but as a matter of fact court is very rarely held in those cities by Judge Anderson.

"I suppose it is more convenient for

**DEATH OF VISCOUNT
BRYCE IS MOURNED;
WAS WORLD FIGURE**
(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Jan. 23.—Civilians and official England today mourned the death of Viscount Bryce of Dechmont, who passed away at Sidmouth yesterday. Announcement of the death of the noted statesman, author and diplomat was unexpected. Weakness of the heart intervened in his illness, and the end came suddenly.

As a man of letters and a publicist, Viscount Bryce was a world figure. Outside of his own country he was best known in the United States, where since the early eighties his interests had so largely centered that he was sometimes styled an "English Yankee."

One remarkable thing about the career of Bryce was that he knew America better than most Americans. His work "The American Commonwealth" has been a standard text book in the schools of the United States for the past generation—providing the spectacle of a foreigner instructing Americans in the workings and structure of their own life and laws, as DeToucheville had done to some extent years previously in his "Democracy in America."

Mr. Bryce practiced law in London for 15 years, and for 23 years was honored with the regius professorship of civil law at Oxford, the oldest chair in Europe, dating from 1546.

**TO ASK IF ACTION
IS PLANNED AGAINST
I.H.C. CORPORATIONS**
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, introduced in the senate today a resolution directing the attorney general to inform the senate whether the department of justice contemplates any separate action against the International Harvester company for the purpose of effectively restoring competitive conditions between the various corporations making up that concern.

Objection was made to immediate action, and Senator Norris announced he would seek action tomorrow.

SUPREME COURT TO RECESS
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Chief Justice Taft announced today that the supreme court would take a recess from Jan. 30 to Feb. 27. This is the regular February recess.

him to hold court at home (Indianapolis) than to hold it elsewhere in the state," remarked Representative Hickey in testifying in behalf of his bill before the house committee on judiciary.

Court is Expensive.
Speaking of Judge Anderson, Representative Hickey said that he was an able and capable jurist and that in holding his court continuously in Indianapolis.

**APPROVE PLACING
OFFICE OF MAYOR
IN FIREMEN'S ROOM**
Plans for the new office of Mayor Lawrence A. Handley, to be located at the head of the stairs on the second floor in the city building were approved by the board of works Monday morning. Workmen were to be started Monday afternoon on the job of erecting a partition in the room that has been occupied by the city firemen. The building inspector, J. Edward Higgs, was instructed by the board to supervise the work.

Information relating to the city street roller was presented to the board by Dell B. Davis, city engineer, in accordance with a request of members of the city council at the last meeting, that the machine be placed under shelter.

The engineer was instructed to continue his investigation of the cost of a new roller and the cost of repairing the old one, this information to be presented at another meeting.

New Roller \$5,000
A new roller would cost the city \$5,000 and should be of the motor type, according to Mr. Davis.

The roller now owned by the city can be put in shape for approximately \$250. It was reported. It has cost the city about \$100 per year for repairs since it was purchased in 1919, at a cost of \$2,500. The roller was second-hand when purchased.

One reason for the condition of the machine at present is that it has been used on scarifying work almost continuously during the past summer.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare charts showing the amount of money on hand in the city and light plant general funds, that the board might be informed of what amount is spent each month.

Report Coal Deliveries.
Report on coal deliveries was given by Frank Bescher, of the light plant office. According to figures given by him, approximately 18,000 tons of coal has been delivered to the plant, including what is in transit.

The board instructed the city engineer to draw up a list of all vacant lots in the city in order that they might have it at hand when requests for gardening permits came in. It was discovered that one person had appeared before the board, obtained a permit for gardening, then had tried to sublet it at a profit to another man. His permit was withdrawn.

On recommendation of the fire chief, the resignation of Edward Strothaus of fire company No. 3, was accepted.

PERISHES IN OPEN BOAT
(By Associated Press)
PORT WING, Wis., Jan. 23.—Carried out into the ice-covered waters of Lake Superior late Saturday night a severe gale sprang up, Alfred Peterson, a fisherman, of Knife River, Minn., reached here last night after his wife had perished in the open rowboat. Mrs. Peterson died at 10 a. m. yesterday, according to Peterson's story.

BOUNDARY AGREEMENT
IN IRELAND THOUGHT
TO BE HARBINGER OF PEACE

BELFAST, Jan. 23.—Great importance is not attached to statements issued by Michael Collins and Sir James Craig relative to their negotiations regarding a boundary between heretofore discordant sections of the island.

