



SUPREME PONTIFF LIES AT THE VERY THRESHOLD OF DEATH AND NEWS OF THE END IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED IN ROME

ROME, July 20, 5 a. m.—At this hour it is announced that the condition of the Pontiff is apparently stationary, after a night of utter exhaustion, with intervals of wild delirium. Dr. Rossoni said at midnight that Pope Leo did not recognize those about him; that he was extremely weak and unable to speak or even to swallow liquid. Dr. Lapponi expected the end before Monday evening. He said the patient was sinking rapidly and that food was no longer assimilated.

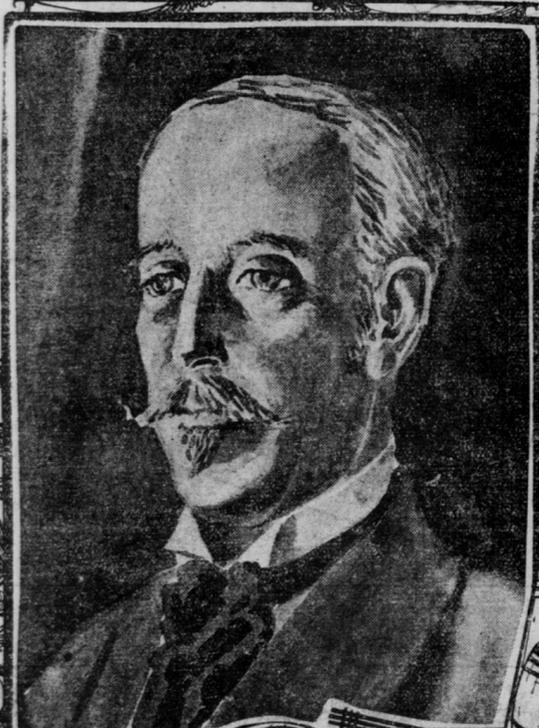
MYSTERY VEILS DEATH OF UNKNOWN FOUND LYING NEAR SAN PABLO ROAD

RUSSIA AIMS TO PROVOKE HOSTILITIES

Feels Certain She Is Able to Defeat Japan.

PEKING, July 19.—According to diplomats here the greatest factor in the

Autopsy Discloses Three Wounds, Which Point Strongly to Murder.



PASSENGERS HURRY FROM SINKING BOAT

Steamer On Puget Sound Crashes Ashore.

Special Dispatch to The Call. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 19—

LYNCHERS SHOOT TWO MURDERERS

Kill a Deputy in Charge of the Prisoners.

Reign of Lawlessness in Northwestern Wyoming.

Troops Are Called For and Battle With Ranchers Is Probable.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

RED LODGE, Mont., July 19.—Armed ranchers intent upon vengeance have put their heels upon the law in Northwestern Wyoming, and what the end will be can only be conjectured.

From President L. L. Moffett of the Montana and Wyoming Telephone Company, who is making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, comes the news by telephone of a lynching that occurred at Basin, Wyo., early this morning and of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton of Big Horn County, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen near Thermopolis and has asked the Governor of Wyoming for the assistance of the militia in getting his prisoners to the Basin jail. The affair of this morning included the lynching of two condemned murderers and the killing of a deputy sheriff. The murderers were James Gorman, who killed his brother about a year ago and ran off with his brother's wife, and a man named Walters, who killed Mrs. Hoover at Thermopolis Hot Springs two years ago because she refused to marry him.

ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE.

It was reported to Sheriff Fenton last Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up to Basin along the Big Horn River from Hyattsville and Tenstep to lynch Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the Sheriff took these two men and a horse thief out of jail and secured them in a gully near town under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Price. Gorman, who has exceptionally small hands, managed to slip off his handcuffs and escape. Deputy Price fired a shot at the fugitive as he disappeared in the brush, but the bullet went wide.

Gorman swam the Big Horn River and made for the mountains. A posse quickly organized and Gorman was recaptured early yesterday morning on Trapper Creek, about fifty miles from Basin. From Wednesday until Saturday morning he had not eaten a mouthful of food, and he was exceedingly weak. He had no firearms and offered no resistance.

SWEARS IN MORE DEPUTIES.

