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HE DEFIES DEATH

Recovery of Pope Leo Is Possible

STILL RULES THE CHURCH

He Sleeps Peacefully and Doctors Have Hopes.

CONFERS WITH THE CARDINALS

Age Cannot Break Nor Disease Wear Out the Pontiff's Iron Will—Latest Bulletins Are Favorable and He May Yet Recover.

ROME, July 12.—At 9:15 o'clock this morning the doctors issued the following bulletin regarding the condition of the pope:

"Up to midnight the pontiff remained tranquil, but afterwards he experienced agitated intervals. A physical examination of the throat shows no change since day before yesterday. The action of the kidneys continues slight, and the general condition of his body is somewhat depressed. His pulse is 82, respiration 22, and temperature, 38.2. 'MAZZONI, 'LAPPONI'."

ROME, July 12, 6:45 A. M.—The condition of the pope was stationary during the night. He slept at intervals, but was not entirely tranquil.

ROME, July 12.—Pope Leo has lived to see another Sunday, and, with the Sabbath quiet which fell upon Rome, came also peace and even progress to the pontiff. Beginning this morning with distinct signs of improvement, he maintained the strength throughout the day. Tonight Dr. Lapponi made the following statement in answer to the inquiry if he believed the pope's improved condition could continue:

"I believe, if the pope lasts until July 21, we may not, perhaps, achieve an absolute cure, but we will secure such a good state of health in the patient as will allay our anxiety."

During the morning the pontiff participated in the celebration of mass. The ceremony was held in the chapel adjoining the sick chamber. Monsignor Manzoni being the celebrant. The door connecting the sickroom with the chapel was opened, so that His Holiness might follow the ceremonies. He insisted that Dr. Lapponi and his valet, Centeri, should leave his side and enter the chapel in order to better hear the mass.

The history of the day has been comparatively uneventful. The pontiff had several hours' repose. Dr. Lapponi resting near him throughout the night. The physician twice administered stimulants to him, once of digitalis to strengthen the heart and once of camphor and caffeine to overcome the patient's growing depression. This morning found the pontiff with spirits bright and the conditions generally improved.

Has Manifestly Improved.

Dr. Manzoni joined his assistant at 8:30 A. M., and, after a brief conference, issued the most encouraging official bulletin thus far given. Besides summarizing the satisfactory pathological conditions, the doctor gave the cheering tidings that the pontiff's condition had manifestly improved. The pulse, which went down yesterday to 82, had risen to 85, while the temperature and respiration showed no abnormal changes.

Pope Leo took his usual light breakfast, and Dr. Lapponi felt sufficiently assured to leave the Vatican for the first time. When the physician left the sickroom he was almost mobbed by high dignitaries who rejoiced at seeing the pontiff confident enough to leave the patient. Dr. Lapponi addressed them all, saying:

"Yes, the pope is better, but I beg you not to exaggerate in optimism in order to avoid a disillusion later."

Dr. Manzoni was also absent from the pope's side, which in itself gave the clearest evidence that the doctors themselves were relieved of immediate apprehension. Dr. Rossoni has been taken sick himself with fever, and is prevented from visiting the pope this evening, as he is intended.

Leo Arises and Receives Cardinals.

During the afternoon the pope felt strong enough to get up. He rose, dressed himself alone in white and went to sit in his usual armchair, where he remained for some time. Then the windows were opened for a change of air, the sun streaming in, together with a light, refreshing breeze from the Mediterranean. Late in the afternoon he received several cardinals. The pope showed his usual brightness. To Cardinal Mathieu His Holiness said:

"I have not ceased for one moment to pray to God to protect France and have the men now governing her repent and stop the persecution of the church."

He then sent the apostolic blessing to Cardinal Mathieu's sister, who is a nun. He thanked Cardinal Spina, who told him that the whole Jesuit order was daily praying for his recovery, and he asked Cardinal Agliardi how he liked the position of vice-chancellor of the church, to which he was appointed at last consistory, and how the cardinal enjoyed his new residence, the beautiful and historic palace of the chancellery.

He thanked Cardinal Castelli for the warm interest he had taken in his illness,

and then gave all the cardinals his hand to shake. As the King of Spain had telegraphed to inquire about the pope's health and had asked for the papal benediction, His Holiness directed Cardinal Rampolla to telegraph back, granting the request.

Improvement is Maintained.

Later the pontiff took a short nap and slept tranquilly enough, after which he seemed to have somewhat more difficulty in breathing. The doctors returned at 7:30 P. M., and their evening bulletins gave negative encouragement, simply showing that the favorable conditions of this morning had been maintained.

