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Fate of the Knights Templars.

The plague was struck, and the king beheaded. In one day, A. D. 1307, all the brotherhood were arrested. They were accused of the most revolting and impossible crimes; they were kept in the dark dungeons, and scourged till the bodily weakness affected the mental power, and then were tortured till they confessed whatever William de Nogaret put into their mouths. When their strength returned, they recanted their confessions, and were immediately burnt at relapsed heretics. The property was dragged in slow length along, for the confiscation of their goods; and the occupation of their castles and preceptories was a work of time. At last, when nothing more was left to be seized, the final sentence was passed in a grand consistory presided over by the Pope, where, in presence of the King, and the princes, the men of law, and the men of birth, the Order of the Templars was declared abolished; and their possessions conferred in the Knights Hospitallers, on payment of such sums as might be claimed by the king. It is not now fair to say that the example of Philip was followed in many other kingdoms, and the order dissolved, a convincing proof of the decay of the piety of knighthood, as the treasurer of the Temple had been of decay of the influence of the church. In passive endurance all Europe saw the Father of Christendom transformed into a French justice, and the children, with commendable prudence, of the Knights Hospitallers, on payment of such sums as might be claimed by the king. It is not now fair to say that the example of Philip was followed in many other kingdoms, and the order dissolved, a convincing proof of the decay of knighthood, as the treasurer of the Temple had been of decay of the influence of the church. In passive endurance all Europe saw the Father of Christendom transformed into a French justice, and the children, with commendable prudence, of the Knights Hospitallers, on payment of such sums as might be claimed by the king. It is not now fair to say that the example of Philip was followed in many other kingdoms, and the order dissolved, a convincing proof of the decay of the piety