



SERVIA, SEA OF SEDITION

Endless Complications in Unhappy Country.

KING PETER PRISONER

Scheme to Place the Sixth Son of the Kaiser on Throne.

BELGRADE A STORM CENTER

Conspiracy, Plot and Counter-plot Reign Throughout Serbia—Germans Using Influence to Dethrone Peter.

BELGRADE, Serbia, Feb. 18.—King Peter is practically held a prisoner by those who are responsible for the assassination of Queen Draga and King Alexander. A near relative to the king is authority for the statement that if any of the officers who participated in the events of June 11, 1903 (that is the polite way in which the assassination is referred to in Belgrade), desire advancement to a place at court, or any other position, their demands can not be refused. This relative of the king adds: "If we venture to refuse the fate of the Obrenovitches would be ours."

Meanwhile Belgrade continues the center of plots almost without number, counterplots apparently without reason. According to one report, a fresh conspiracy has been discovered in high military and political circles in Serbia directed against Peter, whom the plotters are determined to dethrone. They have already large sums in hand to support their plan, and they intend to elect as king of Serbia Prince Joachim of Hohenzollern, sixth son of Emperor William II. By the election of this young prince, who is scarcely 16 years of age, they hope to pave the way for the extension of German influence in the Balkans and organize a Balkan league. However far fetched this scheme may appear, it is time to closely follow events in Serbia, as the reports which were spread of the approaching murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga were circulated months before the murders.

Pawn in Political Game.

As showing how Serbia is becoming a pawn in the international game it is interesting to note that during the past few weeks Serbian representatives have been negotiating at Vienna for a renewal of the commercial treaty with Austria-Hungary. In the course of the negotiations it appears that Serbia and Bulgaria had already completed a union. Not only would this cause a very unfavorable reaction upon Austrian exports to those countries, which are treated as most favored nations with regard to customs duties, but serious political results would follow on this

customs union. In fact, the commencement of a Balkan league is to be perceived which, in the interests of peace in the Balkans, can not be allowed. The Vienna government, therefore, broke off the treaty negotiations with the Serbian representatives, and desired in a note that Serbia should put an end to her customs union with Bulgaria. The Serbian government, after a ministerial council held under the presidency of King Peter, replied that on no account would they abrogate this union.

In consequence of this reply the Vienna government has actually decided to adopt the sharpest reprisals against Serbia. First of all, the frontier traffic has been stopped, so that Serbia, whose market for swine and oxen lies here and in Hungary, finds the country closed to her. Other measures are also planned, and these decisions have aroused the greatest excitement.

CLAIMS SHE IS FROM PORTLAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The woman arrested last night in the act of packing up the jewelry of M. J. Harbour, a guest in the St. Nicholas hotel, claims to have recently arrived from Portland, Ore. She is 28 years old and admits the name of Mamie Burke, which she gave, is assumed. She entered Harbour's room by using a pass key.

SWINDLE IN MINE

Frank Rockefeller, Oil King's Brother Brings Suit.

BOUGHT A SALTED CLAIM

Overreached Himself in Deal With Henry Gross, of St. Louis—Makes an Effort to Get His Money Back.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Alleging that he was swindled out of \$200,000 in a bogus zinc mine, Frank Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller, and himself a shrewd man of millions, has turned his legal attention from Utley Wedge, of this city, his partner and alleged debtor to the extent of \$15,000, and through his attorney, B. P. Finley, of Kansas City, who is now in Philadelphia working on the case, has instituted a suit in Missouri against Henry Gross, of Louis, who, he claims, fraudulently turned over property in his hands.

According to Mr. Rockefeller's statement, the mine was purchased by him with Mr. Wedge as a partner in 1900 from the defunct St. Louis Mining Exchange, which was run by Henry Gross. The mine did not pay. Gross quarreled with the association, a received was appointed and the mine sold out. It was learned that Gross himself had purchased it under another name. Then the mine began to prosper.

Mr. Rockefeller heard of the discovery of rich veins, and after an examination bought the property.

When the mine failed Mr. Rockefeller sued Wedge for the amount of the note in the United States Circuit Court. A verdict was returned for the defendant and a motion for a new trial later denied. Since then Mr. Rockefeller has dropped the Wedge indebtedness as a "dead issue," but is determined to make some one suffer for his loss, and so has begun the present suit.

PARLIAMENT TO OPEN

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Occasion.

KING WILL PRESIDE

Pageant Like Former Ones, Except Queen Will Be Absent.

