THE WEATHER
Generally fair and colder tonight with lowest about 25 degrees; Saturday cloudy and unsettled.

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POPE NEAR DEATH; LAST SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED

Life Hangs in Balance from Bronchial Affection; Family Hurries to His Bedside

LEWIS S. SADLER, HIGHWAY HEAD, DIES AT CARLISLE, PA.

Hemorrhage Following Pneumonia Attack Is Fatal to Political Leader at His Home

WAS POSSIBILITY FOR THE NEXT GOVERNORSHIP

LEWIS S. SADLER

State Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler died this morning at 9:40 o'clock in his home in Carlisle, Pa.

Mr. Sadler had been suffering for ten days with a cold, which developed into pneumonia. Just before his death a hemorrhage occurred.

Mr. Sadler, who had been mentioned frequently as a candidate to succeed Governor Sproul at Harrisburg, was a wealthy Pennsylvania from a family noted in public service.

He was forty-eight years old, having been born in Carlisle March 3, 1874. He was a son of former Judge Wilbur F. Sadler and a brother of the late Wilbur F. Sadler, Jr., a Trenton bank president and trolley magnate, who was Adjutant General of New Jersey under three Governors.

Got Degree From Yale

Mr. Sadler was educated in the public schools of Carlisle, Dickinson Preparatory School and was graduated from Yale in 1895. In 1896 he graduated from the Dickinson School of Law.

Mr. Sadler was a widower, his wife having died several years ago. They had no children.

Mr. Sadler was a member of the Cumberland County Bar, president of the Farmers' Trust Company in Carlisle, chairman of the State Institution for Inebriates of Pennsylvania. He was appointed Highway Commissioner in December, 1918.

Had Handsome Homes

Mr. Sadler was one of the original "good roads" men of the State.

His home, where he died so suddenly this morning, was one of the show places of the community, while his country estate, near Boiling Springs, Rose Balcony, is one of the handsomest in the State.

6 BECOME VIOLENTLY ILL SOON AFTER DINNER

Sergeant Reichner, of Lower Merion Police, and Family Stricken

Sergeant Harry D. Reichner, of the Lower Merion police, and five members of his family became violently ill last night about two hours after they had dinner at their home, 218 Linewood avenue, Ardmore. A physician diagnosed the ailment as ptomaine poisoning.

After the meal the sergeant went to police headquarters, and from there started to tour the upper end of the district.

The sergeant became ill in the automobile and was taken home. Mrs. Anna Reichner, his wife, also had become ill and was in bed, as were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stewart, and their children, Helen Stewart, six years old, and Mary Stewart, three years old.

Mr. Stewart had been able to telephone to Dr. Walter Stein, who was administering treatment when Sergeant Reichner arrived. The children appeared to be the more seriously affected.

Members of the family said they had eaten fresh vegetables at the dinner, and that no canned goods had been used. Some of the milk used at the meal had been left over. It will be examined, as well as portions of food that had not been used.

All were too ill to leave the house this morning, although the children alone had to remain in bed.

WOMEN INDORSE 1926 FAIR

Republican Organization, Led by Mrs. Altemus, Offers Co-operation

The Republican Women of Philadelphia announced publicly today their adherence to the plans for the Sesqui-Centennial.

Mrs. Dobson Altemus wrote to Edward Robins, secretary pro tem of the Sesqui-Centennial Association, explaining that the women wish to go on record as desiring to co-operate in every possible way. The Republican Women was one of the organizations represented when the Mayor called a meeting last November.

WILD BETS FLY FAST, CROWD BLOCKS BUSY CITY STREET

Traffic Police Grow "Word-Poor," All Over a Guinea Hen

Nothing more than a guinea hen, escaped from a poultry truck and perched on a cornice near Tenth and Market streets, was needed to block traffic for twenty minutes this morning, and to release the reservoirs of Patrolman James Rouse's vocabulary.

Hardly had the bird been noticed outside the window of Dr. Charles G. Algase, at 939 Market street, than an immense crowd assembled and, despite the alternate importunities and invectives of Rouse, remained to speculate as to how the fowl came to be there and even to exchange bets as to what might happen to it.

The bird watched the crowd with a cynical eye for fifteen minutes, then suddenly flapped its wings. The crowd shouted, but the bird flew but a few feet away to the window ledge of a shoe shop. Some one opened the window and invited the bird inside. To the amazement of the crowd, the bird accepted. He flew into the store and across its whole length and through a window that opened on Filbert street. Then he crossed a neighboring roof and was not seen again.

