

would continue they did not venture to say. As Dr. Laponi came from the sick room at 10 o'clock this evening for a breath of fresh air he summed up the decline in the patient's condition by saying:

"The pope's condition tonight is worse than this morning or last night, and while the end may be at any moment, yet an imminent catastrophe is hardly anticipated, as the state of coma may be prolonged many hours."

When the state of coma first occurred the doctors formally communicated the gravity of the condition of his holiness to Cardinal Rampolla, who in turn advised the cardinals of the sacred college. At the same time the general public learned of the condition of the pontiff, and the entrance of the Vatican was soon thronged with cardinals of the church and diplomatic representatives making anxious inquiries. Twice the rumor of the death of the pope had gained currency.

The cardinals and diplomats on their arrival were informed of the gravity of the situation, and many of them left upon learning that the rumors of the pope's death were unfounded.

Confessor Is Called In.
The condition of coma was interrupted shortly after sunset. Cardinal Vives y Tuto and Big. Peñi, the pope's confessor, were then called into the sick room and began to repeat Latin prayers, the familiar language of the church and diplomatic representatives making anxious inquiries. Twice the rumor of the death of the pope had gained currency.

He lifted his head. Cardinal Vives y Tuto took advantage of this to go to his bed and tell the pontiff that some of the cardinals were anxious to see him. "I myself," said he, "desire to have your benediction." The pope with a great effort raised a trembling hand and in an almost inaudible voice gave the cardinal the pontifical blessing. This effort, however, appeared to have been too much for him, and he fell back into a condition of unconsciousness.

Among the cardinals who came to the Vatican today was Cardinal Oreglia, dean of the sacred college, upon whom will fall the chief duty of directing affairs when the pope's death comes. He went to the apartments which have been prepared for his permanent occupation, and it was believed that he had taken up his residence at the Vatican in anticipation of his speedy assumption of the important duties he will be called upon to perform. Later, however, he left the Vatican. Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, the great penitentiary, also arrived in readiness to perform his office of rectifying prayers for the dying pontiff. He remained at the Vatican throughout the afternoon and evening.

May Live Twenty-Four Hours.
Toward night the reports from the sick room continued to be the gravest character. Cardinal Della Vostra, coming from the Vatican, said he had held a brief conversation with Dr. Laponi, and that the latter had made the following statement:

"If nothing new happens the patient may live until tomorrow morning, perhaps until evening, that is twenty-four hours longer. But beyond this his survival is impossible."

Following the departure of the cardinals a number of carriages were stationed in the courtyard of the Vatican in readiness to receive the cardinal to the Vatican when the catastrophe seemed imminent.

The medical aspect of the pope's case is exciting much discussion, one reliable authority, having opportunity of knowing the private history of the case, says a third operation for the removal of the pleuritic fluid has been made, but has not been made public. It is also stated in the same reliable quarter that Dr. Laponi and Dr. Mazzoni have made a written statement before a notary public giving the exact condition of the pope's case and that copies of these statements have been deposited with Cardinal Rampolla and Monsignor Cagno de Asvedo, the major dome of his holiness.

The purposes of this statement is to preserve the pope's case, as a medical case, from the treatment of the public. It is understood that the doctors have not been as frank in their bulletins, as they personally desired to be, details of some features of the case being withheld at the request of the pope's confessor. Their formal statement is expected to clear up the entire medical history of the case.

BULLETINS FROM BEDSIDE
Indicate a Rapid Loosening of the Pope's Hold Upon Life.

ROME, July 19.—6:30 a. m.—The following medical bulletin has just been issued by the pope's physicians:

The night was sleepless with little tranquility. The pope's strength continues to decrease. His temperature is 38.5, pulse regular, at 84; temperature 36.5, pulse regular, at 84.

MAZZONI, 12:45.—The pope's condition continues about the same, but his holiness is, it is possible, somewhat more restless and he calls frequently when his attendants are in the room.

