

HARRIMAN HITS HARD

J. R. Keene's Son-in-Law Falls on New York Stock Exchange.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WAR GIVEN AS CAUSE

Prominent Litigant is Assigning Firm's Biggest Creditor in Snares.

MEXICAN CENTRALS BREAK W. L. STOW

Speculative House Falls to Realize on Holdings and So Goes Under.

RAVENS PROPHECY WORSE DISASTER

New "Black Friday" Terrifies Brokers, Though Relief of Crash Accomplished Starts Healthy Rally at Close.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The announcement on the Stock exchange late this afternoon of the suspension of T. J. Taylor & Co. with W. L. Stow & Co. caused a period of excited selling and with cuts in prices which have not been equaled since the present downward movement set in.

There is nothing in either failure that can be traced to business or industrial conditions, outside the exchange, the case being diagnosed as speculative collapse. Both firms have been largely concerned in speculative stock market pools formed to take on a line of stocks, sustaining their price by supporting orders, real or manipulative, and seeking to realize profits by selling privately on the high prices.

It was a veritable "black Friday" and, although the market rallied decidedly at the close, it was freely predicted that trouble even more serious was impending.

From trustworthy sources it was learned that three or more commission houses had been "squeezed" almost to the bursting point. Contracts made today hold over until Monday, which may enable embarrassed individuals to get their "second wind."

The best information is that the insolvent firms had comparatively few outstanding commitments and these, it is believed, were settled privately on the morning of the failure. It is asserted that a prominent international banking house with railroad interests in Mexico bought liberally today of Mexican Central. Report says that Taylor & Co. sold \$500,000 shares of Southern Pacific privately to a large banking interest which it some time ago antagonized.

The Stow failure was announced before 2 p. m. and that of Taylor & Co. followed within less than ten minutes. The Stock exchange was crowded, as it had been all day, with brokers, many of whom in recent months had been conspicuous by their absence from the board but who were regular in their attendance this week because of the gathering financial storm.

Wild Scramble Ensnared on "Change." Then followed another wild scramble all over the room. A thousand telephone bells rang and almost as many uniformed messenger boys seemed to leap out on the floor and scurry in all directions.

The excitement subsided only with the clang of the huge gong which marks the closing of the market. While many a sigh of relief went up, there was also dread for the morrow.

To those who were in the "know" the Stow failure caused little surprise, but the Taylor debacle was a real shock. It was pointed out that Stow had been said about the firm's affairs in the last few years and its operations in Southern Pacific, Metropolitan Street Railway and certain other stocks are still fresh in the minds of those who follow the market.

Many visitors understood the Taylor-Keene connections. Talbot J. Taylor is James R. Keene's son-in-law. His brother, James B. Taylor, and Foxhall P. Keene, son of James R., constitute the firm. Young Keene, who is an international sportsman, is a partner in the firm, in the sum of \$250,000.

Taylor & Co. have been the principal "Keene" brokers for the last three years, that famous operator making the Taylor office his headquarters. Foxhall Keene is now abroad. His father, Stow, was a well known sportsman, but denied himself to all save a few close friends.

Say Harriman Has Scip. The effect of the Taylor failure upon James P. Keene's personal fortune is largely a matter of conjecture, although he is known to be the largest creditor. There are many who believe that the Taylor failure is directly due to the "blood stirred up by the firm and Mr. Keene in the Southern Pacific and Metropolitan suits. In fact, it has frequently been said that the Harriman and Whitney interests would not be satisfied with anything less than the scalps of the Keenes and Taylors because of these episodes.

W. L. Stow & Co. opened in 1902 and has been known almost ever since as the stock market representative of the Mexican Central railroad. The firm's manipulation of Mexican Central securities was a subject of general gossip which has been known in club and social circles and has a handsome country place at Great Neck. He is a prominent automobilist. His partner, Mr. Couledge, is popular on the exchange and much sympathy was expressed for him today.

Almost 35,000 shares of Mexican Central were dealt in today the stock selling down from 19 to 18, closing at 15 1/2, a net loss of 6 1/2 points. The first income bonds declined more than 5 points. During last year's bull movement the stock sold as high as 24 1/2.

GOES TO GRAVE OF FATHER

Story that Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is a Refugee is Denied.