TWO WOMEN ARE HELD IN THEFTS OF DRESSES

Fashionably Attired Pair Balk at Ride in Patrol

Two young women, pretty and fashionably dressed, were arraigned before Magistrate Rooney, in the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, this morning, charged with shoplifting.

Although the police have so far only one specific charge against them, it is believed the girls are responsible for most of the big thefts in the fashionable specialty shops which have been suffering heavily lately from shoplifters.

The women were arrested Saturday by District Detectives Foy and Coyle, accused of stealing two dresses, one valued at $110 and the other at $85, from a specialty shop on Chestnut street. They gave their names as Pearl Davis, thirty-five, and Clara Chester, thirty. The addresses they gave were so obviously false that their names are suspected of being aliases.

2 BANDITS HOLD UP STORE AT 5 O'CLOCK IN MORNING

Take $20 From Till, Holding Owner at Bay With Revolvers

Two men at 5 o'clock this morning entered the store of Louis Pelrinshefsky, 155 Emily street, and held him up. They rifled the cash register of $20.

Pelrinshefsky says he was opening the store when the men, without warning, whipped out revolvers and held him at bay. As they backed out they warned him about making an outcry.

AUTO BLOCKS HOLD-UP

Rounds Corner and Scares Motor Bandits in Camden

Four men in an automobile attempted to hold up Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Donzes and their house guest, Mrs. Jacob Solomon, of Boston, as they were on their way home last night in Camden. Dr. Donzes told police that when they were nearing their home at Chambers avenue and Berkley street an automobile drove in front of them with the headlights directed in their faces.

The machine hurried away when another automobile rounded the corner. The party had been to a theatre and the women were wearing jewelry which Dr. Donzes believes the hold-up men sought.

B-R-R-R! SAYS WEATHERMAN

Cold Wave Headed This Way—Middle West Shivering

A cold wave is coming, according to the weatherman. The entire tier of Middle Atlantic Coast States will be affected. The West is experiencing the coldest weather of the winter.

The cold wave reached Illinois at noon yesterday. It is moving rapidly eastward, but its full force is not expected to be felt here.

PHILA. FIRM GETS CONTRACT

Will Build Robert H. Crozier Hospital in Chester

A contract has been awarded to the Robert E. Lamb Company of Philadelphia by the Chester County Hospital Board of Managers for the construction of the Robert H. Crozier Hospital.

The contract calls for the erection of the building on the grounds of the Chester Hospital at a cost of $200,000.

MAY MOVE CHARLES AGAIN

Banishment to More Remote Island to Follow Next Restoration Move

Berne, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—Former Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, and his wife, Zita, will be deported to an island much more remote from Europe than Madeira, to which they are now exiled, if there is any further attempt at restoration of their throne in the states forming the former empire.

Zita, who came here to be at the bedside of her son Robert, has been so informed by the Swiss Government which transmitted a statement made by the British, French and Italian Ambassadors here.

COATES ESTATE TO WIDOW

Former President of Fine Arts Academy Left Everything to Spouse

The will of Edward H. Coates, which was admitted to probate Wednesday, left everything to his widow, Mrs. Florence Earle Coates. This includes the Coates home at 2024 Spruce street and all books, paintings and works of art. The estate is valued at $200,000 and upward.

Mr. Coates, who at one time was president of the Academy of the Fine Arts, died December 23.

When You Think of Writing Think of WRITING—Adv.

POPE BENEDICT NEAR DEATH

POPE BENEDICT
Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, who is reported dying from pneumonia. He is sixty-seven years old

FOUR SUE HUGHES TO REGAIN PROFITS

Clients of Dissolved Company Seek to Recover Earnings of Former Partner

N. Y. ASSETS 'NEGLIGIBLE'

Civil action began here today in an effort to make Henry D. Hughes disgorge some of the profits he took when the stock brokerage firm of Hughes & Dier was dissolved and the now bankrupt E. D. Dier & Co. was created.

John P. Connelly, former City Solicitor, acting for four clients, including two Philadelphia women, entered suits in Common Pleas Court No. 4 and the Municipal Court against "Colonel" Hughes and E. D. Dier, head of the bankrupt company.

When the firm of Hughes & Dier was promoting Magnate copper stock it sold shares to Paul W. Krause, 811 West Erie avenue; Mrs. Louise Krause, his wife, and Lillie Krause, their daughter.

Mr. Krause bought $4200 of the copper stock while the women each invested $350. Another claimant represented by Mr. Connelly is N. B. Coar, of Lansdale, who took $700 of the stock. Mr. Krause's claim was entered in Common Pleas Court, the others in the Municipal Court.