In the meantime Sheriff Fenton had replaced Walters and the horse thief in the Basin jail. Last evening Gorman also was taken to the jail and a force of fifteen deputies was sworn in.

Feeling has been running high among the ranchers for a long time. Gorman's crime was considered an atrocious one. A year ago he shot his brother Thomas at the latter's ranch on Steel Creek, near Thermopolis, and then fled with Thomas Gorman's wife, Maggie, who is held as an accomplice in the crime but is out on bail. Gorman had two trials, each resulting in a sentence of death by hanging, but his attorney fought the case stubbornly and took an appeal to the Supreme Court. The ranchers believed justice would be defeated.

Walters was a traveling man who fell in love with Mrs. Hoover. She refused to marry him and he shot her. This was about two years ago, and justice had been delayed in his case also, though he had been sentenced to death.

AVENGEES ATTACK PRISON.

Last night about thirty unmasked men, riding in perfect order, came up the east bank of the Big Horn, dismounted, tethered their horses and compelled the ferryman to take them across the river. They made no demonstration until they entered Basin, when five shots were fired as a warning. The mob proceeded at once to the building which is courthouse and jail combined and fired a volley into the jail. Deputy C. E. Price and Special Deputy George S. Mead were guarding the prisoners at the time. One bullet grazed Mead's shoulder and entered Price's head, killing him.

Members of the mob then quickly procured telephone poles and battered down the jail doors. They first came to Walters, who was crouched on his cot, pitifully begging for mercy. No needless torture was resorted to; Walters was shot instantly.

The mob next fired on Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets and he was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, until 8:30 o'clock this morning. He made no statement, but asked to see Maggie Gorman, his accomplice. She was far away and his dying request could not be granted.

Its work done, the mob quickly and

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Leo XIII Enters Upon Final Crisis Which Must Soon Bring Eternal Rest.

ROME, July 19.—The final crisis has come, and has come when Cardinals, monsignors and doctors thought it most distant; when the Pope's illness had entered on a period of amelioration and his Holiness himself declared he felt better. His illness, however, had brought Leo XIII to the borderland of his final agony, and his 94 years will accomplish the rest.

He is not dying of any malady, for his pleurisy is nearly cured. He is dying of old age and because the various organs of his body have ceased to work as they should. His heart has become weaker than any other organ. Its weak state causes it to beat with extraordinary rapidity. The movement even reached ninety-nine beats per minute. When the heart reaches such a number of beats it is bound to become fatigued and may stop suddenly at any moment.

Dissolution, however, will take place without agony, unless one terms agony the terrible state of collapse into which his Holiness fell last night and which continued all of to-day and to-night.

The Pope, looking like a corpse, is lying with his eyes closed and his head buried in the pillows. There is not the slightest movement of any part of his body and his Holiness does not utter a single word.

All is as silent as the grave in the chamber in which the life of Leo XIII is ebbing. One must draw near to the emaciated body of his Holiness, lying motionless under the sheets, to perceive that it is still in life and to see the chest rise and fall with the last effort of the lungs. Around the bed are grouped Mgr. Piffari, Dr. Lapponi and Valet Centra.

The other doctors simply limited their visit to a few minutes, from necessity, to see that his Holiness was passing calmly away. Every possible preparation for the death of the Pope has already been made. Even printed notices announcing the fatal event, which will be affixed to the doors of the various churches, have been got ready.

During the whole day Rome newspapers of all shades of opinion, from Catholic to Liberal, published numerous editions regarding the progress of the crisis in the Pope's illness from time to time. It was, indeed, rumored that his Holiness was dead.

There was, however, no great crowd in St. Peter's square, on account of the tremendous heat. To-day has been the hottest day Rome has had in a year. The mercury arose slowly to 98 in the shade. This was already excessive heat, but it continued to rise until on the shady side of St. Peter's square it arose to 107 degrees.

It was not until the approach of sunset that the population of Rome began to pour toward the large square in front of the Vatican to await the signal of the death of a Pope, which is given by the big bell of St. Peter's.

