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PONTIFICAL JUBILEE

Official Order of the Festivities in Rome

Pope Leo Satisfied With the Loyal Demonstrations of the Faithful

The programme of the festivities in Rome for the celebration of the Pope's Jubilee is as follows:

Friday, 20th February—Twenty-fifth anniversary of the election of His Holiness Leo XIII. to the Pontifical Chair. Audience to the pilgrimages and deputations that have arrived in Rome. 1. His Eminence the Cardinal Vicar and the Bishops and Ordinaries present in Rome will offer to the Sovereign Pontiff the gold tiara, a symbol of the triple Pontifical power, and the collective gift of the faithful of every nation and every diocese. 2. The Jubilee Committee will offer to His Holiness the Peter's Pence for the restoration of St. John in Lateran, the Pope's Cathedral, and the mother church of Rome and of the Catholic world. 3. The International Committee of Solemn Homage to Our Redeemer and to His august Vicar will present to His Holiness "the Peter's Pence of the Tiara and of Filial Love," and also in the name of the Italian and foreign pilgrims who have visited Rome during the Holy Year and after a special offering consisting of the outcome of their own zeal. 4. The Lombard Pilgrimage, with Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, and the Bishops of that region at its head, will present, with Peter's Pence, the grand commemorative medal of the Pontifical Jubilee, in gold, silver and bronze, as well as the instruments used in stamping it. 5. The representatives of the Episcopal Curie, with Cardinal Boschi, Archbishop of Ferrara, at their head, will offer the keys symbolical of the supreme Pontifical authority full (in gold) of Peter's Pence collected amongst their colleagues.

Friday, the 20th, Saturday the 21st, and Sunday the 22nd Feb.—Solemn Triduum arranged by the College of Parish Priests of Rome in the Church of the Holy Apostles to make thanksgiving to God for the favor granted by Him to the Christian people in having given them for such a long time a Sovereign Pontiff such as Leo XIII., and to beg that the life of His Holiness may be further preserved. Fathers Marolo, Ferrini and Cente, parish priests, will preach. On Sunday morning the Cardinal Vicar, assisted by the College of Parish Priests, will pontificate and impart the threefold Benediction. The "Te Deum" will be sung by the people.

Sunday, the 22nd Feb.—At midday a banquet will be given at the Vatican by the International Committee, representing the Catholics of the whole world, to a thousand people in honor of the Sovereign Pontiff, "the father of the Poor." The Committee exhort Catholics everywhere to celebrate the Pontifical Jubilee not only with prayer, but also with extraordinary aims to the local poor.

Tuesday, the 3rd March—A Papal Chapel at St. Peter's with attendance of the pilgrimages from Piedmont, Liguria, Tuscany, and other parts of Italy, as well as from abroad. The Holy Father will make a solemn entry in the "sedia gestatoria," and will wear the Tiara presented by the Catholics of the world. Pontifical

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Benediction "Urbi et Orbi" and the singing of the "Te Deum" by the people in union with the Catholic world.

Thursday, the 5th March—Accademia in the Church of the Holy Apostles. The music will be under the direction of Don Lorenzo Perosi. Cardinal Ferrari will read a discourse; Mgr. Vincenzo Sardi a Latin poem; and Commendatore Tolli, Signor Persichetti, and Mgr. Poletto Italian poems. The Society of St. Peter will be present.

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, and Sunday the 8th March—Solemn Triduum arranged by the Jubilee Committee in the Gesù. Father Zocchi, Mgr. Rardini Tedeschi, and Cardinal Satolli will preach. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given by three Cardinals, and on the last day the representatives of all the Catholic societies and associations in Rome will be present and join in the singing of the "Te Deum." The Society of the Immaculata will give assistance.

Tuesday, the 28th April—His Holiness Leo XIII. to-day reaches the years, months and days of the Pontificate of St. Peter in the See of Rome, and the Roman Jubilee Committee, the International Committee, and the deputations and pilgrimages in Rome will offer His Holiness congratulations and good wishes in the name of the Catholic world.

THE OPENING DAY.