At 3 p. m.—The pope is in a restless and somewhat unnatural sleep, frequently calling out.

At 5 p. m.—The pope has had an attack of delirium. The end appears inevitable. Cardinal Vannutelli, grand penitentiary, whose duty it is to say prayers for the dying, entered the sick chamber at 5 o'clock this evening. This is believed to indicate that the pope is in extremis.

ROME, July 20.—2:45 a. m.—A suspicion has arisen that the change in the pope's condition is due to blood poisoning as a result of derangement of the kidneys.

Although the condition of the pope is unchanged and coma continues, all about the Vatican is quiet, except the apartments of the pontiff, it being thought that a catastrophe will not occur during the night. A contributing element to the weakness of the pope has been the fact that he has not been able to eat since the morning of the 18th.

At 4 a. m.—When the pope is called by his attendants he still makes a great effort to arouse himself from the stupor into which he has sunk, but this soon again overcomes him.

At 6 a. m.—At this hour it is announced that the condition of the pontiff is apparently stationary.

POPE LEAVES INSTRUCTIONS
Advices Cardinals Not to Shut Themselves Up in the Vatican.

PARIS, July 20.—A dispatch to the Figaro from Rome says a well informed private has told their correspondent that he believes Pope Leo's papers will contain a

bull relating to the coming conclave and advising the cardinals not to shut themselves up within the Vatican grounds, on account of the age and weakness of several of their number and the unhealthiness of the palace in hot weather. The voting for the new pope will in any case take place in the Sistine chapel, the cardinals being sworn to secrecy as to their deliberations.

A special to the Le Gaulois from Rome says it is asserted that the Italian government is intending to render royal honors as soon as the death is known, by firing cannon at Port St. Angelo, and by half-masting all of the flags.

The correspondent of the Eclair at Rome has had a long conversation with Marquis Socheti, grand marshal of the papal court, who repeated to him the following declaration made by Cardinal Oreglia, who will take over the administration of pontifical affairs during the interregnum of the official head of the church.

"I shall act as the only living authority and I count on the devotion of the clergy and the military, and I shall expect it to be absolutely blind. For the soldier there is a prison, and I shall use it. And the Vatican, which is the heart of the Italian police, and I know the garrison of Rome will do its duty outside, let us do ours inside."

"I intend to revive the proper traditions, taking as a model the former conclaves. Not the death of Pope Leo XIII. will be announced from the loggia of St. Peter's to the people of the world, nor will it be made known in a hole-in-the-corner fashion inside. The funeral will be celebrated in accordance with authentic bulls. I intend to have the guard of the pontifical army to revive the lying in state of the body in the Sistine chapel, which function was suppressed on the last occasion. Every morning orders will be given by me alone, and I shall punish the slightest assumption of authority outside the execution of my orders."

"Accustom yourselves, gentlemen, not to consider me as an old priest, but as your head, calm and absolute above all, and with no other control than that of my conscience."

The sacred college has decided that the seclusion of the cardinals during the conclave shall be carried out with the strictest formalities. It will even be impossible for the cardinals to look out of the windows, and the Vatican guards will watch the coming and going of every one. Cardinal Oreglia has ordered all the telephones in the Vatican to be removed before the conclave begins.

WIRES CONDITION IS GRAVE
Papal Secretary of State Notifies Delegate to the United States.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Mgr. Falconio, the papal delegate, today received the following telegram from Cardinal Rampolla:

"The condition of the holy father grows more depressed."

Mgr. Falconio later this afternoon received a second telegram from Cardinal Rampolla. It said:

"Holy father continues in grave state of depression."

This is the second time since the pope was taken to the Vatican in Rome that he has sent more than one telegram a day to the papal delegate here. The other occasion was when the pope was thought to be dying several days ago.

Acting Secretary of State Loomis yesterday sent the following telegram to Cardinal Rampolla at Rome:

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Tonight the following reply was received to the message sent to Cardinal Rampolla by Acting Secretary of State Loomis:

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