IS AT FATHERS' FUNERAL

Queen Alexandra is in Copenhagen Attending Funeral of Her Father, King Christian—Ceremony is Very Elaborate.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The first session of the second Parliament of the reign of King Edward VII and the twenty-seventh of the United Kingdom will be opened tomorrow afternoon by the King. Since His Majesty ascended the throne he has personally opened each of the six sessions of Parliament adding much to that most ceremonious occasion. Tomorrow's event has the added interest in that it will be the first new Parliament to be opened by the King but more particularly because of the great charge that has come over the personnel of the House of Commons as a result of the recent general election. The pageant will be much like those that have gone before, though detracted from the absence of the Queen who is at Copenhagen to attend the funeral of her father King Christian, and the Prince and Princess of Wales who are in India, and who in the past have preceded the King and Queen to Westminster giving additional color to the show. Weather permitting there will be no diminution however in the size of the crowds who will turn out to witness the procession and show their loyalty to the Sovereign. The quadrangle on which Buckingham palace faces and all the open space in the vicinity will be crowded with people, while The Mall which skirts St. James' Park, the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall and Parliament streets and Old Palace Yard will be lined by thousands who will stand for hours and for that reason possibly will cheer more heartily than ever as the gold crusted state coach drawn by eight beautifully caparisoned cream horses, driven at a slow walk. One line of the procession will be flanked by the Foot Guards and police, not for protection, but as a part of the ceremony, while a sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, in addition to a detachment of the Yeomen of the Guard, will act as a bodyguard. The state coach will be preceded by six state carriages occupied by the ladies and gentlemen of the household.

This procession and the return journey from Westminster to Buckingham Palace is for the benefit of the general public. The great spectacle is for the favored ones, who will find themselves in the Peers' Chamber of the House of Lords. There will gather an imposing assembly of Peers, Peereses, Ecclesiastics, Judges, Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries, with their wives.

Except in the case of the Dukes, for whom a bench immediately below that of the Duchesses is reserved, the order of precedence among the Peers is not observed, the early arrivals taking their choice of the seats and the late ones wherever they can find room. Liberals, Conservatives, Free Traders and Tariff Reformers, all freely mingling. All will wear their heavy crimson robes. The Bishops in scarlet robes, with long ermine copes, the judges in black

and gold or crimson and white will increase the impressiveness of the scene. Amidst all this the ambassadors and ministers of foreign nations, wearing their varying uniforms, broad green or crimson sashes, stars and decorations will constitute a most brilliant group in the assembly. Among them will be Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, in plain black court dress. In galleries every seat will be occupied by somebody officially or socially prominent.

The approach of the King who will be met at the entrance of the house of lords by the great officers of state and escorted to the robing room where he will don his mantles of purple and ermine, will be announced by heralds in medieval tabards. Preceded by officers of State bearing the Imperial crown, cap of maintenance and sword of State, the latter in its scabbard held aloft, all having distinctive significance, the King will proceed to the House of Lords and soon afterwards despatch the gentleman usher of the Black Rod to summon the members of the House of Commons, many of whom anticipating the command will have already crowded into the galleries. This will not interfere with the carrying out of the

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QUARREL QUICKLY

Wilson Mezner and His Bride Not on Speaking Terms.

WIFE WANTS HER MONEY

Youthful Husband Withholds His Society in Effort to Tame Her and is Confident That His System Will Win.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Silence reigns in the Yerkes-Mizner mansion in New York. Wilson and his mature bride are at outs. This much has been passed across the continent in telegraphic whispers, and the friends of the bridegroom are in trepidation lest the nuptial knot, which seems to have been but loosely tied, shall fall apart. As the situation is reported, Mizner declines to converse with his wife until she shall have turned over some of the millions given her by the late traction magnate.

In different apartments, far removed, they live separate lives. If there is any communication between them it is by formal notes, dispatched by servants. It is said that these notes, which were quite frequent during the first few days of the estrangement, have now ceased.

What the outcome will be is still conjecture, but friends of Mizner are ready to lay odds that he will be in the lead when the wire is reached. The only question is, How long can the bride of three weeks stand this isolation? Will she remain obstinate, or will she write begging forgiveness? Personally, Mizner is confident.

How long the situation will continue is causing speculation on both sides of the continent.

BUY LANDS FROM INDIANS.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has acquired 14,000 acres, in addition to the 100,000 already secured, for a terminus at Kaien Island. The additional land was secured from the Indians at \$7.50 an acre. The land purchased is on Kaien and Digby Islands, and on the mainland near Mt. Takatlah. The Indians refused to sell the best waterfront sections.

NURSES DYING NEGRO CHILD.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 18.—Mayor Tom Johnson's wife is nursing a dying negro child in her home. The child is an orphan and Mrs. Johnson took pity upon the little invalid.

WAITER MAKES FORTUNE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Although he made \$60,000 in a tideland deal, a waiter in this city announces his intention of continuing to wait on table.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN

Session Will Probably Close in May.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS

Celilo Project and Columbia Bar Improvement Are Being Worked For.

GOOD ROADS BEING AGITATED

Oregon to Receive Large Appropriations—Contract Dredging For Coast Harbors—Columbia River Improvement.

