

GREAT AMONG POPES

News of Death Causes Sorrow in United States.

DELEGATE FALCONIO'S TRIBUTE

He Issues Address to American Bishops Ordering Prayers for Pope Leo's Soul—Message of Secretary Hays—Bishops' Opinions.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The first definite announcement of the death of Pope Leo XIII. was made to his immediate representative in Washington, Apostolic Delegate Falconio, who conveyed to him today by the mid-day train the company of the Associated Press. Four hours later the official confirmation came. When the Associated Press bulletin was handed to Bishop Falconio, he was having his mid-day meal in company with Bishop Rooker and Auditor Marchetti, of the apostolic delegation. All expressed deep sorrow and seemed to feel shocked.

During the afternoon the Legation was visited by many of the Catholic clergy to leave their expressions of sympathy and condolence. Among the callers also were representatives of the German and Russian Embassies, both of whom called in state to express their sympathies.

The official announcement of the pope's death read as follows:

Rome, July 20.—Mr. Falconio, apostolic delegate in Washington, D. C.

With deepest sorrow I announce to you the death of the holy father, which occurred this afternoon at 4 o'clock. His holiness died surrounded by the most illustrious pontiffs.

(Signed) M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA. To this message Archbishop Falconio made immediate response, as follows:

With deepest sorrow I express to your eminence the universal grief at the irreparable loss sustained in the death of the glorious pontiff.

Monsignore Falconio also gave out the following address to the archbishops and bishops of the Catholic Church, of whom there are 90 in America:

Washington, July 20.—Your Lordship: It is my painful duty to convey to you the sad intelligence of the death of the great pope, which occurred today. As in life, so in death, the august pontiff has shown such wonderful examples of serious thought, of determined character, of energetic and hearty piety and Christian fortitude as to evoke in all lands the most striking manifestation of reverence and respect.

Leo XIII is dead, and the world has lost a profound scholar, a distinguished statesman, a lover and a protector of justice; has lost one whose power for amelioration of society had been exercised, whose consummate skill and earnestness as to be felt everywhere and to gain for him universal admiration. Hence his death is deplored by all without distinction of nationality or creed.

However, for us Catholics the loss is greater and consequently more keenly felt. In Leo XIII, besides the scholar, the statesman, the philanthropist, we have lost our spiritual father, the supreme pastor of our church, in him who during his long pontificate has watched with an eagle's eye over our spiritual welfare and has spared no labor to proclaim farther and wider the kingdom of his divine master. His reign recalls to our minds the brightest days of the history of the Catholic Church.

The church boasts a long line of illustrious pontiffs. Leo XIII will ever stand in their foremost rank. His reign has been a wonderful one. He has been the greatest of all the popes in the history of the Catholic Church. JOHN HAY.

The bishops of the Catholic Church will celebrate pontifical mass for the repose of the soul of the pontiff in the cathedrals of their respective dioceses, and in all masses will be said in all Catholic churches.

After the interim prayers will be held in the Catholic churches, seeking that do great things. When he first ascended the pontifical throne he resolved that so far as opportunity came his would be a historic pontificate, and to that end he worked conscientiously during his life. He lived and worked purely for God and for men. He met kings and peasants, men of highest social rank and of lowest—all bowed before his towering grandeur, so by nature and grace divine. What a mind! Lofliest it was in vision, reaching out to the vastest horizons, soaring upwards to the highest regions of thought and truth.

