

POPE LEO SLOWLY Dying, CALM, BRAVE TO THE LAST

Last Moments of the Pontiff are Full of Solemnity, the Sufferer Being Fully Conscious of the Situation

Touching Scene is Being Enacted in Far Away Rome Where the Head of the Church of the Immaculate Conception is Breathing His Last

Rome, July 7, 3:55 a. m.—Another morning has broken the scene within the simple chamber of the vatican where Pope Leo lies dying. As the soft light of dawn penetrated into the room the pontiff whispered to his devoted physician that he desired the shutters of the window to be opened, saying, "I wish to see once more, perhaps for the last time, the rays of the sun."

It was for only a short period that the Pope came back to consciousness from a sleep which Dr. Laponi had induced by a strong dose of chloral. His deep was so deathlike that artificial respiration was continued and Dr. Laponi every few minutes leaned anxiously over the couch to observe the patient and to listen to his hardly perceptible breathing. Pope Leo awoke with perspiration, feeble in the extreme, and his voice hardly audible. The fits of coughing brought pains in his chest and shoulders and, thinking his end was near, he said to Dr. Laponi: "Tell me when the time really comes."

The doctor assured his holiness that he believed the danger of his immediate death was averted for the night for today.

These seemingly last moments of Pope Leo are full of solemnity. Perhaps his last hours would be less melancholy and sad if the august sufferer were less conscious of the circumstances and his mind less clear as to the duration of time remaining to him before he enters eternity. Although his physical powers are at the last ebb and his breathing becomes more labored, the Pope's mind is clear as he gazes about him, by his bright expressive eyes and the few words he now and then utters in a low voice. The scene is so touching that those present can scarcely restrain their tears. Count Camillo Pecci, the Pope's nephew, whom the dying man kept by his bedside yesterday, was so exhausted late last night by his contending emotions that he had to be taken from his uncle's room, completely worn out. A few moments before the Pope's death, the bed, Pope Leo laid his hand on Camille's head, saying: "Take courage." Shortly after ten o'clock at night the pontiff received the extreme unction. At 2 o'clock his condition seemed so hopeless that only a short time apparently remained before he would glide into his last sleep.

At Dr. Laponi's initiative a hasty consultation of the Pope's relatives, Cardinal Rampolla and other ecclesiastics, was held and it was decided that extreme unction should be given. The pontiff received the announcement with his usual calmness and, although scarcely able to speak audibly, he said he knew his end had come and was ready to appear before the Supreme Tribunal with full trust in Divine Mercy.

