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HONGKONG'S PLAGUE IS THE WORST SINCE THAT OF NINE YEARS AGO

Eight Officers of a British Battleship Are Among Its White Victims.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

HONGKONG, June 11.—The present visitation of the bubonic plague is the worst which has occurred here since the widespread epidemic of 1894. The mortality among the Chinese is alarming, but it is not confined to them. The plague is also spreading among the whites. Eight officers of the British battleship Oceanic are among those attacked.

KALKASKA, Mich., June 11.—Mary McNight, who is under arrest here charged with murder, confesses to the poisoning of her brother and his wife and baby. It is believed that she has poisoned eight others, two of her husbands being among the victims.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—The crisis from the flood has passed. Three thousand refugees have been sheltered here. At Belleville, Ill., 2,000 are being cared for. The St. Louis refugees are being fed on government rations.

SOFIA, June 11.—Turkish Bashi Bazouks have looted the town of Enige and massacred three hundred villagers.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Minister Conger's protest against Count Cassini's statement about the Manchurian issue is ill-founded and the State Department will make no protest to Russia.

MORENCI, Ariz., June 11.—The strikers disarmed the guards and committed depredations on the mining property. The arrival of troops has restored order.

SOFIA, June 11.—The Sultan has released 1,400 Bulgarian prisoners. The Bulgarians are hopeful of an early settlement of the Macedonian question.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The Reliance defeats the Constitution and Columbia easily in a race fifteen miles to the windward and return.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Negotiations are on to dispose of the Philippine copper coinage by private sale to Spain.

MANILA, P. I., June 11.—Guillermo has been captured.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 10.—President Roosevelt was here today and attended the wedding of Miss Ruth Hanna, daughter of Senator M. A. Hanna, to J. H. McCormick. The wedding was a great function and the presence of the President was commented upon by some as showing the cordial relations existing between the President and Senator Hanna.

The wedding of Miss Hanna and McCormick is the outgrowth of a romance extending over seven years. Young McCormick is a son of Robert C. McCormick, former ambassador at Vienna, and now ambassador at St. Petersburg, and a grandson of the late Joseph Medill, founder of the Chicago "Tribune." The first meeting of the young people was at Thomasville, Georgia, when McCormick was there with his grandfather, Mr. Medill, and Miss Hanna with her father while he was engaged in making the first round-up of the Southern Republican delegates just prior to McKinley's first presidential campaign. Mr. McCormick is now on the editorial staff of the Chicago "Tribune." He is twenty-five years old. A year ago Miss Hanna christened the cruiser Cleveland at its launching at Bath, Maine. She is an accomplished equestrienne and a splendid shot, one of her exploits being the shooting of a wild cat while "coon" hunting in Chicago. She is twenty-one years old.

LONDON, England, June 10.—The scenes in the House of Commons today were anything but cheering for supporters of Secretary Chamberlain's protection policy for Great Britain. During the discussion of the new policy today the leaders of every party in the House of Commons made vigorous speeches against the Chamberlain proposal.

NEW YORK, June 10.—There were violent stock declines today and an avalanche of selling orders. The cause was in the floods and grain shortages.

LONDON, June 10.—A dexterous speech by Balfour tonight temporarily smoothed over the Cabinet crisis. This relieves Chamberlain of the necessity of resigning. The Commons defeated the preferential program. The premier is non-committal regarding his policy.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., June 10.—Two-thirds of the city are submerged under ten feet of water. Heroic efforts to save the levee failed. Seven negroes have been shot to death for looting.

ST. LOUIS, June 10.—This city is virtually under martial law.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—The Eppinger creditors have filed a petition in bankruptcy. Henry Wadsworth has been appointed receiver. Byington, a heavy creditor, intimates possible grand jury action.

MORENCI, Ariz., June 10.—The trouble at the mines was caused by unruly Mexicans and Italians and was precipitated by the eight hour law. Wages were cut down to an eight hour basis. Troops are hurrying here.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Russia declines to receive American aid for the Kichineff victims, saying there are ample means for the purpose at home.

