

# Memorial to Columbus Is Due July 20

Statue Will Be Shipped  
From Naples, July 10,  
Cable Advises

Dedication in August  
Work Upon Monument  
Base Speeded by Mar-  
vin's Order

Work on the monument in St. Marys Circle that is to form the background for the much discussed statue of Christopher Columbus has again been speeded up by the receipt of a telegram from Antonio Grassardi, Italian consul general in New York City, to Mayor Rolland B. Marvin, that the statue would leave Italy for its Syracuse destination at an early date.

Upon receipt of the telegram Mayor Marvin immediately called a conference of Italian leaders. Plans were made at the conference to complete the monument by the first week in August at the latest.

Expressing the gratitude of himself and the government of Il Duce to the Mayor for Mr. Marvin's cooperation in getting the statue-monument puzzle worked out, Consul General Grassardi assured the Mayor that the statue would be shipped by express boat instead of a slow cargo ship. It is due to leave Naples on July 10, arriving in Syracuse about July 20, the telegram stated.

The statue has been the center of a puzzle ever since the Columbus Monument Association was organized something like two years ago.

The falling rate of exchange in the peak years of the depression lowered the value of U. S. currency to such an extent that additional sums had to be collected by the association before arrangements could be made for work on the proposed statue, which was being sculptured in Italy, to continue.

From time to time arrangements have been made by the Park Commission for completion of the St. Marys Circle setting but always something interfered with the shipment.

However, Mayor Marvin has issued orders to William A. Barry, commissioner of parks, that work on the monument base proceed. Mr. Marvin has regained a certain degree of optimism that the unveiling, which has had to be postponed so many times, has finally been assured for this summer.

In conference with the Mayor yesterday afternoon were:

Corrado Armieri, Italian consular agent in Syracuse; Joseph Pietrafesa, president of the Columbus Monument Association; Anthony Valentine and James Lanzetta.