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Announcement of Death Not Made Public Until 1:20 This Morning

THOUSANDS UNCOVERED PRAY IN THE STREETS

## Sacred College to Choose the Successor Summoned; the Pope May Be American

(By Henry Wood.)

Rome, Aug. 20,-Rome thought of littoday but the death of the pope, For the time the war was forgotten. Thousands stood, uncovered, praying la St. Peter's Square.

The general public was not informed that the supreme postiff had breathshis last until 1:20 m, m., but in cleri-ed and government circles it was lama early last evening.

For no particular reason but custom, it has long been usuat to withhold forall annuncement of a pope's denth for some time after it has occurred. It was done in this case, as in the past. Cardinal Merry Del Val was sumoning with all possible speed the six sembers of the Sacred College, who, is conclave, will choose the next head of the Roman Catholic church.

Died of Broken Heart,

That his Holiness died more of a broken heart, due to the European war, rather than of his physical nilments, was generally agreed about the Vati

tues Austria-Hungary and Servin, Fits wroten personal letter to Emperor Ymsis Jaseph begging him to be lenied with the Servians and not to precipitate a conflict.

This letter he sent to Monsignor Cumpixell. The emperor, however, delayed emissary for 10 lays, or until after fighting had be-

An additional and very intimate foreign youths studying in the seminame in Rome were compelled to relars to their various seir regiments in the field.

has been enormously reduced by the order. guat European struggle.

City Is in Mourning.

buildings were draped in crope and the

ing pontiff's last hours.

after ultering them and never again plished without confusion. regained consciousness,

as afficially announced at 1:20 a. m. as high as 6,000. It was not known by persome in touch with the Variean at 6 p. s. Wednesday. (This would be be-

was not unusual. That of the was believed here today.

ass, was being much discussed here allies

of the sixty-six cardinals, who, by a ote of two thirds and one, will make the selection, 33 are Italians.

The Likely Candidates. Rome, Aug. 20.—Cardinals Maffi and

Fernal were regarded here today as the likeliest candidates to succeed Pope Pins X.

Both are Italians.

There has been some talk of the posbility of the selection of a foreigner, but the war seemed certain so seriously to date. to delay the foreign cardinals on their ay to attend the conclave that it was decade improbable enough of them would be present to the control of the contro ould be present to prevent the Italias from having the necessary majority

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# **GERMAN LOSSES IN** BELGIAN BATTLES SOMETHING AWFUL

Fighting raged through central Belgium and along the Franco-German frontier today from Diest to Basel. In northern Belgium, the Germans were advancing LIMITS TAX LEVY

In southern Belgium, the defenders were holding their

Farther to the south, in Alsace-Lorraine, the French reported important victories.

There were persistent reports of Brussels' capture and even if they were untrue, it seemed certain it must fall

Fighting also occurred in the outskirts of Antwerp. Losses were frightful, encounters at Aerschot and Charleroi being described as "veritable butcheries."

Many believed, after breaking through the Belgian line, the Germans would find themselves confronted by an enormous army of British and French.

Namur was threatened and Germans were passing Dinant but in this section they were not progressing as of city government possible and that there were still some things that might well be changed but which had no bear

Along the northern Franco-German ! border the French professed to have GERMANY REJECTS driven all German invaders back to their own country.

To the southward, the Gallie troops continued active on German soil.

Austrians were massing on the Italian frontier. Indications multiplied that the Ans-

trians faced a serious situation through
the disaffection of their Slav troops.
The Russians and the Teutonic allies
mutual claimed the advantage on the surrender of Kino Chau to the mikado der the city manager.

Copenhagen, Aug. 20.—Rejection by run the city affairs and administer its buildings and in thousands of private business are simply to be employes unto the city manager. erar's frontiers, but no serious fighting was forecasted in messages received

had yet occurred. negrins for two days.

Signs were that Germany was about render of Kiao Chan to the mikado.