Hughes Withdrew $500,000

The Dier company crash involved a loss to speculators of approximately $5,000,000. Assets so far uncovered are less than $50,000 and the receiver and the ancillary receivers are considering action against Hughes, who is said to have withdrawn $500,000 from the business when Hughes & Dier dissolved.

Another disappointment for the losers came today in New York City, when the safe deposit box in the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company was opened.

Even the receivers, used already to finding little or nothing in any of their searches, were surprised at the small amount of securities in the box. There was nothing of a solid nature and the additions that it will make to the firms assets is described as "negligible."

Hearings before the receiver Manfred D. Ehrich, will begin in the Federal Court in New York next Monday morning. The greater part of the first day will be taken up, it is expected, in the examination of "Colonel" Hughes.

Another man to be examined is Charles A. Stoneham, president of the New York National League Baseball Club and part owner of the Havanna race track. He retired from the stock brokerage business a few months ago and the Dier concern took over several of his branches. This deal will be looked into. The others to be examined will be Dier, of course, and Harry J. Lawrence, another member of the firm. Criminal prosecutions are confidently expected in the case due to the fact that the New York laws in affairs of this kind are much more strict than those of this State.

TWO INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

James Cullen, Fifth and Diamond streets, and Joseph Flynn, 11 West Jefferson street, were injured at 3 o'clock this morning, when their automobile crashed into a tree. The accident occurred near Nicetown lane and East Park drive. Both are in Memorial Hospital, Roxborough.

Seaboard Florida Limited—train De Luxe; no extra fare ltds to Miami, Belleair, St. Petersburg, P. R. R., N. Phila., 8:32 p. m.; W. Phila., 8:47 p. m. Reservations and information 1628 Chestnut st. Tel. Loc. 6073.

BLAMES "HIGH LIFE" IN BROKERS' CRASH

Money Flung Right and Left Along "White Way," Says Promoter's Wife

FILES LIBEL FOR DIVORCE

Money lured from investors in all walks of life by the Simon-Scheaffer Company, 1309 Arch street, was squandered on women and "high life" parties in this city and New York, according to Mrs. Florence C. Stein, wife of one of the company promoters, now missing.

Mrs. Stein, who lives at 1101 South Peach street, signed a libel in divorce last Wednesday at the prothonotary's office, City Hall. At her home today she asserted the promoters had a penchant for actresses, particularly for motion-picture actresses.

Mrs. Stein said she believed the collapse of the company, with liabilities of $500,000 and upward, was directly traceable to the manner in which John J. Stein, Maurice Schaeffer and Harry A. Simon flung money right and left along the "Gay White Way."

The company's main office here and the branch offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been seized by the receiver named by the Federal Court. Warrants charging embezzlement and fraudulent conversion of funds are out for the three men, and private detectives are hunting them.

Signs Divorce Libel

"I signed a libel for divorce against my husband last Wednesday," said Mrs. Stein. "The first intimation I had that anything was wrong in any way was last June. At that time Mrs. Scheaffer came to me and asked me to assist her in getting some money from her husband.

"That was my first shock. You see I owned a home in Atlantic City. Last October I spent some time there, and when I returned to my house at 1101 South Peach street, this city, I was surprised to learn more serious things regarding my husband.

"The separation dates from that time. We were married six years ago, and at that time my husband was a good, honest man. He is thirty-seven years old and was raised as a country boy with his father and mother at Montrose, above Scranton. I had lived in the same neighborhood before our wedding.

"I was a widow and I have a daughter by my former husband, and I have a daughter who is about to be graduated from a high school in this State. She is a very pretty, charming girl. I cannot understand this whole affair. My husband was so wonderful when we were married. He has many good traits. For instance, he paid for the education of his younger brother, Robert, and sent him to the State College.

Honest at First

"I am sure that during the first few years of our married life he was perfectly honest. It was only when he got in with this clique that he went bad. Since our separation I have had nothing to do with him. He has, however, insisted on paying me $40 a week.

"Last week no check arrived. This week I got two checks and fortunately cashed them the day before the failure.

Since our separation in October he has annoyed me constantly, insisting on telephoning. I refused to have anything to do with him. On December 23, while I was in bed, I heard footsteps

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AERIAL CEREMONY MARKS REAL START OF WORK ON SPAN

Demolition of Buildings Begun at 10:30—Job Applicants Mob Contractor

POLICE QUELL DISTURBANCE WHEN ONLY TEN ARE HIRED

Demolition of buildings on the river front, to make way for the great suspension bridge which will link Philadelphia with Camden, began at 10:30 o'clock this morning with a brief ceremony high in air.

