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NEAR LAST AGONY

Aged Pontiff Lies in State of Coma.

MAY LIVE ONE DAY MORE

But Death This Morning Is Deemed Possible.

DOCTORS GIVE UP LAST HOPE

He Lies in State of Torpor All Day, Only Reviving Long Enough to Take Communion—Intense Heat Aggravates Illness.

ROME, July 20, 9:30 A. M.—The following medical bulletin has just been issued: "During the night the holy father rested only at short intervals. His general condition remains grave. Pulse, 94; respiration, 32; temperature, 36.3, Centigrade. MAZZONI, "LAPPONI."

ROME, July 19, Midnight.—The pope lies tonight in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems only to be diverted by the action of his heart.

"The pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that his condition cannot last."

Symptoms of Anemia. "To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor, from which, however, he arouses occasionally, when he hears sharp sounds, as, for instance, the insistent voice of one of his familiars calling loudly to him. Left alone, he re-lapses immediately into a condition of torpor. At intervals he murmurs in his sleep, continuing to have forebodings that he is being abandoned by his valet, Centra, and myself. These are the symptoms of incipient cerebral anemia and general exhaustion. He can no longer turn in his bed without assistance, and is being kept alive by artificial stimulants."

Monsignore Blottit, master of the pope's chamber, said earlier in the evening that the pulse of his holiness had not yet shown any sign of becoming intermittent, so, despite his extreme weakness and coma, he believed the pope would survive the night and possibly tomorrow.

Italian Government Ready. Both the Italian government and the authorities of the Vatican have made final preparations for the pope's death. The government is rigidly indorsing all telegrams and telephonic communications between Italy and the rest of the continent.

Doctors Kept Some Secrets. The medical aspect of the pope's case is exciting much comment. One authority having opportunities of knowing the private history and the treatment of the case declares that a third operation for the removal of the pleura has actually been performed, but has not been made public, in order to avoid increasing the public apprehension.

STEADILY DECLINES ALL DAY. Pope's Torpor Only Broken for Communion—Death Question of Hours. ROME, July 19.—Today each hour has added to the gravity of the reports from the sickroom of the pontiff, until all Rome has waited almost breathlessly, in momentary expectation of the announcement of his death.

For the first time also the weather was strongly against him. The blistering heat fell on the city, and the great plaza of St. Peter's took up the fierce sun and threw it back against the Vatican until it was like a fiery furnace. Every light breeze that prevailed came in from the south. This seriously added to the discomfort of the patient.

He had spent a restless night, sleeping for only short intervals, and even then his sleep was agitated. Dr. Lapponi remained in the sickroom throughout the night. At the morning conference the physicians noted a distinct change for the worse, particularly in the accelerated pulse, which had risen to 96, after remaining for many days between 88 and 90.

AN EMPIRE OPEN

Portland Gives Greeting to Goldendale.

BUSINESS MEN PAY A VISIT

Columbia River & Northern Acts as Their Host.

EXCURSION TRIP ON NEW LINE

Guests of the Railroad Inspect a Rich Territory Tributary to This City and Receive a Cordial Welcome From Citizens.

ITINERARY OF GOLDENDALE EXCURSION. Left Portland on Bailey Gatzert 11:30 P. M. Friday. Arrived at Lyle, Wash., 8:50 A. M. Saturday. Left Lyle for Goldendale over Columbia River & Northern 10 A. M. Saturday. Arrived at Goldendale, after inspecting new line, 1 P. M. Saturday. Left Goldendale 9 A. M. Sunday. Arrived at Lyle, 11:30 A. M. Sunday. Arrived at The Dalles 12:30 P. M. Sunday. Arrived at Portland 8:35 P. M. Sunday.

Hugh McGuire, president of the Pacific Paper Company, won by half a minute in guessing contest inaugurated by the delegation of Portland business men who returned from Goldendale yesterday, and was declared the victor in the competition for the closest estimate of the Bailey Gatzert's run into Portland.

HE CAN'T SWALLOW FOOD.

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SHOT TO DEATH

Wyoming Mob Slays Two Murderers

AND DEPUTY SHERIFF ALSO

Mob of Cattlemen Out to Rescue Prisoners.

SHERIFF CALLS FOR MILITIA

Lynching at Basin May Be Followed by Bloody Battle Due to Arrest of Cattlemen for the Murder of Sheepman.

The scene of the lynching and of the threatened battle between the sheriff and cattlemen is in the wildest part of Northern Wyoming. It is purely a pastoral country, where the cattlemen formerly had full sway, but the sheepmen have invaded it of late years.

BUTTE, Mont., July 19.—A Miner special from Red Lodge, Mont., says: A state of lawlessness that beggars description now prevails in northwest Wyoming, as a result of which all law and order seem to have been abolished. From President L. L. Moffatt, of the Montana & Wyoming Telephone company, who is now making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, come the news of a bloody lynching which occurred at Basin, Wyo., just across the Wyoming line, early this morning and of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton, of Big Horn county, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen near Thermopolis and has appealed to the Governor of Wyoming for assistance in the killing of two condemned murderers and also C. E. Pierce, who died instantly. The murderers were Jim Gorman, who killed his brother about a year ago and ran off with his brother's wife, and a prisoner named Walters, a traveling man who killed a widow named Hoover at Thermopolis Hot Springs two years ago because she refused to marry him.

Flight and Capture. It was reported to Sheriff Fenton last Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up from Basin along the Big Horn river from Hiattsville and Tensip for the purpose of lynching Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the sheriff took those two men and a horse thief out of the jail and secured them in a gully near town under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Price.

Murderers and Deputy Murdered. Last evening about thirty men, unmasked and in perfect order, rode up the east bank of the Big Horn, dismounted, tethered their horses and compelled the ferryman to carry them across the river. They made no demonstration until they entered Basin, when five shots were fired as a warning. The mob proceeded at once to the building which is the courthouse and jail combined and fired a volley into the jail. Deputy Pierce and Special Deputy George S. Meade were guarding the prisoners at the time. One bullet grazed Meade's shoulder and entered Pierce's heart, killing him instantly. Members of the mob then quickly procured telephone poles and battered the jail doors down. The first came to Walters, who was crouched on his cot, piteously begging for mercy. No needless torture was resorted to. Walters was shot instantly. The mob next found Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets and was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, until 8 o'clock this morning, when he died.

Cattlemen on Warpath. A still more alarming state of affairs is reported from the vicinity of Thermopolis. About six weeks ago, as a result of the range feud that has been bitterly waged, a sheepman, Bennick, was killed by cattlemen. Sheriff Fenton, it is alleged, has captured the murderers, who are all prominent cattlemen and whose names have been withheld on account of threats made against him. Sheriff Fenton is unable to get his prisoners to Basin. It is claimed the same men that lynched Gorman and Walters are sympathizers, and have declared that Sheriff Fenton will never get out of the locality alive with his prisoners. Sheriff Fenton has asked the Governor of Wyoming for permission to use the

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