A Regular Staughter Pen.

guer of the pope was the fact that the ery" was the description in dispatches might be a mere precaution. received here from the front today of Wednesday fighting in Belgium.

Incidentally, though to Pius this was the Belgians' advance bases but the re- of 1000 Russians who had invaded East that they compelled an abandonment of lia and Germany claimed the capture small matter, the vatican's income the Belgians advance bases but the let look hassian at the belief here was that there is have been in good Prussia. The belief here was that there

The fighting was heaviest at Acr-schot. The Belgians were entrenched Rome was in mourning. Bells tolled, masked by an adjoining wood. along the main road, with their artillery thus far was more skirmishing prelim-

sewpapers appeared blue a bordered al-less ignoring the war news. Then, mowing them down in heaps. The Affecting stories were told of the dy-Before he lapsed into naconsciousness face, however, of both the infantry adhe bide a loving farewell to his sis- vance and the artillery fire two Belgian One Morin and Anna, gently protesting to those about him they should not the road for two hours before the Gerer Pesides his two sisters, there mans could get close enough to charge, see at his bedside at the end Doc. The latter fell in hundreds as they let

the amici and Marchinfava, Cardi- rushed forward, but others quickly sab Del Val and Bislett and Monsig-ton Reess and Pescini.

When told that his brother, Angelo

Am Rhine, 'When the Belgians fin-Surfo, would arrive Thursday, the pope ally drew off Major Gilson, command-These were his last words. He fell ing line though wounded tarough the ists a committee condition immediately nose, until the retreat had been accom-

Reports were received of another ter-Rame, Aug. 20.—The pope's death some accounts placed the German losses then cutstanding \$416,300 of par value.

Claim Trap Is Laid.

then 9 and 10 a, m. Wednesday, coast have broken down the Belgian line of have broken down the Belgian line of The delay in the official announce. French and British awaiting them, it defense, the Germans will find the

death of the late Pope Leo XIII. was subheld for a considerable time and the official announcement of the death of Pins IX af Piss IX. was not made until 24 on reliable authority, the pinn was for the Belgians to delay and exhaust the on are available. From the record it burs after he had died.

Experts thought this explained the seeming indifference to Brussels' fate and that all that has occurred

### The Weather



Generally fair

This May Not Satisfy Japan.

here today from Berlin. back to Chins.

to refuse Japan's demand for the sur- the Japanese was not known. It was understood that the Japanese ambassa-dor was leaving Berlin and that his ple at a regular election. countrymen in Germany were quitting Paris, Aug. 20,-"A veritable butch- the country, but it was thought this

homes to join to as "demoniacal." It was admitted an Austrian cavalry division in Podohad not yet been an important engage-

Committee Completes Draft of the Commission Plan Charter for City

TO TEN MILLS YEARLY

Seven Commissioners, Manager and Recorder Are the Elective Officers

A commission-managerial form of city government was recommended for the city of Salem by the committee on charmter amendments which met last night and prepared final report to the mayor and city council. In making its recommendations the committee stated that it had changed the old charter only to the extent of making the new form ing on the new form of government and were accordingly left unchanged.

The new charter which will be submitted at the next council meeting rec-JAPAN'S DEMAND mmends a government by seven commissioners, one from each ward. They They had recaptured Mulhausen and However, Intimation Made Kiao Chau the greatest number of votes is to act were approaching Metz. Would Be Turned Over to China as chairman or mayor. The commissioners are to elect a city manager. The people are to elect the city recorder

One of the new provisions of the charter is to limit forever the tax levy it was stated the sound of the cannon The Austrian port of Cattaro had It was not made clear, however, that to 10 mills for general purposes. Under could be heard plainly in the Belgian been bombarded by French and Monte: the kaiser would not cede the territory no circumstances is this tax to be excaptal and the German searchlights ceeded. This new charter also pre-Whether or not this would satisfy vents over-drawing accounts and will be Japanese was not known. It was admit of no deficits. The charter can

Other Things Needed.