VIENNA, July 24.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by his children, passed through the city at 4 o'clock this morning on his way to Belgrade.

A dispatch last night from Vienna said that rumors were being spread in Belgrade to the effect that Prince Ferdinand had broken out in Bulgaria as Prince Ferdinand, on the advice of his military, had fled to Belgrade.

VIENNA, July 24.—The reports that a revolution has broken out in Bulgaria and that Prince Ferdinand has fled are semi-officially characterized here as unfounded. It is explained that July 23 is the anniversary of the death of Prince Ferdinand's father and that the immediate object of his present journey is to visit his grave at Coburn, which is his annual custom.

So far as it can be ascertained here the report of Prince Ferdinand's flight from Bulgaria is unfounded, and the reason given here, semi-officially, for his journey, is correct.

The Bulgarian agent in Vienna said to the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon:

The story published by the Stampa and other Belgrade papers (that revolution has broken out in Bulgaria; that Prince Ferdinand is about to flee to Belgrade, and that there have been fifty-four deaths in Sofia) is a malicious political trick designed to compromise Bulgaria and to induce and direct public attention from the present conditions in Serbia.

It is not surprising that the official denial that Prince Ferdinand's departure from Sofia amounted to a flight, the Vossische Zeitung, which gets well substantiated private information from Sofia, says the rumors of the prince's flight have been spread by the press.

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UNION FINES EMPLOYERS

Accused Stonecutter Declares Mining Money Was Wrong from Bosses.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Counsel for Laurence Murphy, the former treasurer of the Stone Cutters' union, charged with appropriating the organization's funds, continued his novel line of defense before Judge Newburger today in dragging from each witness admissions as to methods used by the Journeymen Stone Cutters' union in extorting money from employers.

There was a crowd of labor men in court. John Boyle, treasurer of the Stone Cutters' union, was recalled. By him the prosecutor identified between the six members of the Stone Cutters' union and the Lawyers' Surety company, which was introduced to disprove yesterday's evidence that these same members divided the \$5,000 among themselves.

The document was a contract by which the members of the secret committee could not draw money from the Lawyers' Surety company unless they filed every two days a statement of their services rendered. Boyle said he turned over to Murphy the \$5,000 received for services to be rendered as the secretary of the 200 trust fund and that this fund had been deposited with the surety company before the Brooklyn Stone Dealers' association had paid to the union \$10,000.

Pinas Create Trust Fund. Several other witnesses said the trust fund was created out of fines during a strike in 1898, which fines were paid by the employers under an agreement with the union to end the strike.

Donald Call, former president of the union, said the secret committee had demanded \$50,000 from the Brooklyn stone dealers in 1902, and that \$100,000 might have been demanded. He said the committee agreed to accept \$10,000, which was paid.

William A. Norris, treasurer in 1902, and now president of the Stonecutters' union, told the secret committee turning over the checks to Murphy, the treasurer, and said six other members of the committee began to get uneasy about the whereabouts of the checks and went to Murphy and told him he must put the money through the proper channels.

Norris said Murphy told them they would have to dig deeper than him to get the money, but he finally agreed to meet them the next morning.

Then, although they all gathered as agreed, Murphy did not appear. It was after that Murphy went to Europe. After sustaining several objections raised by the prosecution Judge Newburger said: "If it is proved that the funds of this organization were turned over to the defendants for keeping them from the jurisdiction of the court, then it is the duty of the jury, if the money was obtained by questionable action, then there is another means of coming into possession of the money came into the association does not lessen the responsibility of the officer elected to care for it."

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

BREWERY QUARREL SLAYS TRIO

Peacemaker, Saloon Keeper and Son All Die While Settling Dispute.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 24.—Jerry Jarman, a collector for the East Tennessee brewery of this city, was shot and instantly killed at Lafayette, Tenn., this afternoon by John L. Smith, who had previously shot Jarman and is now dying. Taylor Smith, a son of John L. Smith, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Peterson, who was trying to arrest him.

The trouble was caused by a misunderstanding in regard to a settlement between the East Tennessee Brewing company and Smith, who was the agent of the company at Lafayette. Jarman was sent on to effect a settlement. In a row Smith struck Jarman and Jarman in turn fired, striking Smith under the left arm. Smith ran to his saloon and he and his son started on a hunt for Jarman, who had gone to the Cumberland hotel, and hidden behind the clerk's desk. When the Smiths rushed into the hotel the elder Smith was shot in six places. Jarman was shot in the stomach and died instantly.