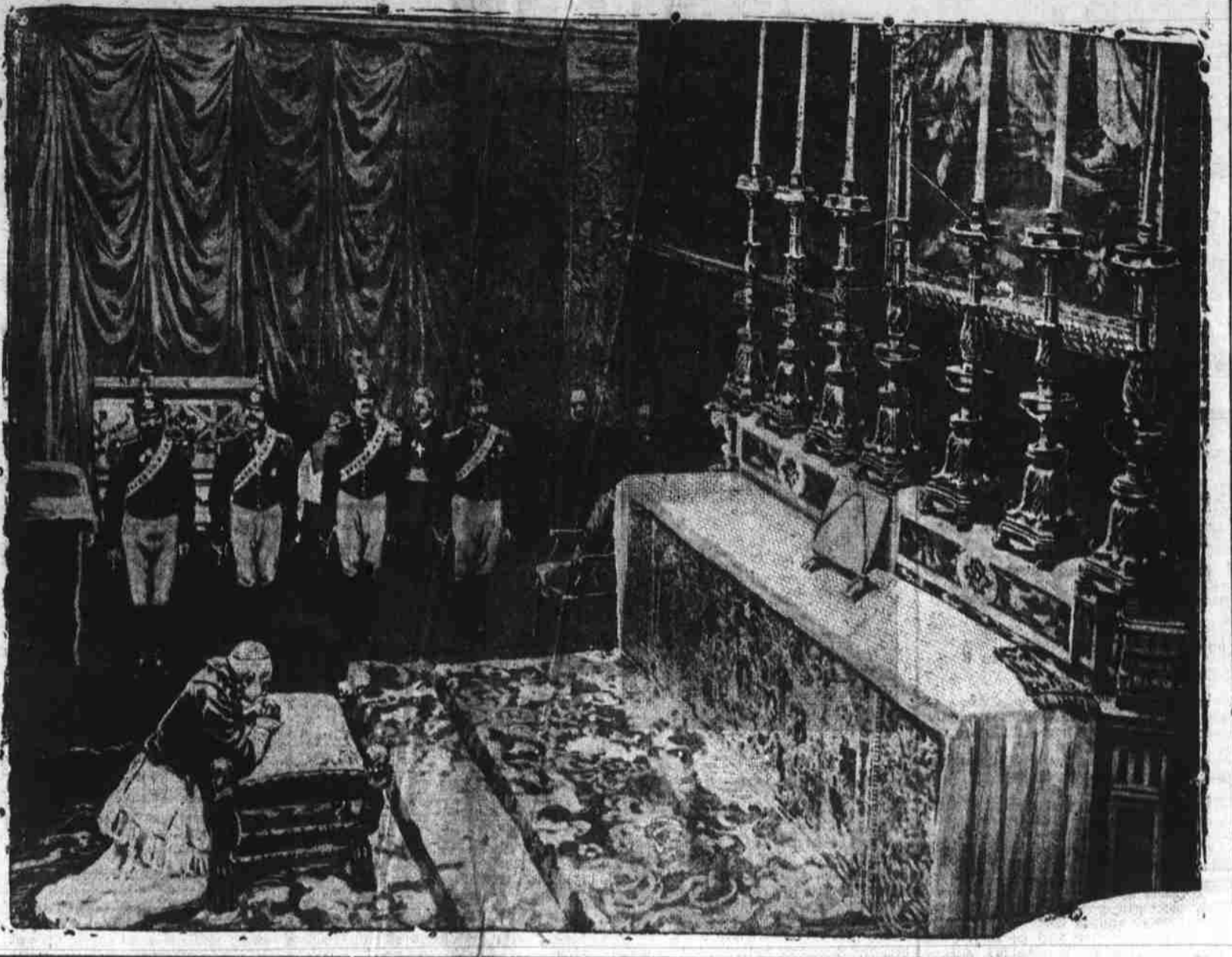
Monsignor Pifferi, Pope Leo's confessor, administered the extreme unction when the ceremony was over. His holiness sank back on the pillow with apparent great relief that all was done and that he was entering into rest after his long pilgrimage.

PATIENT SLOWLY SINKING. Strength Being Kept up by Means of Artificial Respiration. Rome, July 6, 1:15 p. m.—Towards evening the Pope grew weaker and the new bulletin caused considerable alarm. The Associated Press correspondent saw Dr. Mazzoni, who repeated in substance what Dr. Laponi said this afternoon, adding that tonight it was necessary to keep up the pontiff's strength through artificial respiration. The doctors do not believe, as some predict, that death will occur during the night, and Dr. Mazzoni expressed the opinion that Pope Leo might live perhaps two days, without excluding the hypothesis of a possible ultimate recovery.

MADE EAGER INQUIRIES. His Holiness Interested in News of Foreign Communications. Rome, July 6.—The pontiff made eager inquiries during the morning as to what communications have been received at the vatican from foreign rulers and was extremely pleased to learn that M. Nicard, the French Ambassador to the vatican had, in spite of the strained relations between the French republic and the holy see called daily during the pontiff's illness and had expressed to Cardinal Rampolla the concern of the French government as well as that of President Loubet. On hearing that the Austrian ambassador to the vatican, Count Szecheny de Ternerin was ill, the Pope expressed his sorrow and said he hoped it was not as serious as his own case.

