

The year 1870 saw the great sacrilege committed. Three ultimatums to surrender being refused, General Cadorna had a breach made in the walls of Rome at Porta Pia. The papal troops surrendered; but for a half hour after the white flag appeared the treacherous Italians killed the defenseless papal soldiers. However, the Italians did not cross the papal frontier until the last French soldier had left Rome; Napoleon withdrawing them, although they were only a handful, on the pretext that he needed them in the Franco-Prussian war. Emmanuel was then proclaimed King of Italy. The first bill passed in the parliament was one through which they wished to gain the favour of the Pope. By it he was to receive about \$600,000 each year to maintain his position as head of the church, but of which amount the Pope has never drawn one cent. The Vatican and its gardens belonged exclusively to himself, while his summer house was entirely in his command. He is considered by Europe as a Power.

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