

WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON... Tonight and Friday, showers cooler tonight; south to west winds

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KING ALEXANDER AND THE QUEEN OF SERVIA ASSASSINATED IN PALACE BY MOB OF SOLDIERS

MURDER OF MONARCHS STARTLES ALL EUROPE

In Dark Hours of Early Morning the Rulers of Turbulent Servia Meet Death.

International Complications Will Result—Great Powers Taking Matter in Hand.

BELGRADE, Servia, June 11.—King Alexander and Queen Draga were assassinated during the military revolutions which broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the streets of Belgrade.

The outbreak this morning was precipitated by the highhandedness of the King under the influence of Queen Draga. For months have mutterings been heard, and the intense feeling has been smoldering.

Various reports are current as to the manner in which the King and Queen died. One has it that both were shot at once, while another story says that the King, seeing the inevitable end, first fired a deadly shot at the Queen and then turned the revolver upon himself.

After the tumult had subsided a new government was installed by military authority with Prince Kara Georgevitch, of the Independent Liberal party, as King. He immediately convoked the national representatives who were elected under the constitution of 1901 to meet here at once and arrange the new government and a new constitution.

Princess Kara Georgevitch, the new King, is the grandson of the famous Black George, who, in 1804, raised the first insurrection against the Turks. The new King is 60 years old. He has resided in Geneva for some time past, where he conducted a propaganda in favor of his claims for the throne.

GENEVA, June 11.—Georgevitch, the new King, was seen at noon today, and said he had received news of the assassination, but, inasmuch as no official notice had been made to him as King he had nothing to say as to his plans.

VIENNA, June 11.—The Tagblatt states this morning that after assassinating Alexander and Draga the mob also killed the Queen's brother, Nokodom, who at one time was mentioned as the possible successor to the throne. The King's two sisters and 12 men of his guard were also assassinated.

BELGRADE, June 11.—A notable coincidence of the assassination is that on this date in the year 1868 Alexander's great-uncle was assassinated. This morning's tragedy ends an 80-year contest between the Georgevitch and the Obrenovitch families. Black Kara George, the peasant King, drove the Turks from the country and ruled from 1807 until 1817, when the Turks again gained control and placed Miloch, the first of the Obrenovitchs, on the throne; and who ruled until 1839, but was deposed by Black George, and was forced to flee a few years later by Black George and murdered. Under a treaty at Paris later Servia was taken under the collective protection of European powers.

BELGRADE, June 11.—Alexander, the dead King, was born in 1876 and became King in 1889. He married Draga Machin, a widow, then aged 40, in 1900. He was the last of the Obrenovitchs. In personal appearance he was similar to President Roosevelt, energetic and impulsive. The next new government's proclamation is concise and follows with the words: "Last night the King and Queen were shot by a mob. In this grave and fateful moment the friends of the Fatherland have combined to form a new government, which is convinced that Servians will gather to lend aid to maintain order and security throughout the land. The government hereby makes it known that from today the constitution of 1901 comes into force. A meeting of the national representatives is summoned to meet June 15." Then follows the signatures of the entire new ministry.

BERLIN, June 11.—Official information has been received which says that immediately after the assassination an interchange of views took place between the principal European governments. From this it is evident that serious steps involving the whole of Europe are contemplated. Germany herself has no direct interest in Servia, but the tragedy has raised international problems of universal importance.

VIENNA, June 11.—That a Russian plot is accountable for the assassination of the Servian monarchs is certain in diplomatic circles here. Alexander's policy was recently anti-Russian, because of the Czar's repeated refusals to receive Draga, his Queen. The new King is known to be a Russian protegee, and is reported to have been a recipient of an allowance from the Russian government.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—An official telegram of the assassination was received from Vice-Consul Vogell at Belgrade, by the State Department this morning, and confirms the report that Kara Georgevitch is proclaimed King.

BANK'S DEFENSE OUTLINED

Opening Skirmish Takes Place in Suit Brought by the County Against the First National and W. F. White.

Attorney for the Corporation insists that His Client Had a Moral Claim Sufficient to Justify Its Action.

"Neither Morality, Honesty Nor Good Faith in the Bank's Course," Declares Counsel for the Taxpayers.

The suit of Multnomah County against the First National Bank and W. F. White came up this morning before Judge Frazer of the Circuit Court, upon the county's motion to strike out portions of the bank's answer as immaterial and irrelevant. The motion was argued at considerable length and was finally taken under advisement by the court.

