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## GOVERNMENT SYMPATHETIC, FARMERS TOLD

President Suggests Co-operative Loaning, Buying and Selling Associations and Development 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 fluctuation of markets; practical development of the water resources of the country, both for transportation and power, including plants for electrification of the nation's 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 in 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 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 they 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 division 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 rest comprise "dirt" farmers, state agricultural officials, instructors in state agricultural colleges, and editors of farm papers.

Wallace to Speak.

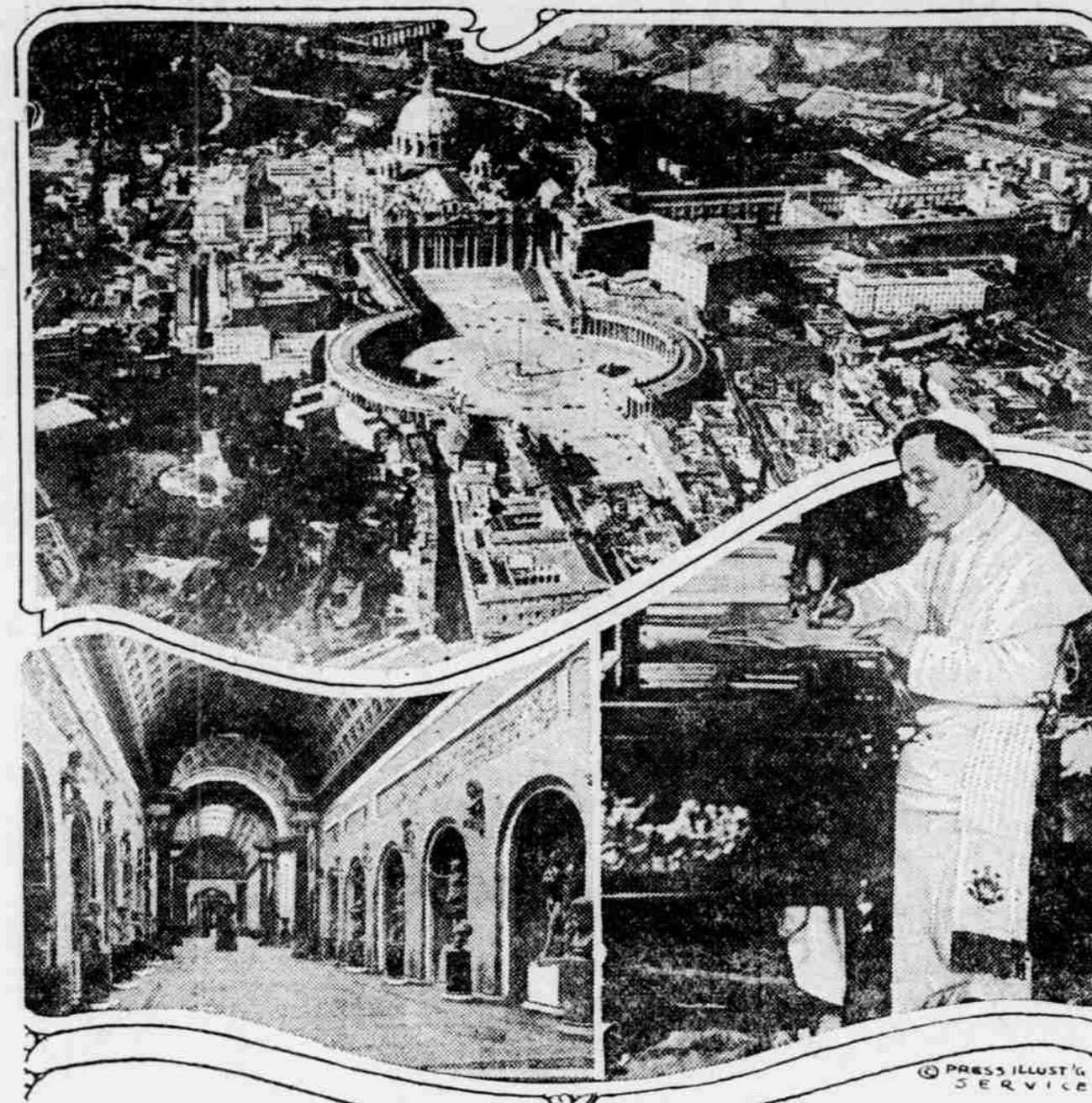
After the opening address by President Harding after the calling of the conference to order by Secretary Wallace, an address by the secretary was to follow outlining the purposes of the conference and one by Chairman Anderson of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry devoted to discussion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

## 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

### PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU

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 officials of 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 repeatedly said of him 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 De Tocqueville 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.

Opposition 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.

### PERISHES IN OPEN BOAT

### (By Associated Press)

PORT WING, Wis., Jan. 23.—Carried out into the ice-coated waters of Lake Superior late Saturday when 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.

### 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.

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## JAPAN DENIES DESIGNS UPON RUSSIAN LAND

Delegation Gives Assurance that Troops Will Be Withdrawn 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 10 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 disclaims any Russian territorial ambitions were said to include Saghala 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 delegations 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 Tsingtao 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 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.

Commenting upon the agreement the Irish News says: "The attempt to disintegrate 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."

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## APPROVE PLACING OFFICE OF MAYOR IN FIREMEN'S ROOM

### (By Associated Press)

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 \$288, 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 is that it has been used on scalying work almost continually 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 Strohau of fire company No. 3, was accepted.

Demands resulting from the uprising in Karella 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 rebels. General Kako and scores of other bandit leaders in Ukraine will be dragged into the accounting with Poland and France. General Semenoff, 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.

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 clew as to the identity of the burglars.

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.

## Temporary Ruler



## 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.

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

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