A feature of the actual start of work was a rush of unemployed men, many of whom had come from a distance, to get jobs.

Three hundred men clamored for a chance to earn a laborer's wage. Only ten were hired, and the rest, disappointed and resentful, howled and catcalled until patrolmen dispersed them.

Start Delayed Half Hour

The original plan had been to start work at 224-226 North Delaware avenue. At the last minute the contractors decided it would be more convenint to begin with an old store and dwelling at 220 North Front street. The hour set for the beginning of work was 10 o'clock. It was a half hour later, however.

Charles D. Heavey has the contract. His assistant, Gus Duval, arrived with a convoy of two trucks, loaded with picks, crowbars and wheelbarrows, shortly before 10 o'clock.

The crowd of job hunters had been waiting an hour. Some of them had come from other citis, spending almost their last cent for carfare.

When they saw the contractor's representative the men made a rush, and in a minute he was hemmed in by eager applicants, all shouting their qualifications and pushing to get to where he could see them. No men had been advertised for, but word that work was to start got around early and the eager seekers after employment hoped that a big force would be put on the job immediately.

Contractor's Boss Hectored

Duval hired the ten men he needed and told the others there were no more jobs. Their disappointment was obvious. They crowded about, "kidding" the contractor, demanding that he hire them, and so hemming him in that it was almost impossible to get away.

Out of the motley press of angry job-seekers Duval sent a call for police assistance. Two patrolmen extricated him with the luck ten. The disappointed ones still crowded around however, following to the house which was to be demolished. A dozen patrolmen were soon there, and they cleared the pavement. The crowd still pressed as close as possible, however, forming a line in front of theb uilding.

The first floor at 229 North Front street used to be a junk shop. The building stands four stories on Front street, and is a story higher at the back, where the ground drops to Water street. The house is an extremely dilapidated one, in the last stages of decay.

Clamber Up Steep Roof

In the official party, which began the work of demolition, were Joseph K. Costello, secretary of the Bridge Commission; M. B. Case, senior resident engineer; A. W. Munsell, assistant engineer; Mr. Heavey and Mr. Duval. The ten laborers went along, carrying picks and crowbars.

The little party clambered up the flights of rickety stairs to the top floor and to the roof through a trap door. The roof was a step one, sloping at an agle of about forty-five degrees. With Mr. Costello in the lead carrying a pick, the party clambered up the precarious surface, straddled the roof tree and over to a bricked ridge which marked the top of the division wall.

It was a risky undertaking, for a misstep would have meant a swift descent to the cobbles of Water street, far below. Mr. Costello, with the others grouped around him, posed while a couple of newspaper photographers "shot" the novel scene.

Keeps Brick Souvenirs

The photographs taken, Mr. Costello wielded the pick to such good purpose that a couple of bricks were knocked off the top coping. He recovered these, to take them away as souvenirs. The contractor announced that he was prepared to sell every bit of material taken from the ancient building. Members of the party provided themselves with souvenirs, which will be historic some day.

The official party then moved back to the trap door and down into the street, and the ceremony was over. The lucky ten laborers, with new picks and crowbars, remained at their dangerous posts on the roof, breaking down the old house piecemeal. The houses are so ancient that little difficulty is expected in demolishing them.

THREE VICTIMS AT SHORE

Man Burned to Death While Man and Woman Die in Falls

Atlantic City, Jan. 20.—Fire early yesterday swept a barn on Rosemont avenue, on the north side of the city. Frank Schafer, fifty-seven, the owner, occupied a small apartment in the structure. With his horse and three dogs, he was burned to death.

William Haley, 124 North Tennessee avenue, lost his footing on a scaffolding six stories above the Boardwalk on the new wing of the Haddon Hall and plunged to his death on the pavement below in sight of many visitors.

Mary Conover fell down a stairway in her home, 135 Center street, and was dead when picked up. Her neck was broken.

DOCTORS ISSUE BULLETIN

Rome, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—The official bulletin issued early today on the condition of His Holiness read:

"His Holiness has been ill four days with influenzal bronchitis. It is ascertained that the inflammatory process has spread to the right lung. The patient passed an agitated night and had no sleep. This morning the dyspnoea is intense. The temperature was 104, the pulse 102 and the respiration 38.

"Battistini, Cherubini, Bignami and Marchiafava."

