

POPE LEO XIII, RULER OF THE CATHOLIC WORLD, AT LAST SUCCUMBS IN BATTLE AGAINST DEATH

AERONAUTS AGAIN ABOARD BUZZARD

Professor Not With Them, But Expected Soon.

LAUNCHING CAR CATAPULT

Combination of Large Iron Springs to Give Momentum Which Will Shoot the "Bird" Into Space.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

WIDE WATER, Va., July 20.—Under the charge of Charles R. Manley, Prof. Langley's corps of willing workmen boarded the ark Buzzard about 10 o'clock this morning. Laden with suit cases and traveling bags—for the party had returned to Quantico from Washington only this morning—they climbed aboard the forsaken ark and immediately started to work again. Prof. Langley was not with the party, but his presence is eagerly awaited by all.

If there was a guard on board the ark early this morning he kept very close to cover and all attempts to deliver the mail received at Wide Water for Prof. Langley were in vain until Mr. Manley arrived.

It is evident that the launching car upon which the "Bird" will rest before it takes its flight is to receive its momentum from a combination of large iron springs, drawn taut by a block and tackle and suddenly released. These springs are about five feet in length and are arranged in two sets end to end and six abreast. This catapult arrangement, it is thought, will hurl the car on its journey as though shot out of an air gun. Two of these springs have been slightly displaced, probably by the strain on the car during the recent storm.

GRAND JURY TAKES UP WRONGFUL VOUCHER CASE

Members of Board of Education Testify.

The grand jury this afternoon took up the investigation of the payment of a voucher for \$300 to Miss Frances Benjamin Johnston for "maps" for the public schools of the District.

Gen. George H. Harries, a member, and Gen. Boynton, president of the Board of Education, and others, testified before the jury in reference to the matter.

Miss Johnston, it will be remembered, made a number of photographs for the Paris Exposition illustrative of the school methods in Washington. There was a balance of \$600 due her for the work.

After the first payment was made to Miss Johnston it was contended that there was no way in which she might be paid the balance although she was entitled to the money.

To overcome the difficulty a requisition was prepared for a payment for "maps" to be obtained from J. C. Parker, a dealer, and this money was turned over to Miss Johnston. No maps, however, were turned over to the public schools.

The matter was investigated by a special committee of the Board of Education, and now the matter is before the grand jury.

VENEZUELA HAS PAID FINAL INSTALLMENT

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 20.—The "Post" today asserts that inasmuch as Venezuela has paid the last installment of the claims held against her by England and Germany, diplomatic relations between President Castro's government and these two countries have been resumed. Castro will shortly receive the English and German ministers formally.

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair weather is indicated for tonight and tomorrow in all portions of the Washington forecast district, except the lower lake region and the eastern portion of the middle Atlantic States, where showery conditions will continue. Showers are also probable tonight on the south Atlantic coast.

Important temperature changes are not anticipated, although the tendency will be toward warmer weather in Northern districts.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	75
11 a. m.	82
1 p. m.	83

THE SUN.	
Sun sets today	7:21 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow	4:50 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.	
High tide today	3:38 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	4:11 a. m., 4:45 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	11:08 a. m., 11:16 p. m.

WHITELAW REID AT OYSTER BAY

Consults With President on Political Matters.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' MESSAGE

Thought That Rampolla Turned Over Dispatch of Condolence to American Prelate.

OYSTER BAY, July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid took luncheon at Sagamore Hill today and after the repast President Roosevelt and the diplomat-editor had a conference on political and international matters.

Mr. Reid, from his wide experience abroad, is regarded by the President as an excellent authority on foreign problems and is frequently consulted. Mr. Reid said that his visit was "merely a social one" and could not have any public interest.

It is significant that the President is gradually going through the list of prominent Republicans in the East in his guest selections this summer. Thus far he has entertained Senators Hanna, Fairbanks, Keen, Dryden, Lodge and the Junior Senator from Indiana, Mayor Low of New York, and a long string of smaller politicians from the Empire State. Nearly all these men have said when interviewed, that they came to make "social" calls.

