

ENRICO CARUSO DIES IN NATIVE NAPLES; END CAME SUDDENLY

**Famous Tenor Succumbs When
Taken From Sorrento for
New Operation.**

NATIONAL MOURNING IN ITALY

**Tenor, It Is Now Disclosed, Had
Undergone Six Operations
and Blood Transfusion.**

COLLEAGUES PAY TRIBUTE

**Called "Matchless Singer" by Those
Who Sang With Him—Whole World
Watched His Long Illness Here.**

NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 2 (Associated Press).—Enrico Caruso died here today. The great singer, whose ultimate recovery had been hoped for under the benign influences of his own Neapolitan skies, passed away at 9 o'clock this morning at the Hotel Vesuvius in this city.

At his own request, Caruso's body will be embalmed and the funeral services will be held tomorrow. It is recalled that when he lay gravely stricken in New York, he had expressed the wish that he might die in Italy, and now all Italy is mourning that this sad wish has come true.

The feeling of Italians has always been one of pride that Caruso for so many years represented the musical genius of their race. And not only that, many of them had found a friend in the beloved singer in time of need.

Signor Caruso had been brought here hurriedly from Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples, where less than a week ago he avowed his returning strength and expressed the conviction that he would sing again as in the old days.

He had been able to visit the famous Sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii, giving a thank offering for his recovery. He went also to the wonderful Island of Capri, where he attended a luncheon in his honor. But soon afterward unfavorable symptoms, in the form of a high fever, manifested themselves, and his wife telegraphed to a Rome specialist to come to Sorrento. It was then discovered that a new internal abscess had developed.

Caruso's removal to Rome for an operation was advised, but he showed such weakness that it was impossible to transfer him further than Naples, where he arrived by sea Sunday evening. Four eminent physicians were called in consultation, and their examination showed the presence of a subphrenic abscess, accompanied by severe peritonitis.

An operation at noon today was decided upon, but the patient's condition became suddenly worse at 4:30 in the morning, and he died soon afterward. Prior to this, heart stimulation was resorted to hourly.

In order that Caruso should not tire himself, the attending physicians ordered him not to speak, so during his last night he uttered no word.

Of the members of his family present at the deathbed, the most pathetic was his father's widow, who had always clung obstinately to her little home, despite her stepson's efforts to accustom her to the material comforts of life.

Mrs. Caruso With Him to the Last.

Present also at the bedside were Caruso's wife, who was Dorothy, daughter of Park Benjamin of New York; their little daughter Gloria and Caruso's eldest son, Rodolfo, as well as the tenor's brother, Giovanni, several nephews, and Vincenzo Bellezza and Paolo Longone, two musicians.

For a time after his arrival in Italy Caruso showed improvement, his native air having a beneficial effect. Nevertheless, he conserved his strength, and for this reason was obliged to refuse a request to sing at a reception given by the Admiralty to Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan.

That his voice remained strong and clear was declared to have been evidenced when recently he sang before the soprano Hidalgo and the baritone Montesanto, who expressed their delight.

There was grave anxiety, however, when Caruso, only a few days ago, began to show signs of depression. The rising temperature, which had characterized previous attacks, recurred, and steadily his condition grew worse until Saturday, when he suffered from violent pains in the abdominal region.

The medical consultation followed, and it was apparent that the patient was not only suffering acute physical pain, but that his heart was weakening rapidly. Oxygen was administered and other measures were taken to prolong his vitality.

Caruso himself wanted to proceed immediately to Rome, but he was dissuaded from this because such a journey, it was pointed out, might prove fatal.

Found New Operation Necessary.

LONDON, Aug. 2 (Associated Press).—Caruso was prepared for an operation Sunday, over the results of which the surgeons were pessimistic, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome today, quoting a Naples message.

Caruso was said to have become extremely weak yesterday afternoon, the weakness of his heart necessitating injection of camphor every two hours.

The operation, the dispatch said, was for an abscess between the liver and the diaphragm, which caused acute peritonitis. Caruso's wife and his brother were at his bedside.

The tenor was until a week ago believed to be on the way to recovery from the long illness which began in New York last Winter early in the operatic season.

Then suddenly he had an unexpected

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relapse and was removed from Sorrento to Naples.

He arrived at Naples Sunday night, added the message, and the specialists who were called decided to operate immediately.

The burial of Caruso will take place today (Wednesday) amid national mourning, at the Church of Santa Maria Gracia, in Naples, according to the Daily Mail.

Crowds in Italy Watched Bulletins.

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ROME, Aug. 2.—The news of Caruso's fatal relapse filled every one in Rome with the deepest consternation, as

throughout Italy it had been hoped that the singer was definitely on the road to recovery. According to reports here, the greatest impression was caused in his native Naples, where a vast crowd in perfect silence waited all morning outside the clinic in order to hear how the patient was progressing. Some papers printed special editions, giving bulletins of Caruso's condition.

Hundreds of telegrams expressing sympathy, and others of encouragement up to the last, were received from all over Italy. The physicians did not disguise the gravity of the operation, for which they had prepared, especially in view of the weakened condition of the patient, but they had expressed even yesterday the strong hope of saving Caruso's life. Late last night in Rome, knots of people had remained standing outside the newspaper offices to get the first news of the result of the operation. Instead came the news of his death this morning.

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