

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy

# THE MORNING POST.

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## The Pope Lingers on the Border Land

### The Passing Hours Impair His Strength—His Holiness Declares That Today Will Be His Last

Rome, July 8.—A bulletin issued at 5:15 says: "The day has passed without any further attack of weakness. The pulse is not so frequent and is a little more regular. The breathing is calm. The general condition of his holiness has improved."

The pope today, in conversation with Monsignor Angello, one of his attendants, predicted that he would die tomorrow. He said: "I am sorry I cannot be present at tomorrow's service, because tomorrow I shall die."

Rome, July 8.—6:50 p. m.—The pope's condition is very grave. His doctors are alarmed at the continued weakness, which is complicated by certain functional disorders. His holiness is restless and drowsy, frequently falling asleep.

Rome, July 8.—7:20 p. m.—There has been no change in the pope's condition since the 2 o'clock bulletin was issued. There is still a chance that the worst may occur at any moment, notwithstanding the alleviation following the operation.

Rome, July 8.—The physicians in attendance upon Pope P. at 9:45 this morning posted the following: "The night was passed tranquilly enough, although the pontiff had no restorative sleep. The pulse was frequent, but regular. Breathing was as free as last night. The condition of the pope does not permit of a long examination, but it seems that the pneumonia tends to solve itself and that the pleuric liquid is not re-gathering. However, the general condition of the patient is not tranquilizing, because of the state of depression, which at intervals increases."

"LAPPONI, MAZZONI." London, July 8.—A special dispatch from Rome, filed at 2:30 p. m., says the pope had another fainting fit today, the action of his heart is very feeble and his condition again has become very critical.

Paris, July 8.—A dispatch from Rome says: "The condition of the pope has become worse since morning; his weakness is increasing hour by hour; he is only intermittently conscious, and a catastrophe is imminent."

Berlin, July 8.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Rome says the condition of the pope has suddenly become worse and that Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli has been called in to administer absolution in articulo mortis. The end, it is added, is rapidly impending."

Rome, July 8.—The pope, on waking this morning, did not speak. He was somewhat irritable, and it seemed as though the blankets and other bed-clothes were too heavy, so he kicked them off at the imminent risk of taking a fresh cold, which would be absolutely fatal. The only nourishment Pope Leo now seems to prefer is the yolk of an egg mixed with marsala.

Seeing Dr. Mazzoni shortly after he awoke, the pontiff said: "This is the first time since the beginning of my illness that I have had some really peaceful sleep."

Dr. Mazzoni replied: "It is the effect of the operation."

The pope then observed: "There is one thing your skill cannot accomplish—diminish my ninety-four years."

The most important thing now recommended by Dr. Mazzoni is nourishment for the patient, saying: "Plants need water when dry."

Dr. Mazzoni was quoted as saying in an interview that the pope wanted to get up and do everything for himself without assistance. The cyanosis was spreading this morning over the holy father's hands. He still took slight nourishment. His temperature varies between 97.3 and 97.5. Dr. Mazzoni gave the interviewer the impression that he had lost the confidence he felt yesterday.

On account of the many rumors that the pope's physicians made a wrong diagnosis of his ailment the Vatican today sent a telegram to Dr. Caldarelli, the eminent physician of Naples, asking him to meet Drs. Lapponi and Mazzoni in consultation. It was intended to call in Dr. Guidio Bacelli, the first authority in Italy on cardiac disorders, but the fact of his being the minister of commerce, industry and agriculture in the present Italian cabinet proved an insuperable objection in Vatican quarters.

The correspondent of the Sun at noon received a telephone message from the Vatican, saying that utter prostration was setting in. Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, the grand penitentiary of the holy Catholic church, had been summoned to say the prayers for a departing soul if necessary.

The pope's physicians issued the following bulletin this afternoon: "The condition of the pleura and the lungs is satisfactory, but the difficulty of the kidneys in performing their functions and the depression of vitality are increasing."

The churches this morning were crowded more than is usual with supplicants praying for the recovery of the pontiff, repeating the pro pontifice infirmito prayer.

An instance of the strain prevailing on account of the pope's illness is the

case of a man who went to the basilica and shouted: "I am the pope's nephew. The pope is dead. We are all lost. We must all die." He threw himself from a considerable height, but was rescued and taken into custody.

