

STATUE IS DUE TO BE SHIPPED, MARVIN HEARS

Italian Consul General Is Active in Arranging Details

With telegraphic assurance at hand from Antonio Grassardi, Italian consul general for New York city, that the statue of Christopher Columbus would leave Italy at an early date, Mayor Marvin yesterday called a conference of Italian leaders at which plans were made for completion of the monument in St. Mary's circle by the first week in August.

Consul General Grassardi, voicing the gratitude of himself and his government to the mayor for the latter's co-operation in the obstacle-strewn path of the monument project, intimated that he expected to be in Syracuse soon—presumably for the unveiling of the monument.

The mayor was optimistic yesterday that the unveiling, postponed innumerable times, was finally assured for this summer.

To Be Shipped Soon

It has been reported repeatedly before that the statue was on its way from Italy. The telegram to the mayor from Consul General Grassardi disclosed that it is still there, held up by further difficulties, but that thru the intervention of the Italian government arrangements have finally been made for its early shipment.

Instead of coming by slow cargo boat, the consul general wired, "competent authorities" in Italy have given consent to its shipping on an express ship, either the Conte de Savoia, or the Rex, to get it to this country more rapidly.

"Hope to be able to assure you in few days," the telegram said, "that statue is being shipped on Rex from Naples July 10, arriving here about 20th."

Expresses Gratitude

"Wish also to commend to you goodwill of Columbus Monument association and its President Pietrafesa, who made spontaneous personal monetary sacrifice in an effort to cooperate with me in meeting your wishes, and also rest assured of my gratitude and that of my government. Please accept best greetings which I hope to personally tender to you in very near future."

In conference with the mayor yesterday were Corrado Armieri, Italian consular agent in Syracuse, and President Joseph Pietrafesa, Anthony Valentine and James Lanzetta of the monument association.

Mayor Marvin directed William A. Barry, commissioner of parks, to go ahead with completion of the monument base preparatory to the erection of the statue on its arrival next month.

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