Russia and the Teutonic allies were both claiming success along their frontiers. Russia reported the repulse of remedied only by the people as the necessity arises. supply a charter that would conform to views of every single citizen in the city. For instance, the present system of assessing property owners for street improvements is unjust and does not tax the property owners equally. There have been good amendments on

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# FIGHTING FIERCE IN ALSACE=LORRAINE FRENCH ADVANCING

(By Wm. Simms)

Paris, Aug. 20.—"Our entire position," the war office announced today, "is excellent.

"Our advance in Alsace-Lorraine continues. German reports of French defeats at Mulhausen and Lagarge are without foundation.

"The French out number the Germans and the latter are still in retreat toward Strasburg."

It was admitted, however, that the Germans had retaken Ville, which the French captured earlier in the campaign. This was regarded as a minor incident of a series of encounters which generally resulted in the Gallic troops' favor.

Uhlans, it was said, repeatedly charged the French batteries on the hills outside Ville and finally took them.

"Our soldiers fought with the greatest bravery," said bered by the Germans, held them at bay for five hours, at indeed, that serious uprisings have all length retiring in good order."

"The allies in northern Belgium, it tages and losses, sometimes on one was said, were retiring toward Ant-werp. This, however, it was stated, had been foreseen and confidence was "But far from being beaten in Belexpressed that the Germans would never gium, we are preparing to beat the Gersucceed in reaching the French frontier by that route. The retirement was

in Brussels according to a message received from there at midnight. people are to elect the city recorder and all other city offices are to be ing and accommodations were being abolished. The officers necessary to found for the sufferers in halls, public

> were seen on the horizon. Supplies were said to be running

very short in the city. In southern Belgium, it was stated that the Germans had reached Binant and were advancing along the river Dyle. In Lux-"There are a number of minor details emburg, the kaiser's forces had reached that should be changed," said Max Neufchateau.

Fighting Is Furious.

(By Ed L. Keen.) London, Aug. 20.—Fighting was raging furiously today between the Belgian, French and English allies and the opposing Germans along the entire line from Diest to Basel, the Belgian legation here announced this afternoon. With the armies in contact in so many places, one must expect," said the le-gation's statement, "to hear of advan-

mans." Despite the fact that the kaiser's are to be nominated by wards and to declared to be "in accordance with prebe elected at large. The one receiving arranged plans."

Despite the ract that the saiser's troops were still advancing, it was declared the moral effect of the delays

Germans Advance Steadily.

been that of a defeat.

London, Aug. 20.—Belgian troops French, instead of being from the ad-and their allies were strongly attack- joining western Austrian provinces, ing the Germans' entrenched positions have been Slavs, whom it was necess-near Brussels today. For two days the sary to bring all the way across Ausbut steadily, throwing up temporary battalions from the west have been in-breastworks as they came. It was evi-dent the allies were making a desper-ate effort to stop them before the conveniently slipped contrawise to the ate effort to stop them before they

ered with dead and dying.

German infantry and artillery were lies. moving through Dinant. Another body, operating from an entrenched position aliens has all along been recognized as

Reports that Louivain had fallen were unconfirmed. It was evident from the meagre accounts received here that the French army in Belgium and along the frontier was much larger than had been supposed, perhaps outnumbering the Germans.

Losses Are Frightful. Rotterdam, Aug. 20.-Frightful losses on both sides have marked the most recent fighting in Belgium, according to information received here today from

the scene of the conflict. The Germans, it was stated, have been by far the heaviest sufferers, since, as the attackers, they have been since, as the attackers, they have been confirmed here today by dispatches to been by far the heaviest sufferers, compelled constantly to face the allies? entreached positions. They have fought,

held their own in southern Belgium, with William and Francis Joseph," but in the north the Germans had made