The Gibbons Dispatch. Some little comment was caused by the publication of Cardinal Gibbons' reply to the President's message of sympathy to Rome. Many were surprised that Gibbons signed it, believing that the message should have come from Rampolla, who is secretary of state. It is believed that Cardinal Rampolla handed the message to Cardinal Gibbons, because, in the first place, the latter was the only American member of the college, and, in the second, because he is known to have friendly relations with the President.

The message signed by Cardinal Gibbons was the first intimation given to the public that the cardinal was in Rome. When last heard from he was in France awaiting the result of the Pope's illness.

TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC PHYSICIANS

President Chops Wood. President Roosevelt spent this forenoon in dictating his correspondence to Secretary Barnes, and in his usual round of recreation, including tennis, woodchopping and reading upon the broad veranda which overlooks the Sound.

The office of Health Officer Woodward has been besieged during the last week with applications for appointment as physician to the poor, and medical inspectors of public schools of the District. The examination for which will be held in the Busch Building, 716 E Street northwest, July 22 at 9 a. m.

It is within the discretion of the Health Officer to reject or approve applications, and for this reason only twenty-one physicians will appear for the examination as medical inspectors, and ten for the examination as physician to the poor. The former position pays \$500 per annum, and the latter \$1 per day, when employed.

The following physicians will be notified to appear to be examined for medical inspector: John R. Atwell, Elijah H. Allen, John S. Arnold, Wilfred M. Barton, Benjamin M. Beall, Uriah J. Daniels, Thomas A. Groover, George D. Heinicke, George H. Heitmueller, Isabel H. Lamb, J. Preston Miller, John W. Mitchell, Francis P. Morgan, John D. Nichols, William K. Scott, George P. Fenwick, John B. Thomas, William F. Wagner, William E. Whitson, Wallace Johnson, and William J. Bush.

The following physicians will be notified to appear for examination as physician to the poor: Charles Allen, Joseph C. Tappan, Elliott C. Prentiss, John J. Repetti, Richard S. Blackburn, Charles A. Tignor, Truman Abbe, Albert Ridgely, John R. Atwell, and John P. Gunion. The examinations will last two days, six hours on the 22d and three hours on the 23d inst. Applicants will be requested to bring all necessary pens, pencils and ink, but no paper, the District preferring to furnish that much of the paraphernalia.

TOWED INTO PORT.

BOSTON, July 20.—The two-masted schooner *Perlin* of Belfast, Me., was picked up, dismantled and abandoned, by the tug *Vesta* yesterday, off the Gravesend and towed here.

AFTER REMARKABLE RESISTANCE OF MANY DAYS AGED PONTIFF DIES IN VATICAN AT 3:55 P. M.



HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII.

SUPREME AUTHORITY FOR GENERAL WOOD

Made Military and Civil Governor of the Moro Provinces.

General Leonard Wood, by an act of which was received at the War Department today, is given almost supreme authority in the island of Mindanao. He is made both military and civil governor of Moro provinces.

General Wood is empowered to appoint all subordinates in the civil branch, the district governors, lieutenant governors, treasurers, and secretaries. He may of his own motion suspend any district officer and, after due hearing, impose a fine or even dismiss the offender.

Should a judge of a court of the first instance be unable to enforce his decrees, General Wood may go to his assistance with the constabulary and the municipal police which are placed directly under his control.

RICARTE WOULD TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Filipino Junta at Hongkong Opposes His Return Home.

The "Manila Times," copies of which have reached the War Department, says that Ricarte, a fellow-exile at Guam with Mabini, but who, unlike Mabini, refused upon his release to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, now regrets his decision. The story says:

"Gen. Arsenio Ricarte, regrets his exile in Hongkong and is very anxious to return to Manila. He is deterred, however, by the Filipino junta at Hongkong, which is very anxious to retain him, as there seems to be some prestige in his presence and support. But Ricarte is moved by emotions that are both sentimental and practical, and in the end he will probably come, take the oath of allegiance and then get into trouble. "He has written to Manila for advice as to the political effect of his submission and return."