As the authority of Leo XIII has almost disappeared, that of the Cardinal Camerlingo, Cardinal Oreglia, has taken its place, and new orders were issued at the Vatican. Yesterday and this morning it was still easy to enter the building, but this evening this became almost impossible. The result was that from time to time the rumor circulated that the Pope was dead, but at about 7 o'clock the Cardinals, who nearly all came to obtain news of the Pope's condition, left the Vatican one after the other. This is proof that the danger of death is not immediate, as they should all be present at the instant his Holiness expired.

Two Cardinals, however, did not leave the Vatican—Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, whose duty it is to certify to the death, and Cardinal Oreglia, who has already taken over the direction of the Vatican. For the first time since the beginning of the Pope's illness they have now taken up their residence in the apartments they will occupy till the election of the new Pope.

EMBASSIES CREDIT RUMORS OF DEATH

General Belief in Rome That Pope Has Already Expired.

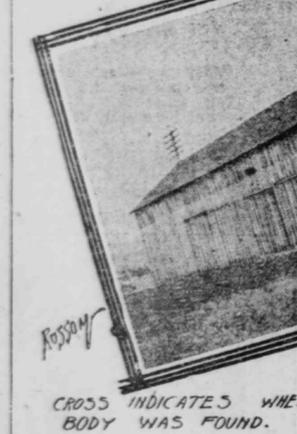
ROME, July 20—3 a. m.—Since 8 o'clock last night the Vatican has practically cut itself off from the world in general. A general belief prevails that the Pope is dead, but there is no official information to that effect. It is the belief at the Austrian and German embassies, where it is understood that he expired at 11 o'clock last night, but authority for the report is refused. One of the nephews of the Pope was seen at the Russian embassy after midnight. He said he had received no information of the death of his Holiness, the last news he had being that he would probably survive.

Last night telephonic communication with the Vatican was discontinued. It will be recalled that the news of the death of Pope Pius was withheld twenty hours by the Vatican. Cardinal Matthei, who would be among the first to be informed of the Pope's death, telephoned in reply to an inquiry made of him after 1 o'clock this morning that the Pope was still living.

Now that the supreme moment in the memorable reign of Pope Leo is expected almost hourly, the contrast between the quiet within and the excitement without the Vatican is most striking. In the vast palace there is a hushed calm of expectation, the only wakeful souls being the Swiss guards. The doctors of the dying Pontiff speak in whispers and move noiselessly about, so that from the sick room

no sound comes except the heavy breathing of the unconscious Pope or his occasional cries for Pio Centra and Dr. Lapponi. His tone is one of fear, as though he felt himself abandoned. In reality, sleep is very far from all eyes. No matter at what hour death comes the whole palace will spring into sudden life, as though touched by a magician's wand. In the piazza of St. Peter's, on the contrary, all is movement, there being a regular encampment of journalists before the famous bronze coors, which are now closed in their faces and behind which the regular tramp of the Swiss guards can be heard. Many eyes are glued to the window in the Pope's chamber overlooking the piazza, while the nearby cafes, especially those with telephones, are crowded. Bicycles ready for use are piled outside and cabs are lingering about in the hope of catching a fare. This strange scene is illuminated by the magnificent starlight, while the two grand and celebrated fountains give a kind of spectral grace to the whole. The Osservatore Romano, the chief Vatican organ, has received orders to hold itself in readiness to issue almost at a moment's notice a special edition. The only thing wanting to complete the paper is the hour of Pope Leo's death. The staffs

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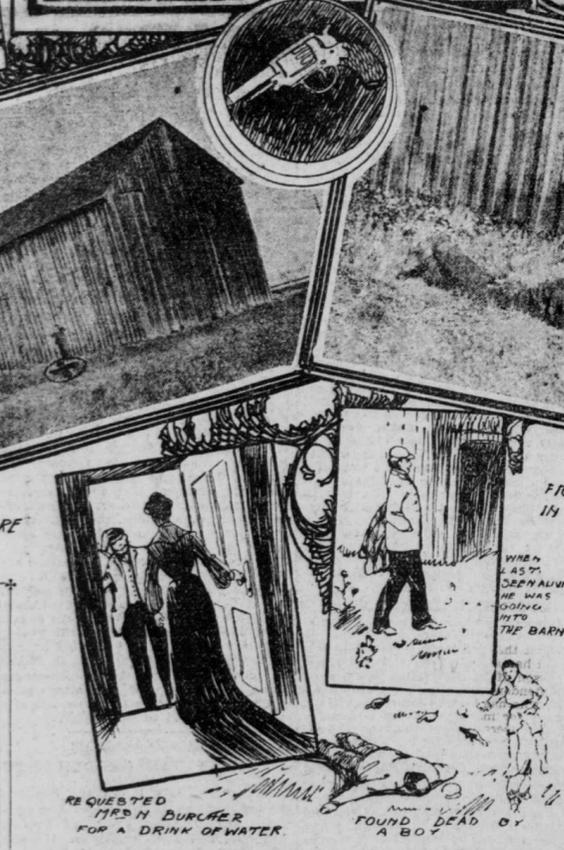


