

QUEEN DOWAGER, ANXIOUS, SENDS LADY IN WAITING

Royalty Manifests Intense Interest in Welfare of Distinguished Patient at the Vatican

VENICE PHARMACIST SENDS OLD REMEDY

Marchiavava Approves and Prescribes Medicine of Pontiff's Friend

The Dowager Queen Margherita, went to the Vatican this afternoon, where she requested from Monsignor Bresca detailed information of the progress of the pope in the name of the queen mother, whose most earnest wishes for his recovery she brought.

The relations between the members of the House of Savoy and Cardinal Sarto before he was elected pontiff always were of the most cordial nature. When King Humbert and Queen Margherita visited Venice in 1883, Patriarch Sarto applied to Rome for instructions. Cardinal Rampolla, then papal secretary of state, answered, suggesting that he leave Venice, but left the decision to the patriarch.

VENICE I AM MASTER. Cardinal Sarto visited the sovereigns, and invited them to the patriarchate, where he sat between them. After a moment King Humbert smiled and would have said if Rome could see us?

In answer, the patriarch handed him Rampolla's letter to read. Then he added: "But in Venice I am master."

Many cardinals, high prelates, members of the aristocracy and the grand master of the Knights of Malta also called at the Vatican to make inquiries and showed great relief at the favorable reports.

Doctor Amici visited the patient twice tonight and administered remedies for the cough, and chloral for restlessness; after which the pontiff went tranquilly to sleep.

In spite of official statements, there are reports emanating from other sources that the pope is suffering from arterio sclerosis and a variety of other diseases, but the doctors emphatically deny this and declare that their reports are comparable with the stories of circulation that Cardinal Oreglia, dean of the sacred college, has claimed the privilege, enjoyed since the middle ages by the cardinals, of assisting the pontiff in his bedroom when seriously ill, and that Cardinal Vives y Tuto had visited Pope Pius and compiled his religious will. No such privileges have been claimed, as Cardinal Oreglia is confined to his apartment by gout and Cardinal Vives y Tuto is severely affected by cerebral anemia.

VENICE REMEMBERS HIM. "Many remedies have been received at the Vatican, and the pope has been especially touched by the thoughtful gifts of a Venetian pharmacist who attended to the needs of the Patriarch Sarto in Venice. He sent a preparation of his own manufacture, which Professor Marchiavava, after analysis, approved and prescribed.

Professor Marchiavava compiled this medicine in the clinic of the late Merry del Val's apartment, which he visited after his usual morning call at the pontiff's bedside.

Professor Marchiavava said his patient's condition was much more satisfactory. Besides the diminution of the cough, the general weakness was not so accentuated and the pulse not so fast. The pope enjoyed more regular breathing, as the bronchial trouble seemed improved.

The pope says he is better. When Doctor Amici visited him at noon today and asked him how he felt the pontiff replied:

POPE'S STATEMENT. "This is the first day since my first

Stepmother Is Relative An Interesting Decision

WASHINGTON, April 17.—A stepmother is a relative of her stepchildren, according to a decision today by Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell. The question arose in the case of Lieutenant F. Reginald Ludlow, United States marine corps, who died at Rey West, Fla., in January, and who had designated Mrs. Margaret Ludlow, his stepmother, as a "dependent relative."

ROLPH SAYS HE HAS NO TIME TO SPEAK TO SCOLDS

Mayor, Rejecting Invitation to Address Public Ownership League, Calls Members Obstructionists

Continued From Page 1. lawsuit or on a speech. The people want to ride on streetcars.

"The proposition is to accommodate the people with a first class city owned streetcar system, and to do it now. San Francisco wants physical and moral results. We are offering her these in the form of real municipal ownership; your association is offering her nothing. We are fighting for municipal ownership, which is such in fact, you, while professing love for municipal ownership, are obstructing it as a fact.

COMMON SCOLDS A CURSE. As an evidence of the continued activity in the principles of municipal ownership, plans for extensions to the municipal railroad along other streets and into other districts are ready for action.

"Common scolds and obstructionists are the curse of San Francisco. Holding these views, I feel that it would be a waste of time for me to address you April 18, or at any time."

relieve that I feel really relieved." Prof. Marchiavava and Dr. Amici today again impressed on the pope the necessity of complete rest, informing him that any activity would create obstacles to his recovery.

"Your commands shall be obeyed," said the pope, smiling with an air of resignation.

Shortly after the doctors had left, however, the sun broke through the clouds and flooded the pope's bed chamber. The pontiff thereupon declared that he could endure his bed no longer. His restlessness increased and he insisted on rising.

His attendants felt obliged to give way to his wishes.

Cardinal Farley Ready

NEW YORK, April 17.—Cardinal Farley is prepared to take the first steamship sailing after the receipt of a cable message from the Vatican announcing the death of his holiness, the cardinal's secretary said today. "It will not sail until such word comes."

COLLAPSE OF A COMEDIAN

Rowland Buckstone of the Southern Company Taken to Bellevue. NEW YORK, April 17.—Rowland Buckstone, one of the best known actors in comedy parts and for 35 years a member of the Edward H. Southern company, was taken from the Players' club to the Bellevue hospital psychopathic ward. Worry occasioned by the recent death of his wife is assigned as the cause of his collapse.

Special reduced fare to Lafayette. See the Mount Diablo country and the scenic "High Line" route of the Oakland & Arrowhead Ry. Round Trip Fare for Sunday; tickets at this rate obtainable only from E. N. BURGESS CO., 784 Market St., S. F., 124 Broadway, Oakland.

