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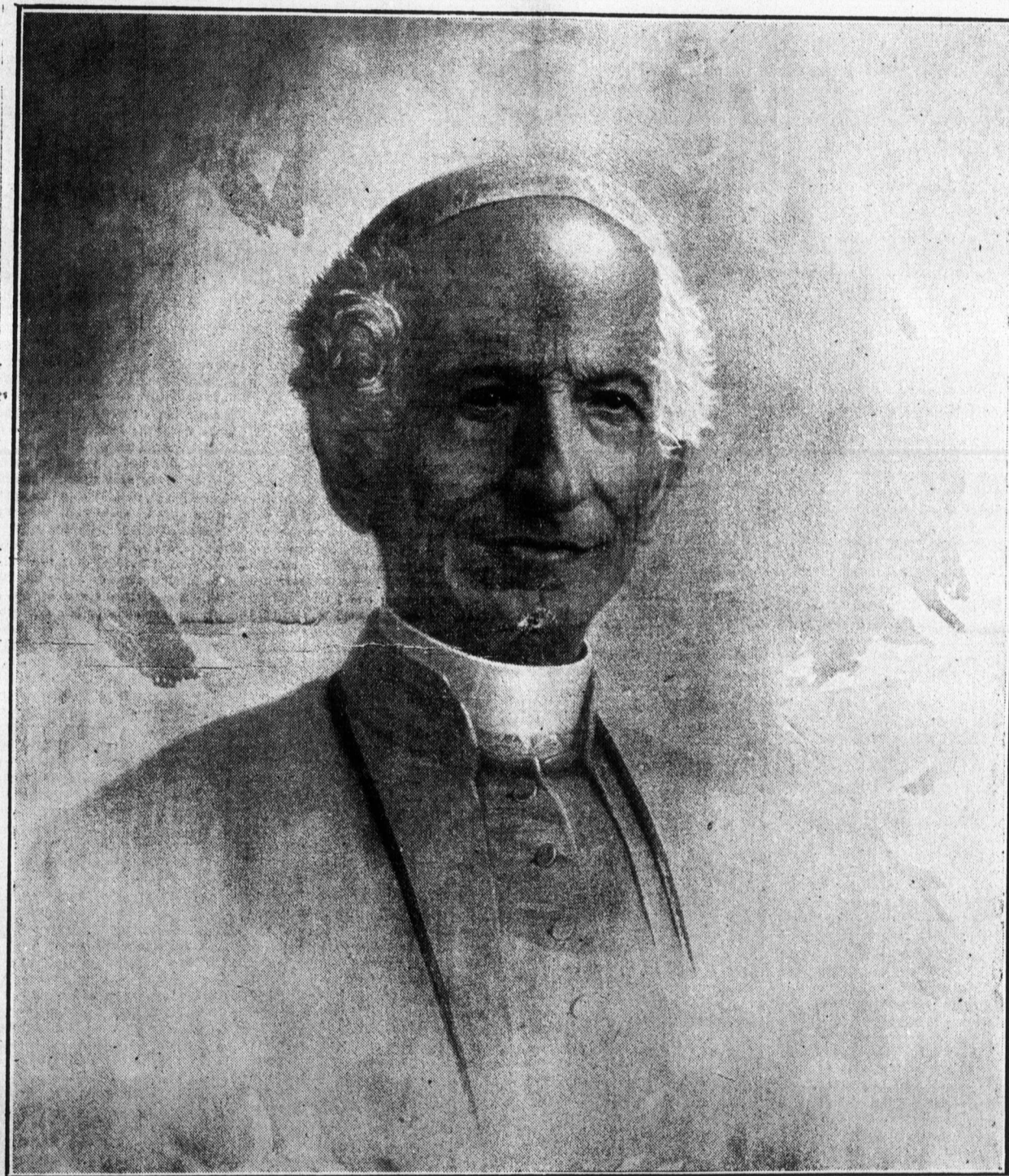
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MONTREAL, SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1903.

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His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Dead.



THE LATE POPE LEO XIII.

THE LAST MOMENTS. — His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., died at 4.04 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The venerable Pontiff's long expected death came peacefully. The last evidence that the distinguished patient was conscious was at 4 o'clock, when he opened his eyes and smiled, and then closed them again. His last words were "Bless you," to Mgr. Bisleti. Thus reads one of the despatches received in this city:—
The final scene in the death chamber was profoundly impressive. The Pope's death having been expected since noon, his death-bed was surrounded by practically all the members of the Sacred College in Rome, and the whole Papal Court, while the Pontiff's nephews received word from the doctors which announced

that his last expiring breath was approaching. Then they moved silently within the death chamber, some standing, some kneeling, all awaiting the awful moment of dissolution.
In the ante-chamber had assembled the high ecclesiastics, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of Papal aristocracy, awaiting the announcement that the final moment had come.
Profound silence reigned in the Pope's bedroom, only broken by the doctors rising to render their expiring patient more comfortable, by the sobs of the ever-faithful valet, Pio Centra, or the murmured prayers of Mgr. Piffieri, the Papal confessor, himself 84 years of age, who had to be assisted to the bedside.

The doctors again examined the dying Holy Father, and this time found that he was at the extreme limit of his powers of respiration. His eyes began to become dull and clouded, and Leo XIII. entered into the real agony of death, which was recognized by all present kneeling.
The last conscious act of the Pontiff was to turn his eyes toward the great crucifix on the wall, after which he suffered from a paroxysm of choking, during which he passed away.
Then the silence of the awe-stricken assemblage was broken by the sonorous, solemn voice of Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, the grand penitentiary, intoning the requiem aeternam.
This was the signal for an out-

burst of tears and the sound of weeping, which could no longer be repressed, all the kneeling prelates and others kissing the dead hand.
Outside the death chamber expectation was intense, but the sight of the sorrowing faces of those leaving the room was sufficient without word to spread the sad news, which was not long in spreading throughout Rome.
The occurrences in the death chamber immediately following the Pope's demise were of impressive solemnity. Couriers had been despatched to summon those who are delegated to perform the first religious offices toward the dead Pope, and soon the chanting of the Franciscan monks was heard, as two by two, in coarse brown habits and with sandalled

feet, they proceeded to the room into the presence of the remains.
Of the supreme moment Dr. Lapponi gives an impressive description:—
"Death occurred through exhaustion, although in the last two hours Pope Leo made a supreme effort to gather together all his energies. He succeeded in recognizing those about him by the sound of their voices, and his sight was almost entirely lost. Still he made a marvellous display of his energy and even his death was really grand. It was resigned and serene. Very few examples can be given of a man of such advanced age, after so exhaustive an illness, showing such supreme courage."
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