### The Pope's Mind Foresees

Rome, July 8.—Up to a late hour tonight no change has been recorded in the Pope's condition since the last bulletin was issued. It is reported that he said to his private chaplain during the course of the day: "I have no longer any hope of life. I have a presentiment that this very day the Most High will summon me to appear in his presence. I feel no regret at quitting life. Today in the churches begins a nine days-devotion of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the devout and faithful, praying to the Holy Virgin, will also offer prayers for my poor person. I die calmly. I am conscious of having endeavored to discharge my duty for the good of the church and humanity. I know not how the world will judge my deeds, but Almighty God knows my motives and has given me a tranquil conscience on the threshold of eternity."

### Intrigues and Factions

Rome, July 8.—Most of the members of the staff of papal secretaries of state are nearly broken down by overwork in answering the torrent of inquiries from every diocese and vicariate in the world. President Roosevelt's inquiries are sympathetically referred to by several officials.

All the newspapers are full of gossip concerning the alleged intrigues of the cardinals. It is remarked that, according to the prophecies of St. Malachi, Pope Leo's successor will correspond to the words Ignis Ardens, and it is noted that the escutcheons of Cardinals Orzella Di Santo Stefano and Gotti, which bear a burning altar, and the escutcheon of Cardinal Svampa, which bears lighted torches, are indicated by the words. Cardinal Manara's escutcheon has a flame depicted as licking the hand of a tribune. It is stated that Cardinal Areglia Di Santo Stefano, who is known to be opposed to much of the Vatican's recent policy, exclaimed that when he was carrying his rod in the capacity of camerlengo he would use it on the backs of some of the prelates who had taken shameful advantage of the pope's decrepitude.

Dr. Bacelli, who is the inventor of the systems applied to the pope for two days, namely puncturing the pleura and administering oxygen, said in an interview today that the former was a simple, painless operation. He added that he had the greatest confidence that Drs. Lapponi and Mazzoni were conducting the case properly and skillfully.

London July 8.—The Rome correspondent of the Telegraph says there is much dissatisfaction at the Vatican with the pope's physicians, who are said to have treated him badly, mistaking pleurisy for pneumonia. At the head of the critics is Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, who, with a dozen other cardinals, has organized a kind of conspiracy of protest against Dr. Lapponi. It is at their insistence that other doctors have been called in.

### New Fire Station

Durham, N. C., July 8.—Special. Hose company No. 2 moved into the new fire station this morning. This is one of the finest fire stations in the state. It cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000 after the site had been donated. It is built to accommodate both hose company No. 2 and the new steamer company.

### Principal and Assistant

Fayetteville, N. C., July 8.—Special. The trustees of the Fayetteville graded schools have elected as principal and assistant principal Profs. J. R. Cronly of Lenoir and W. F. Stafford of Burlington.

Of Fayetteville truckers, Mrs. W. H. Tomlinson, of North street, made the first shipment of canteloupes last Monday.

### New Shamrock Again Winner

Highlands, N. J., July 8.—The Shamrock III, although her bottom has fouled so badly that she must go to the Erie basin tomorrow for a cleaning up, again defeated the Shamrock I today in a logged fifteen-mile to leeward and return race by 4 minutes 9 seconds, including five seconds which the old boat obtained at the start. It was really one of the best sailing days which the Shamrocks have yet had, the wind holding throughout between a six-mile and a ten-mile notch.

### Clearing a Bank Site

Wilson, N. C., July 8.—Special.—The grocery store of Overman on the corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets is now being torn down preparatory to the erection of a magnificent building which will be used by the Branch Banking Company for the more expeditious transaction of their rapidly accumulating business. It will be one of the handsomest bank buildings in the state, and will be an ornament to Wilson.

## RUSSIANS IN COUNCIL

### Proceedings Are Understood to Relate to War Measures

Kin Chau (opposite New Chwang), Manchuria, July 8.—All the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea are attending the conference at Port Arthur. Among them are Minister of War Kuropatkin, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian ministers at Peking and Seoul, the political agents in China and Korea, including M. Pokotiloff, recently Russian financial representative at Peking. General Dessino, the military agent at China, the civil and military officers at Mukden, Harbin and Kirin and the administrator of New Chwang.

The proceedings of the conference are enveloped in profound secrecy. It is popularly supposed that the Russian officials are considering war questions. The foreign commercial officials at New Chwang and Port Arthur believe that the probability of war is increasing steadily. The Russian policy is believed to be to hold the present positions in Manchuria, including New Chwang, and to take steps to avert hostility with Japan if it is assured that Japan will fight unaided. The war feeling among the Japanese in China is intense.

## FRATERNAL LABORS

### Northern and Southern Methodists Working on Catechism and Ritual

New York, July 8.—A commission of bishops and delegates to the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, is holding sessions at Ocean Grove, N. J., to revise the catechism and ritual of the two churches so they will conform to each other.