The Northern Whig, a Unionist organ, while taking this view, admits it hopes the agreement is a harbinger of peace, and says that the lifting of the boycott of northern Ireland by the Sinn Feiners will be a step in that direction.

"The bitterness engendered by the past three years will not disappear in a day," the newspaper says, "but it should be the earnest endeavor of everyone desirous of peace and good will to work toward such an end. Real peace is worth winning, and must be won."

Commenting upon the agreement the Irish News says: "The attempt to dissect Ireland has failed, and wise men who have recognized that fact are laying the foundations of reunion. The agreement plainly has been framed to lead to better things, and should clarify the situation for all nationalists in the six counties of Ulster, it is their duty to devise a more suitable method of preserving and advancing their material interests than the curiously ineffective method of doing nothing."

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Satisfaction with the agreement reached between Michael Collins and Sir James Craig, the premier of Ulster, relative to the boundary between north and south Ireland, was expressed today by the Dublin Independent.

"It is a great and decided advance toward Irish union," the newspaper declared, "and this advance is all the greater because an agreement was scarcely hoped for at this early stage of the negotiations. Since so much has been accomplished it is too much to hope that greater and more vital agreements will follow future conferences."

Weather Forecast
MOORE'S LOCAL FORECAST.
Increasing cloudiness late tonight and Tuesday, becoming unsettled.

The slow eastward movement of the cold wave will be followed by increasing cloudiness, either Monday night or Tuesday, probably followed by snow.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Generally cloudy tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder in extreme south portion tonight.

Temperatures for Yesterday.
Maximum 23
Minimum 17

Today.
Noon 11
Weather Conditions.—The cold wave now controls the weather over most of the United States. The lowest temperature so far this winter occurred here this morning, with 14 degrees above zero at 9 o'clock. Heavy snows and blizzards raged during Sunday in the upper lake region, being especially severe around Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The following low temperatures occurred Sunday at the respective places: Bismark, N. D., 24 below; Devil's Lake, 22 below; Duluth, Minn., 28 below; Winnipeg, Canada, 38 below; Edmonton, Canada, 48 below, being the coldest weather so far this winter. At Minnedosa, Canada, the lowest temperature Sunday was 24 below and the highest 24 below.

Paid Circulation
Saturday, was
11,742

JAPAN DENIES
DESIGNS UPON
RUSSIAN LAND

Delegation Gives Assurance
that Troops Will Be With-
drawn as Soon as Stable
Government Established.

DISCUSS CHINA POINTS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A statement that Japan had no territorial designs in Russia and giving assurance that Japanese troops would be withdrawn as soon as a stable government should be established there, was made today by the Japanese delegation at a meeting of the Far Eastern committee.

The Japanese statement was presented by Baron Shidehara. After hearing his statement on Siberia, the committee proceeded with the question of the status of existing commitments under points six and seven of the Chinese 19 points, submitted at the beginning of the conference. Full discussion was deferred, however, pending presentation by China of a full list, which she was asked by the committee to make.

The Japanese disclaimers of any Russian territorial ambitions were said to include Saghalien as well as other portions of Siberia.

Chinese Army Cut.
As one means of giving effect to its declaration last week in favor of reduction of the Chinese army, the arms conference is considering another resolution looking to prohibition of the importation of arms into China.

With the far eastern committee facing the final topic on the arms conference agenda today—the problem of Siberia—this week's sessions promised to advance the far eastern negotiations well toward conclusion, although several of the postponed Chinese questions still remained to be finally disposed of.

With no indication that the Japanese stand will be disputed by any of the other powers here, it was expected by most of the delegates that the Siberian situation would not lead to a long discussion.

Meantime the Chinese and Japanese delegates resumed their Shantung discussions today with prospects that it would require only two or three more meetings to reduce the points of difference to a stage where a compromise on the Tsiniaow railroad issue would bring the whole controversy to an end.

Although the Pacific fortifications section of the naval treaty still remained unsettled today, it was predicted by all the delegations that a final agreement would be worked out and without serious trouble. It appeared to be the prevailing opinion that the treaty would be presented in final form at a plenary session this week.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIMS
FOR REPARATIONS TO
STAGGER IMAGINATION

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Jan. 23.—Bolshevik delegates to the Genoa conference will present reparation claims there against various European powers and the United States. If these claims are made in terms of Bolshevik rubles, new names for large amounts may be necessary, for the familiar terms of the decimal system will not cover the staggering sums claimed by this country, which issues single bills for one hundred million rubles, and discusses deficits of trillions of rubles as mere bagatelles.