Rome, Feb. 20.—(Associated Press Despatches.)—The Pope completed the functions of his Jubilee to-day without undue fatigue. Upon returning to his apartments the Pontiff exclaimed: "This is really the happiest day of my life."

"It seems impossible that it is twenty-five years since I have been there," was the Pope's exclamation as he looked from a window of his apartments this morning into the sunlit piazza of St. Peter's. This was the Pontiff's only reference to his long term of self-imposed imprisonment in the Vatican, during which he has never gone beyond the palace grounds and St. Peter's, which is considered to be part of the Vatican. "What a glorious morning for the Jubilee of my Pontificate," the Pope added as he proceeded with evident pleasure to peruse the almost innumerable telegrams, letters and addresses of congratulation which have reached the Vatican from all parts of the world.

The Hall of Beatification, above the portico of St. Peter's, where the Pontiff held his jubilee reception to-day, presented a brilliant scene. It was beautifully hung with antique brocades and illuminated with thousands of electric lights and wax candles. The boxes lining the long, narrow hall were filled to their capacity with members of the Roman aristocracy, diplomats, women with black veils, men in evening dress, and monks and sisters in various garbs. Here and there groups of Papal guards, in bright uniforms, lent color to the whole. Notable among the diplomats was Count Almódovar, head of the special mission sent to represent the King of Spain at the Jubilee.

The struggle to get into the hall was terrific. People were swept off their feet, and women were overcome, but no one was injured. The babel of tongues raised in protest testified to the world-wide character of the gathering.

PONTIFF ARRIVES.

There was a long and tedious wait before the ceremony commenced and the audience was growing restless when, suddenly a great roar of "Long Live Leo" and "Long Live the Pope King," announced the arrival of the Pontiff. His Holiness was borne in the sedia gestatoria on the shoulders of eight men, habited in red brocade. The Pope himself wore gorgeous robes and had the triple crown on his head. He bestowed his benediction right and left as he passed through the cheering concourse, whose enthusiasm was so great and whose desire to

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touch the hem of the Pope's gown was so intense, that the presence of the guards seemed really necessary for his protection.

In a procession, surrounded by a brilliant escort of prelates, aristocracy and guests, Pope Leo always appears at his best. His feebleness and bent form are hidden, and the public sees only the venerable patriarch, with cameo-like features and kindly smile, who fulfills its every ideal.

The Pope was accompanied by Cardinals Moenni, Perrauti, Ferrari, Satolli, Respighi, Boschi and Macchi, and escorted by the much-admired noble guards. The celebrated feather fans on both sides of the Sedia Gestatoria exercised great interest. On the right of the Pontifical throne was assembled the Pecci family, to which

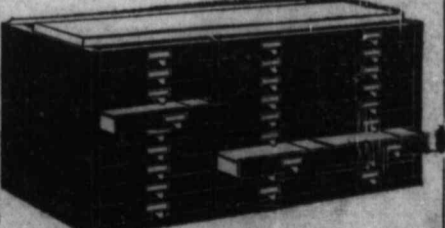
the Pope belongs, and on the left stood Count Almódovar. When the Pontiff ascended the throne, he seemed to be in a kind of glorified atmosphere, attained by a peculiar arrangement of red draperies before the windows.

RICH GIFTS PRESENTED.

Cardinal Respighi, Vicar of Rome, read an affectionate Latin address, expressing loyalty and devotion, and offered the gold tiara, the Jubilee present of the Catholic world, which cost \$25,000, and \$40,000 in cash. Cardinal Ferrari (Archbishop of Milan), in behalf of a pilgrimage from Lombardy, presented an address of felicitation to the Pope and the gold, silver and bronze commemorative medals.

The Pope thanked the Lombardy pilgrims and gave them his benediction. Cardinal Boschi read a third address, and presented to His Holiness the symbolic keys, one of gold and the other of silver, accompanied by an offering of \$40,000 in gold coins

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The Roman Committee for the Jubilee fetes presented a rich parchment volume, with the signatures of all who had contributed to the offerings, with another \$40,000 to be devoted to the restoration of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Other committees followed with addresses and offerings.