The northern delegates are headed by Bishops S. M. Merriam of Chicago, and I. W. Boyce of Minneapolis, Rev. W. V. Kelley of New York, and Frank T. Brown of Brooklyn are members of the commission. The southern bishops present are W. W. Duncan of Spartanburg, S. C., and A. Coke Smith, of Norfolk, Va. The sessions, which are secret, will continue several days.

## THE WRONG MAN

### Captain Martin of Virginia Makes a Fatal Mistake

Norfolk, Va., July 8.—Captain W. T. Martin is in jail at Smithfield, charged with murder. He was arrested for killing George Tucker, colored, at the Bunkley farm, Isle of Wight county. Captain Martin, who is a farmer and oysterman, rents a farm to a man named Tidewell, with whom he had quarreled recently. Tidewell and Martin kept the oats for their stock in the same barn. Martin suspected Tidewell of stealing feed, and yesterday, seeing some one in the barn, he supposed he had caught Tidewell in the act. Martin got his gun and fired at the supposed thief, and killed Tucker.

Tucker was employed by Martin and was getting feed for Martin's horses. Martin is fifty years old. He has been drinking deeply recently.

## ON THE ROCKS

### A Novice in Automobiling Instantly Killed

Greenwich, Conn., July 8.—Captain Harry Hanson, who was acting as chauffeur of Harry Harkness' big 40-horse power automobile, was instantly killed by being hurled from his seat into rocks at Putnam's Hill about 1 o'clock today. Dr. O. M. Edwards, son-in-law of L. V. Harkness, started out about 12:30 in the automobile with Captain Hanson as the chauffeur. Hanson had had but little experience at automobiling. When the heavy machine had passed over the brow of Putnam's Hill it began to get great speed. There is a great mass of rocks at that point through which the road passes. Hanson became confused, and grasped the lever to check the speed, but it was the wrong one, and instead of stopping it opened the valve for full speed. Dr. Edwards sprang to the road and escaped uninjured. The big machine, an instant later, struck the rocks with terrific force and Hanson was hurled a distance of about 200 feet, striking the rocks below, crushing in his skull and was instantly killed.

## Proved an Alibi

Wilson, N. C., July 8.—Special.—It will be remembered that when Charlie Taylor, colored, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for entering the dwelling house of Mr. Calvin Woodard, he said while enroute to the pen that another negro, Lawrence Ward, was with him and it was Ward who entered the sleeping room of Mrs. Woodard while he stood at the window and watched. Upon this statement Ward was arrested and lodged in jail. Yesterday afternoon he had a preliminary hearing and, as the evidence of Taylor was not corroborated and as Ward proved an alibi, he was discharged.

## ORDERED TO LISBON

### More Entertainment Awaits the European Squadron

Washington, July 8.—Secretary Moody has sent a telegram to Rear Admiral Cotton, commanding the European squadron to leave Portsmouth, England, in time to reach Lisbon by July 22. The government of Portugal has invited the squadron to visit Lisbon, where the officers and men will be entertained. Under Secretary Moody's orders it will not be necessary for the squadron to leave Portsmouth until July 17.

Orders were sent also for the battleship Kearsarge, which is temporarily attached to the European squadron, to leave Portsmouth July 17, for Frenchman's Bay, Maine, where she will join the other vessels of the North Atlantic squadron and participate in the naval maneuvers and join in the army and navy games. The Brooklyn will become the flagship of the European squadron.

## SAFE LOOTED

### Robbers Rolled It Down a Hill Before Blowing It Open

Asheville, N. C., July 8.—Special. Robbers secured rich booty last night at Zirconia, a flag station on the Southern Railway near Flat Rock. They entered the general merchandise store of Hugh G. Staton, wherein the post office and Southern Express offices are located, and breaking open one of the doors, rolled the big safe, which contained government, express and private funds, 300 yards down hill and blew it open with nitro glycerine. There was more than \$400 in cash, most of which belonged to the store, and smaller amounts, which included the post office and express funds and checks of various denominations, and a considerable number of stamps in the safe. The safe was shattered, and of course rifled. A few stamps were left.

Among the messages received here about the robbery was one for Sheriff Reed, asking him to come to the aid of Henderson county officers with his bloodhounds. Mr. Staton has a good idea who the men are who committed the robbery. Two weeks ago suspicious characters began to haunt the place, until Mr. Staton, having his suspicions aroused, deemed it best to keep all the funds in his charge at his residence. He has been taking the money home every night until last night, when he felt that it was safe to discontinue this precautionary measure. The men took the safe from the store, so the noise would not be heard at Staton's home when it was blown open.