GREAT ACTIVITY SHOWN. Many Cardinals Nominated to Succeed the Pope, Who is Now Dying. Rome, July 6.—Great activity reigns among the cardinals, not that it is sure a convulse cannot be far off. It is even said that there has been an exchange of telegrams in cipher between the members of the sacred college in Rome

Late Picture Showing the Dying Pope Engaged at Private Prayer



LOSS OF LIFE FROM WATERS Of Oakford Park Dam Near Jeannette, Pennsylvania

Valley Turned into a Household of Mourning

OUTSIDE AID ASKED FOR BY JEANNETTE RESIDENTS AND WAS READILY GIVEN.

Jeannette, Pa., July 6.—As a result of the breaking of the Oakford Park dam yesterday twenty persons are known to be dead and sixteen are missing. The property loss in the valley will reach \$1,000,000 and the district is so bad that outside relief will have to be asked for.

From a happy prosperous contented valley this region in a single day has been transformed into a great household of mourning. Homes have been wrecked and great work shops rendered idle. All during last night and today volunteers searched along the path of the torrent. While many men searched among the debris for the dead, others called the citizens of Jeannette together to provide means of relief for the suffering residents of the valley.

In a few minutes \$1,200 was raised. It was found, however, that this sum would not be sufficient. Jeannette wanted to care for its own needs and could have done so had not the merchants and business men been heavy losers. It was found that \$5,000 was needed from outside sources.

There was a great crowd assembled all day at the pile of wreckage heaped against the railroad embankment east of town and scattered over the bottom lands. It was here that the greater number of unrecovered bodies was supposed to be buried.

J. J. REAGAN CHOSEN SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS BY NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING Committee Reports Showed Organization to be Prosperous

Thos. Wadly Raoul Was Elected to Presidency

SECRETARY RANDOLPH WAS ALSO RE-ELECTED TO HIS POSITION.

The annual meeting of the board of trade was held last night in the Auditorium and heard reports of its committees on the year's work and canvassed the results of the election for directors which was held yesterday.

The report of Secretary Randolph showed the board of trade to be in a flourishing condition both as to membership and financial condition and the report of the committees of the board showed a most encouraging growth in the city and bright future prospects.

The report of the committee on real estate and buildings was read by Chairman Herman A. Miller. It stated that there was a gratifying increase in the number of homes by residents.

The committee on immigration reported that when work on grades now in progress was completed a local train to Salisbury would be put on.

DOCTOR HAD YELLOW FEVER. Mobile, Ala., July 6.—Dr. R. B. Parker, who was inspector upon the steamer Mount Vernon, and took ill on the voyage up from Port Limon and was sent with his vessel to the government quarantine station at Ship Island, Miss., died there today. The disease was yellow fever. Dr. Parker came from Cincinnati, three weeks ago to fill this post and this was his first trip back from Costa Rica.

SEVEN KILLED MANY INJURED Evansville, Ind., in the Throes of a Race Riot

Negro Question is at Bottom of the Trouble

GOVERNOR DURBIN IS EXPECTED TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW EARLY THIS MORNING.

Evansville, Ind., July 6.—Following four days of rioting and general lawlessness, this city tonight saw the most terrible of its experiences with rioters. Seven persons are dead and 14 are known to be injured with at least that number more thought to be hurt.

Two unidentified men lying in front of jail. The wounded: Edward Schiffman, painter, top of head blown off with Springfield rifle.

Touching the cotton market situation, Dun's Review for the past week says: "With the available stocks well in hand, the clique is in a position to compel the short account to cover with heavy loss, and traders are becoming extremely cautious."

TOOK FRENCH-LOGAN LEAVE. St. Louis, July 6.—Wm. Rudolph, charged with robbing the Union, Mo., bank and later with killing Detective Schumacher, escaped from the Four Courts jail here this afternoon and is now at large. Rudolph and his partner, George Collins, had been in jail here for safe keeping.

LOCATION OF SQUARE TRACK Will Make Loop Around Block on North Side

College Street Will be Widened 20 Feet

CONTRACT FOR PAVING SQUARE RETURNED THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING.

