

POPE LEO XIII DEAD

His Splendid Battle with Disease Watched the World Over.

Although in Pain He Whistled Benedictions Upon Those Around Him
—**An Imposing Procession—Pontiff's Remains Taken from the Vatican.**

Rome, July 21.—Pope Leo XIII is dead. The last flicker of life expired at four minutes past 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and the pontiff now lies at rest.

The period of over two weeks that Pope Leo passed in the shadow of death was no less wonderful than his life. His splendid battle against disease was watched the world over with sympathetic admiration and ended only after a series of tremendous efforts to conquer the weakness of his aged frame by the marvelous will power of his mind.

The emaciated and lifeless frame which held so brave a spirit lies on the bed in the Vatican beside which almost all the world has prayed.

Pope Leo's final moments were marked by that same serenity and devotion and, when he was conscious, that calm intelligence which is associated with his 25-year pontificate. His was no easy death. An hour before he died, turning to Dr. Lapponi and his devoted valet, Pio Centra, he murmured: "The pain I suffer is most terrible." Yet his parting words were not of the physical anguish that he suffered, but were whispered benediction upon the cardinals and his nephews, who knelt at the bedside, and the last look of his almost sightless eyes was towards the great ivory crucifix hanging in the death chamber.

The condition of his holiness varied from agony to coma. Wishing to relieve him, Dr. Mazzoni suggested that morphine should be administered, but Dr. Lapponi did not agree, fearing that the end might be quickened. Of this supreme moment Dr. Lapponi said: "Death occurred through exhaustion, although in the last two hours Pope Leo made a supreme effort to gather together all his energies. He succeeded in recognizing those about him by the sound of their voices, as his sight was almost entirely lost. Still he made a marvellous display of his energy and even his death was really grand. It was resigned, calm and serene. Very few examples can be given of a man of such advanced age after so exhaustive an illness showing such supreme courage in dying."

The perfect administrative machine of the church provided against the slightest interruption of the governing authority. As the senior member of the sacred college, Cardinal Oreglia, to whom the pope yesterday solemnly confided the interests of the church, has now become the exponent of the cardinals until Pope Leo's successor has been elected. This has brought forth Cardinal Oreglia as the striking personality of the hour.

The cardinal is the exact antithesis of Pope Leo, having none of the late pontiff's sympathetic and benevolent characteristics. He comes from a noble Piedmontese stock and his nobility is shown in his haughty and austere bearing. He is not popular among his colleagues or the Romans, and his brusque manner has earned him the title of "The Piedmont bear."

He is tall and robust and his 74 years are shown by the whiteness of his hair. His face has the tawny hue of old parchment and is deeply lined.

Rome, July 23.—At 8 o'clock last evening all was in readiness to take the body of the pope from the Vatican to the basilica of St. Peter's. The mournful procession gathered around the bier, which was lifted by the soldiers, who in the lifetime of Leo XIII had carried him in the sedan gestatoria. The dead pontiff was clad in all the pomp of his holy office. About him had been placed the sacerdotal robes used only when he celebrated a grand mass. The vestments were those which he wore for the last time in life in the hall of the consistory when he confirmed the appointments of Archbishops Farley, of New York, and Quigley, of Chicago, June 25.

No monarch was ever followed to the tomb by a more imposing array. Led by the cardinals and prelates and for the reciting of prayers and psalms for the repose of the dead they slowly entered the Sistine chapel, where the chapter and clergy of St. Peter's awaited the procession. The latter formally received and took possession of the body. The torch, mace and cross-bearers started forward, giving an opportunity to the chapter to take up a position immediately preceding the bier.

Three Men Struck by a Train.
Latrobe, Pa., July 21.—James Clark, a peddler, of Cleveland, was instantly killed and Stanley Greener and Andrew Rokta, both of Pittsburgh, were fatally hurt last night by the Pennsylvania fast train east. The men were walking westward along the tracks and to avoid a freight stepped onto the other track, directly in front of the passenger train.

Their Eleventh Annual Meeting.
Boston, July 23.—The eleventh annual meeting of the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations opened here Wednesday. There are now in the United States 5,229 local building associations with a total membership of 1,530,702, and assets aggregating \$577,228,014, which is an increase of \$11,810,048 over last year.

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Three Lives Lost in a Hotel Fire.
Seattle, Wash., July 21.—The Golden Gate hotel at Nome was completely burned July 5. The victims: Robert H. Hayes, millionaire pipe contractor, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Hayes, Stephen D. Gregg, Freeport, Pa. T. E. Burr, a cook, was held by the coroner's jury for manslaughter. He threw a ton of coal oil on the kitchen door at 5 a.m. An explosion followed and the building was almost immediately in flames. Guests escaped from the crowded hotel in their night clothes. Many small buildings adjacent were burned.

ing votes, as, living far away from Rome, where different factions flourish, they will be more impartial, especially as it is admitted by all that the new pope will be chosen from among the Italian candidates. For this latter reason there cannot be national rivalry among the foreigners.

The death of the pope brings about a widespread change in all the administrative departments of the church and considerably influences questions of church policy. The change within the Vatican affects practically all the officials from the highest to the lowest. Cardinal Rampolla retires from the post of secretary of state, where he exercised a strong influence owing to the physical infirmities of Leo. Other high officials are similarly affected.