In attempting to arrest Taylor Smith Deputy Sheriff Peterson killed him, although it is said the young man had both hands up when fired on.

HOLDS DARK HORSES LIABLE

Creditors' Committee Believes Others Besides Brown Defaulting Broker Interested in Business.

BOSTON, July 24.—The committee of creditors appointed to investigate the affairs of J. Francis Brown & Co., brokers, who recently failed, reported today that the business "has recently been conducted in a reckless and unbusiness-like manner." It further said that there are certain accounts, to the extent of \$60,000 or \$70,000, which appear to be unpaid, many of them having been due to profit and loss accounts a few days before the assignment.

The committee believes that another person or persons than J. Francis Brown has been interested in the business and its management and are liable for its debts. H. C. Young appears to have been the manager. His absence has rendered it impossible for the committee to secure accurate information so as to warrant a definite statement as to who may be liable.

TEXTILE UNION SPLITS UP

Amalgamated Council Likely to Resolve Itself into Component Parts.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—A serious blow was dealt tonight to the Central Union of Textile Workers, which is directing the textile strike, when the Loom Fixers' Protective and Beneficial organization withdrew from that organization. Similar action is said to be contemplated by the Twisters' union, the Wappers' and Warp Dressers' union and the Power Loom Fixers' Beneficial union, all of which met tonight to consider the matter.

The most important reason for severing relations with the central union, as explained by President Clarke of the Loom Fixers' association, is the growing belief among various unions that they can best serve their own interests by managing their own affairs.

The McGinnis mill granted the demand of the strikers today.

PRESIDENT RETURNS HOME

Goes on Horseback and Leaves House of His Uncle at Four O'Clock.

SAYVILLE, L. I., July 24.—President Roosevelt started from his uncle's home for Sagamore Hill at 4 o'clock this morning. He was accompanied by his nephew, OSTER BAY, L. I., July 24.—President Roosevelt arrived at Sagamore Hill at 11:35 a. m. The trip consumed seven hours and a half. The president, soon after his arrival, began with Secretary Taft to dispose of the business which had accumulated during his absence.

President Roosevelt explained this afternoon that he and his little cavalcade, on their return journey, had followed a western practice of riding an hour and then walking an hour in order to prevent the horses from suffering from the heat and fatigue. Thus the trip had consumed much more time than was expected. All the horses were in fine condition when the party arrived at Sagamore Hill.

During the journey the president frequently was greeted by farmers and others whom he passed and often stopped to exchange a few words with them.

This afternoon the president received a call from General Benjamin F. Tracy, formerly secretary of the navy, accompanied by Rev. Thomas Augustin Hendrick of Rochester, N. Y., who recently was appointed a bishop of the Catholic church. After his conversation, which will occur in Rome soon after the expiration of the stated period of mourning for Pope Leo, Bishop Hendrick will proceed to the Philippine Islands, where he will assume the duties of the bishopric of Cebu.

Bishop Hendrick called on the president to discuss with him certain points in the Philippines. He said it would be the particular effort of the four American bishops to build up in the archipelago a high class native priesthood, so as to aid the solution of many problems which confront the government in the Philippines. During the Spanish regime in the islands every possible obstacle was placed in the way of the education of native Filipinos as priests. The Catholic church, as stated by Bishop Hendrick, has endeavored the education of native priests.

It can be said that both President Roosevelt and Secretary Root are in hearty sympathy with the proposed effort, because they realize fully its importance to the United States government.

Secretary of the Navy Moody arrived at Sagamore Hill this evening about 6. He came to discuss some departmental matters, including, it is understood, the report respecting the increase of the navy. It is believed that with the approval of the president, Secretary Moody will recommend the construction of several additional battleships and a number of scout ships—vessels of comparatively light draught and great speed.

After discussing the summer maneuvers of the North Atlantic squadron, which are soon to take place.

MURDER SUSPECT IN IOWA

Girl Who is Wanted in Utah on Capital Charge Discovered at Denton.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 24.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Miss Ella Hodge, also known as Allie Fisher. She is charged with the murder of William Ryan, a spectacle vender, whose body, found and without a name, was found under his wagon near Murray about ten days ago.

