

The Pope Conquered By Death

Rome, July 20.—At 2:15 Mazzoni arrived hurriedly at the Vatican; he considered the Pope's death imminent. The final stage, it is understood, was entered upon at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and this is expected to last in to the evening.

Rome, July 20.—The government has announced that a telegraph pole has fallen, and there will be great delay in all messages. This means that they are getting ready to place an embargo on all messages, and that the officials have reason to believe the Pope's dissolution is close at hand.

Rome, July 20.—At 12:40 p. m. all the cardinals in Rome have been summoned to the Vatican; a very strong indication that the end is approaching. Cardinal Serafina Vennutelli, grand penitentiary, has entered the papal chamber, for the purpose of giving His Holiness the absolution in articulo mortis.

Rome, July 20.—The holy sacrament was exposed at St. Peter's church this morning, a sign that the final agony has commenced. The official bulletin by the physicians is very laconic. It reads: "Last night His Holiness slept only at short intervals. His general conditions remain constantly grave. Pulsation 94, respiration 32, temperature 36.2 centigrade."

Rome, July 20.—1 p. m.—Following is the semi-official medical statement made at the Vatican: "The Pope is in a state of fevre ague, which even the physicians are unable to define scientifically. The possibilities are His Holiness may last some time, even days, but the probability is that this is his last day."

London, July 20.—Your correspondent hears that a code telegram has been received in London from a high official at Rome that the Pope expired at 12:40. The telegram is not confirmed.

London, July 20.—A Central News dispatch at 2:15 says the Pope had a terrible fit of coughing, and then collapsed. A slight rally followed, but death is momentarily expected.

The Great Pontiff, Great Even in Death, Passes Peacefully Away---Broad of Mind, Generous of Belief, Abounding in Charity, Pure of Spirit---An Example for the Worldly Minded to Study and Emulate and to Pattern After.

Washington, July 20.—A legation dispatch from Rome says the condition of the Holy Father is most grave. The wording of the message leads Falco to believe the Pope's death may occur before the day is over.

Washington, July 20.—The following dispatch was sent to Cardinal Rampolla, at Rome, by President Roosevelt's order at 1:15 this afternoon: "The President desires me to express his profound sense of the loss the Christian world sustains in the death of His Holiness. By his lofty character, great learning and comprehensive charity, he adorns his exalted station, and made his reign one of the most illustrious, as it has been, one of the longest in the history of the Catholic church. (Signed) Hay."

Rome, July 20.—There is some dispute concerning the hour of the Pope's death. The time given officially is four minutes after 4 o'clock.

Tomorrow the Pope's body will be opened and embalmed, the intestines being placed in an urn for immediate burial. The deceased pontiff, dressed in a cassock surplice and woolen cap, will be carried into the consistory hall, to be visited by cardinals, ambassadors and members of the papal court. Then he will be dressed in full pontifical robes, removed to the Sistine chapel, placed on the bier and left in the care of the canonical potentaries. The morning after the body will be escorted to the Vatican Basilica, the feet presented beyond the threshold, to permit the devout mourners to kiss them, without entering the church. The body will be buried the ninth day after death in the morning. The conclave to elect his successor will be begun immediately after. The first news of the Pope's death given in Rome was when the big bells commenced to toll. Immense crowds im-

New York, July 20.—The Western Union at 12:20 announces the Pope is dead.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. July 20.—President Roosevelt has just been notified by the cable office that the Pope is Dead.

Washington, July 20.—The United States charge d'affairs has received a dispatch from Cardinal Gibbons at Rome—Saying: "The Pope died at 4:10, July 20".

mediately headed for the Vatican. Nothing was to be seen, however, save the arrival of the belated cardinals. Within the Vatican the iron hand of Oreglia was immediately felt. Discipline, which, to a certain extent, was

relaxed during the Pope's illness, was at once reinstated. Rampolla's position elapsed on the death of his master. The Pope's body was laid on a couch covered with scarlet brocade, while two of the noble guards, their

swords resting on the floor stood watch. A German specialist, who has been waiting in Rome since July 14th, immediately went to Vatican to prepare the body for embalment tomorrow. As the afternoon wore on the general aspect of Rome resumed its normal condition, disturbed only by the booming of bells. As the effects of the death were discounted by being so long expected. From the Vatican officials it is learned the death took place at exactly 4:04. The Pope's last minutes were quite peaceful. In the chamber at the time of his death were Cardinals Vannitello, Sclerist and Piffino, Count Pecci, the Pope's nephew, Lappont and his valet, Piccentra.

As the Pope lay dying the penitentiaries, who had been summoned to perform the final offices, gathered about the prelate's bedside and recited prayers. As his heart finally stopped, they quoted verses from the mass. They notified Rampolla, who is filling the capacity of prefect of the palace, and he in turn notified Oreglia. The latter was conducted to the papal apartment by the head chamberlain, the apostolic notary and the physicians. On arriving at the bed chamber Oreglia knocked three times on the door, receiving no response he entered and approached the corpse. Taking a silver mallet, he struck the dead Pope's forehead three light blows, each time calling his name. He removed from the Pope's finger the fisherman's ring, the sign of papal authority, turned to those present, and announced in solemn tones: "Pope Leo XIII is dead." From the moment he removed the ring he became the executive head of the Holy See. Oreglia sent the first notifications of the Pope's demise to Cardinal Dean, representing the College of Cardinals, and Cardinal Vicar, representing the Bishopric of Rome, after which notifi-

cations to the representatives of foreign powers were sent. Mgr. Nicolla, secretary of the Sacred College, immediately notified all the cardinals absent from Rome to at once attend the forthcoming conclave. Orders were sent to all the churches in Rome to celebrate requiem mass.

A Descendant of Rienzi. Joachim Vincent Raphael Aloysius Pecci, Pope Leo XIII, was born in the old family palace at Carpinteo, near Signa, in the year 1810. Italian genealogists trace his descent back to Rienzi on the distaff side. At the age of 8 he was entrusted to the keeping of St. Ignatius, being sent, in company with his brother, to the Jesuit Fathers at Viterbo.

On the death of his mother, in 1824, he was sent to Rome, living with his uncle in the palace of the Marquis Muti. Thence he soon proceeded to the Roman college, and from there into the academy of Noble Ecclesiastics.

While yet in minor orders he was attached to the Papal household as Domestic Prelate, and a few months later received the priesthood at the hands of the pious Cardinal Prince Odescalchi.

He said his first mass in the chapel of St. Stanislaus, in St. Andrea on the Quirinal, in 1837.

He was assigned to the governorship of the province of Benevento by Pope Gregory XVI. The province was overrun with brigands, and the peas-

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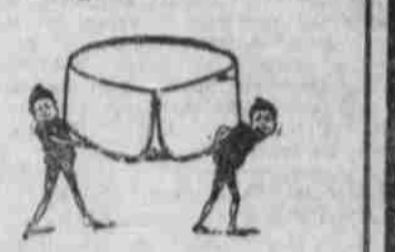
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