There is a complete transformation of apostolic authority, the death of the pope meaning the nominal death of all the officials under him. The propaganda alone remains intact, as the entire machinery of the propaganda is unaffected.

The chief international questions which may be affected by the death of the pope are those connected with the suppression of religious orders in France, the change of the clergy in the new Spanish-American possessions, the selection of a successor of the late Cardinal Vaughan and attendant questions connected with the administration of the church in England.

Rome, July 24.—From sunrise until sunset yesterday thousands passed before the body of Leo XIII lying in state in the basilica of St. Peter's.

The will of the dead pope was opened at Thursday's meeting of the congregation of cardinals. It consists of 39 pages in the handwriting of Leo XIII and leaves all the property of which he died possessed to his successor, for the use of the church. To each member of his family he leaves a present to be chosen from the valuable objects in his apartment. Similar presents are bequeathed to his physicians. The total amount of the property which he left is not yet known.

What is regarded as the most important matter before the meeting was a proposition presented by Cardinal Oreglia to send a note to the diplomatic body accredited to the Holy See for the purpose of representing to the powers the condition of the papacy since the loss of its temporal power and the transfer of the capital of the Italian government to Rome.

The commission of cardinals entrusted with the arrangements for the conclave has presented a plan which involves an expenditure of \$1,400 and assures that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the conclave July 31. Now that the pope's will has been opened, the work of removing the things in his apartment which he bequeathed to his instrument has begun.

CHRONOLOGY OF POPE LEO XIII.
Born at Capriano, March 2, 1810. Entered college at Rome, 1824. Matriculated at Gregorian university, 1830.

Entered College of Noble Ecclesiastics, 1832.

Appointed domestic prelate by Gregory XVI., 1837. Referendary to Court of Segnatura, March 16, 1837.

Order of priesthood conferred Dec. 31, 1837.

Apostolic delegate at Benevento, 1837-1841.

Governor of Spoleto, 1841-1843.

Padua nuncio at Brussels, 1843-1846.

Created Cardinal, Dec. 19, 1853.

Made Cardinal Camerlengo, July 1877.

Elected Pope, Feb. 20, 1878.

Revived Roman Catholic hierarchy in Scotland, March 4, 1878.

Encyclical condemning communism, socialism and nihilism, Dec. 28, 1878.

Encyclical against heresy and socialism, Nov. 5, 1882.

Recognized unity of Italy, Oct. 7, 1883.

Encyclical condemning liberalism Nov. 6, 1885.

Celebrated golden jubilee, 1887.

Celebrated grand jubilee, 1888.

Encyclical on socialism and labor, May 16, 1891.

Celebrated episcopal jubilee, Feb. 1893.

Issued appeal to England for reunion of christendom, April 14, 1894.

Celebrated 60th anniversary of his first mass, Feb. 13, 1894.

Declared 1900 a year of universal jubilee, May, 1899.

Held consistory and created 11 new cardinals, June 19, 1899.

Celebrated 90th birthday, March 2, 1900.

Died July 20, 1903.

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Many Favor the Merger.

St. Louis, July 21.—The proposed union between Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches in the United States is progressing so far as the national

Congregational summer assembly, which meets near New Buffalo, Mich., August 15 to September 1, is concerned. Rev. H. S. Wanamaker, secretary, of Elvira, O., says that invitations sent to pastors and members of United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches to attend the assembly are meeting with almost universal response in the affirmative.

Botched Their Job of Suicide.

New York, July 23.—Gerald Jordan, a promoter, who gives his age as 42, and his wife, Laura, 20 years younger, made two attempts at suicide yesterday. Mrs. Jordan says that they came to an agreement to kill themselves and swallow laudanum. The poison did not take full effect and the couple drank more of it. Mrs. Jordan apparently relented after the second dose and called a doctor. Mrs. Jordan recovered rapidly. The man was slower in responding to treatment. His wife says he has lost everything.

Mother Jones' Army in Gotham.

New York, July 24.—"Mother" Jones' "army," with drums beating and transparencies setting forth their demands, walked last evening to Madison avenue, where a meeting took place. Two hundred people, exclusive of the large police escort, were in line. The speaking was from a truck. Col. Geiger, of Philadelphia, presided and made a speech. So did Benjamin Hanford, candidate for governor of New York on the social democrat ticket at the last election. "Mother" Jones answered questions put to her by the spectators.

ANOTHER REMOVAL

Superintendent Hedges of Texas Loses His Position.

He Is Charged with Falsifying His Diary, Loaining Traveling Commission and Collecting Illegal Expenses—Hedges Thinks Dismissal Is Unjust.

Washington, July 23.—Charles Hedges was yesterday removed from the office of superintendent of free delivery of the postoffice department on the charge of falsifying his diary and loaning his traveling commission. It is charged that he reported himself at various places when in fact he was not at those places on the dates mentioned, in some instances being hundreds of miles apart.

Mr. Hedges, while making no general denial of the charges, contended that they were not sufficient justification for removal. Ervin H. Thorpe, postoffice inspector in charge at New York, who has been assisting in the investigation, has been designated acting superintendent of free delivery in place of Mr. Hedges.

The following is the official statement of the case made public by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol:

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