## CASSIUS M. CLAY

### ADJUDGED INSANE

Lexington, Ky., July 8.—A jury in County Judge Turpin's court today at Richmond adjudged General Cassius M. Clay of unsound mind, on the testimony of several of his children and a physician from Richmond, none of whom had seen General Clay for several months.

When General Clay was told by his body guard, Jim Bowlin, that he had been adjudged insane, he half rose from his sick bed and, seizing his revolver, declared that he would never be taken from White Hall alive. He would have nothing more to say except that he wanted his former child wife, Dora Clay Brock, to come back to White Hall to remain with him the rest of his days. He fully expected her to return today, but she did not appear. General Clay will not be taken from White Hall to a private asylum as at first thought, but he will have no say in the management of his financial affairs.

## SEABOARD INCOME

### Increase in Receipts and Expense for Betterments

Baltimore, July 8.—The May statement of the Seaboard Air Line shows that the fiscal year of the company will produce gross earnings of well over \$12,000,000. This statement indicates that liberal expenditures for betterment continue and that the charges against operations for this purpose are larger than last year. While an increase in gross earnings of over \$100,000, or 9.5 per cent., is shown there is an increase in the cost of operations of about 15 per cent., making a decrease in net earnings for the 11 months of 3.4 per cent.

## Waterboy's New Record

New York, July 8.—Waterboy, the four-year-old colt by Watercress-Zealandia, owned by J. B. Haggin and winner of the suburban renewal, was victorious in the Brighton handicap today and incidentally hung up a new world's record of 2:03 1-5 for a mile and a quarter.

Waterboy was not put to the whip for a moment by Odum, neither was he driven with hand and held right to the wire. On the contrary he was well in hand and had something left when he flashed past the judges' stand with a good length to spare.

## No More Big Cotton Crops in the South

### Big Meteor Fell

Mexico City, July 8.—There is much excitement among the people of the town of Cocolapan over the fall of a meteor of tremendous size. The heavenly visitor struck the bronze statue of Escandon and demolished it, and then buried itself in the ground. The meteor produced a terrific noise and the people of the town were panic stricken.

### Prominent Lumberman Dead

Easton, Pa., July 8.—Henry E. Hawk, president of the Pine Lumber Company of New Bern, N. C., and wholesale dealer in flour, died at his home in Easton, Pa., today, aged 53 years. He was one of the most prominent business men of Easton.

### Kerosene Can Victim

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 8.—Special.—Lucy Cole, a nine-year-old girl, was fatally burned today. She was using kerosene oil to start a fire when the blaze flashed in the can, causing it to explode. The girl's clothes ignited and the lower part of her body was horribly burned. The mother, in her efforts to extinguish it, had her arms and hands badly burned.

### Two out of Three

Greensboro, N. C., July 8.—Special. Greensboro hit Yount hard in the last two innings today and took the last game of the series by a score of 5 to 4, making it two out of three. Asbury of Winston and Shelor of Greensboro made sensational catches.

The score: R. H. E.  
Greensboro .....000000032-5 13 5  
Winston .....000002002-4 8 2  
Batteries: Holt and Brockwell; Yount and Rowe.

## EVANSVILLE IS CALM

### The Governor Objects to a Trial Under Military Protection

Evansville, July 8.—Robert Lee, colored, murderer of Patrolman Louis N. Massey, whose act precipitated the two days' reign of mob law and riots, was to have been brought from Jeffersonville to Evansville for a hearing tomorrow by Sheriff Kratz and an escort of militia, but Governor Durbine notified the authorities, in an emphatic telegram tonight, that he would not consent to any hearing with troops present.

Sentiment is still so pronounced against the negro that Judge Rasch, of the circuit court, fears to hold the hearing without a display of armed force. The governor says that a hearing under military guard would defeat the justice guaranteed to every man by the constitution of the United States.

Among the few who know tonight of the governor's refusal there is consternation. It is feared that at any time within six months there will be a repetition of mob law if Lee is tried without military protection.

Indictments were returned today against twenty leaders of the mobs of Sunday morning and Sunday night. The grand jury is investigating the tragedy of Monday night, when nine persons were killed, and may return indictments or report upon the facts. The city is under military rule and is quieter than for thirty hours. All of the saloons and parks are closed. Merchants turned out their display window lights tonight to discourage people from assembling down town. The city is placarded with law and order mottoes. Three more rioters were arrested today.