ASTORIAN, BUREAU, WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—There is little doubt in the minds of most members of Congress that an adjournment will be taken this session some time during May. Following completion of work on the rate-regulation bill, Philippine tariff and statehood propositions, there is little of such urgent nature before Congress that the members feel it incumbent upon them to prolong this session. Appropriations are to be held to the minimum, because of party conditions, and the multitude of measures affecting only sections of the country will be subordinated to the general sentiment for an early adjournment.

Oregon Appropriations.

In the list of states to receive attention this year by the government appropriating power, Oregon will stand high. Every possible assurance that can be given quietly is enjoyed by the Oregon delegation that the very urgent work on the Columbia river will be continued. It is possible that the War Department in conferring with the managers in Congress, will interpret this most urgent need as existing at the mouth of the river, but there is yet hope in the determined work of the two Oregon senators for steady work on the Celilo canal project. These two great projects on the Columbia have been championed early and late by all of the northern Oregon, southern Washington and northern Idaho interests, with the result that their details are familiar to all of Congress.

Senator Fulton is pressing the effort for a combination dredge on the coast, which would serve all the harbors of that section. An effort was made to divert him in favor of a contract dredging proposition, but he will not yield the plan for construction of a dredge for this work, and expresses the hope that he will be successful this session. Light improvement will doubtless be authorized on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. Construction of a lighthouse at Cape Arago has been authorized by the Senate, under Senator Fulton's bill, and favorable action

is expected in the House. There is also assurance that the senior Senator will secure at this session the money required for the Federal building at Baker City, for which a site has been purchased, and preliminary arrangements made for construction.

Taken as a whole, the State has fared well for a bitterly economic session, and when final adjournment for the spring is taken, Oregon will unquestionably have much to her credit.

Praise For Fulton.

Oregon's senatorial representation is attracting more attention in the East than at Home. Following the courtesies to the junior senator at the time of his appointment, many compliments have been paid the elder member of the state's delegation. One of the brightest editorials that appeared in prominent eastern papers following Senator Fulton's able opening of the rate-legislation debate in the Senate was that in the Indianapolis Morning Star, as follows:

"Senator Fulton of Oregon seems to have acquitted himself well in the first noteworthy appearance on the floor of the Senate in debate with men like Spooner, Foraker, and Bailey. It is three years now since Mr. Fulton was (Continued on page 8)

DANGER IN CHINA

Ex-Minister Conger Believes Up-rising is Coming.

SUDDEN CHANGE OF ADVICE

After Telling Government Legation Needed No More Guns, He Recommends More Be Shipped—China Buying Arms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—If anything more were needed to show the imminence of danger in China, it would be found in the sudden change from optimism to pessimism on the part of Edwin H. Conger, until recently United States Minister to China. Mr. Conger sees trouble ahead, and in an interview this week he declares his belief that it is near at hand. He adds that a warlike showing should be made by the foreign governments to impress China with the fact that, if foreigners are killed, there will be sharp retaliation.

The American Minister shortly before he left Peking declared that never would there be further trouble with China, and it was unnecessary to increase the American force or to add any guns to the battery.

The War Department always disliked to take action which did not meet the approval of the Minister resident, and so the American part of the defenses was left in a condition which, as far as effectiveness was concerned, made this country's forces and equipment look weak and meager by the side of those maintained by other foreign governments in Peking.

Finally, Mr. Conger approved a recommendation by the commander of the American force that additional guns be shipped from the Philippine Islands, but stated verbally that he believed there was no necessity for the course recommended, and that occasion never would arise which would make the guns of service.

HARVARD FRIENDS DRINK TO HEALTH OF LONGWORTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Harvard flavor which permeated the Longworth wedding ceremony crystallized in an out-and-out Harvard celebration later. After the departure of many of the guests President Roosevelt, the blushing Nicholas and the ushers and numerous members of the Decillion Club, the under-graduate organization of that institution, entered the private

dining-room, where for half an hour the bride and groom were toasted in true club style, with many flacons of wine, merry jests and joyous song. The doors were locked to prevent interruption, and the only outsider present was the steward of the club, brought here to officiate at the celebration.

The wedding cake proper is reported to have been three feet across and a foot thick.

TACOMA TIDELANDS SELL FOR \$4,000 AN ACRE

TACOMA, Feb. 18.—Acting for W. J. J. Roberts, of Seattle, Ellis Lewis Garretson yesterday secured options on 80 acres of tidelands at an average price of \$4000 an acre. This, together with the other land secured by Mr. Garretson, is for W. A. Wells, of Ellensburg.

Mr. Wells came to Tacoma Saturday night. He was joined here today by Mr. Roberts and another man, whose identity has not been disclosed. They made an automobile trip to the tide flats, and the party returned to Seattle. Mr. Wells is a coal contractor. He said:

"Mr. Roberts is buying these tidelands for me. That is all I can say at this time."

Asked whether or not he represented any railroad in these deals, he begged to be excused from an interview.