The Pope then charged Monsignor Bisleti, his Master of the Chamber, to read a Latin speech addressed "to my venerable brothers and beloved children," in which His Holiness expressed satisfaction at the manifestation of which he is the object on the part of the whole Catholic world. For the second time in a century, continued Pope Leo, Christ has wished to glorify His Vicar on earth by allowing him to reach the years of St. Peter.

The address ended by saying that the Pontiff was happy to celebrate his Jubilee amidst the homage and veneration of the Catholic universe.

RETURNED AMB PLAUDITS.

After bestowing the Apostolic blessing, the Pope returned to his apartments, amid the enthusiastic plaudits of the multitude. He contemplated the functions of the jubilee without undue fatigue. On returning to his apartments he exclaimed: "This is really the happiest day of my life."

In St. Peter's this afternoon, Cardinal Rampollo celebrated a Solemn Mass and Te Deum. The Pope retired at 10 o'clock at night, saying to his valet: "I am really satisfied with the day's work."

GOOD WISHES FROM MONTREAL.

Archbishop Bruchesi Forwards Message to His Holiness.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Archbishop Bruchesi, on behalf of the diocese of Montreal, to-day forwarded a cablegram of congratulation to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., on the occasion of the celebration of his silver jubilee. After congratulating the Holy Pontiff upon his long and successful reign, the message expressed a wish that it might continue, while assuring him of the loyalty and devotion of the subjects of this diocese.

At the Archbishop's palace to-day the announcement was made that a Te Deum would be sung in all the churches of the diocese on Sunday next. No special service was held to-day, but in offering the holy sacrifices of the Mass the priests inserted the special prayer Pro Papa.

Lord Dunraven Expresses hope of Success

London, Feb. 23.—The Earl of Dunraven was interviewed to-night regarding the report of the Irish Landlord and Tenants' Conference in Dublin, of which he was Chairman. He spoke hopefully regarding the prospects of legislation, which, he thought, would end the difficulties in Ireland. Lord Dunraven said: "The utterances of King Edward and of British public men, the temper of Ireland, the reception of the conference's report by the public, and the action of the Government since its publication, are all favorable indications pointing to the success of the Government's Irish land bill, which, if it contains a just and generous offer, will make good the first impression on which all depends. The bill, if drawn on the lines of the report, will insure a final settlement and remove the cause of friction in Ireland, which is reacting unfavorably not only in Great Britain but throughout the empire and on our kindred in the United States."

Lord Dunraven replied to the adverse criticism of the report, saying that the conference could not lay down a specific formula to be adopted. They were obliged to deal with the matter on the broadest lines, considering both the interests of the nation and those of individual landlords and tenants. He did not think that the Government would be able to specify a strict formula, which, if attempted, would confuse the issue. The minor details of any plan based on voluntarism must be left to the purchasers and sellers. The conference only sought to formulate the conditions under which it would be possible to complete the transfer of the land within a reasonable period. His Lordship concluded by saying that he did not think that the demand on the State treasury would be disproportionate to the benefits gained.

Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union

The third debate of the Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union took place last Monday evening at St. Mary's Club Rooms. Mr. C. J. Read, the President of St. Mary's C. L. & A. A., welcomed the large audience and explained the objects of the Debating Union, and asked the President of the Association to take the chair, who called on the First Vice-President, Mr. J. L. Costello, as he himself was engaged in the debates. The subject of debate was "Resolved, That a Total Prohibition of the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquor is in the Best Interests of the Country." Mr. J. C. DeRocher and Mr. D. McGuire, of St. Mary's, spoke for the affirmative, and Mr. E. V. O'Sullivan and Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan upheld the negative. While the judges were giving the decision the audience were entertained by two songs from Mr. Wm. Kennedy. Mr. Thomas Mulvey, K. C., ably spoke on the benefits of the debating union. The judges, Rev. F. F. Rohleder, Ald. Wm. Burns and Dr. A. J. McDonagh, gave the decision for the affirmative. Rev. Dr. Teefe was indisposed and expressed, through the President, regret at his inability to attend. Mr. J. J. Foy, K. C., M. P. P., who was to act was not present.

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