

# NOTED LEADER OF CATHOLICS IS DEAD; FUNERAL THURSDAY

## JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS



Recent photograph of the head of the Catholic church in the United States who died in Baltimore today. Cardinal Gibbons had been the most influential prelate in America for the past half century and had been the friend and counselor of many men high in public life.

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time at his eminence's bedside for several days. The public was informed of the change in the condition of the most distinguished clergyman of the Catholic church in the United States late on Tuesday. The first evidence of the failure of Cardinal Gibbons' strength was noted late last year, while he was at Havre De Grace. At that time he was seized with a momentary faintness and seemed about to fall while delivering a sermon. On December 31, Bishop Corrigan issued a statement to all pastors asking them to request their people to pray for the cardinal's recovery or his happy death. The cardinal was anointed for the second time, the first time having been two weeks earlier. It was thought by those most intimately associated with him that he would never be able to leave the Shriner home.

### SHOWS RETURNING STRENGTH

In this illness, however, he manifested the same tenaciousness and resolution which he had shown all his life, and he surprised his friends not only by recovering sufficient strength to make the trip by motor to his residence in Baltimore, on January 3, but once there, grew stronger. The cardinal subsequently made frequent short motor trips in the city and its environs and moved about his residence in a wheelchair. He never recovered sufficient strength, however, to take again into his own hands the administration of his duties as the executive head of the archdiocese of Baltimore and his many other duties in connection with the church.

Cardinal Gibbons was the second American to be elevated to the cardinalate and with his death the question has been revived as to whether the See of the Roman Catholic church in the United States will be transferred from Baltimore or whether the seat of the hierarchy will remain in this city because of its close proximity to the nation's capital.

### CARDINAL GIBBONS ROSE FROM GROCER'S MESSENGER

One of the most widely-known prelates of the Roman Catholic church, James Cardinal Gibbons, was born in Baltimore, Md., of Irish parents on July 17, 1834. He spent his early boyhood in Ireland, but returned to America at the age of 14 and became an errand boy for a grocer in New Orleans. He took up his studies for the priesthood when a mere youth, being ordained in Baltimore at the age of 27. His religious education was received in the historic St. Charles college in Maryland, the seminary of St. Sulpice and St. Mary's university at Baltimore. About the close of the Civil war he was appointed private secretary to Archbishop Spalding, and a little later

became chancellor of the diocese. In 1866 he became assistant chancellor to the second Plenary council at Baltimore. BECAME TITULAR BISHOP. Under a decree by Pope Pius IX he was transferred some two years later to North Carolina, where he became titular bishop. It has been said that he made the acquaintance of every member of the church in that state, in addition to hundreds of followers of other faiths, visiting virtually every district in the diocese. Among other activities he is credited with having built six churches, established an organization of Sisters of Mercy and founded for them a school for negroes and whites during his stay there. In 1872 he was assigned to Richmond, where he continued the building activities that had marked his stay in Carolina. Archbishop Bayley of the Baltimore diocese began to take a lively interest in the progressive efforts of the young bishop and named him as one of his counselors. When the archbishop died Bishop Gibbons was chosen to succeed him. He was 43 years old when he succeeded to this title, the highest at that

time in the Catholic church in this country.

In 1883 Archbishop Gibbons led a delegation of Catholic prelates to Rome and was chosen by Pope Leo XIII to preside over the third plenary council held the following year. His work in this office of trust and other activities won him appointment as a cardinal in 1886. The ceremony attending his investiture with the insignia of his high new office took place in his home city of Baltimore and was a very impressive affair. The next year he went to Rome and received the apostolic blessing and election to the College of Cardinals. Another high light of his brilliant career came in 1888 when he celebrated the centenary of the establishment of the Catholic hierarchy in this country. Following the celebration he convened the first national congress of Catholic laymen.

It was Cardinal Gibbons who laid the cornerstone of the famous Catholic university in Washington, and he was made the chancellor of the institution. One of his greatest distinctions was the honor of being the first American Roman Catholic prelate to participate in the election of a pope. He voted for Pius X. During his life Cardinal Gibbons paid but one visit to the Pacific coast, and at that time he honored Portland by stopping here and preaching in the old cathedral at Third and Stark streets. The visit was in October, 1887. On that occasion he conferred the pallium on Archbishop William H. Gross. Archbishop Reardon of San Francisco accompanied the prelate on this visit. Solemn requiem mass will be said in a memorial service for Cardinal Gibbons at St. Marys cathedral, Fifteenth and Davis streets, according to an announcement made at the office of Archbishop Alexander Christie this morning. The service will not be held on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Sunday morning the archbishop will announce the time and place of the memorial service, which will probably be the early part of next week. Archbishop Christie was not ready to announce how the diocese would be officially represented at the cardinal's funeral. The archbishop may find it possible to attend the service personally. If not, he will send a personal representative, it was announced. Cardinal Gibbons had a very retentive memory, according to Rev. Arthur Delorier, Archbishop Christie's secretary. On a recent visit of the archbishop to Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons recalled the names of the men he met here and at the post at Vancouver, Wash., which he also visited. He asked many questions about the West, and expressed a keen interest in its development.

### CARDINAL'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SAYS WIRE

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### Cardinal's Brother Ill

New Orleans, March 24.—(I. N. S.)—John T. Gibbons, brother of Cardinal Gibbons, is ill here, recovering from an operation and it is not believed he will be able to attend the funeral of his distinguished brother who died today. F. E. Burke, a nephew, probably will attend.

# BIG SALEM STORE BURNS; LOSS HEAVY

Salem, Or., March 24.—Losses aggregating between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were caused by a fire early this morning which gutted the store building occupied by Kafoury Brothers' mercantile store on State street, between High and Liberty streets. The stock of Kafoury Brothers was principally women's wearing apparel and piece goods and was only partly covered by insurance, the late stock not having been insured. The building, which is owned by the Hughes estate, is valued at \$15,000, which was fully covered. The fire was first discovered about 6 o'clock, and is supposed to have started in a warehouse at the rear of the store building or in the rear of the basement. Its origin has not been determined. Roomers occupying the second story of the building were not aware of the fire until it had gained considerable headway and were compelled to make hasty exits, many of them leaving the building in their night clothes, losing their other belongings in the flames. Prompt response on the part of the fire department saved adjoining buildings.

### Recommendation to Oust Socialist Made

(By United News) Albany, N. Y., March 24.—By a vote of nine to four the assembly judiciary committee Wednesday night voted to recommend to the assembly that Henry Jager, Socialist, representing the Fourteenth district, Kings county, be unseated on the ground that Jager was elected and at the time he took his seat, he was a resident of the state of New Jersey.

# Poll Tax Helps Cut General Taxation, Director Reports

Olympia, Wash., March 24.—(U. P.)—Taxes for the support of the state's general fund need not be increased and may be reduced, according to L. D. McCordle, who will become director of the department of efficiency April 1. McCordle has completed an analysis of the appropriations of the legislature and points out that the only extra tax burden imposed was .668 mills for higher educational institutions. He bases his hope of a tax reduction on an estimated income of \$3,000,000 from the poll tax about to be collected.

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