

**POPE IN UNIQUE SERVICE**

**He Hears Mass in Greek at the Vatican.**

**AN UNUSUAL SCENE**

Conducted by An Eastern Patriarch—First Function of the Kind Attended by a Pope Since 1438—Without Precedent in Other Respects—A Historical Review.

The Service in honor of St. John Chrysostom held in the hall of the Beatifications at the Vatican on February 12 was unusual in many ways. Never before did any Pope take part in a religious ceremony in which the Greek instead of the Latin liturgy was followed; nor has any Pope attended a similar function since the time of the union between the Latin and Eastern churches after the Council of Florence in 1438.

It was the first time in the history of the papacy that a capella papa, as the function held in one of the chapels or churches of Rome in the presence of the Pope is generally called, was altered in ceremonial, decoration and liturgy to suit the requirements of the Greek rite, and the first time that the Pope used Greek instead of Latin.

A special altar was erected at one end of the hall with three icons in front of it arranged in such a way as to form the three entrances, or doors, through which the celebrants and servers pass during the mass.



POPE PIUS X.

On the altar were six gold candlesticks and a crucifix, while rare oriental carpets covered the steps below. To the right was the papal throne, and at each side of the aisle were benches for the Cardinals, Bishops and prelates of the papal court.

The body of the hall was crowded with people eager and interested even in the slightest incident. The number of applicants for tickets was so great that the majordomo was forced to issue permits to many allowing them to stand in the corridors.

About the time appointed for the ceremony the murmuring of many voices in the hall was silenced by the sound of the Greek hymn sung in the distance, which meant that the cortege had left the Sistine Chapel and was wending its way through the Sala Regia.

Three Greek priests carrying a golden cross and two flabelli then appeared, followed by a procession of Greek student priests, Bishops in gorgeously embroidered vestments with the characteristic black biretta and flowing veil, patriarchs in capes of cloth of gold and Phrygian mitres studded with gems, and deacons carrying lighted candlesticks. In the centre was the Patriarch of Antioch, his Beatitude Cyril VIII., the celebrant of the mass and on either side walked Bishops carrying symbolic candlesticks.

As the procession approached the altar there was a hush and a pause. The singing stopped and the papal troops saluted the Patriarch. The hymn began again, and from the subdued hush everyone realized that the Pope was coming.

He wore the triple crown and a white satin cope, and from time to time he blessed the people, recognizing even in the crowd, some of his devoted friends. At the altar steps he alighted, prayed and blessed the Greek celebrants.

Then the celebration of mass according to the Greek liturgy began. It was most impressive and solemn. The Pope followed the mass from the throne, where from time to time he was incensed by the celebrants and exchanged with them the embrace of peace.

The mass lasted two hours, at the end of which the Pope imparted the apostolic benediction and the ceremony was over.

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A cribbage game for a million points, which has already lasted seven years, is being played in Des Moines, Iowa, by Col. John C. Loper and Milo Ward, says the Clinton (Ia.) Herald. The score to-day is 460,234 to 455,234.

The players estimate that they will live to finish the contest in 1915. Mr. Loper is sheriff of Polk county and Milo Ward is secretary of the Commercial Exchange. The men play once a week, either Monday or Saturday night, from 7.30 to 11.

They have played for 376 consecutive weeks and religiously keep their weekly engagement. The average number of points made each night for the past seven years is 2,150. Just what the stakes are neither of the players will divulge. Both men are over the fifty year mark.

The game has been divided into series of 100,000 points each. The men are now on their fifth. During the weekly contests they take half an hour for light refreshments.

The players have worn out a number of cribbage boards and about twenty-five packs of cards so far in their contest. The men expect on their last series, which will come about eight years from now, to invite their friends and card experts to see the finish of probably the longest card game ever played in the world.

**A Remarkable Blast.**

One of the methods of quarrying granite is to dislodge a huge sheet from the surface of the formation through the medium of a powder mine. A large perpendicular shaft is first blasted to a depth of about thirty feet. At the bottom of this and radiating horizontally, like the spokes of a huge wheel, long holes are drilled.

The extremities of these holes, says Popular Mechanics, are then shot with light charges of dynamite in order to create chambers large enough to receive large quantities of black powder. This takes weeks of ever increasing charges. Then the final charge is loaded. The huge chambers at the extremities of the spokes are packed with hundreds of pounds of powder, numerous electric wires attached, and the whole mine tamped with fine material. A mighty roar and rumble in the bowels of the earth and the huge sheet is detached from the ledge.

**Traffic of the Auto.**

On some of the automobile frequented streets, especially where there are garages, the asphalt pavement is stained with oil and smells in no uncertain sense of the gasoline car. The trace of the auto is nowhere better marked, however, than on the streets with slight upgrades in them.

There the oil dripping out of the back of the pan, fairly splashes the street. Some persons who live just a bit out where the street runs a bit uphill are very unhappy because of it in the summer.

Every car that runs by leaves its signature written on the pavement, and the sun beating down does the rest. It is a fact that some houses without other defects have suffered in the market from the fact that the street in front is foul smelling from the oil drippings.—N. Y. Sun.

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