Throughout the day St. Peter's was surrounded by the usual Sunday worshippers, and steady lines of inquirers visited the Vatican courtyard, where the bulletins are issued.

Unusual rigor was adopted to prevent unseemly gatherings. One notable instance of Vatican strictness was the arrest of Captain Smith, commanding the Swiss Guard, for having given information to the press.

Impressive Scene in St. Peter's.

There was a striking scene within St. Peter's tonight. In the midst of the vesper service the German students, all in scarlet cassocks, entered the cathedral. Behind them came the German friars in rough hair-cloth cassocks, and then German nuns in conventional black and white. These formed a procession, and, kneeling, prayed aloud and in silence for Pope Leo. The congregation joined in the procession until the basilica was half filled by a moving mass of color, and when St. Peter's was reached many hundreds followed the picture of the Savior held aloft by a monk. On one side of the brass rails which guard the entrance to the tomb, knelt the nuns. Opposite, three deep, were the friars, while in the center knelt the young students, their scarlet cassocks making a blaze of color which stretched far down the dimly lighted nave. For nearly an hour no move or sound came from these supplicants for divine interposition save every few seconds the hoarse, monotonous cry, "Ora pro nobis."

The rosary over, the Germans filed out, their heads still bent in prayer.

Pope's Room Bright and Airy.

As many fantastic descriptions are in circulation regarding the rooms where Pope Leo lies, the representative of the Associated Press has taken some pains to secure an exact account from one of the pope's nephews. The room is large, bright and airy. The walls are hung with pale green and gold damask. Entering it, with the sun pouring through the ample window, is like a taste of Spring. A large curtain divides the room and is drawn open, showing on the right the modest narrow brass bed, covered with a red damask cover. In his condition Pope Leo shows great disinclination with regard to his person, performing a full toilet whenever possible and changing daily his fine white nightgown. At the head of the bed is a good picture of the Madonna, while in the middle of the adjacent wall is an immense crucifix, reaching from top to ceiling, with an ivory figure of Christ. At the foot of the bed stands a very simple walnut writing desk, at which the pope has written the best of his Latin poems. On the other side stand the now famous armchair, a small table and a few shelves with the pope's preferred books. The chamber gives the idea of extreme simplicity.

Centeri, his valet, who is most reluctant to leave the room, asked this morning if the pontiff did not think it better to have some one always to keep him company. Pope Leo replied:

"I am in good company," pointing to the large crucifix.

Now and then the pope suspects that

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THEIR AXES OUT

Walla Walla Factions in Death Struggle.

ELECTION RIOTS FEARED

Senator Ankeny and "Box- ers" Fight for Supremacy.

TODAY DECIDES THE CONTEST

Political Control of County, and An- keny's Prestige as Senator Are at Stake in Municipal Campaign of Great Bitterness.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—If trouble is avoided during the municipal election tomorrow it will be because the cooler-headed managers of the campaign have the situation in better control than is believed tonight. Apparently the leaders themselves have lost their self-control in the bitter factional political fight that is raging here. The tone of the newspapers and the bitter feeling shown in street discussions, the occasional bar-room brawls and the action of both factions in carrying the fight today even into the churches and the homes indicates that the deep-rooted prejudices of both factions will not permit quiet to reign tomorrow when the test of strength is applied at the polls.

It needed but the slightest provocation today to have started a small riot. Factional differences had split the city in twain, and apparently no one was exempted from the war spirit. Shortly after midnight a saloon brawl, in which Frank Kees, the Ankeny candidate for Marshal, was involved precipitated the first clash

between the two factions. The story of the fight grew as it traveled and on top of it the "Boxers," or anti-Ankeny men, issued circulars charging Kees with bitter antagonism to union labor, endeavoring to turn the labor vote against the Ankeny candidate.

Naturally the Ankeny forces resented the charges and objected to the versions of the fight in which Kees was involved. The "Boxers" taunted the Ankeny forces with the tale of Kees' outbreak and made bitter attacks upon the machine which is supporting the Ankeny ticket. The streets have been crowded all day; vast throngs have gathered on street corners to dispute over the issues, and even in the churches and homes politics intruded. The feeling has been high and had any overt act occurred on the part of an adherent of either faction, a general fight could hardly have been avoided. Late tonight this danger passed, but the people who are not drawn close into the fight fear tomorrow's events.

Sunday a Lively Day.