Louvain Evacuated. Paris, Aug. 20.—That the Germans have taken the Belgians' advanced position at Louvain was admitted by the

war office today. The Belgian general staff was quot-struction by German artillery, which, it was owned, was proving effective. Whether or not Brussels had fallen

not take into account any increment in land values over the original cost gians were showing "excellent strate-of acquisition of the same, which in gy," hinting at a belief that the Ger-The war office stated that the Bel-

French Recapture City.

ments to operatinb expenses, and the announced today. The city, one of the too, in spite of determined opposition, plant was old enough and so well sea- most important in southern Alsace, was soned, when acquired by defendant, that captured by the French troops early in replacements came with a fair degree the invasion. The French general of constancy, and hence depreciation found himself, however, between the has been taken care of out of operating line of Germans on one side and a strong force of Austrians, who had The operating profit above has been crossed from the Tyrol along the Swiss and is available for payment of interest frontier, on the other.
on the funded and other debts of the After destroying the German military

company and for the payment of divi- bureau in this city, he evacuated it, acdends, and the sum or \$35,385.50 was cordingly, considering the position too paid as a dividend to stockholders on dangerous to hold, and entrenched his force a short distance to the southward.

The Germans threw up defenses op-posite their line, and Monday a fierce fight began. The Germans finally evacuated their positions after they had been heavily shelled and some of their fortifications had been carried by the French at the point of the bayonet.

Fighting Is Desperate. Nancy, France, Aug. 20 .- Alsace-Lor-

Austria's Slav Subjects Start **Uprisings That May End** in Civil War

MAY KEEP HER ARMY OCCUPIED AT HOME

# This Accounts for Austria's Weakness in Servia and on Russian Border

Basel, Switzerland, Aug. 20.—Evi-ence was accumulating today that Austria-Hungary faced grave international trouble through the refusal of its Slav ubjects to fight Russians, Servians or Montenegrins.

ready occurred in its Slav provinces and that these are responsible for its comparative inactivity along its Russian frontier and its apparent inability to cope successfully with Servian and Montenegrin invasion of Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia. Detailed news of all such difficulties was, of course, tightly bottled up, but enough hints and rumors have filtered through to leave no question that several mutinies have rranged plans." clared the moral effect of the delays of men have been shot for refusing milioccurred and that considerable numbers

Another noticeable fact has been that the troops the Austrians have lent to Germany for service against the

Even this experiment does not seem reached the Belgian capital.

The losses on both sides have been to accounts from Alsace, the Slav enormous. The zone of battle was covitroops there under the grand duke of Tuseany having shown no enthusiasm, Namur was hard pressed by the Ger. it was said, for service against the mans and was said to be in danger. French, their Russian race brothers' al-

near Gambloux, was moving northward. a serious danger to the Teutonic allies and many predictions were being made by persons familiar with conditions in both Austria and Hungary that Francis Joseph is likely soon to have on his bands a civil struggle which will leave him little time to deal with foreign enemies.

The prophecy was made, too, that in the event of a clash with Italy, which is generally believed here to be inevitable finally, the emperor's Italian provinces would be with his enemies instead of on his side.

### REPORTS CONFIRMED.

the Novoe Vremya,

Czechs in Kioff have also received too, in close formation and their ene- letters telling of the execution of a mies' guns have cut them down in Czech soldier for refusing to obey orders. Thereupon, it was declared, his As a general result of Wednesday's entire battalion broke into revolt, encounters the allies seemed to have shouting, "Long live Russia—down

raine has been the scene of desperate fighting for the past few days.

The French have made steady ad-

vances, but to accomplish this they were forced to overcome a furious resistance.

Nowhere have they shown their worth to more advantage, according to advices progress for two days along a line west of the city. Finally, the Gallic forces made a mass attack on the Germans' entrenched positions at the point of the bayonet. The impetousity of their rush was irresistible and the Germans retreated so precipitately that they abandoned six cannon and as many loaded ammunition wagons. The French swept through the western suburbs into the city.

The town of Guebwiller was taken, the French charging the German lines and bayonetting the enemy out of their positions.

