

The coffin was laid on a low dais in almost the middle of the room, and had a yellow-and-white fringe round it. At its head was a small brass crucifix, alongside which two tapers burnt, the other candelabra, which alone gave light to the room, standing on each side of the coffin. Underneath the coffin was the pall, of rich violet velvet, its surface powdered with Imperial bees, and the corners gleaming with the Imperial crown and the dead monarch's initial. The ceiling was draped with the French tricolour. At the foot of the

edifice was only a few hundred yards, the procession following the hearse was entirely on foot. The service was performed by the Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Danell), and the *carriage* was headed by twenty-five French workmen in their rough daily dress and blouses, one of whom carried the tricolour. About eleven o'clock the hearse, drawn by eight horses, caparisoned in velvet and escutcheoned trappings, left the house. The body of the Emperor was enclosed in three coffins, of which the outermost was covered with purple vel-



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coffin was a cross, in the centre an "N," formed of white flowers, near it a wreath of box, and at intervals round the coffin were bouquets and wreaths. The body was watched by priests and gentlemen of the household.

The Prince of Wales was the first to enter and to view the body. He was followed by the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Christian, after whom came the princes of the house of Bonaparte, the Prince Imperial, the Princesses Mathilde and Clotilde, and many other ladies and adherents of the exiled family.

On the Wednesday following the death of the Emperor the funeral took place in the little church of St. Mary, on the opposite side of the Common. As the distance from Camden Place to the sacred

vet, studded with nails, and ornamented with a Latin cross and with the Imperial crown and initials, all in silver. A silver plate upon the coffin bore the following inscription:—

"Napoléon III.,
 Empereur des Français,
 Né à Paris
 le 20 Avril, 1808.
 Mort à Camden Place,
 Chislehurst,
 le 9 Janvier, 1873.
 R.I.P."

Immediately following the hearse, as chief mourner, walked the Prince Imperial, in plain mourning clothes, and wearing the grand cordon of the Legion of Honour. Next came the representatives of the house of Bonaparte, in the order