Leonid Krassin, Maxim Litvinoff, N. Bakowsky and scores of other Communist leaders probably will go to Genoa and juggle figures with the same indifference that a professional strong man shows while totting weights about a stage.

The Versailles conference mustered no such brigades of experts as the Moscow government called into service months ago and has been training for Communist attack upon capitalist fortunes at Genoa. Every possible brand of political, social, historical and economic experts have been gathered and Russia has a variety of them which has never been dreamed of by the western world.

Debts As Nothing
Foreign debts owed by Russia, and the claims of other governments against the soviet regime will be as nothing when compared with the amounts that Moscow has chalked up against England, France and America. The Alaskan claims, upon which the United States was successful after the Civil war, form the chief precedent upon which the Bolshevik government will present its claims. Reams of documents will be presented to show the responsibility of the great powers for the damage suffered by Russia as a result of the Czecho-Slovak advance in Siberia, Admiral Kolchak's ill-fated movement, the Archangel expedition, General Denikin's sweep northward from the Caucasus, General Baron Wrangel's Crimean expedition, General Yudenitch's fiasco in the Baltic states, Simang Paturau's activities in Ukraine and hundreds of smaller expeditions not reported to the western world.

Demands resulting from the uprising in Karelia will be charged to the joint account of Finland and the Entente powers. Japan will be debited for the White Russian movement now proceeding against the far eastern republic. General Kalko and scores of other bandit leaders in Ukraine will be dragged into the accounting with Poland and France. General Semenov, General Baron Ungern-Sternberg, leaders in fighting that has taken place in the far east, will be dragged in with other forgotten leaders numbering in the hundreds.

Temporary Ruler



Cardinal Gasparri.

Cardinal Gasparri will administer the Holy See until the new pope is chosen, says a dispatch from Rome today. He is the papal secretary of state.

FAR EAST NATIONS
HOLD CONGRESS OF
OPRESSED PEOPLES

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Jan. 23.—Delegates from Japan, China, Korea, Mongolia and the far eastern republic of Siberia are here for the congress of oppressed far eastern peoples, which opened yesterday. Neither India nor the Islamic countries are represented.

The object of the conference will be to bring the peoples represented closer together independent of their rulers, according to Dr. Katayana, the Japanese socialist, who will be the best known personality in the conference, and who is active in arranging it. He declares that, while political in purpose, the conference will be non-partisan, and therefore with only a minor Communist delegation.

Dr. Katayana who spoke for Japan in the ninth all soviet congress, held in December, was recently in New York and in Mexico for a number of months, leaving America in October.

The Chinese delegate will be Kiang-Kan-Hu, who has lived in the United States. He has been in Moscow for a number of months.

The original plan was to hold the conference at Irkutsk, but it was felt that, as the main object was to promote propaganda, this end would be best served by holding it here.

CAN'T SUBORDINATE
STARS AND STRIPES,
WOOD TELLS NATIVES

(By Associated Press)
MANILA, Jan. 23.—The American and Filipino flags must be accorded the same respect but any attempt to subordinate the American flag to any other borders on treason. Gov. Gen. Wood today wrote to a number of sultans, datus and constabulary officers in Sulu and Mindanao. The governor's letter was occasioned by information from constabulary officers in those provinces that some Moros have manifested opposition to the use and display of the Filipino flag. Governor Wood wrote:

"The United States flag represents the sovereign authority in the Philippines and any attempt to subordinate it to any other borders closely on treason. The Filipino flag represents Christian Filipinos, Mohammedan Filipinos and Pagan Filipinos equally and impartially and must be honored accordingly."

America Supreme
"Concerning the relative value of the American and Filipino flags I feel sure you have truthfully interpreted words by your government officials, because they knew very well the position of the two flags. The American flag represents the supreme government authority and the nation ultimately responsible without and within the Philippines for whatever takes place concerning the Philippines."

"Mohammedans are a part of the Philippine people the same as Christians and pagans. The Filipino flag is not an emblem of a religion nor a portion of the people but of a political group authorized by law. It is not superior to the American flag but must be accorded the same honors and respect shown the American flag."

DUGGER STATE BANK
WRECKED BY YEGGS

(By Associated Press)
DUGGER, Ind., Jan. 23.—The interior of the state bank of Dugger was wrecked by robbers at 2 o'clock this morning in an unsuccessful attempt to blow open the vault in the bank. A charge of nitro glycerin was set off by the robbers and blew open the outer door of the vault, but "jammed" the inner door, so that it could not be opened.

The burglars fled when they saw their work was fruitless, leaving behind the largest and most complete set of safe-blowing tools ever seen here. No money was obtained by the safe blowers.