GRAND JURY TO OPEN NEW POSTOFFICE CASES

Said to Be Only a Matter of Typewriting Indictments.

The Federal grand jury resumed work in the Postoffice cases today at the City Hall. What was done was guarded, however with the greatest secrecy, and nothing could be learned of the details of the work. It is known, however, that the jury intends making a report to Justice Fritchard at an early date. That indictments will be reported against more than one person connected with the Postoffice Department is generally accepted. Some of the indictments which will be reported, it is believed, will be based on irregularities in connection with mail bag contracts.

The documentary evidence which was compiled last week by Assistant District Attorney Taggart and Postoffice Inspector Mayer was placed before the grand jury this morning. This was strengthened by the oral testimony of witnesses who gave evidence before the jury.

It is believed that everything is in such shape as to warrant the jury in reporting indictments against several persons. It is said to be now only a matter of typewriting the documents which will be cut long. It is believed, however, that this part of the work will be finished early enough to enable the grand jury to make a report on Friday. The opinion prevails about the City Hall, however, that the jury will not be asked to submit a report until it can include all the cases it has under consideration in the presentment.

RUSSIAN PRINCE KILLED.

BERLIN, July 20.—The "Tageblatt" reports that Prince Gargin has been assassinated by peasants near Korowino in the Russian province of Riazan. The murder was for political purposes.

Early in the Morning Cardinal Deacon Pierroti Brought a Blessing From the Shrine of the Madonna of the Rosary and Vanutelli Gave the Final Absolution. Blessed Sacrament Exposed at St. Peter's After All Hope of a Rally Had Departed.

BEAVERS IS EXPECTED TO SURRENDER TODAY

Had Long Consultation in New York.

DID NOT TALK WITH PAYNE

Retired Chief of Salary and Allowance Division Accused of Accepting Two Bribes, Aggregating \$1,000.

NEW YORK, July 20.—George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances in the Postoffice Department, had a long consultation with his attorneys today and is expected to surrender himself to the United States authorities this afternoon.

It was the general impression that in surrendering Beavers would give himself up to the United States commissioner in Manhattan, so that before he could be turned over to the Federal authorities in Brooklyn he would get a preliminary hearing that would disclose the nature of the evidence against him. Mr. Young, United States district attorney for the Southern district of New York, said there were two counts against Beavers, one for receiving a bribe of \$40 and the other for receiving a bribe of \$240.

Beavers hurried into the office of Moran & Seabury at 11:25 o'clock this morning. He refused to say a word to outsiders.

Mr. Seabury said for him, however: "It is untrue that Mr. Beavers, as reported, saw Postmaster General Payne on the revenue cutter Onondaga, off Tompkinsville, on Saturday. It is also untrue that Mr. Beavers is to give testimony for the Government."

"We have not seen the indictments yet and do not want to talk further until we do see them."

AMERICA'S CONDOLENCES CABLED TO VATICAN

The State Department is in receipt of the following cablegram from Lewis M. Liddings, charge at Rome:

"The Pope died at 4:10, July 20." The State Department this afternoon sent the following cablegram of condolence to Cardinal Rampolla:

July 20, 1903. Cardinal Rampolla.

The President desires me to express his profound sense of the loss which the Christian world has sustained in the death of his holiness, Leo XIII.

By his lofty character, his great learning and comprehensive charity, he adorned his exalted station and made his reign one of the most illustrious, as it has been one of the longest, in the history of the Catholic Church.

JOHN HAY.

PULIDO GOES TO NEW YORK TO MEET NEW MINISTER

"El Mochó" Expected to Arrive Some Time Today.

Senor Pulido, charge of the Venezuelan legation, left Washington yesterday for New York, to meet the new Venezuelan minister, General Hernandez, who is expected to arrive at the metropolis today.

General Hernandez, better known to his compatriots as "El Mochó," or "the Cripple," has been on the route to his new station for some days. At the Cochran, where the headquarters of the Venezuelan legation are, it was learned this morning that Mr. Pulido had left word that he would return to Washington tomorrow night, accompanied by the new minister.