WALLACE TO EXPOSE GREED OF MONEY LENDERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Determination to lay before the National Agricultural Conference next week "the thoroughly selfish and grasping attitude of many companies of different sorts which loan money on farm mortgages" was announced today by Secretary Wallace.

TROLLEY STRIKE CALLED IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20.—The street car motormen and conductors of Mexico City have declared a partial strike in sympathy with the bakers whose absence from their ovens since Tuesday has put the capital on short bread rations. Beginning tomorrow no cars will be operated during the early hours of the morning.

BACKFIRING TRUCK BURNS UP GARAGE

Fireman Hurt, Eight Cars Destroyed in $30,000 Blaze on Woodstock Street

FLAMES SPREAD QUICKLY

A fireman was injured and eight cars burned in a fire which destroyed the interior of Fred Powell's garage, 1835-37 North Woodstock street, early today. A backfiring motortruck caused the blaze.

James O'Brien, of Fifteenth and Parrish streets, a hoseman of Engine Company 13, fell when carrying a hose line into the burning garage and received injuries of the right leg. He was taken to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, but is not in a serious condition.

The fire started at 7:45 o'clock this morning. The owner of the garage is in the roofing business, and three trucks in the garage were his property. There were also five touring cars, privately owned.

One of the truck drivers had prepared his machine to go out and was cranking up when the engine backfired. The flash of flame from the exhaust ignited the truck. It burned so fiercely and the flames spread so quickly there was no time to get the other trucks out.

Ten men, working in the garage, tried hard to save the property, but the flames drove them to the street before they succeeded in moving the cars. The flames fairly leaped from car to car. The woodwork of the building caught, and in a few minutes the flames were licking holes in the roof.

An alarm of fire was turned in as soon as the first truck blazed. It was not necessary to send in successive alarms, but the firemen could make little headway against the fire. They kept it from spreading to adjoining buildings.

The fire had consumed the roof before it was extinguished. It took about an hour to get the blaze under control. Firemen helped employes bring out the skeletons of the burned trucks.

The loss is estimated at about $30,000, of which $5000 represents damage to the building.

MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE FOILS TERRORIST SEEKING $15,000

"Blackhand" Note Threatens to Dynamite Her Home

Washington, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—Intercession of a visitor at the home of Mrs. Louis P. Gatti, wife of a retired millionaire commission merchant, of this city, foiled the attempt last night of a "Black Hand" agent to collect from her $15,000.

This sum had been demanded in a note threatening the dynamiting of her home unless she complied without giving information of it to the police.

A note, written in Italian, blood-smeared and signed "the Black Hand," was received by Mrs. Gatti last October 20, demanding the $15,000 and instructing her to have it available for instant delivery on future order. Terrified, she kept it secret until last night, when, while sitting in her parlor alone with a male relative, two boys came to the house as bearers of another "Black Hand" note demanding that the money be "delivered to bearer."

Observing Mrs. Gatti's terrified state, the relative persuaded her to reveal the cause, and after the money had been handed to the two boys succeeded in detaining them briefly while he got in touch with police headquarters. Although the boys returned to deliver the money to the man who had handed them the note, before detectives could reach the scene, the "Black Hander" had departed.

Police believe the only thing that prevented its delivery was suspicion aroused by delay in the boys' return.

PERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ARE looking for is in the For Sale column today. See page 29.—Adv.

FISHER IS LOOMING AS PRIMARY FACTOR

Politicians Gathering Here See in Him Possible Opponent to Beidleman

VARE READY TO PICK MAN

Out of the swirl of political conferences here today the names of State Banking Commissioner Fisher and Lieutenant Governor Beidleman gained prominence as the men likely to battle at the primary for the Republican nomination for Governor.

At the Bellevue-Stratford those backing Beidleman of the famous $5000 check were trying to hammer out a Crow-Baker-Vare combination to win the coveted nomination at the May primary.

Commissioner Fisher was the man most persistently mentioned as the probable choice on whom Governor Sproul, many Penrose leaders and the women's organizations would unite in company with all the other groups who for one reason or another are opposed to Beidleman.

Among the Beidleman conferees Mr. Fisher loomed as a bugaboo. It was Mr. Fisher, then a State Senator, who headed the Investigation Commission which unearthed the Capitol frauds.

May Revive Old Scandal

The leaders who anticipate an inter-party feud at the primary have one eye on the possibility Fisher may trot out his record in the graft case and raise the issue of alleged misuse of public funds.

