

THE POPE'S DEATH.

Last Moments of the Pontiff's Struggle.

MURMURED "FATHER," "MOTHER" WITH HIS LAST BREATH.

Rome, July 21.—Pope Leo's final moments were marked by that same serenity and devotion as when he was conscious, that calm intelligence which is associated with his 25 years 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 benedictions upon the cardinals and his nephews, who knelt at the bedside.

Of this supreme moment, Dr. Lapponi gives an impressive description. He 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 marvelous 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 pontiff's last breath was taken exactly at four minutes past four. I approached a lighted candle to his mouth three times, according to the traditional ceremonial and afterwards declared the pope to be no more. I then went to inform Cardinal Oreglia, the dean of the sacred college, who immediately assumed full power and gave orders that the vatican be cleared of all curious persons having no right to be there."

The final scene in the death chamber was profoundly impressive. The Pope's death having been expected since noon his deathbed was surrounded by practically all the members of the sacred college now in Rome and the whole papal court, while the pontiff's nephews remained in the papal library until they received word from the doctors which announced that his expiring breath was approaching. Then they moved silently within the death chamber, some standing, some kneeling, all awaiting the awful moment of disincarnation.

Profound silence reigned in the Pope's bedroom, only broken by the doctors rising to render their expiring patient more comfortable, by the sobs of the ever faithful valet, Pio Centra, or the murmured prayers of Mgr. Pifferi, the papal confessor, himself 84 years of age, who had to be assisted to the bedside. Softly he recited the prayers for the dying, the pontiff at one moment appearing to follow them as though conscious of what was transpiring, but he could not speak. Then the dying Pope murmured something to himself, in which those bending over him heard the words "Father," "Mother."

Finally the Pope was asked to bless his nephews and all the others present. He attempted to raise himself, and the extreme emaciation of his person, covered with a fine nightshirt, was rendered more pronounced by the surroundings.

It was a most solemn moment. The head of the pontiff, with its white skull cap, no whiter than the fringe of silver hair, rising above the crimson coverlet, his hand raised in the familiar gesture of benediction, the kneeling assemblage, being too earnestly absorbed in deep affliction, veneration and weeping to even make a movement.

The doctors again examined the dying father and this time found that he was at the extreme limit of his powers of respiration. His eyes began to become dull and clouded, and Leo XIII. entered into the real agony of death.

The last conscious act of the pontiff was to turn his eyes towards the great crucifix on the wall, after which he suffered from a paroxysm of choking, during which he passed away.

Then the silence of the awe-stricken assemblage was broken by the sonorous, solemn voice of Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, the grand penitentiary, intoning the requiem aeternam (rest eternal).

This was the signal for an outburst of tears and the sound of weeping which could no longer be repressed, all the kneeling prelates and others kissing the dead hand.

The occurrences in the death chamber immediately following the Pope's demise were of impressive solemnity. Couriers had been dispatched to summon those who are delegated to perform the first religious offices toward the dead Pope, and soon the chanting

of the Franciscan monks was heard as, two by two in coarse brown habits and sandaled feet, they proceeded to the room in which Pope Leo lay dead. Following them came the noble guard to watch over the pontiff's remains, the brilliancy of their uniforms contrasting strikingly with the sombre attire of the quaintly garbed monks and the solemn dignity of the chamber itself. Two noble guards took up positions at the foot of the couch and stood there, rigid and silent as statues, with swords drawn and reversed.

The body lay exactly as it was at the moment of the Pope's last expiring breath. A white veil was thrown over the dead man's face, while awaiting the solemn entrance of the Camerlengo, who was to officially pronounce the pontiff actually dead.

The gruesome details of the embalming will not be performed until after the lapse of 24 hours. Then the body will be robed in full pontifical vestments for the imposing funeral ceremonies.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Roblin Government Made a Great Sweep.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, June 21.—Latest returns from the local elections give the Conservatives government twenty-nine seats and the Liberals seven.