Miss Hodge has been located at Denton, Ia. DENISON, Ia., July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Anna Hodge, who is wanted by Salt Lake City, Utah, on a charge of murder in the first degree and who has been in this city the past week, disappeared last night, leaving no clue as to her destination or manner of departure.

Mrs. Hodge arrived here from Salt Lake City on Wednesday evening, July 23, and since that time has been working for Alfred Larsen, her brother, who is manager of the Iowa Telephone company at this place. On last Wednesday morning the city marshal, A. Bowling, received a message from the authorities at Salt Lake City requesting him to watch Mrs. Hodge and not allow her to leave the city. Simultaneously the local newspapers received a message from the Salt Lake Tribune requesting them to wire an interview with Mrs. Hodge.

The interview was secured on Thursday afternoon and was immediately wired.

Up to this time the authorities here knew nothing of the nature of the charges against her. This morning the authorities were instructed from Salt Lake City to arrest her on the charge of murder in the first degree, but when they entered the telephone office her chair was empty; the bird had flown. The Thursday night train was closely watched and it is the general opinion that she took her departure on the bumper.

The Omaha and Des Moines police were notified to be on the lookout for the woman. No trace of her has been secured in this city and at a late hour last night the Des Moines authorities made the same report.

WOMEN SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Driving Home in Colorado Received Wife and Companion Retrayed Gun Charge.

LAKE CITY, Colo., July 24.—Mrs. Anna Bailey and Mrs. Mary Woods were shot from ambush last night about a mile from town while returning from Lake Shore. Mrs. Bailey is mortally wounded and Mrs. Woods is in a serious condition.

The assassin, who was concealed among rocks on the mountain side, fired a charge of buckshot at the women as they drove past. The charge struck Mrs. Bailey on the side of the face, neck and shoulders, cutting her windpipe, tearing away part of her nose and destroying one eye. Many of the pellets penetrated Mrs. Woods' body.

The horse ran away and both women were thrown out, receiving further injuries. Mrs. Woods' husband, who had quarreled with her, has been arrested and is being held for investigation.

JEW UNITES WITH GENTILE

International Conference Plans Union of Christians and Hebrews.

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, Md., July 24.—The International Hebrew conference, an interdenominational body, represented by delegates from several countries and speaking various languages, opened today. Fifty Hebrew and Christian ministers are in attendance. A union of Hebrews and Christians will be formed.

FOR A NEW COUNTY MACHINE

Jeffaria and Associates Unfold a Plan to Adopt Pennsylvania Methods.

GOES HALF WAY TO DIRECT NOMINATION Proposition Contemplates Complete Reorganization of Republican Party Machinery in Douglas County.

Complete reorganization of the machinery of the republican party in Douglas county is the program that has been laid out for the county committee at an early meeting. The plan which finds favor with those whose influence is paramount with the present county committee was opened up to a conference of republicans, who had been called together yesterday afternoon in the office of the county judge in the courthouse. About a score were in attendance, with Harry B. Morrill of the county judge's office acting as chairman, and stating the object of the meeting was the discussion of a proposition for a new system of primary elections and party organization approaching the direct nomination scheme.

The proposition as formulated by A. W. Jeffaria in the shape of a set of rules to be adopted by the county committee was read at length and explained by Mr. Jeffaria, who said that he was copying the method in vogue in Chester county, Pennsylvania, which had resulted in building up a strong republican machine, insuring the election of republican candidates and practically eliminating factionalism.

All Candidates on Primary Ballots. The main change proposed contemplates requiring all candidates for office to submit their names upon the official primary ballots for an expression of preference by the voters not only in their own wards and precincts, but throughout the entire county. The delegate convention is to be retained, but simply to register the expression of preference at the polls, the delegates being required to carry out the instructions voted in the popular preference. Absolute powers will be vested in the chairman of the convention to cast the vote of the recalcitrant delegate, should he refuse the proposition to break away from his instructions.

If any candidate has a complete majority of the recorded vote for the particular office for which he stands he becomes ipso facto the nominee of the party. The no candidate, on the other hand, receives a clear majority of the delegates in convention are to respond to roll call with the names of the candidates who receive the highest number of votes in their respective precincts. Each delegation is to continue to record its vote for this candidate so long as his name before the convention, the name to be eliminated on each ballot, to be determined by the low vote. By this process of elimination the votes of the delegates are expected to be gradually centered on those candidates who receive the largest number of expressions of preference at the different precincts of the county. The certificates of nomination are to be made in accordance with these rules.

