

DEAD IN PARIS IS ROTHSCHILD.

HEAD OF THE FRENCH BRANCH OF GREAT HOUSE EXPIRES.

Widespread Regret in Paris, Where Financier, Besides Being Conspicuous Figure in Society, Was Noted for His Lavish Charities—He Controlled Governments of Europe.

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PARIS, May 26—Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking house bearing the name of Rothschild, and governor of the Bank of France, died at 4:30 this morning, from acute bronchitis aggravated by gout.

The eminent financier had been sinking slowly for many days, but there was no apprehension that his death was imminent. He first took to his bed two weeks ago. Several rallies gave promise of his recovery. Two days ago, the Baron began to fall rapidly, and his condition assumed a disquieting form. Although he kept up an animated conversation with members of his family and the old servants, the patient became very weak, and last night entered into a comatose state, and passed away this morning peacefully, surrounded by his family.

The announcement of the Baron's death caused widespread regret, for, besides his position in the financial world, he was known for his lavish charities, one of the latest being the gift of \$2,000,000 for the erection of workingmen's homes.

The news of the Baron's death caused a deep impression among financiers generally. It was said that his death would probably momentarily affect the extensive interests in which the house is concerned, but that it would not have a lasting effect on the market.

The deceased, who was born in 1827, will be succeeded as head of the Paris banking house by Baron Lambert de Rothschild of Brussels, whose business capacity has earned him a world-wide reputation.

The burial of Baron Alphonse will be most simple, according to the strict rule of the Rothschild family, including a plain coffin without mourning tributes. The funeral, the date of which has not yet been fixed, will be the occasion of a notable tribute of respect.

LEADING SPIRIT OF FAMILY.

A member of a French-American banking house said "Baron Alphonse was the leading spirit of the Rothschilds in their relations with practically all the governments of Europe. Besides the colossal task of financing the indemnity which France paid to Germany after the Franco-German war of 1870-71, he actively carried on relations with other governments. In Italy, these included both the government and the Vatican finances.

"The house also has large interests in Spain, largely controls Russia's railroad development, and held considerable parts of all the old Russian loan issues. The house, however, has not exercised a controlling influence in the new Russian loan. The large industrial interests of the house in Russia include the petroleum fields of Baku.

"The house has also had considerable dealings with American securities through the Belmonts, J. Pierpont Morgan and John W. Gates, including Louisville and Nashville, Atlantic Coast Line Transportation and also has extensive interests in mines in California."

Baron Alphonse was a member of the Academy of Fine Arts, a member of the French Institute and a commander of the Legion of Honor. He leaves two children, Baron Edouard and Baroness Beatrix. He has two surviving brothers, Baron Gustav and Baron Edmond.

The market showed some hesitation, but the death of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild produced little effect on values.

BARON ALPHONSE SUMMONED.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES)

DENVER (Col.) May 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Baron Alphonse Rothschild, grandson of the financier who died in Paris today, was summoned by cable, and chartered a special train to New York.

Facts About Great Family.

The Baron was 61 years of age, but his white hair and side whiskers gave him a venerable appearance. He was a conspicuous figure in the highest social functions of the French capital. His private fortune was estimated at \$70,000,000, and, in connection with his brothers, Baron Edmond and Baron Gustav, he recently informed the French Minister of Commerce that they would devote 10,000,000 francs to building houses for workmen, and that the income from the dwellings would be used for social improvements. His cousin, Baron Nathaniel Meyer de Rothschild, now Lord Rothschild, is at the head of the London banking house.

In accordance with the traditions of the family, which is, so far as practicable, to keep the family fortunes from being scattered, Baron Alphonse married his London cousin, sister of Baron Nathaniel Meyer de Rothschild. So numerous have been the intermarriages that whenever a Rothschild dies

the bulk of his estate usually goes back to the family treasury.

The combined wealth of all the Rothschilds is now placed at \$2,000,000,000. Their investments in national securities are very extensive. Before any of the European governments can safely declare war there must be an understanding with the Rothschilds; if their approval is not secured, some other adjustment of the international difficulty must be made.

It is said that \$10,000,000 of their money is in the New York Subway, and that they hold a large interest in the Anaconda copper mine.