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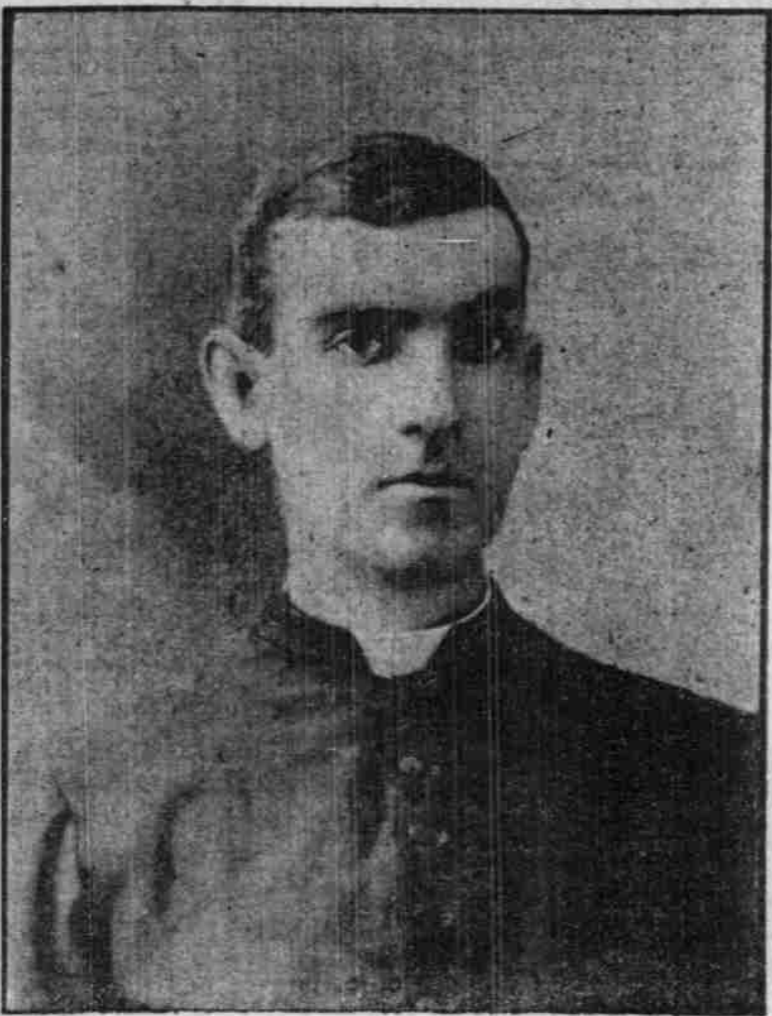
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The death of Pope Leo XIII removes the grandest figure offered to the admiration of mankind in the latter half of the 19th and the opening years of the 20th century. His pontificate of 25 years may justly be regarded as among the most glorious in the long line of his eminent predecessors. Volumes could not contain all the eulogies of Leo XIII as priest, pontiff and statesman, which have been pronounced during the last few years by prominent publicists, and in this hour, when the church mourns the death of her brilliant and saintly head, all the world pays tribute to his exalted virtues. He seemed to recognize all the needs of humanity, from the time of his accession to the papal throne, and bent every energy of his powerful intellect to the amelioration of the race. In the development of the higher studies Pope Leo reared a monument of imperishable fame. Literature, philosophy, the natural sciences, no less than the various branches of biblical knowledge and ecclesiastical history, all received his warmest encouragement. It is another of his glories that in sociology, his admirable encyclicals develop a perfect and comprehensive system of all the social sciences, starting with the fundamental principles of natural law, to the consideration of the political constitution of states, and embracing every economic question tending to the welfare of humanity. His highest energies, however, were devoted to the policy of the pacification of nations, and his historian will in the future have the pleasing task in representing Leo XIII as the "peace-maker of Europe." Germany, Belgium, France and Spain were at various times the beneficiaries of his peace-giving interventions, in grave and critical emergencies. Asia and Africa he resolutely labored to awaken to a new life of Christian civilization. And America, which he loved so well, will not withhold its tribute of veneration and gratitude to Pope Leo for the many times he has expressed his admiration and confidence in the grand future of this mighty country. No man of his age has wrought the world so powerfully and so beneficially as Pope Leo XIII, and it is said of him that his manner was a constant reminder of His Divine Master, the Prince of Peace, whom he strove constantly to imitate. Truly the world is better for the life of this saintly and scholarly pontiff. C. J. O'REILLY.

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WHAT LONDON PAPERS SAY.

Contrast Position of Papacy Now and at Death of Pius IX.

LONDON, July 20.—Long biographical sketches, memoirs and editorials are called forth by the death of the pope, and the English papers all teem with expressions of the warmest sympathy and deep regret. A contrast is drawn between the unique position that the papacy now holds in international consideration, compared with its shattered, discredited position at the time of the death of Pius IX.

The Morning Post says: "The keys of St. Peter that death snatched from him are now the symbols of a worldwide hierarchy, such as even Islam itself, with its countless millions of devotees, cannot boast."