Walla Walla, in theory, has been a closed town on Sunday. There has been a farcical attempt at enforcing the law, never more noticeable than today, when the saloons were filled with partisans discussing the fight according to their own affiliations.

Trouble began early this morning with a saloon row. A crowd had gathered in the Senate saloon and the "boys" were enjoying the fruits of the politician's activity just before an election. Into a crowd of Ankeny adherents came Jake Holman, a "Boxer" worker well advanced in years.

Holman and Kees were arguing politics when suddenly Holman called the ex-Sheriff "a damn liar." Kees struck him quick as a flash.

Kees is accused of having struck Holman three times, thrown him to the floor and then drawn a gun. The crowd rushed in and separated the two men before any further demonstration had occurred. The fact that the "Boxers" were outnumbered probably prevented a conflict then, but the story was immediately spread and the "Boxers" have been making capital out of the episode all day, claiming that Kees assaulted an old and unprotected man. The Ankeny forces' version is that Kees was the victim of a crowd of "stingers" sent out by the "Boxers" to make trouble for the candidate for Marshal.

While the story of Kees' early morning fight was flying about the street the "Boxers" appeared with circulars charging him with having been unfriendly toward union labor. This was a play to the labor unions which have recently become strong here.

\$5000 Wagered on Marshall Contest.

Today's developments center the fight in Walla Walla tomorrow on the Marshall. Fully \$5000 is wagered on the outcome of the contest, \$3000 of this having been bet today. Kees money was not so much in evidence as it has been since today's concerted fight against him indicated the character of opposition that he will have to meet.

Opposed to Kees are Alvah Brown, who is a well-known "Boxer" politician, and J. C. Hillman. There is little doubt but that Hillman's candidacy was inspired in the hope of dividing the anti-Ankeny strength and aiding Kees. It will help some, too, for it is conceded generally that Hillman will poll something over 100 votes. If the contest is as close as is generally believed this may aid Kees considerably.

The re-election of Gilbert Hunt, the Ankeny candidate, over Frank S. Dement, the "Boxer" representative, by 150 majority, is predicted tonight. Hunt is the present Mayor and is a former Democrat. He joined the Republican party in 1896.

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GRAY THEIR MAN

Democrats Name Him for President.

WOULD UNITE FACTIONS

Anthracite Miners Boom Delaware Judge.

CANVASS OF PARTY IS MADE

Head of Strike Commission Now Proclaimed the Moses Who Can Unite Bryan and Cleveland Men Under His Banner.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 12.—Judge George Gray, of Delaware, former United States Senator and president of the Anthracite Strike Commission, is being quickly boomed in the anthracite region for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. As the result of a canvass that has been made throughout the region, it has been found that nearly all the miners' union officials who are Democrats are heartily in favor of his nomination and, since the reported collapse of the Cleveland boom, both Cleveland men and Bryan men are enthusiastic in declaring that Judge Gray is a man who can unite the party.

Ex-Congressman James K. Reilly, who was a member of the lower house when Judge Gray was a Senator and who was later United States Marshal for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, thus coming very often in contact with Judge Gray, says that he is a man of such strength and power that, if he can be nominated, he will probably be elected.

It is pointed out that, while Judge Gray's state is a small one, it is one of the most doubtful states in the Union, and he could certainly carry it for the Democrats.

TAMMANY CHIEF STRIKES BACK.

Replies to Jerome's Attack on Dock Board With Counter-Charges.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Charles F. Murphy, present leader of Tammany Hall and former treasurer of the Tammany Dock Board, which District Attorney Jerome is attacking in proceedings before Justice Mayer, gave out a statement tonight in which he compares the results and methods of the Tammany board with those of the Strong and Low boards.

Mr. Murphy says that the city's interests were better served under the Tammany board than under either of the others and challenges Mr. Jerome to prove the contrary. He explains the nature and purposes of the "treasurer's orders," which Mr. Jerome has referred to so frequently, declares they are in use under another name by the present Commissioner, and defends their use.

The statement, which bristles with figures and statements of fact, departs from its purely business tone long enough to attack the present administration for leasing pier 24 to Governor O'Dell's Central Hudson Steamboat Company, on which transaction alone he declares the city's loss amounts to \$480,000.

Millmen's Strike Settled.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 12.—Four thousand millmen at Ashland, Ky., and Ironton, O., who have been on a strike for six months, will return to work tomorrow, said State Labor Organizer Nightingale of West Virginia, who was called several days ago to arrange making a settlement. Concessions were made on both sides.

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