The essential point at issue was the question whether the bank could rightfully insist that in the transaction whereby it exchanged \$4,000 worth of void warrants for \$7,000 of tax sale certificates owned by the county, there was a moral obligation on the part of the county to reimburse the bank for its loss on the warrant and that this formed a sufficient consideration to make the exchange binding.

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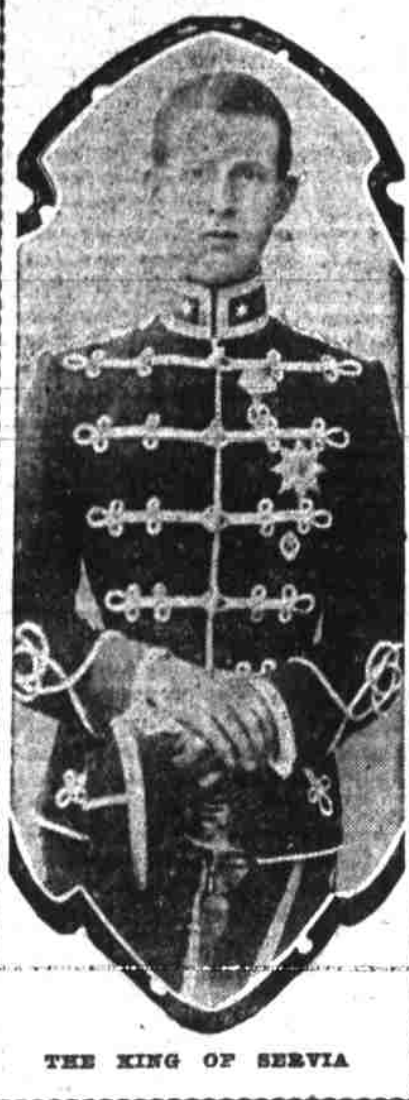
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THE KING OF SERVIA

NEW MEXICO IS STORM RIDDEN

Cloudbursts Sweep Everything Before Them and Cause Loss of Life in Many Sections of the Country.

The Town of Clifton Practically Wiped Out, While Thirty-six People Lose Their Lives—Bodies Recovered.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 11.—One of the worst storms ever known in the Southwest struck here last night, with such force that standing crops were beaten into the ground and good fields of alfalfa ruined. Rain, hail, thunder and lightning all come together. Half-tonnes weighing between two and three pounds fell all over the country.

Hundreds of sheep are reported killed, and one herder is said to have lost his life. All of the telephone lines to the cattle ranches and sheep camps are down and little can be learned at this time regarding the actual losses.

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION CONTINUE THEIR TERROR

FRAUD IS OPENLY CHARGED

Eppingers of San Francisco Are in Bad Fix, So Bad In Fact that the Second Member of Firm Skips.

Two Banks Steal a March on Other Creditors and Also on the Courts and Seize Grain at Port Costa.

Books of the Company Show that Defunct Concern Has Shipped \$1,600,000 Worth of Grain During Year.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—While other Eppinger creditors are seeking the protection of the United States courts the American National and the Bank of Monterey manned a barge with armed men yesterday and sent it in tow of a tug to Port Costa and then loaded it with 4,000 sacks of grain stored there before a court order could be served to restrain the act.

Henry Wardworth, cashier of the Wells Fargo Bank, has been appointed receiver of the defunct firm. Jacob Eppinger and Bernard Ettinger are fugitives from justice and Herman Eppinger is in hiding. The firm is now charged with fraud in the United States Court.

The year just ended, June 1, shows that a fleet of 15 vessels carrying 758,133 centals of grain from this port was shipped by Eppinger & Co., at a value of \$948,000 to British destination; Oregon fleet from Australasia to Cork, 57,820 centals; Hermitage to Falmouth, 82,680; Billie to Mossel Bay, 42,447; Pegasus to Capetown, 59,520, at a total value of \$457,947. Puget Sound for Cork, 126,700 centals; Invermore to Capetown, 55,610, at a total value of \$216,194; grand total 1,300,000 centals, valued at \$1,600,000.

BODY OF A BABY FOUND IN A BUNDLE

(Journal Special Service.) TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—A remarkable story came to light, which caused an investigation of a happening at one of Tacoma's hand laundries last week. Friday afternoon a small boy leaving it with an address of a family who is a regular patron of the firm.

