

**CAMPAIGN OPENS  
TO ELECT POPE  
FROM OUTSIDE**

**PAPAL SECRETARY IS  
STORM CENTER IN ROME**



By Henry Wood  
Rome, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Stories to choose a pope from outside the ranks of Italian cardinals have been put under way in a formal campaign, the *Pope* Roman stated today.

The paper brings forward prominently the possibility that a German may be chosen to succeed the late Benedict XV. The paper's article aroused particular interest because the same paper had previously denied all reports that any campaign to choose other than an Italian for the Vatican was being made.

Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state under Pope Pius X, is directing the campaign to break the tradition of choosing an Italian. Merry del Val, a Spaniard, is one of the candidates for the papacy.

The cardinal is being assisted, the paper states, by the Jesuit order which kept in the background during Benedict's pontificate because of the latter's conciliatory policy. The Jesuit general, Lechowsky, it is stated, is canvassing all cardinals as they arrive in Rome for the late pope's funeral and later for the meeting of the sacred college to select a new pope. This has been set for February 2.

Other Italian papers also show the most intense interest in Benedict's successor and the role that the cardinals outside Italy are likely to play in making the choice.

Many papers, however, discount the belief that a German is likely to be chosen by expressing fear that the conclave of cardinals will develop an allied pro-German alignment in which the national interests of the former belligerent nations will play a prominent part. This would delay action by the conclave and hold up the selection of a new pope.

While the discussion of Benedict's successor went on, undiminished multitudes today continued to pay their homage to the pope. At 3 o'clock today a large group assembled outside St. Peter's awaiting opening of the doors. The body will be on view until 3:30 p. m. today. Tomorrow the actual interment will take place according to definite decision reached yesterday.

The second day of the funeral services was celebrated with increasing solemnity. The time for the funeral was fixed at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow, it was announced.

**AMERICAN CARDINALS MAY  
INFLUENCE PAPAL ELECTION**  
By Karl H. von Wiegand  
General Service Staff Correspondent  
Berlin, Jan. 25.—The American cardinals, if they reach Rome in time, will exercise an unprecedented influence so far as America is concerned, in the election of the new pope. That virtually all the non-Italian cardinals will follow the Americans in their votes is the belief prevailing at the Vatican, according to dispatches from Rome to the *Berliner Tageblatt*.

That the new pope will be an Italian is regarded as almost certain, as the Italian cardinals largely outnumber the foreign cardinals to be present.

The French and Belgian cardinals, including Cardinal Mercier and the Polish cardinals, are expected to form a group

of more or less outsiders, but the impression prevails that they will be largely influenced by the attitude of the Americans.

The Italian cardinals, it is stated, want an out and out "Peace Pope," who will continue the efforts of Pope Benedict for a reconciliation of all peoples.

The newspapers here name Cardinal Gasparri as the leading Italian candidate, naming Archbishop Mattioli of Pisa as second choice. The latter is the leader of a steadily growing party which has been working for a reconciliation between the Vatican and Italy, and was a close friend of Benedict.

The chief obstacle against the election of Gasparri is the fact that no papal secretary of state has ever been elected pope although had not Austria opposed Cardinal Rampolla, secretary of state to Pope Leo XIII, he would have been elected successor to Leo instead of Pius.

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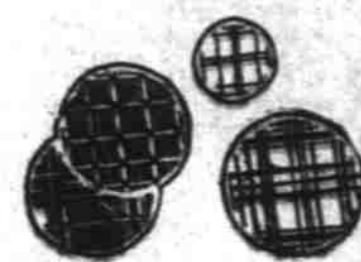
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