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POPE PIUS X IS DEAD

Pontiff's Demise Hastened By Grief Over Great War.

Rome—Pope Pius X died at 1:20 o'clock Thursday morning. He had been ill for several days, but alarming symptoms did not develop until Wednesday morning.

The papal secretary, who take charge of affairs in such an emergency, were out of Rome, so little was the death of the Pope expected.



POPE PIUS X. 29th Incumbent of Papal See, Since Year 67, A. D.

the bells of the churches sounded when the sacrament was exposed upon all the altars. When the court learned of the Pope's condition there was the deepest concern.

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, known to the world as Pope Pius X., was elected to the Pontificate on August 4, 1903, since which time his administration of that exalted office has been confronted with some of the most momentous problems, religious and governmental, with which the Holy See has had to deal in recent times.

Extreme unction was administered by Monsignor Zampini, sacristan to His Holiness. The sisters of the Pope and his niece were overcome with grief.

They have included, on the one hand, his determined attitude in maintaining the purity of Catholic faith, beginning with his syllabus condemning criticism of the holy scriptures and of the origin of Christianity, and later bringing forth the famous Encyclical "Pascendi" which expounds and condemns the system of modernism; and, on the other hand, the painful struggles which he had inherited with France over the separation of church and state, and later with Spain on similar issues, and more recently with Portugal as a result of the revolution which overthrew the monarchy.

Wednesday was one of the most anxious days in the history of the papacy. The whole world knew that the Pope was indisposed, but it was supposed that he was suffering from his usual ailment, the gout. Up to noon even the members of the household were unaware of the seriousness of the developments.

Pope Pius was born on June 2, 1835, at Riese, in the Venetian provinces, the first child of Gian-Battista Sarto, a postman, and his wife Margherita. They were of the upper peasantry, if one may use the term, and besides the boy destined to be Pope there were seven children, a son and six daughters. The father's salary of 40 cents a day and the mother's modest earnings from making dresses afforded them only the necessities of life.

Giuseppe's early career was fortunately influenced by the village priest, who took a liking for the boy, taught him to read and write and drummed into the youthful head the rudiments of Latin. With this impetus Giuseppe at the age of 17 years entered the seminary at Castelfranco, not far from his birth place, and for four years every day, rain or shine, he tramped to school, usually barefooted, until he reached the outskirts of the village, where he would slip on his shoes to keep up appearances. Two pairs of shoes was his yearly allowance.

Chicago—Diamonds and gold and platinum jewelry will be increased 25 per cent in price as a result of the European war, delegates were told at the ninth annual convention of the American National Retail Jewelers' association here. No diamonds were being cut, it was said, as the workers in gems and precious metals in Belgium, France and Germany have been called to their colors.

All day his agony continued. At times he revived and was able to say a few words, but hope of saving him was finally abandoned. Several times throughout the city and at the palace the rumor spread that the end had come, only to be denied later.

Yankees in Italy Warned. Rome—The American embassy through the consuls has advised all Americans in Italy to return home now while communications between Europe and the United States are free. Later complications may arise rendering communication difficult. "Americans doing otherwise remain at their own risk."

Spain is Seeing London. London—Marooned in London because of the war and the consequent interruption of travel, Victoriano Huerta, ex-president of Mexico, and his family, made a brief sight-seeing tour about the city Friday. General Huerta and family slipped into London unannounced and took apartments in an obscure hotel, where they have resided quietly for two days, worn out by the trip from Jamaica. To inquire as to his health General Huerta said he was well but tired. He will remain here a few days, then go to Santander, Spain.

Approves Purchase of Ships. Washington, D. C.—Comprehensive plans were mapped out by the administration for building up the American merchant marine with government money for the immediate purpose of transporting the products of the country to the warring nations of Europe and to South and Central America. President Wilson, in consultation with Democratic leaders of the senate and house, approved a project contemplating the expenditure of about \$25,000,000 for the purchase of ocean-going vessels to be run by the government.