Mayor Rawls, Aldermen Fitzpatrick and Chambers were the only members of the Board of Aldermen present yesterday at 12 o'clock to look at the street situation on College street and designate a place where the street car track should be laid. The balance of the board were unable to get away from their business to attend this meeting. As a quorum was not present, a decision could not be reached and those present can only recommend to the board their ideas.

It was the opinion of those present that as the only thing to do is to widen College street as the travel and welfare of the public demand that action. That being the case, and the street car track must be in the middle of the street, it was the unanimous opinion that the track must be laid accordingly. This will throw one rail just about six inches from the curbing on the north side of the street.

At present this might be thought of as damaging to the property holders on that side of the street, thought the property holders on that side of the board think it will be beneficial to them in the end.

The proposed change in the width of College street is to be made after the alteration is made it is thought by the board that the property along there will be built up with fine buildings and the value of the entire property will be greatly increased.

As is known, the new plot of the square provided that the street car track will come in to the square as it does now, via College and North Main streets. It will make a loop around the block and go into College street at the corner by the Carolina Pharmacy. This idea is thought to be the best solution of the street car tracks on the square. The Charlotte street cars will run over the present line, via the present section of North Main line and then via Bailey street to the depot. The new track on the North Court square will not be used as a through track but only to accommodate waiting cars. It will extend about the front of the square for a short distance and parallel the present Main street line.

The street railway is now unloading brick to pave the present square tracks and will be ready to relay the College street track when the board favorably decides on the change.

The announcement by which the Smith heirs will take the city's three-year notes without interest for the \$2,000 damages caused them by the street widening has been perfected, and no obstacle to the street widening now exists.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the office of City Attorney Louis M. Bourne the committee from the Board of Aldermen and Mayor Rawls met to decide what the defects could be in the contract to pave Park square given the Southern Paving Company. The members, however, understood in a verbal contract that if the Southern Paving company did the grading, they were to be paid 20 cents per yard for the work.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Charles T. Rawls, City Attorney Louis M. Bourne, Aldermen Fitzpatrick and Chambers. They found the contract to mean everything which was intended and decided to return same to the Chattanooga contractors and explain to them how the misunderstanding occurred.

I. C. HAS FILED ANSWER. To the Suit of the Planters Compress Before Commission. Washington, July 6.—The Illinois Central railroad today filed an answer to the suit of the Planters Compress company before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The road admitted that its export rates between competitive points on its line and New Orleans are somewhat lower than those of other lines because of the fluctuating ocean rates but avers that sufficient notice always given during the cotton shipping public. It denies other allegations that certain shippers get large rebates and advantages over other shippers. It also denies that its export rates discriminate against domestic consumption of cotton.

ELEVATED TO AMBASSADOR. Baron Speck Von Sternberg is to Succeed Her Von Holleben. Washington, July 6.—Official information has reached Baron Speck Von Sternberg at his summer home at The Weirs, New Hampshire, of his elevation to the rank of Ambassador to succeed Herr Von Holleben. The Ambassador will remain at the Weirs until October, returning thence to Washington to open the embassy here. With the Ambassadoress ad her sister, Miss Langham, the Ambassador will visit his wife's family in Louisville, about the middle of October.

HENDERSONVILLE SHARED THE STORM HOTEL WHEELER'S DANCE HALL WAS BLOWN DOWN—LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE.

Sunday afternoon Hendersonville was visited by a terrible rain fall and thunder and lightning storm. The rain, however, lasted only a short time, but the wind, lightning and thunder kept up for an hour and a half. The dance hall at Hotel Wheeler was blown down and several other houses were struck by lightning. The Episcopal rectory, the Presbyterian house and the residence of Joseph Noterman were slightly injured by lightning, but the damage was small.

The dance hall at the Wheeler was blown down last March and was nearing completion when wrecked Sunday. The loss could not be ascertained. About fifty telephones were out of service on account of the winds and lightning but have all been repaired.

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