

BARON DE ROTHSCHILD DEAD

Head of the French Branch of the
Great Banking House.

Noted for His Lavish Charities as Well
as His Business Ability.

Born in 1827.

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 o'clock 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. The announcement of the baron's death caused widespread regret, for besides his position in the financial



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world, Baron Alphonse 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 influence the extensive interests in which the house is concerned, but that it would not have a lasting effect on the markets.

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.

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.