Germans Fight Bravely.

Nancy, France, Aug. 20.—All Germans who have been operating in the French department of Meurthe-Et-Moselle had been driven back across the frontier today.

A strong detachment of the kaiser's cavalry, with machine guns, crossed into Meurthe-Et-Moselle at Circy and maintained until Tuesday positions which they repulsed the French cavalry at

the village of Balconviller, which was demolished, and burned several small towns, a number of women and caildren being cremated in their homes.

They lost heavily, however, in the fighting which preceded their final retreat back into Germany.

# CAPITAL JOURNAL'S FIGHT

Excerpts From Findings. Defendant's authorized capital stock \* \$500,000, of which, on December 30, First fancet

Of this amount, \$300 was paid in eash, and \$416,000 was issued for the prop- \* erty of the Salem Water company, as \* hereinafter set ou. The funded debt of \* the company on December 31, 1913 consisted of \$154,000 in 6 per cent bonds # and \$80,000 in 5 per cent bonds. The \* return made by the defendant to the \* commission states that all of such funded debt was issued for cash, without \* commission or discount; the stock and \* May Be American.

Reme, Aug. 20.—The possibility that their ranks, to allow the invaders to rush into the arms of an enormous British and French army.

Experts thought this available on the market, and no quotations there are available. From the record it is apparent, as will hereinafter be more fully set out, that of such funded their ranks, to allow the invaders to rush into the arms of an enormous British and French army.

Experts thought this available from the record it is apparent, as will hereinafter be more fully set out, that of such funded debt, \$25,000 in bonds bearing 6 per the control of the market, and no quotations there are available. From the record it is apparent, as will hereinafter be more fully set out, that of such funded the set of the market, and no quotations there. exceed \$5,000, and of which only a small part, at the best, was needed or

useful in the economic operation of de-fendant as a public utility, Total Cost of Plant.

After severely criticising the state-ment submitted by the water company and its system of bookkeeping, the commission says:

To reproduce the property of the defendant used and useful in its service as a public utility, in normal new and tonight and Fri- usable condition, including the material day; west winds.

and supplies on hand, its water rights and easements employed in the public service, and including the portions of lots 7 and 8 in block 36 actually used lots 7 and 8 in block 36 actually used in utility service, all considered as a going concern, on December 31, 1913, would have required the expendance of

THE NEW WATER RATES.

Each additional faucet ..... .10 .20 .40 Toile Stationary tub .... . .10 \$1.50

Hot and cold faucets count as one. The average reduction of water rates in Salem under the ruling of the railroad commission made public this morning

is 22 per cent. To the average family the old rates were \$2 flat for household purposes per month, with a re-bate of 10 per cent when paid before the 10th. The new rate for a family up to eight persons is, while not flat, from \$1.40 to 1.50 per month, with rebate of 10 per cent if paid before the

approximately \$443,538. Such property has depreciated and falls below the

standard of normal new and usable condition (taking into account the sal-vage value thereof) \$70,796, and the June 30, 1913. reproduction cost new, lessened by such depreciation was, on December 31, 1913,

amount of \$12,000. Revenues and Expenses Defendant's revenue, expenses, in-

come, taxes and operating profit from its utility operations, since its organ- considerable advances. ization (making adjustments suggested by the stipulation of the parties filed), have been as follows:

1912 1913 Operating revenue \$70,142.01 \$78,519.79 Operating expense. 33,489.14 33,783.91

Operating profit....\$29,880.11 \$37,928.56 This statement of operating revenues and expenses, income and profit, does was not known. crement has been considerable in mans had fallen into a trap.

Defendant has maintained no depreciation fund. It was the practice of the defendant to charge its replace- occupied Mulhausen, the government

Excessive Salaries. The general expenses of the defendant for the management and superin-

tendence of its properties include salaries paid to the president and vice-president at the rate of \$4,800 per annum each. Such expense for management is

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