

SONNINO, ITALIAN EX-PREMIER, DIES

Son of Jewish Father and Scotch Mother Was 75 Years Old in March

MADE ALLIES PAY WELL

Rome, Nov. 24.—Baron Sonnino, twice Prime Minister of Italy and also Foreign Minister during the great war, died last night.

On Monday Baron Sonnino had attended a session of the Senate, appearing in splendid spirits, and on Tuesday, although the sittings had been suspended, he went to the Senate Chamber and conversed at length and with animation with a number of his colleagues. Later he was seen out walking with his customary light and almost youthful step.

When the surprising news came Wednesday of his having suffered a stroke, King Victor Emmanuel seemed to feel the blow keenly and asked to be informed of the Baron's condition every half-hour. Signor Tittoni, president of the Senate, who was out of the city, returned immediately and hastened to the bedside of his dying friend.

Baron Sidney Sonnino, twice Prime Minister of Italy and Minister of Foreign Affairs during the World War, had long been one of the commanding figures in Italian political life. He was Premier of Italy in 1901 and again in 1910. From 1914 to 1919 he was at the head of the foreign affairs department and at the conclusion of the war attended the Paris peace conference as the adviser of Prime Minister Orlando. He brought to the Versailles meeting the reputation of "the first financier of Europe," the man who had proved the economic life of the world to its core.

A Jew by race, a Protestant by faith

and a native of Egypt, the man who was one day destined to handle the Italian ship of state was born of an Italian Jewish father and a Scotch mother on March 11, 1847, on the banks of the Nile. He was educated partly in England and at the University of Pisa. His grandfather migrated from the ghetto of Leghorn, Italy, to Egypt where he built up an enormous fortune as a banker, a fortune which the future Premier of Italy enjoyed.

Entered Diplomatic Service

Two years after receiving his degree from the university, Sonnino entered the diplomatic service. He competed for and won a post in the foreign office and was attached in turn to the Italian legations of Madrid, Vienna, Berlin and Versailles. In 1872 he returned to Italy and with his friend, Leopold Franchetti, joined Pasquale Villari in a study of poverty and its remedies. This made an exhaustive inquiry into conditions in Sicily and published a two-volume report of their investigations.

Then he turned to journalism, which eventually led him into the political arena. In 1880 he was elected a deputy from San Viescente, near Florence, and he has represented the district in the chamber ever since. His first experience in an Italian cabinet came in 1887, when he succeeded Crispien as under secretary of state for the treasury, holding that office until the fall of the Crispien ministry in 1889.

In 1893 a new cabinet was formed, in which Sonnino held the post of Minister of Finance and of the Treasury, which he held for three years. Sonnino rose to the position and reorganized his country's finances. The ministry collapsed and Sonnino was made Premier. His authority lasted 100 days. Gallitri returning to power.

After the fall of the school of fortune and Sonnino again became Premier, but again his tenure of office was only 100 days. When the World War broke, Sonnino was rendered the foreign affairs portfolio and in the four dark years that followed he was a tower of strength to the allied powers. Always he insisted that no secret peace negotiations should be signed, but at the Paris Conference he stubbornly opposed the aspirations of the Jugoslavs and Serbians whose cause France and England had espoused.

Like Lloyd George, he insisted upon having every point of Austria, Rus-

Season's Debutante



MISS ANENATH COX
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promised to him by the 1915 treaty in London, when the Jugoslav state and independent Bohemia were not even dreamed of by the great powers of the continent, and at the time when Russia was invading the dual empire and also penetrating far into the eastern provinces of Germany.

Personally Baron Sonnino was unpopular with the mass of his countrymen as well as with his official colleagues. He was reserved and made no effort to court popular favor. He was no orator, and his speeches in Parli-

ment almost always were read from manuscript. When he attempted to speak extemporaneously his delivery was so halting that it excited the mirth of his hearers.

Baron Sonnino was one of the most abstemious of men in spite of his wealth. Even before the war, he practiced the most rugged economy. Italy could not borrow favorably in the London market for reason of her enormous public debt. Sonnino lowered it by vigorous taxation, by reducing public salaries and expenditures and eliminating needless employes. The politicians, therefore, hated him.

Before entering politics he was editor of the magazine *Rassegna*, which he founded and in which for years he stated his political and economic views. He also wrote and lectured on Dante and Petrarch, of whose works he was a close student.

BARBER COLLECTS 'FORTUNE' AND BRIDE IN GERMANY

Collingswood 'Mark Millionaire' Changed Views on Matrimony
Julius O. W. Fritsch, Collingswood's barber and "mark millionaire," who went to Germany to collect an inheritance, has also acquired a fiancée.

Fritsch was notified several months ago that an uncle in Düsseldorf had left him 20,000,000 marks, normally \$5,000,000. The German currency is now shot so full of holes that the vast sum represents about \$2000 in real money.

The barber is a widower and is fifty-two years old. When he left Collingswood for Germany he said he wouldn't marry the best woman living unless she was worth twice as much as him. Yesterday a friend received a cable announcing Fritsch's engagement to Fraulein Maria Rock, of Düsseldorf.

Fritsch intends to bring his bride to Collingswood next spring.

Laborers' Jobs Go Begging
Some trouble is being experienced by the local Civil Service Commission to obtain laborers and drivers for the division of street cleaning, the eligible register for the positions having been depleted. The applications filed to date number 129, compared with 1000 one year ago.

HOW ROCKEFELLER PARTED WITH \$10

Church Usher Thought Such a Gift Too Large

New York, Nov. 24.—(By A. P.)—Ignorant of the identity of the donor, a church usher once offered to return a \$10 bill to John D. Rockefeller because he thought he had not intended to put that much in the collection plate. The story was told by his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the dedication last night in the new Park Avenue Baptist Church. The elder Rockefeller, with two friends, was attending church services

in Springfield, Mass., as a member of a committee to hear the Rev. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce preach. Mr. Rockefeller hesitated before dropping the \$10 in the plate, thinking it might reveal his identity. After the service the usher approached Mr. Rockefeller and told him he noticed his hesitancy, and that if he had not meant to give so large an amount he would gladly return it.

BLIZZARD BURIES OLEAN, N. Y.
Olean, N. Y., Nov. 24.—(By A. P.)—Train and trolley service was crippled today by the biggest November snowfall in the history of the city. The storm developed into a blizzard and more than four inches of snow already has fallen.

KIN SEE OSTEOPATH KILLED BY REVOLVER

Dr. George A. Still Accidentally Meets Death Before Guests

Kirkville, Mo., Nov. 24.—(By A. P.)—His wife, parents and thirty-five guests at an entertainment at his home saw Dr. George A. Still, president of the American School of Osteopathy here, and nationally known as an osteopath, instantly killed last night

when he accidentally dropped a pistol and a bullet from it penetrated his brain.

Dr. Still, sportsman and lover of the outdoors, had shown members of the party his shotgun, and was exhibiting the mechanism of a recently purchased pistol when the accident occurred.

KITCHENS ON WHEELS
It almost blazes the imagination when one sees that one large railroad engine carries 375,000 meals in its dining cars in one year. George N. McCann is writing a column of interesting facts and comment, which will appear in the *Editorial Page* of the *Evening Public Ledger*. "Make it a habit."—Adv.

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