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Murder Obliterates Reigning Dynasty

King Alexander and Queen Draga Together With Ministers Are Sacrificed In The Night.

Country Is In A Turmoil, With Revolutionists In The Ascendancy—Proclamation Issued By Ministers Announcing Formation Of Government.

Alleged Official Statement Given Out Placing Responsibility Of The Rulers' Death Upon A Battle Between Their Own Fac-tions After A Quarrel In The Royal Family.

Belgrade, June 11.—A military revolution broke out here last night. The troops who revolted under the leadership of Major Angkovic surrounded the palace, assassinated King Alexander, Queen Draga, the latter's sister, the queen's brother Nikodem; Premier Markovitch, Ministers Petrovitch and Tudorovitch, General Pavlovitch, the former minister of war, and some of the members of the royal guard. Prince Karageorgevitch was proclaimed king.

A new government was formed and the following proclamation was issued:

"To the Servian People—Last night the king and queen were shot. In this grave and fateful moment friends of the Fatherland have combined to form a new government. While the government makes this announcement to the people it is convinced that the Servian people will gather around it and lend it their aid to maintain order and security throughout the land."

"The government hereby makes known that from today the constitution of April 6, 1901, comes in force. A meeting of the national representatives, dissolved by the proclamation of March 24, is summoned to meet at Belgrade June 15."

- "JOVAN AVAKIMOVICS, Premier.
- "LJUBONUR KALCVICS, Foreign Minister.
- "STOJAN PROTICS, Minister of the Interior.
- "GEORGE HENSICS, Minister of Commerce.
- "GENERAL JOROVAN ALANZOKVICS, Minister of War.
- "VOGILAV VELIKOVICS, Minister of Finance.
- "LJUBIMOMIR SCHOKOVICS, Minister of Justice."

An attempt was made to support the dynasty by the commander of the Danube division who tried to march the Eighth regiment of infantry into the city to help the late king, but he was opposed by a body of troops under Colonel Gagowiz. In the fight which ensued, both commanders mentioned were killed.

What purports to be an official explanation of the tragedy was issued at Belgrade during the day. It says:

"After dinner on Wednesday evening, the king and queen with some of their relatives and several ministers sat on the balcony of the palace. Suddenly the king demanded that Queen Draga leave the country. She refused and was supported by some of the ministers. When the king saw this opposition he ordered the military to occupy the palace. In the meantime the queen's friends were also active and collected her supporters. It was in the fight between these two factions that the king and queen were killed."

'Long Live Karageorgevitch'

News Of Outrage Received Quietly And Later There Were Shouts For New King By The Parading People.

Belgrade, June 11.—The streets are thronged with people whose actions seem to approve the coup d'etat. M. Protic, the new minister of the interior, was loudly cheered as he drove to the ministry. M. Avakumovics, the new premier, belongs to the independent liberal party.

The people received the news of the assassinations, which were perpetrated between 10:30 last night and 2 o'clock this morning, quietly.

The bodies of the king and queen remain in the palace.

As the morning advanced the excitement in the streets grew steadily. In spite of the pouring rain, thousands of people gathered in the vicinity of the palace. Everywhere troops of all arms were posted, and field guns were placed in position to quickly deal with any opposition to the newly formed government's will. The soldiers discarded their cockades, bearing the late King Alexander's cipher, and substituted for it flowers, green twigs and leaves.

Bands of young men paraded the streets, waving flags and shouting, "Long live Karageorgevitch!"

Flags are flying from nearly every house in Belgrade, and there is absolutely no display whatever of crepe or other signs of mourning. The royal standard has been lowered from over the palace. Reports from places outside

Queen Draga is said to have sustained numerous wounds. A post mortem examination was held on the bodies in the palace at 11 o'clock this morning.

The local papers embellish their reports of the tragedy with all sorts of statements. According to one of them, the bodies of the king and queen were placed in shrouds and were lowered from a window of the palace to the gardens, whence they were carried away in a baggage wagon.

SERVIA'S NEW KING.

Paris, June 11.—Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, the new king of Servia, was a member of the fashionable diplomatic set in Paris and had among his acquaintances a number of Americans. He is described as having an agreeable personality, is about 50 years of age, was a frequenter of the leading clubs and hotels and was a well-known figure at races and sports. He entered the French army in 1870 with the rank of captain. Former Queen Natalie, mother of late King Alexander, is living at Versailles, with her sister, Princess Ghika, wife of a Roumanian minister.

Geneva, June 11.—Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, who has been living here for some time, appeared to be greatly astonished at the news from Belgrade, which he said he had only learned through a private telegram from Vienna.

CLOSED INCIDENT.

Question Ambassador Cassini's Egotism Will Be Dropped.

Washington, June 11.—Minister Conger's protest to the state department relative to an interview of Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, in which the ambassador expressed regret that the minister had been misinformed about Russia's negotiations with the Pekin government will be regarded by the government as a closed incident. No representations have been made to the Russian government on the subject and none will be made.

SHIP BUILDERS SHUT DOWN.

Threatened Strike Will Suspend Work on Hill's Steamships.

Groton, Conn., June 11.—The Western Shipbuilding company today posted notices that the works would be closed indefinitely. This action comes after a mass meeting of workmen last night, when it was decided to strike if the company persisted in its refusal to grant a nine hour day at ten hours pay. Work on the steamships Dakota and Minnesota, building for the Great Northern Railway, is suspended.

STRANGE ORDER FROM WARE.

