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ROME, Aug. 11.—Pope Pius, who fainted while celebrating mass this morning, is suffering from heart weakness, aggravated by fatigue. Although he has been better this afternoon, Dr. Lapponi, who visited him again, thought it more prudent for his holiness not to leave his apartment, and not to go into the garden of the Vatican, as he desired. The doctor further insisted on a suspension of audiences.

Cannot Follow Habits of Leo.

Dr. Davenozia, speaking about the pope, said:

"If they wish our Pius not to succumb, the Vatican authorities must change their system. They must not oblige him to follow the habits of Pope Leo. The present pontiff needs especially plenty of fresh air. He must not be shut up in a box in a vitiated atmosphere. The pope retired earlier than usual, saying he felt quite tired. His intimates say he is much changed since his election, and seems to have grown years older. His duties at Venice were much lighter than over the news of his indisposition, and have decided to come to Rome to attend him."

The pope has been over-exerting himself to such an extent that his naturally strong constitution was unable to bear the strain put upon it by the coronation ceremonies. Such has been the effect upon his nerves that he has been unable to sleep for whole nights, while numerous receptions yesterday made matters worse. Last night his holiness was very much agitated, will be insisted upon admitting this morning to hear his mass and to receive the Venetians who had journeyed to Rome purposefully to attend the coronation. They numbered about 300 when the mass began in the Pauline Chapel, and the altar was visited, with the temperature above 80 degrees.

Private Chaplain Supports Him.

Pope Pius was seen to grow paler and paler, finally throwing out his hands as though seeking support. He would have fallen and not Mr. Machen, his private chaplain, been quick to catch him. Fortunately among the Venetians present was Dr. Davenozia, who, for nine years had been the pope's attending physician at Venice, but had been called only once during that time to treat a severe throat. Dr. Davenozia gave the pontiff immediate assistance, while the messengers telephoned Dr. Lapponi. The latter rushed to the Vatican, but did not arrive until after the pope had been restored to consciousness and taken to his own apartments.

Conservation Among Venetians.

The conservation of the Venetians when they saw him faint was great and they rendered matters worse by crowding around him. Monsignore Bissoli, however, kept him from being smothered and ordered the Swiss guards to clear a space about the pontiff.

When able to speak again, the pontiff asked for a few drops of water, which were given him, and water was sprinkled on his face. His gown was opened at the neck as he seemed to be choking. He refused resolutely, however, to be carried to his apartment saying that he was sufficiently strong to walk. The way thither was cleared and he went slowly, surrounded by an entourage, his head bent almost on his shoulder and his face so pale that his flesh was scarcely distinguishable from his robes. The neck of his gown still remained open.

It was a solemn moment when the pontiff passed through the midst of kneeling Venetians without having the strength to give them his benediction. Deep silence accompanied the impressive scene. As he went out of sight through the Raphael Loggia, tears fell from the cheeks of several pilgrims and one could not refrain from crying out:

"Take care of yourself, your holiness, for our sake, who love you so much, as well as for your own."

Shows He Is Not Himself.

The pope had already given the communion to 200 people, when he began to feel ill. Those about him soon perceived that he was not himself by his nervousness and impatience which showed itself when his attendants handed him his spectacles. He pushed them aside and drew another pair from his pocket. When another attendant tried to tie the ribbons of his robe behind him, he told him to stop and did it himself, a most unusual occurrence with him.

The pope, after taking some medicine to calm his heart and nerves was able to eat lunch, afterward taking a sleep which lasted two hours and a half. On awakening he felt much better and refreshed.

The Collapse of the Pope.

The collapse of the pope constitutes the first victory of his entourage, which had insisted that he should take the change from his previous life less strenuously. Even though he may disappoint some people, they argue he should not concede audiences to all comers, and should render himself less accessible.

Complete Rest Is Ordered.

Dr. Lapponi recommended the pope to take a complete rest. He ordered all audiences postponed. The pope, however, cannot understand the necessity of sparing himself, and said to Dr. Lapponi:

"I am stronger than Pope Leo. Why should I not do what he did?"

It was explained to him that Leo, when elected began by taking a fortnight's perfect rest and thereafter gradually trained himself to his new duties. Moreover, Leo's peculiar constitution did not need exercise in the fresh air which an ordinary healthy man would require.

The pope ardently wished to receive today the Austrian Ambassador, who was to present his credentials, but he was persuaded to renounce his intention, not only in this case, but with regard to all the audiences which were fixed for tomorrow.

FEAR OF FLOOD IS GONE

Kansas River Has Begun to Recede Very Rapidly.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 11.—The threat of a flood on the Kansas River has been removed. In the past 18 hours the river here has fallen rapidly, and is now as low as a week ago, when the present rise commenced. Reports from places west of here along the Kansas River say no further rise is expected.

To Arouse Interest in Games.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—The executive Olympic committee of the Amateur Athletic Union, at its second day's meeting appointed a number of committees. W. B. Hinchman, president of the Pacific division of the A. A. U., was chosen a member of the Olympic games committee for the United States. The committee also decided, in order

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