'THE GAMEST MAN THAT I EVER SAW,' SAYS M. D. CLARK

Four Men Are Fired Upon While Trying to Make Landing Near Wine-haven

Reminiscence of the oyster pirate stories of Jack London was the tale told yesterday by M. S. Clark, fish commissioner, who escaped unhurt from the battle with seven Sicilians near San Quentin point, which ended in the death of Fish Commissioner Ernest A. Raynaud and Salvatore Balestieri, a fisherman.

Carlos Balestieri, nephew of the dead man, is suffering from a bullet wound in the wrist. He was taken from the city prison to San Rafael yesterday by Sheriff J. J. Keating of Marin county. Sheriff Deputy Oscar Emerald, he probably will be charged with murder.

Upon reaching San Rafael Carlos Balestieri was taken to the San Rafael sanatorium, where the bullet in his wrist was extracted by Dr. J. H. Kuser, county physician, and Dr. Ward J. Stone. He will be kept there in charge of Deputy Sheriff Jack Donohue until he is removed to the county jail.

Balestieri, the dead fisherman, was an old offender. On March 25 he was fined \$25 by Judge Shortall for having underweight striped bass in his possession. Raynaud caused his arrest and secured the conviction.

Several weeks ago Policeman William Isaacs learned that threats were being made against Raynaud and warned him to be on guard. "Raynaud was the gamest man I ever saw," said Clark in describing the fight.

"Raynaud and I went to California point on the lookout for illicit fishing. We came across Salvatore Balestieri, with another unknown fisherman and two clam diggers, working with their nets close to shore. We watched and saw them take out of the net six striped bass, which they threw into their boat. Then we arrested them. We were going to release the clam diggers, as they were to receive no part of the proceeds from the sale of the fish.

"At the time of the arrest there was another boat about half a mile distant. This was a large, white fishing boat. Raynaud ordered the prisoners to get into Balestieri's boat, which was painted blue and numbered '20.' Raynaud told the two clam diggers to get into the tender of the fishing boat and Balestieri into the larger craft. Balestieri went to the engine and the other fisherman stood in the open space just aft. Raynaud took a seat at the tiller while I was standing in the bow facing aft.

"Suddenly without warning I saw Carlos throw both arms about Raynaud and hurl him to the bottom of the boat. At the same instant the unknown fisherman just back of the engine jumped to Carlos' assistance. I started to aid Raynaud when Salvatore Balestieri aimed a blow at me with what looked like a knife. I had my revolver in my hand and fired point blank, the bullet hitting him somewhere in the head. He sank down groaning. By this time the two men in the white boat jumped into the water. Carlos Balestieri made for me with a knife and I shot him in the hand. It was then that one of the two men from the white boat aimed a blow at my head with a club. I ducked and caught the force of it on my shoulder.

"Before I could straighten up the other fisherman threw a shoe and I was pitched into the water. I was able to get hold of my pistol and fired one shot. Then I struck out for the shore but was picked up by Joe Swack, a marine fireman of Greenbrae.

Algot Johnson of 103 Broadway, Oakland, John E. Oberg and Oswald Jensen also of Oakland, were within 500 yards of the launch at the time of the fight. Their schooner, The Eva, was moored in the marsh near Remillard's brickyard. Johnson said he heard several shots and much loud talking in Italian. He also saw a man climb from the white launch into the blue one and shortly afterwards strike

PRESS CLUB SHOW TODAY Rollicking Matinee Ready



R. Westover (at right) and John C. Terry in a cartoonogue at the Press club show to be given today.

on the head with a club some person seated in the stern. He also witnessed the attempt of the men in the launch to run down Clark after he was in the water.

"They were not after him," said Johnson, "and I heard them shout in Italian to Clark's rescuer to leave the man in the water. After that the white launch went in the direction of California City and the blue one, in which the fight occurred, cruised along the shore toward the penitentiary."

The statements of Clark and Johnson were corroborated by Joseph Swack, Clark's rescuer.

FINAL REHEARSAL PLEASES MANAGER

Entire Program Is Planned Solely for Laughing Purposes

Second Performance at Court Will Be Given at Midnight Tomorrow

The city was in slumberland last night when members of the Press club put the finishing touches to their annual show, which opens this afternoon at the Court. The newspaper men went through a dress rehearsal after leaving their desks, and the managers pronounced everything perfect. A midnight show will be given tomorrow.

The show is for laughing purposes only, and the whole desire of the minstrels and the actors in the sketches is to make the audience smile.

The opening number introduces several foreign correspondents, who have come here to look over the exposition. The principals in this number are: Al C. Joy, a Scotch journalist; Burr McIntosh, a country editor; Leon Wing, an Italian writer; Franklin Morse, a Swedish correspondent; Edward Healy, an African wanderer; and Tom Bellew, chairman of the reception committee.

The book of the first part is the creation of W. J. Jacobs, the lyrics are by Joy and Clyde C. Westover, and the music by Herman Heller.

Willie Jacobs and Waldemar Young present themselves in a hysterical sketch, entitled "When Caesar Backed a Show," while a sketch written by Clyde C. Westover, called "The Return of Robinson Crusoe," introduces Jack Knapp, Harry Robertson and the author of the playlet. McIntosh and Young have a comedy stunt and Frank Thompson's big bass voice is heard to advantage.

Louis Bennison and Jack Pollard, with Joy, take part in "A Three Cornered Bluff." Harold Pracht sings the boppy song and several newspaper men are shown in a motion picture fantasy.

One of the most amusing numbers is a drawing contest between John C. Terry and R. Westover, cartoonists, who draw at each other. The matinee performance will begin at 2:15 o'clock.

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