CARDINAL OREGLIA REMOVES RING AFTER THE POPE PASSES AWAY

ROME, July 20.—Pope Leo, Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, died today at 3:55 p. m. (Roman time).

The announcement was made officially to the correspondents assembled in this city by the Italian Government shortly after this hour.

Until the end false alarms, with apparent official sanction, had been issued from the Vatican. All met with prompt denial.

ROME, July 20.—As the Pope lay dying, the penitentiaries, who had been summoned to perform their final office, gathered about the dying prelate's bedside, chanted the prayer interceding for the soul of the passing Christian and quoted verses from the gospels, giving the story of Christ's passion, this last taking place as the Pope's heart finally stopped beating.

After the death the doctors waited some minutes. Then they applied the usual death tests. Finding that his holiness had passed away, they informed Cardinal Rampolla, who is filling the capacity of prefect of the palace, that the Pontiff was dead. He, in turn, informed Cardinal Oreglia, the Cardinal Camerlengo of the Holy See.

OREGLIA ENTERS CHAMBER.

Oreglia was conducted to the papal apartment by the head chamberlain, the apostolic notary, and the physicians. On arriving at the bedchamber Cardinal Oreglia knocked three times on the door, and, receiving no response, entered and approached the corpse.

Taking a small silver mallet, he lightly struck the dead Pope's forehead three, and three called him by name. There being no answer, the cardinal removed from the Pope's finger the "Anulo Piscatorio," or Fisherman's ring, the sign of papal authority, and then formally declared Pope Leo XIII dead.

From the moment he removed the ring, Cardinal Oreglia became the executive officer of the Holy See and the depository of its temporal power.

THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The first announcements from Cardinal Oreglia of the Pope's death were sent to the Cardinal Dean, representing the College of Cardinals, and the Cardinal Vicar, representing the bishopric of Rome. Immediately after the accredited representatives of the foreign powers to the Vatican were informed. Monsignor Nocella, the secretary of the Sacred College, communicated with those cardinals who are absent from Rome, and requested them to immediately attend the forthcoming conclave.

Orders were sent to all the churches and religious communities in Rome, directing the clergy to hold special services and to celebrate requiem masses. The cardinals will meet shortly and will elect three of their body to discharge the duties of the government of the Holy See in the interim.

ROME, July 20.—The official bulletin regarding the Pope's condition issued by his physicians this morning was laconic, giving little information outside of the fact that His Holiness' condition continued grave. The bulletin read:

"In the course of the night His Holiness slept only at short intervals. His general condition remains constantly grave. Pulsation 84, respiration 22, temperature 36.2 centigrade.

"LAPPONI 'MAZZONI'"

ROME, July 20.—Rome passed an anxious night. All signs indicated that the life of His Holiness was passing and every one interested was on tiptoe awaiting the announcement of the momentous event.

The night passed, and despite many rumors, official announcement of the end did not come. In the early morning great crowds gathered in the vicinity of the Vatican, awaiting the issuance of the doctors' bulletin. This came later than usual and was a surprise, in view of the many reports that the Pope was near death, inasmuch as it stated that his general condition was maintained. HIS SUPERNATURAL VITALITY.

Surprise was augmented later when reports came from the Vatican that the Pope had rallied, practically after all hope had been abandoned. The doctors, it was said, asserted that they had been misled by the apparent crisis of yesterday, and expressed anew their amazement at Leo's almost supernatural vitality.

Early in the afternoon it was again reported that the Pope was dying and that the end was not far off. The relapse came at 1 p. m.

ALL TELEGRAMS DELAYED.

That the government had news that the end was near was indicated by an announcement that there would be great delay to telegrams, because a telegraph pole had fallen. This meant that the government was to place an embargo upon messages and would delay the announcement of the death until such time as it considered it proper to make it known to the world.

Fifteen cardinals were among the callers at the Vatican in the night. Cardinal Oreglia came at 9:30 a. m. His carriage went away empty, the