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Situation at East St. Louis One of Dire Calamity, and, While River Is Not Rising, Worst May Not Be Over.

Fear Is Felt That at Any Moment Dykes May Give Away—Appeals for Aid Are Made.

EAST ST. LOUIS, June 11.—Over a thousand more people were made homeless this morning by another break in the levee. Intense suffering is reported among the refugees at Camp Washington. Seven hundred people occupied 140 tents there last night. A drop in the temperature added to the difficulties. Many of the sufferers slept on the cold, wet ground, and many of them had no blankets.

There are only three physicians in the camp, and an epidemic of pneumonia and malaria is threatened. The food supplies are so slight that there is barely sufficient to give each person one sandwich. The Mississippi River is 37.9 feet this morning and rescuing work is going steadily on. A thousand persons have been taken out of the flooded district at South and Broadway in East St. Louis, since yesterday, and fully 1,500 men, women and children are still imprisoned there, but are being removed at the rate of 100 per hour. A big rescue camp has been established on a high point of land on the Rock road, and there the refugees are being cared for.

At 1 o'clock today there is no change in the flood situation except that it is believed that the river has reached its highest point. Last night was one of the greatest misery and the scenes that transpired cannot be described. All night long rescuing parties were active and it is estimated that fully 1,000 imprisoned men, women and children were saved from what must have resulted in certain death.

The greatest difficulty was with women who refused to leave their places of peril, and in many instances force had to be resorted to before such persons could be taken from their partially demolished homes.

One case was called to the attention of a party of three men who were engaged in rescue work in the district south of Broadway, when they were told that a woman with two children was imprisoned in a house that was liable at any moment to be carried away. Going to the place designated a small wooden house was seen floating about the yard, and in the front upper room with heads out of windows, were six almost doomed persons. When the boat had stemmed the swift currents rushing about the house and had gained the windows, the mother abruptly refused to enter the boat, saying that she would be with her two children, and the girls were of the age of 15 and 17 and they also refused to leave. Finally a boy of 12 made a leap for the boat and landed safely in it. Force in this instance was necessary to effect a rescue. A few minutes afterward the house collapsed.

Another appeal has been made by the Mayor for food and apparel for the sufferers from the awful floods. In this city there are 12,000 destitute and no food to give them. Hundreds are without more than their night clothing. Especially in this city, women and little children, who were rescued during last night and the one before. All night long guards patrolled the streets where thousands of dollars worth of furniture and valuables are stored, and orders stand that any one attempting to steal from the unfortunates are to be shot without warning.

Mayor Cook of this city has hardly rested an hour since Monday night. He is at the head of all rescuing parties, and has personally worked hours on the Broadway levee in the desperate effort to save it.

It is estimated that 17 persons were drowned last night and this morning, although their names are not accurately known. It is believed that the death list will run into a hundred when all the fatalities are ascertained. The loss of property is enormous and will reach at least \$20,000,000.

NEW ORLEANS, June 11.—Apprehension is keenly felt in this city today, and all last night hundreds of watchers were along the river to take advantage of any warning that might come from the advancing waters. Preparations have been well made to guard against danger of the floods which will approach the city from up-river, but when the crest of the torrents that are now devastating East St. Louis will arrive off New Orleans is not exactly known.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 11.—General rioting is reported this afternoon at Boismeh Hill, in Southeast East St. Louis. It is said the guards fired upon negro river pirates and looters. A detachment of militiamen have been hurried to the scene in the Alton naval reserve cutter.

PRESBYTERIAN PRAISE WANTS STATEMENT FROM ALL BANKS (Journal Special Service.) PRESBYTERIAN delegates to the general assembly recently held in Los Angeles have for some time been passing through Portland on their way to their respective homes. A large party spent yesterday in the city, and were shown the sights and royally entertained. They warmly praised Portland.

A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM NOT SO HARD AS IT APPEARS The growth of the evening newspaper in Portland and its value as an advertising medium is demonstrated by merchants who have willingly attested to the worth of an evening paper's column. Last evening the Telegram of this city, a very excellent publication that has improved wonderfully since The Journal came into the field, printed a number of testimonials concerning its rapid growth that are interesting, supplementing them with complimentary interviews, with some of Portland's best merchants, of the great faith that is put in evening journalism.