W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Committee and Beidleman's chief backer, breakfasted at the hotel this morning with Senator T. Larry Eyre, of Chester.

After the powwow Senator Eyre said he hoped there will be round-table conferences from which will emerge a candidate upon whom all can unite.

Vares Ready to Pick Man

Reports are current in informed political circles that the so-called organization or Crow-Baker-Vare candidate for Governor will be slated next week.

As a preliminary to this, Mayor Magee, of Pittsburgh, is expected in Philadelphia either today or tomorrow.

Politicians are noting the development of a deal between Baker and the Vares by which Baker hopes to swing the powerful Philadelphia organization back of the Beidleman candidacy. Senator Vare has not yet committed himself to Beidleman, but he is noticeably more friendly to the Lieutenant Governor than he was before the death of Senator Penrose.

Baker, campaign manager for Beidleman, figures that with his own Dauphin County organization, with other so-called rural organizations, and the Philadelphia organization as a basis, that Beidleman would have a chance to grab the nomination.

Governor May Fight Combine

It is apparent that Governor Sproul regards the Beidleman candidacy as a political mistake, if not a political joke. In the event of Beidleman's remaining in the field there is more than a poss-

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The Mysterious X

Everybody else is eliminated in the search for the murderer of rich and ruthless James Cunningham.

Any one of ten persons with obvious motives might have done the deed. Kirby Lane, the suspected nephew, works to relieve himself and Wild Rose, the girl he loves, from suspicion. Their path is crossed by that of "The mysterious X" in

"Tangled Trails"

Which Begins Tomorrow in the

Evening Public Ledger

PONTIFF BECAME GRAVELY ILL AT 4 A. M. TODAY

Inflammation Reaches Right Lung and Breathing Is Difficult

GREAT CROWDS ASSEMBLE AT ST. PETER'S FOR NEWS

All Business Suspended in Vatican—Prayers Being Said All Over Rome

OXYGEN IS ADMINISTERED

Was Stricken Four Days Ago, Catching Cold at Mathilde Chapel

By the Associated Press

Rome, Jan. 20.—Pope Benedict's life hangs in the balance today, and fears were expressed at the Vatican at noon that His Holiness was in a dying condition.

During the early hours of this morning, toward 4 A. M., there was a sudden change for the worse and the bronchial affection from which His Holiness had been suffering for several days spread to his lungs.

The Pontiff asked for and received the last sacrament, insisting upon this, "if only to give a good example," he said, despite attempts by his attendants to dissuade him.

The Pope's physicians were in consultation at the Vatican at an early hour, and their bulletin, issued afterward, indicated an extremely serious condition. Dr. Battistini, however, stated then that while the condition of His Holiness was grave, it was not hopeless.

Oxygen Is Administered

About 11 o'clock in the forenoon, however, the Pope's condition became aggravated and the administration of oxygen was begun.

At 11:30 o'clock the Eucharist was solemnly carried to him.

Meanwhile, prayers were being said in all the churches and Catholic institutions of Rome on behalf of His Holiness and great crowds began to assemble in St. Peter's.

Prof. Bignami was called hurriedly at 5 o'clock this morning. Then at 7 o'clock the Pontiff received Holy Communion. Members of the family arrived at his bedside.

Prof. Bignami returned again at 7 o'clock with Prof. Marchiafava, and then went into consultation with Dr. Battistini and Dr. Cherubini. Afterward, a bulletin signed by all was issued.

Crowds at St. Peter's

Extra editions of the newspapers offered little hope for the Pope's recovery.

The Eucharist was solemnly carried to Pope Benedict at 11:30 o'clock, and in the presence of eighteen cardinals the Holy Sacrament was placed in the Palatine Chapel. Prayers were said in the Catholic schools. All business at the Vatican was suspended.

It was about 4 o'clock this morning that the change for the worse in the Pope's condition occurred. It was especially due to catarrh which had spread to both lungs, to inability to expectorate and to pulmonary inflammation, it was stated.

Prof. Cherubini, who had been waiting at the Vatican, was immediately summoned. He found the Pope mentally depressed and panting for breath.

Medicines Fail to Relieve

Realizing the patient's serious condition, Dr. Cherubini administered sedatives and expectorants, but the beneficial effects anticipated did not manifest themselves. In view of the gravity of the situation, Dr. Cherubini sent an urgent call to Prof. Bignami, a Vatican automobile being dispatched to bring him to the Vatican, and his arrival there followed shortly.

Prof. Bignami the evening had remarked upon the absence

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THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns, page 30.—Adv.