The Daily News says: "Leo XIII will be remembered as one of the greatest of popes and humblest of Christians." The Daily Telegraph says: "The Catholic world mourns the loss of one of the noblest spirits, one of the most distinguished scholars and wisest statesmen who has ever filled St. Peter's chair."

VENERATED BY ROOSEVELT.

The President Says He Won Respect of All Christian Peoples.

OYSTER BAY, July 20.—President Roosevelt was deeply touched by the death of the pope. On being informed of the demise of the venerable head of the Catholic church he dictated the following for the Associated Press: "The President expresses his profound regret at the death of the venerable pontiff, whose long career, no less than his exalted character, has commanded the respect of all Christians."

The President said that in uttering these sentiments he was giving expression to the feeling of all the people of the United States wholly without regard to their religious faith. While Mr. Roosevelt, of New York, are the guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt today. Their visit was of purely social character.

Archbishop Elder, Oldest Prelate.

CINCINNATI, July 20.—Archbishop William Henry Elder, who became the oldest living prelate upon the death of the pope, said of Leo XIII:

"It is 18 years since I saw the holy father, and during that period so much has been accomplished by him that he has become the marvel of the age. He has, indeed, been a light from heaven, which motto he bears, and has guided the church through the perils that have beset her with a master hand and mind. He has been a great man and a holy man. While the singular purity and modesty of his life have won for him great admiration, his most lasting monument will be the work he has done for the amelioration of mankind, the aid of the laboring classes and the defense of right and justice. It is only becoming an American to feel gratitude toward Leo XIII for the interest he has maintained in the church in America and in this country in general."

From Mayor Low, of New York.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Mayor Low late today issued the following letter:

"The death of the pope will bring sorrow and grief to the hearts of thousands of the citizens of New York, and those whom it does not directly affect will respond with fraternal sympathy for their fellow-citizens who feel his death as a personal loss. Every one must have been struck by his calm and brave bearing in the presence of

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SEATTLE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Bishop O'Dea has the following to say of the dead pope: "Throughout his long and useful life Pope Leo was very friendly toward this country and frequently spoke in the highest terms of American institutions. He admired this country very much for one reason, of account of the religious liberty allowed here, and for another reason, on account of the great reverence shown for him and his high office by the people of the country. This feeling in this country has not been at all confined to the members of the Catholic Church, but extends to people of all religious beliefs and convictions."

"Judging from the press dispatches, the pope has made a very remarkable fight against his age and infirmity. He was in many ways a man of most remarkable character, one of the greatest of good men and the best of great men of contemporary history of the world. I believe that this opinion is not confined to Catholics alone, but extends to the people of all religious beliefs. When the history of Christian civilization and achievement of the 19th and 20th centuries is written, I am confident that a lofty position will be accorded Pope Leo XIII."

"All his life he labored sincerely to bring all Christian people together in unity. His encyclical on the labor question gave advice on the matter which, if followed, would solve all questions of labor and socialism, and he has tried to better the existing social conditions throughout the world by his encyclical on the questions of marriage and divorce. He has been the patron and promoter of all good works and has left nothing undone which he could do to better the condition of the human race."

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DH. H. J. TALBOT, Pastor Taylor-Street Methodist Church.

Pope Leo XIII rendered his church an incalculable service, not alone by reason of his wise and statesmanlike leadership, but above all by winning the world's veneration for his rarely engaging personality. The leader of a church which bears aloft the standard, "Semper idem" (Ever the same), he has been neither irascible nor reactionary, but has with good grace accepted many of the transformations which have been wrought in the world, social, political, industrial, during the years of his pontificate. Pope Leo has invested his high office with the dignity which a good and pure man ever confers upon the place he fills. History will rank him high among the vicars of his church.

STEPHEN S. WISE, Rabbit of Temple Beth Israel.

He lived long and well, accomplishing more for the unity of the faith, possibly, than any of his predecessors in modern times.

A large part of the Christian world reflects most emphatically and in toto the claims of the Roman Church. At the same time there are some things which are held in common. The spirit of the age magnifies these and is inclined to say little about difference. The tribunal of intelligent judgment exists character and insists on that quality that measures with the New Testament.

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