## Jail Bird Escapes

Williamston, N. C., July 8.—Special. Yesterday about ten o'clock Joseph Williams, the negro lout who entered the Atlantic Coast Line depot here and broke into the money drawer getting \$22.50 some six weeks ago, and who has since then been confined in the jail here, made a hole through the brick wall and escaped. Sheriff J. C. Crawford had his blood hounds on the track by one o'clock yesterday and traced the boy to the river near town, where the trail was lost and all effort to trace the track further has failed.

## Irish Land Bill Passes

London, July 8.—The Irish land bill tonight passed third reading in the House of Commons amid loud cheerings from the Nationalists. The conciliatory attitude of Mr. Windham, chief secretary for Ireland and the introducer of the bill, and the Irish members was shown by the fact that there were only four divisions during the ten days debate. Mr. Windham announced his intention, if he is still in office next year to introduce a bill dealing with the grievances of Irish laborers. This statement evoked cheers from the Nationalists.

## Ashley Horne Submits His Observations --- Gorman the Man for President. Bryan Not Considered in the Race

BY THOMAS J. FENCE

Washington, July 8.—Special.—Mr. Ashley Horne of Clayton, one of the most successful business men in North Carolina, who is largely interested in cotton manufacturing is of the opinion that the southern states will not produce more than three-fourths of a crop this season. Mr. Horne, who was at the Metropolitan yesterday, said, in speaking of this subject:

"At best, there will not be more than three-fourths of a crop in North Carolina, and the same conditions prevail in the other southern states. The time for big cotton crops in the south is at an end, and in my opinion it will be a rare thing if the south ever produces more than a 11,000,000 bale crop. Scarcity of labor is responsible for this condition, which is more emphasized this year than ever before. I think the smallness of the crop will result in good prices being obtained for the product throughout the season."

"This has been a successful year for some mills and disastrous for others. The mills that had the foresight to lay in a supply of cotton last fall and did not sell their product ahead have made money. Those that failed to do so have lost. A number of mills have had to close down, for it has been impossible to make money at the prices that the staple has commanded of late."

Asked about politics, Mr. Horne said that North Carolina Democrats are for Senator Gorman for the Democratic presidential nomination, though Judge Parker has a number of admirers in the state. "We of the south think it is about time a president is chosen who knows something about us and who is close to us. Gorman has the confidence of the business interests of the country. They are satisfied with his conservatism and knowledge of finance. He is the man who can win for the Democrats."

"What of Bryan?" "He has no strength down our way," said Mr. Horne, "and is not considered by North Carolina Democrats for the nomination. The Democrats want a change and are ready for it. The people are getting nearer to the business interests of the country."

The fight over the Wilmington post office is becoming more interesting. In addition to Tom Wallace, the present assistant postmaster, who is considered the strongest among those mentioned for the postmastership, R. M. Westcott is an avowed candidate. He was the independent candidate for state senator against George H. Bellamy and is pushing his cause here. Judge Pritchard is enjoying a short vacation now, but he will be unable to go to North Carolina this week as he intended. He will leave for Marshall August 12th and spend some time there.

## Fire Destroys Telegraph

Washington, July 8.—A dispatch was received at the war department this afternoon from Captain Burnell at Dawson City reporting that the military telegraph line in Alaska, which was completed June 24, had partly been destroyed before it could be put in operation. Forest fires in the Tanna valley, he said, had caused serious damage to some parts of the line practically destroying many miles of the wire. It will take about a month to repair the damage.

## HEARING BIG SUIT

### Gen. Matt Ransom Buys the Weldon Fair Grounds

Weldon, N. C., July 8.—Special.—The \$40,000 suit of Westcott & Trenchard is having another hearing here today before Mrs. M. S. Calvert, special commissioner, who was appointed by Judge Purnell to take the evidence. There is a brilliant array of counsel in this case and some of the best lawyers in the state are to be found on either side.

It will be remembered that Westcott & Trenchard bought the Gumberry lumber plant together with the railroad to Jackson and all improvements. The plaintiffs claim that Mr. Kell's manager pointed out to them standing timber which Kell had no right to convey. This was denied by defendant, and plaintiffs brought suit. A good many witnesses have been examined.

Major T. L. Emery has sold the famous Weldon fair grounds to General M. W. Ransom, the consideration being \$7,500. The grounds will be put in fine condition and a big fair will be held here this fall. The Warrenton district conference will be in session here next week. Bishop Coke Smith, one of the most distinguished Methodists of the Southern church, will preside.