German Army Sweeps Into France Unchecked

London—A dispatch from Mons to the Daily Telegraph Wednesday describes the operations of the German forces.

"The German advance," it says, "was like a great river bursting its banks. As soon as the Belgians retired to the entrenched camp at Antwerp the German horde swept over the country without check, west toward Ghent and south toward Mons. The Germans are committed to a great turning movement. They are striving to hold the French along the Meuse between Namur and Dinant, while the armies to the west of that river are marching southward along a front many miles wide.

This Salmon Season Is Best in Three Years

Astoria—Not since 1911 have the salmon fishing interests of the Columbia river had so successful a season as the one which will close next week.

The cold storage output for the season approximates 4375 barrels of pickled fish. The steelhead run was short also and the pack of frozen fish is fully 300 tons short of the previous year.

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French Abandon Captured Territory; Battle Rages

Paris—The war office has issued the following official announcement: "The commander in chief, requiring all available forces on the Meuse, has ordered the progressive abandonment of occupied territory. Mulhausen has again been evacuated.

Northwest Dried Fruits Greatly Reduced in Price

Portland—The housewife in search of cheaper foodstuffs in this period of war prices can turn gratefully to dried fruit. It is one product that has not gone up in price because of the war.

European War Will Not Hurt U. S., Says Expert

Washington, D. C.—Daniel C. Roper, for many years statistical expert of the ways and means committee and an authority on economic subjects, has prepared the following summary of the important economic conditions and changes in the United States, brought about by the war in Europe:

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

American tourists are fast leaving Europe. Plans are forming in Rome to elect a new pope.

General Carranza is now the provisional president of Mexico. German cavalry is reported to have entered the city of Brussels.

J. P. Morgan tells U. S. Treasury department business is improving. Austria has called to arms all able-bodied men from 20 to 42 years of age.

Namur, a principal city in Belgium, has fallen into the hands of the Germans. The German ambassador, Count von Riez, at Tokio, will sail for Seattle, Wash.

The burgomaster of the city of Brussels, has surrendered the city to the Germans. Nearly all German manufactures are idle and the daily loss is said to be \$5,000,000.

The warring nations are buying the Chinese eggs intended for shipment to this country. Chauncey Depew, stranded in Europe, sat nine hours on a flatcar in a drizzling rain.

The French war office admits German victory and the recovery of Lorraine and Alsace. The French fear an attack on the Louvre and have placed all valuable pictures in vaults.

A persistent report is to the effect that the Crown Prince of Germany was killed in battle. Five persons were killed by a tornado in Pennsylvania, and much damage to property was done.

The French government is permitting 3000 Americans to leave France via Paris, to the United States. Every ship that sails out of New York for English ports sails light, though England is begging for food.

The Japanese liner Shinyo Maru sailed from San Francisco to Japan escorted by a Japanese armored cruiser. Mexico City cheers lustily when Carranza's army enters the city. The parade was six miles long and everything orderly.

It is reported that Germany will refuse the ultimatum of Japan to evacuate Kiau Chau, China, and will fight to the last. "Bob" Burdette, the famous humorist, is reported dangerously ill at his summer home in Pasadena, Cal. He is 70 years of age.

The Montenegrin troops, with a bayonet charge, repulsed a fresh Austrian attack at Rahovo, taking 150 prisoners and killing 300 Austrians. A proclamation was issued formally from Washington setting forth the neutrality of the United States in the war between Belgium and Germany.

In Paris 600,000 are out of employment, and the government proposes to put to work finishing buildings under construction, all youths and old men. Red Cross society of the United States is urging mayors of large cities to aid the campaign to secure funds to care for the wounded in the European war.

Washington administration officials are preparing a new proclamation setting forth the neutrality of the United States during hostilities between Japan and Germany. According to information from Berlin, the Spanish government has notified Germany of its strict neutrality, denying at the same time having any treaty with any power.

A war appropriation of \$50,000,000 has been put through the Canadian house of commons. There was no opposition or criticism. The proceeding occupied just one minute. Speaker Clark issued warrants for the arrest of absentee members of the house of representatives. Many members were present at the baseball park, cool cafes and other resorts.