No Dark Horses Go Here. Before the applicant for office can have his name submitted at the primaries, it is proposed that he shall declare himself a candidate for a particular office at least thirty days before the primary election, of which sixty days' notice shall have been given. The candidate for nomination, moreover, must subscribe to a pledge that in case he is defeated he will not be a candidate against his successful competitor and no candidate is to be considered by the convention except for the office for which he filed his name and paid his entrance fees. It was explained that this would do away with all possibility of dark horses and with switching a candidate for one office to some other office as a trade.

The proposed plan includes a complete reorganization of the county committee, with a precinct organization meeting on precinct primaries. The committee would consist of one member from each voting precinct, to be selected at the precinct primaries, and would be authorized to choose its own chairman, who in turn would appoint an executive committee of five as additional members of the larger committee.

Apportionment by Voting Precincts. The delegates to the convention were characterized in the discussion as mere messengers to record the votes registered at the primaries. They are also to be apportioned by precinct, giving one delegate to each precinct and an additional one to each 100 votes cast at the preceding presidential election. Mr. Jeffaria explained that the presidential vote was taken as the basis because that is the vote adopted as the basis in Chester county, Pennsylvania. Each precinct would be represented, therefore, would remain unchanged for four years. The fees for the filing of delegates' names would be entirely abolished and an effort would be made to secure volunteers without charge to conduct the primary elections.

It was finally agreed to send the draft prepared by Mr. Jeffaria to a committee to be appointed by the chairman to perfect it to conform with Nebraska primary election law and to report back at another meeting next Tuesday. The committee appointed by Chairman Morrill consists of A. W. Jeffaria, E. G. Burbank, W. G. Ure, Clancy St. Clair, A. H. Burnett and John C. Wharton. Among those present at the meeting were: Harry B. Morrill, A. W. Jeffaria, H. C. Brome, A. H. Burnett, W. G. Ure, Howard Kennedy, Jr., Clyde Sunblad, Charles Leslie, John A. Scott, Clancy St. Clair, B. G. Burbank, T. W. Blackburn, A. C. Harte, W. A. Hensick, John T. Cathers and several others.

HANNA BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Eleven More Victims Taken Out of Wrecked Mine in Wyoming.

HANNA, Wyo., July 24.—Eleven more victims of the Union Pacific mine explosion have been recovered. Although they are badly mangled and decomposed they have been identified as follows: JAMES WILDE, JR. JAMES WATSON. THOMAS MANTI. HENRY LINDI. ROBERT TINSLEY. JOY TINSLEY. CLAY TINSLEY. MARY MALLBERG. FILES NICHOLSON.

Good progress is being made and it is hoped all the bodies will be recovered before the end of the month.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warm Saturday. Showers and Cooler at Night and Sunday.

Table with 4 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m.

DRUNKEN FATHER STABS SON

According to Boy's Story There Was No Excuse for Assault Except Man Was in Ill Humor.

W. G. Reschke stabbed and severely cut his son Paul at the Reschke meat market, 614 North Twenty-fourth street, South Omaha, about 9:30 o'clock last night.

According to the story told by Paul Reschke, his father had been drinking all day and came into the butcher shop in a half-crazed condition. This is the story Paul tells:

"I was engaged in dressing chickens when my father came in. He had been drinking and I knew the moment I saw him that he was in an ugly mood. Without saying a word to me he picked up a knife from the block and made a thrust at me. When my father saw that I did not fall when he stabbed me he made another slap at me with the knife and it landed on the back of my left hand, which I held up as a guard. Then my father grabbed me by the throat and threatened to choke me if I made any noise. Someone came to the front door and my father released his hold and I ran out the back door into the alley. My father overtook me, as I was already weak from loss of blood, he dragged me back into the butcher shop, but before he could beat me he threatened to do outside parties who had heard the racket came in and I managed to get away to a doctor's office."

Paul Reschke, who is about 20 years old, hurried to Dr. Kelly's office, where his injuries were dressed. Five stitches were needed to close the wound on the hand. The wound in the breast, just under the heart, is not considered at all serious.

