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ROME IS PREPARING FOR 4,000,000 PILGRIMS.

With the selection by the Pope early December of the Cardinals who are o act as special Legates for the openng of the basilica doors at the beginning of the Holy Year that begins in January, this outstanding event of the Roman Catholic Church is taking final shape. The Holy or Jubilee Years are the

reatest festivals of the Church and have been celebrated with only three exceptions in the last century, once every 25 years since 1475. Hundreds of thousands and even

millions of pilgrims journey to Rome during Jubilee Years to enjoy the special spiritual favours which the Church concedes for the occasion, while hundreds of thousands more are attracted by the wonderful pageantry of the Vatican functions.

The lowest number of pilgrims on record gathered in Rome for the last Holy Year-only 350,000. As the number of visitors during the year is proportional to the facilities for housing hem, arrangements have this time been made for between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 and it is expected that this number will be exceeded, in which case 1925 will mark a new high level, the previous one being 3,000,000 in

The Vatican, the Government and the municipality have all contributed to render it possible for Rome, which has a population of 755,000, to accommodate such a vast multitude of people. The Vatican is building special hostels, turning over for use by the pilgrims monasteries, convents, and other ecclesiastical institutions, making an accurate census of the rooms which can be rented for short periods of time at a moderate rental.

The Government is granting special privileges to the builders of all new houses which are completed within the year by passing decrees forbidding landlords to evict their tenants and giving the tenants the right to sublet a part or the whole of their apartments even if their contracts with the which are granted. landlords expressly prohibit it, by collecting large stores of foodstuffs, tions, the chief being that the piland by abolishing the tax on flour; the municipality, by granting exemption from the rates to new houses completed within the year, by repay- times during their stay in Rome. ing the streets, and by establishing new tramway and omnibus lines.

400 Years Ago.

It is interesting to read that almost the same steps were taken by Pope dition of special precautions to engrims on their way to Rome, and

governing the Pontifical States to prepare large sticks of provisions for the pilgrims, to repair all the roads leading to Rome, and to keep a constant watch for robbers. He also collected large supplies of wheat, abolished the tax on flour, and forbade landlords to evict their tenants or to raise their

The Holy Years are ushered in and closed by the opening and walling up again of the Holy Doors which exist in each of the four major basilicas (St. Peter's, Santa Maria Maggiore, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul outside the walls). The most important of these functions is the one at St. Peter's, which the Pope following the example of Alexander VI. in 1500, performs himself. The Pope, carried in the Sedia Gestatoria at the head of the cardinals and the Vatican Court, THE TRUTH ABOUT "MILLIONS IN comes from the Sistine Chapel and halts in front of the Holy Door of St. Peter's, all the other doors of which are closed.

Opening the Door.

Descending from the chair, he taps hammer, for the purchase of which a world-wide subscription is being precious possession. the door. The bricks and motar are ease. avidly seized upon by the populace, Papal Court into the basilica on foot, where he admits them to the ceremony of the "veneration," A similar ceremony is performed for the walling up again of the door at the end of the Holy Year. The idea of Holy Year is very old,

VI and to 25 years by Paul II. on

February 2, 1470, the idea being that every man should have the opportunity at least once in his life of pro-

But alas for such dreaming! So as we are told that the Jews held £100,000,000 of unclaimed money, the some sort of Holy Year every seven actual amount of owners of which years, in which slaves could acquire are unknown falls short of a million. their freedom. The Church followed And, as it is distributed over some the same principle by granting plen- three thousand accounts, it represents ary indulgence to all the faithful who an average of little over £300 for journeyed to Rome in certain specified years. At first these years occured at irregular intervals till Boniface cost of a trip to London to claim it. VIII in 1300 established that they should be held once every 100 years. This period was reduced to 50 years by ClementVI, to 33 years by Urban



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Pilgrims of the Past.

The success of some of the early Holy Years with the more limited facilities for locomotion in those days, is remarkable. We learn that 2,000,-Gregory XIII, as long ago as the 000 people visited Rome in 1475, that sixteenth century, with the only ad- 3,000,000 were present in 1600, that the person named in the account is of A claimant might have to prove scores of people were trampled under sure the personal safety of the pil- foot, that scores more were drowned satisfaction of the Court that he is Sometimes it is of the utmost in in the Tiber, that some Popes were that person's sole heir, which may be portance to know which of two per with the omission, of course, of the obliged to knock down numerous a little difficult, if not impossible, ple died first, even by a second. houses to widen the streets to make matter. We are told, in fact, that in 1575 way for the crowds, that one year the The probability is that, after infinite wreck or a railway disaster. Gregory XIII. ordered the prelates crowd was such that it was impossible trouble and expense, he will find that rule is that the person who asserts a

to close the Holy Door again till Epip-The sufferings entailed by the journeys to Rome of such huge crowds "fortune" never had any existence in journeys to Rome of such huge crowds fact. If it had, in nine cases out of THREE FLOWERS COMPACT are not surprised to read that the pilgrims used to fall on their knees in a Chancery ledgers; and if it did, it is kind of ecstasy when they saw the dome of St. Peter's appear in the dis-

tance to mark their journey's end. Numbers must have died on the way through disease, hunger, fatigue, and plague, and by the ravages of robbers, Some Popes issued Bulls granting plenary indulgence to all pilgrims who died on their way to Rome for the Holy Years .- Daily Mail.

Fairy-Tale Fortunes

CHANCERY."

Life would be a poor thing for many of us it it were shorn of its illusions; and when the illusion combines romance with the growing posthe door three times with a golden sib lities of wealth "beyond the dreams of avarice," it becomes a

Such is the dream of the "unclaimmade among the faithful, and this action is then twice repeated by the Cardinal Penitentiary, whereafter cherished heritage of thousands of workmen quickly tear down the poor families—that "if they had their masonry partition which obstructs rights" they would be living lives of

Each family has its own romantic which values them highly as holy re- story to tell-of a will that vanished lics. Then the Pontiff, with a cross in mysteriously long years ago; of his right hand and a lighted candle in deeds carelessly or maliciously dethe other, leads the cardinals and the stroyed; or of one or a hundred other misadventures that resulted in money that should have come to them going into Chancery. Always it is an enormous sum.

Not Worth Claiming.

far from the Chancery Court holding each in many cases the sum is so small that it would scarcely pay the

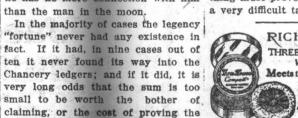
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Half of these unclaimed sums are title to ft would leave little of less than £150; and very few exceed "change" out of the sum recovered £1,000. Thus the dreams of wealth

vanish into thin air. At the same time, if a person If the claimant pays a visit to the Law Courts in the Strand he is as major basilicas a minimum number of likely as not to find that the name money is lying in court, let him that is to be the "open sesame" to once set about getting his proofs in riches does not appear in the list at order. Old family letters and entries in old family B bles will go a Fortunes That Don't Exist.

way in these cases If it does, his troubles only begin; In cases of pedigree, especia for he will be told that the mere fact when land is in question, it i that he bears the same surname as great importance to prove sen or

no use to him. He must prove to the is the oldest son. he has no more connection with him thing must prove it, and usually it



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