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THE BLOOD-STAINED THRONE OF SERVIA

King Peter Finds It No Joke to Rule the Fiery Little European Monarchy.

HIS PREDECESSORS BUTCHERED.

The Crown Prince George Retires and Alexander, a Younger Brother, Takes His Place.

No monarch in modern times ever ascended a bloodier throne than that to which King Peter of Serbia was called in 1903. No one at the time expected that he would escape assassination or be permitted to reign for any length of time. In fact it was a long time before the powers accepted him with any cordiality, for it was hard to believe that he was entirely innocent of at least a previous knowledge of the terrible tragedy which was to shock the civilized world and place a throne at

of sterner stuff, even though she was scarcely a more admirable character. Finally came the tragedy. In the dead of night traitorous soldiers and soldiers broke into the palace and forced their way to the royal bed chamber. Then Alexander demonstrated that there was still a spark of manhood left in him. He fought valiantly and gradually retreated to a closet where he was hewn down. The wretched Queen shared his fate. Chopped beyond semblance to human beings, the bodies of the King and Queen were thrown out of the palace window into the court yard.

The Coming of Peter.
 Then Peter, a descendant of a former dynasty, residing in seclusion in Switzerland, was sent for and was elevated to the bloodstained throne. There was a demand on the part of the powers that he punish the regicides, but he was either unwilling or not strong enough to do this and the murderers retained their places of prominence and influence.

Half a dozen times it has been rumored that Peter would prefer to abandon his scepter and again seek the safety and comfort of private life, but the unpopularity of his eldest son made this impossible unless he cared to see some member of the old dynasty or some scion of one of the great powers of Europe elevated to the Serbian throne. The crown prince has been a thorn in the flesh of King Peter for



KING PETER OF SERVIA.

his disposal. But he has borne himself well and has held the hot-tempered and factional people of his little kingdom well in check. Lately his greatest danger has lain with his eldest son, the boastful frebrand, Crown Prince George. That danger now seems to be past, however, with the renunciation of his rights on the part of the prince and his retirement in favor of his more conservative brother, Alexander.

Newspaper readers will have no difficulty in recalling the tragedy of the

several years. He has had as a following a large number of the younger and more erratic of these fiery people and has been given to some very silly boasting.

When a few months ago Austria-Hungary gobbled up Bosnia and Herzegovina Serbia went mad with indignation and there sprang into existence a party who would appeal to arms and declare war against their giant enemy. Peter realized the hopelessness of any such effort, but the crown prince, boastful and braggart, talked loudly in the cafes and jangled his sword as he walked or rode about the streets of the capital. He made a visit to Russia and expected to meet with every encouragement there, but the Czar advised the young man to go about his business and do less talking.

George returned to Serbia and sulked in his tent. His father threatened him with arrest unless he abandoned his warlike attitude, but there was still a large element which drilled and strutted and talked of wiping Austria off the map if George would only lead them to the fray.

Peter tried in every way to induce the powers to interfere and compel Austria either to restore the two provinces to their former state or to remunerate Serbia for the loss of Serb prestige. But, while the nations grumbled at the high-handed act of Austria-Hungary, the dual kingdom was adamant. Francis Joseph knew he had his people solidly behind him. He was prepared for an appeal to arms. He realized that Germany stood ready to side with him and to frustrate any effort Great Britain might make in favor of the Serbs. Russia, to the surprise and indignation of the Servians, instead of proving their champion, consented to the policy of Austria with scarcely a murmur. King Peter realized that war would mean the effacing of his little kingdom and has used his influence to keep his angry subjects in check. By the collective action of the powers at Belgrade the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina became a closed incident.



PRINCE ALEXANDER.

Recently the Serbian atmosphere was somewhat clarified by the act of Prince George in renouncing his claim to the throne. The Serbian Parliament hesitated to act, but King Peter readily accepted the boy's retirement and named his second son, Prince Alexander, as the heir to the throne. Alexander is a more conservative youth than George and the welfare of Serbia would be safer under him than it would be under the former crown prince, though he is by no means an ideal prospective ruler.

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