The bank vault was insured, and the institution will not lose by the attack on the safe. Police of all surrounding towns and cities were notified, but there is no clue as to the identity of the burglars.

THRONGS VIEW
BODY OF POPE;
LIES IN STATE

Pass Reverently Before Catafalque—Carried from Sistine Chapel in Solemn Procession to St. Peter's.

ELECTION FEBRUARY 2

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 23.—In the basilica of St. Peter's historic church of his faith, the body of Pope Benedict XV lay in state today while vast throngs passed reverently before the catafalque.

Early in the day all that was mortal of the late pontiff, whose death in the early hours of Sunday plunged the church throughout the world into deepest mourning, was taken to the Sistine chapel from the throne room of the Vatican, where it had been placed on Sunday shortly after his death. Then at 9:45 o'clock it was solemnly carried to St. Peter's, attended by a solemn procession of cardinals, priests, members of the diplomatic corps and dignitaries of the Vatican, and placed on the catafalque, surrounded by votive candles.

Word was given that the public of Rome would be admitted to St. Peter's up to 11 o'clock and immense crowds immediately began entering the vast edifice and filing by the body.

Robbed in White.
The body is robed in white with stole and chasuble of red, embroidered with gold. The head, wearing the pontifical mitre, reposes upon cushions of red and gold velvet. The hands, wearing the pontifical gloves of purple silk holding the rosary, are clasped over the breast.

The body, as it was solemnly brought into St. Peter's was borne upon a cloth covered bier by ushers, clad in medieval costumes of scarlet. The procession was headed by the gendarmes of the Vatican, the pontifical police, with their elaborate uniforms of blue and white, walking with drawn swords. Following them were the palatine guards, in dark blue uniforms and plumes of black feathers standing erect.

Elect February 2
The meeting of the Sacred College in conclave to elect a successor to the late Pope Benedict will open Feb. 1 or 2, it was stated today.

Cardinals Motti, LaFontaine and Ratti, of Pisa, Venice and Milan, respectively, are the most prominently mentioned in Vatican circles as the most likely candidates for the position as successor to Pope Benedict XV. In these circles Cardinal Motti is apparently a pronounced favorite even of those three prelates.

Register Certificate
The certificate of Pope Benedict's death was registered at the city's bureau of death today.

It Reads:
The undersigned physician hereby states that at 6 o'clock a. m., Jan. 22, His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, Clement XIII, expired following an attack of bronchial pneumonia brought on by influenza. Signed Dr. Baffale Battistini."

For many hours Sunday to the room where the pontiff had made his fight for life came a continuous stream of officials, the representatives of foreign nations, high prelates and others. Then, later in the afternoon in gorgeous procession, composed of palatine guards, gendarmes, the Swiss guard, secret chamberlains and honorary chamberlains, the body was solemnly transported down the royal staircase, through Clementine hall into the throne room, where was placed on a raised catafalque, beneath which the whole diplomatic corps paid reverence.

The sacristan Zampini gave absolution and the cardinals sprinkled holy water, while the penitentiaries unceasingly chanted prayers, answered by the kneeling onlookers. Immediately afterward the doors were opened to the multitudes desirous of looking for the last time on the pontiff.

Convene Sunday
The sacred congregation convened Sunday morning when the cardinals were informed of the pope's death. With the exception of Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, they gathered in Benedict's private apartments.

Gasparri, in due and solemn form, escorted by the Swiss guard in full dress and accompanied by prelates and acolytes of the apostolic chamber, entered the apartments a few minutes later. He will administer the holy see in the interim. With him also was Monsignor Sincero, secretary of the sacred college.

Cardinal Gasparri, surrounded by the cardinals, then proceeded to verify the death of Benedict.

On leaving the pontifical chambers, Cardinal Gasparri, still escorted by the Swiss guard, descended to the first floor, where the sacred congregation convened, commencing its deliberations at 10 o'clock.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The plans for Cardinal O'Connell's voyage to Rome to participate in the election of a successor to Pope Benedict was announced today.

With his official party, consisting of Monsignor M. J. Splaine, the Rev. R. J. Haberlin, chancellor, and Dr. John R. Slattery, a layman, the cardinal will sail tomorrow from New York for Naples on the steamer President Wilson.

He will have only eight days to reach Rome before the conclave opens, but will be admitted upon his arrival, if the new pontiff has not been chosen.

As Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, is in the West Indies for several days at least, Cardinal O'Connell will be the only American with a voice and vote in the election of the new head of the Roman Catholic church.

The cardinal went to New York by motor with some of the members of his party and was there today.