Three constituencies are in doubt and in two, elections are yet to be heard.

In some constituencies which are given to the Conservatives the majorities are so small and the returns incomplete, so that final returns may reduce several majorities.

Ottawa, July 20.—The latest returns from Manitoba today give Conservatives about thirty seats and Liberals ten out of forty.

Winnipeg, Man., July 21.—The following is the result of yesterday's general election:

Avondale—Argue (Con.), elected by 150 majority.

Assiniboia—Paton (Lib.), 24 ahead, three polls to hear from.

Arthur—Thompson (Con.), elected by about fifteen majority.

Beautiful Plains—Davidson (Con.) probably elected by small majority.

Birtle—Mickle (Liberal), elected by 288 majority.

Deloraine—Briggs (Con.), elected by 20 majority.

Dufferin—Roblin (Con.) elected; probable majority 450.

Emerson—Walton (Liberal), leading by five; three polls to hear from.

Gimli—Election July 29th.

Gladstone—Wilson (Con.), leading by 100; three or four places to hear from.

Lanadowne—Norrie (Lib.), probably elected by fifteen majority.

Manitou—Rogers (Con.) leading by 470 with two polls to hear from.

Minnedosa—Waddell (Con.), elected by eight majority.

Morden—Raddell (Con.), elected by thirty-eight majority.

Morris—Campbell (Con.) elected by 150 majority.

Mountain—Greenway (Lib.), elected by 288 majority.

Norfolk—Lyons (Con.), elected by 149 majority.

Rhineland—Winkler (Lib.), elected by 71 majority.

Russell—Doig (Liberal), elected by 180 majority.

St. Andrews and Kildonan—W. O'Donoghue (Liberal) leading by twelve, with two polls to hear from.

St. Boniface—Bernier (Con.) elected by ten majority.

Turtle Mountain—Johnson (Con.), elected by 175 majority.

Eruphin—Gunn (Con.), elected by 130 majority.

Rockwood—Riley (Con.), probably elected by small majority.

The three Winnipeg seats went Conservative.

The cabinet have all been elected with the probable exception of Dr. McFadden, provincial secretary in Emerson, where the vote is very close.

Charged With Bigamy.

A telegram was received by Chief of Police Clark, St. John, Saturday afternoon from N. Marks Mills, attorney at law, of St. Stephen, to arrest Jay C. Merrill, a printer by trade, belonging formerly to Philadelphia, and wanted on the charge of bigamy. The despatch was handed over to Deputy Chief Jenkin, who immediately set out to locate the man. He succeeded in making the arrest at 11.30 o'clock yesterday forenoon in the Globe printing rooms, and the prisoner has been taken to St. Stephen.

A St. Stephen despatch says: "Considerable interest is felt at St. Stephen in an arrest made in St. John today, the man arrested being expected here on the C.P.R. tonight in charge of John W. Bailey, provincial constable. Late in May C. H. Merrill came here from Philadelphia and on May 30th was

united in marriage by Rev. J. C. Robertson of the Presbyterian church at Milltown, to Miss Fanny Milligan, daughter of Wm. Milligan, a respected resident of Baillie, a village twelve miles from St. Stephen.

On Thursday last a modest appearing lady arrived here from Philadelphia and commenced a search for her husband, C. H. Merrill. She stated that while she was visiting her old home in Indiana her husband had sold out all the household property, which she had bought with her own money, and disappeared from the city. She had traced him to St. Stephen, and with this information Merrill was located at St. John and arrested, as detailed above."

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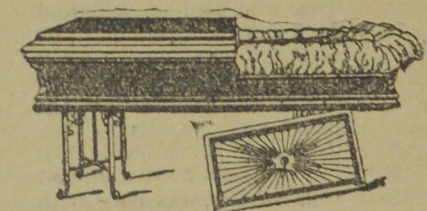
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