Eastern situation is the increasing danger of war between Russia and Japan. They believe it is becoming plain that Russia is willing to fight Japan if convinced that no other powers will assist her. The Russians are confident of their ability to easily defeat Japan and are said to be anxious to settle definitely her position in western politics and end her ambitions to oppose Russia's progress in Manchuria. The belief is attributed to the Japanese that the Russian policy is to attempt to placate Great Britain and America and provoke Japan into beginning hostilities. They regard Russia's consent to opening ports in Manchuria, the Czar's promised visit to England and the occupation of the Korean border as part of that policy. Russia's activity on the Yalu River is more irritating to Japan than the retention of Manchuria and all Japanese officials in China speak of war as a "probability."

YOKOHAMA, July 19.—M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister at Seoul, capital of Korea, has had an audience with the Emperor of Korea at which he opposed the opening of Wiju, the port on the Yalu River, the opening of which was asked by Great Britain and Japan.

EMPTY TRAIN IS BACKED INTO CROWDED COACHES Sides of Three Cars Are Caved In and Several Passengers Receive Fatal Injuries.

CINCINNATI, July 19.—Mrs. Carrie Crawford and Harry Elsworth of Washington, Ind., were probably fatally injured and ten other excursionists were severely hurt to-day when an empty Queen and Crescent train ran diagonally into the side of a long, well-filled Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern excursion train which was standing in the Cincinnati station. The empty train was backing out of the station and by accident was switched on the track on which stood the excursion train. The sides of three coaches were caved in and a panic was started. The empty train was running slow at the time of the accident.



UNKNOWN MAN WHO MET MYSTERIOUS DEATH, EVIDENTLY AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSINS, AND INCIDENTS OF THE LAST FEW HOURS OF HIS LIFE, AS RELATED BY THOSE WHO SAW HIM.

THE mystery surrounding the case of the man found dead with two bullet holes in his forehead and a pistol clenched in his hand Saturday morning beside an old barn on the San Pablo road in West Berkeley is no nearer solution to-day than it was yesterday. Whether the man was murdered, who are his murderers; whether he committed suicide, who he was and how he came to be in that lonely spot are all questions that a scrutiny of every possible clue for twenty-four hours by a score of men does not answer.

That the man was murdered and robbed by tramps seems to be the most plausible theory yet suggested. The barn outside of which his body was found lying in a pool of blood yesterday morning by "Bud," the young son of Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, is infested nightly with tramps, who find it a convenient shelter from the elements. The people living in its neighborhood say that from fifteen to twenty of these wanderers make up their beds in the straw there every night. While there are so many such characters some of them are most desperate. The dead man seems not to have been

of the tramp species. His dress shows that he was a man of refined habits. He wore an overcoat and gloves and gold-rimmed eyeglasses. Such a man going among tramps would be sure to excite their cupidity and in the hope of gain they would have murdered him without scruple.

The most significant thing found to-day bearing on the murder theory were two wooden clubs. These were found by Dr. C. F. Gladding, the autopsy physician in the case, who has interested himself in it. In going over the ground yesterday morning in the neighborhood of the barn Dr. Gladding discovered these weapons about forty feet away from where the body lay, hidden in the grass.

FORMIDABLE WEAPONS.

One was a piece of pole that was used to hold portierets. It is split down the middle and what remains of the original pole is painted black. The other club is a three-foot splinter from a pine scantling and tapers toward one end. Either of the sticks would make a formidable weapon. On one corner of the pine club

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