The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at Amsterdam says it is estimated that the total loss of the Belgians, up to date, has been 10,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. The Serbian government in a protest to France declares that the Austrian army during its retreat along the Drina river committed cruelties upon old men, women and children in violation of the rules of warfare. The Drina forms the greater part of the boundary between Bosnia and Serbia.

Another Boxer uprising in China is feared by the government and precautions are taken to protect foreigners. European nations at war are said to oppose the United States' plan to buy ships for international commerce purposes. The tramp steamer Mazatlan, which at one time and another has flown the Mexican and German flags, was forbidden to leave San Francisco until she discharged 500 tons of coal, taken in sacks, which it is alleged was intended to be transferred at sea to the German cruiser Leipzig.

Many Years' Delay by State Issue

Eugene—The State of Oregon has ten days in which to explain a delay of 14 years between the granting of school land deeds to one Hyde and the filing of a suit to set aside these deeds, which are alleged to have been obtained fraudulently.

Two Per Cent of Berry Crop Donated to Advertise

Salem—To advertise the berry that the immense crop this year may be sold profitably, the membership of the Oregon Loganberry Growers' association agreed to donate 2 per cent of the crop. More than \$1200 was subscribed at the meeting.

Oronco Club Revives

Oronco—Citizens of Oronco have transformed the Civic improvement league into the Oronco Chamber of commerce. A nominal fee will be charged and a board of five directors will be elected from the officers. The old officers will have charge until the annual meeting. Steps were taken toward establishing a cannery for the next season's business. Another meeting will be held next week for further discussion and to plan collection of subscriptions for stock. Several hundred dollars already have been subscribed.

Hop Picking to Start

Dallas—Hopgrowers are busy preparing for picking. The crop all over Polk county will be short this year. In many yards the crop will only be 50 per cent of the usual yield. In some yards the yield will be normal. Caring to unsettled conditions in Europe, hopgrowers are looking for a high price this year. Picking will commence in some yards next week, and by September 16 all growers will be gathering their crops. It is believed the quality will be about the same as usual.

Pendleton to Get Another Park

Pendleton—Pendleton is to have an other park. The latest addition is to be jointly constructed by the city and by the O. W. R. & N., and it is to face the depot. The present site is a triangular area, known for years as "Pendleton's Prairie." In windy weather it is cloudy in dust, and in wet weather it is ankle deep in mud. The Commercial association of this city has been trying to solve the problem, and now the railroad company offers to donate the land on condition that the city will care for it.

Old Mine is Reopened

Molalla—The Ogle Mountain mine, 23 miles south of Molalla, started its machinery running Wednesday for the first time. This mine has been worked in a sort of a way for the last 18 years. A few years ago stamp mills were installed, but when put in operation it was discovered that too much of the gold was being wasted and operations ceased. The old stamp mills have been discarded and \$75,000 worth of modern machinery installed.

Medford Water Cheaper

Medford—After considering the subject several weeks the city council granted the request of outside water users and reduced the minimum rate from \$2.50 to \$1.75 for 5000 gallons and from 25 cents to 15 cents for over 1000 gallons over that amount. All outside water-users were put on a meter basis, while city water-users are still allowed a flat rate of \$1.50 a month for ordinary household purposes.

Polk Court Term is Over

Dallas—The August term of the Circuit court for Polk county has adjourned after one of the longest terms ever held in this county. An effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to get the terms of court changed so that court will not convene during August, when farmers are particularly busy with their crops.

Carlsbad Refugees Arrive

London—Steamers from Flushing, the Netherlands, brought here 650 Americans, most of whom were at Carlsbad when the war broke out. Among the passengers were Frank A. Munsey, the publisher, who has been active among relief workers at Carlsbad, and Archer M. Huntington, president of the American geographical society, and his wife, who were arrested at Nuremberg two weeks ago and held by the German police for a day or two as spies.