Mrs. Reschke reported the matter to the police and the officers started out on a hunt for her husband. When Reschke discovered that people were looking into his place he ran to the front door, jumped into his delivery wagon and drove toward Omaha at a rapid pace. Dr. Kelly says that young Reschke is not seriously injured.

PURE FOOD MEN ADJOURN

Elect Officers, Condemn Preservatives, Boost Good Whisky and Close Convention.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 24.—The National Convention of Dairy and Food Commissioners closed today with the election of officers, and the officers started out on a hunt for her husband. When Reschke discovered that people were looking into his place he ran to the front door, jumped into his delivery wagon and drove toward Omaha at a rapid pace. Dr. Kelly says that young Reschke is not seriously injured.

A number of resolutions were adopted. A most important were those referring to coloring matter and preservatives. The use of preservatives in food was condemned and coloring matter was also condemned, except that known to be harmless. The bottling in bond of liquor was approved and a recommendation was added for the extension of the law to facilitate the distribution of pure whisky from manufacturer to consumer.

BATHER LOST IN SALT LAKE

Man and Boy Missing All Night. One Buffets Waves and Lives, Other Drowns.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 24.—Delirious from buffeting all night the waves of the Great Salt Lake's Roslyn Wells was found today lying on the rocks about 100 feet from Antelope Island. The body of his companion, Roy Larkin, aged 15, has not been found.

Wells and Larkin, with Wells' sister-in-law, Miss Pomeroy, went bathing yesterday afternoon at Saltair. They waded far out until deep water was reached. A strong breeze sprang up and when they attempted to return Larkin, who was unable to swim, could make no headway. Miss Pomeroy reached the pavilion, but rescuing parties were unable to find any trace of Wells and Larkin.

Wells said he lost Larkin about 3 1/2 miles out, after supporting him all night.

CIVIL WAR HERO PASSES AWAY

Last Survivor of Successful Attack on Confederate Stockades Dies of Consumption.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., July 24.—Zachariah C. Neahr, who was buried at Canajoharie this afternoon, was the last survivor of twelve men who destroyed the confederate stockade.

Nine of his companions fell before a rain of sharpshooters' bullets. Neahr died of consumption aged 72. Congress had remembered him with a medal for heroism.

FITZSIMMONS WEDS TODAY

Famous Pugilist to Marry Julia May Gifford, the Actress.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, was today granted a license to marry Julia May Gifford, the actress. The ceremony will take place tomorrow at Miss Gifford's hotel.

Fitzsimmons gave his age as 41 and that of the prospective bride as 23.

HEAT MAKES VETERAN MAD

Five Emporia Men Lose Reason Through Intensely Hot Weather.

EMPORIA, Kan., July 24.—Ruben Garrison, an old soldier, a victim of the intense heat, was adjudged insane today. This is the fifth case of the kind from the same cause during the present hot spell.

TALK OF NEW POPE

Rampolla Appears to Have Strong Chance to Rule at Vatican.

LEO'S SECRETARY PROMISED SUPPORT

Failing Election He Will Fight for Man He Can Control.

FORMAL MASSES SAID FOR DEAD PONTIFF

Victor Emmanuel Orders Private Chaplain to Honor Holy Father.

CROWDS INCREASE AROUND THE BIER

Women Faint, Men Shout and Troops Preserve Order Through All Long, Hot, Dusty Summer Day.

ROME, July 24.—The report generally circulated that the body of Pope Leo was beginning to show signs of decomposition caused great excitement, but it is now contradicted by the doctors. Many people who had come to visit the chapel of the sacrament in St. Peter's on the last day of lying in state, and thus avoiding the crowd, hurried there today, fearing that it would be buried tonight, while many persons in the provinces took the first trains to Rome, which resulted in a gathering at St. Peter's larger than that of yesterday.

Otherwise the scene was practically the same. The work of the soldiers and police on duty was more arduous, owing to the burning sun and dust, and the struggle to enter the cathedral, the fainting of women, the screaming of children and the yells of men. However, no grave incident has so far been reported.

Dr. Lapanni, in the face of the doubts cast on the efficacy of his process of embalming, went with the other doctors today to examine the body and found it to be in a perfect state of preservation.