Pension Commissioner Says Kansas Can Tend to Her Own Sufferers.

Washington, June 11.—Pension Commissioner Ware, himself a Kansan, has issued the following order:

"It is reported that a subscription paper is being circulated in the pension bureau for the Kansas flood sufferers. Let it be discontinued. Kansas can take care of its own sufferers."

The subscription paper was circulated at the request of resident Kansans at a mass meeting held in this city several days ago in accordance with the request of the governor of Kansas.

BRANCH POSTOFFICES.

Washington, June 11.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has instituted an investigation governing the establishment and maintenance of all branch stations and sub-stations of post-offices throughout the country.

STATUTE MUST STAND.

Judge of Superior Court Differs With Decision of Federal Supreme Court.

Chicago, June 11.—Judge Philip Stein, of the superior court, has given a ruling that is directly at variance with a decision of the supreme court of the United States on a similar question. The ruling arises in an insurance suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Iberig to prevent the Mutual Life Insurance company, which has its home office in New York city, from forfeiting a policy for \$2000 taken out in the name of her husband without giving notice.

The supreme court had decided in the Cohen case that New York insurance companies can forfeit policies written outside the state without giving notice, while the New York statute provides that notice must be given of the voiding of policies. The Iberig policy was written in Colorado.

After considering all the facts, Judge Stein ruled that the company must abide by the New York law notwithstanding the decision of the federal supreme court to the contrary.

CHILE DEMORALIZED.

At One Time Great Country, Now Amounts to Nothing.

New York, June 11.—This country which formerly ranked first in South America, is now going backward with gigantic strides," declares the Valparaiso, Chile, correspondent of the Herald. "Embezzlements of public and private funds are, he says, of daily occurrence. Leading newspapers bitterly complain of the serious demoralization invading the country, the uneasiness prevailing among the working classes is but the result of the demoralization in the upper classes."

TRUE BILL AGAINST MAYOR.

Pittsburg Executive Charged With a Misdemeanor.

Pittsburg, June 11.—The grand jury has returned a true bill against William B. Hays, mayor of Pittsburg, charging him with misdemeanor in discharging Samuel Moore from the city's employ. Moore was an official of the ordinance bureau of the city and an old soldier. On March 31, 1901, he, with a number of others, was discharged from the city employ by Hays. The matter was taken up by the old soldiers of the city and a test case made in Moore's behalf.

DANGER FROM FOREST FIRES.

Logging Camp Crew Fighting the Flames—Timber Burned.

Seattle, June 11.—Reports received show that there is grave danger of a repetition of forest fires this summer. The crew of a logging camp have been fighting fire in the hills back of Enumclaw for the past two days. The woods are on fire all around Granite Falls. Ellsworth camp on Nasel river was utterly destroyed; loss about \$10,000. The fire has burned about three sections of timber owned by the Weyerhaeuser syndicate and is still raging.

CHARGED WITH CRUELTY.

Major Will Go to Manila to Hear Investigation.

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 11.—Major Robert L. Howse of the Porto Rican regiment, who has been ordered to Manila to be present during the investigation of the charges against him of cruel treatment of Filipino persons, has sailed for New York.

FLOODS ARE RECEDING

East St. Louis Regaining Normal Conditions—No Further Damages.

ALL TRAFFIC IS IRREGULAR.

All West Bound Trains Are Moving—Flood Refugees Properly Cared For.

St. Louis, June 11.—The situation in East St. Louis remains about the same as last night. The flood on the south is still being held back at Missouri avenue, where the levee is watched unceasingly, as elsewhere, by thousands of workers, ready with bags of sand to close any break that may occur.

A decline in the river's stage of a fraction of an inch since last night does not make and apparent difference in the height of the flood but shows that the river has a tendency to fall. The stage at 7 A. M. was 37.5. This may relieve the situation greatly during the day if the fall continues, but until there is a decided decline in the flood, the city will be at the mercy of the wall of water that surrounds it on three sides. The night was cold for this time of the year, and there was considerable suffering among the thousands of homeless men, women and children on the East Side, most of whom, however, were taken care of in comparative comfort in tents and other modes of shelter.

East St. Louis is rapidly regaining normal conditions in the business districts not under water, although it will be weeks before the effect of the flood is offset. Only accredited citizens are allowed to pass into or from the city without a special permit. It is impossible to get water today except on an official order signed by the city clerk. This measure was taken by the mayor this morning in order to prevent waste of the scant supply of usable water. Water is still seeping through Broadway, but that thoroughfare, which is made of ground, still holds, and it is believed will not break.

HER SHAME KILLED HER.

Victim of Outrage Ended Her Suffering by Taking Her Life.

Portland, June 11.—Mrs. Tillie Will committed suicide at Canby this afternoon by taking carbolic acid. April 28, last, she was the victim of a criminal assault at the hands of an unknown tramp, who entered her father's house while she was alone. The tramp was never found and the woman brooded over the affair until it drove her to take her life. She was 33 years of age.

STRIKERS CAPTURE TOWN.

Cavalry Troops Expected to Arrive at Morenci.

El Paso, June 11.—The Mexican and Italian strikers at Morenci captured a mill of the copper company, disarmed the guards and made themselves complete masters of the town, threatening the lives of prominent citizens. Five troops of United States cavalry are expected tonight.

CROPS IMPROVED.

Portland, June 11.—The rain tonight over Oregon and Washington has greatly improved the crop prospects.

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