VANCOUVER, June 10.—At the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada, Rev. Mr. Fletcher was elected moderator.

LAS VEGAS, June 10.—A cloudburst raised the Pecos river suddenly today, washing away bridges and drowning nine people at Chase Creek.

SERVIA'S KING, QUEEN AND ROYAL FAMILY MURDERED AT NIGHT

AT midnight King Alexander of Serbia was assassinated by troops who surrounded the palace. His Queen, her sisters, her young brother, three ministers, the Premier, and many of the Royal Guard met a like fate. A cannon shot as the church bells tolled the hour of midnight precipitated the massacre. The soldiers immediately proclaimed a new constitution and made the descendent of the long line of pretenders, Karageorgevitch, king. The populace of the Servian capital show no sorrow for the dead.



THE LATE KING ALEXANDER.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

A BLOODY COUP D'ETAT.

BELGRADE, Serbia, June 11, 5:43 P. M.—King Alexander, Queen Draga, the latter's sisters, her younger brother (Lieut. Lunjevitch), the Premier, three Ministers of the crown and a large number of the Royal Guard were surprised in the palace at midnight and all quietly slain by Servian troops. A few minutes sufficed to accomplish a military revolution which wiped out the Obrenovitch dynasty.

Just as the midnight bell was striking, bringing in the anniversary of the day that Prince Michael Obrenovitch was assassinated, a cannon shot was fired as a signal and the troops entered the palace on their bloody errand. They also surrounded the ministerial residences.

After the assassinations the troops proclaimed the abrogated constitution of April 6, 1901, as the organic law of the land and elected the pretender, Prince Karageorgevitch, King. The Prince has been living temporarily in Geneva, Switzerland.

The tragedy is believed to be the result of the recent suspension of the constitution by King Alexander and his refusal to abdicate.

Very little sorrow is shown anywhere by the Servian populace. They consider that a mad and unjust dynasty has met its just end.

The city is under the complete control of the soldiers but is comparatively quiet.

BODIES MUTILATED.

BERLIN, June 11, 9:45 P. M.—Specials from Belgrade state that the bodies of the King and Queen were mutilated and the palace wrecked by dynamite.

BELGRADE, June 11.—Parliament has been summoned to meet on the 15th to confirm Prince Peter as King.

HOW THE SOVEREIGNS DIED.

BELGRADE, June 11.—The prime conspirators in the assassination of the Royal family and the Ministers were members of the new Pro-Russian Cabinet. Conspirators within the palace aided the troops. Colonel Naumovics burst the doors of the Royal apartments and presented a form of abdication to the King containing the statement that, in wedding Queen Draga, he had married a public



THE LATE QUEEN DRAGA.

prostitute. Colonel Naumovics told him that he had degraded the throne and must abdicate. The King's answer was to draw a revolver and kill Naumovics. The gathered officers, members of the conspiracy, then opened fire on the Royal couple, who fell together, mortally wounded. The King lived for several hours but the Queen expired almost instantly.

QUEEN NATALIE PROSTRATED.

PARIS, June 11.—Queen Natalie, the former sovereign of Serbia and mother of the dead King Alexander, is prostrated by the news from Belgrade.

Ex-Queen Natalie, widow of the late King Milan, has had a life filled with sorrow. She was divorced from Milan and when he was forced to abdicate and lived away from Serbia—a life of gambling and drunkenness—she paid his debts. The late Queen Draga had been one of her ladies in waiting. She had been banished from Serbia by her dissolute King and during her absence the poor, young Alexander was trained to a life of vice by his father. When she was allowed to return to Serbia Milan had been banished. She found herself in a palace where her own son loved her lady-in-waiting more than he did his mother. She did a fatal thing. She expelled Draga. She thus made an enemy and when Draga completely won the heart of the King and the marriage took place poor Natalie had to again leave the country. She had a large private fortune, and, although much of this went to pay Milan's debts, she has managed to be fairly comfortable since.

THE NEW KING.

BELGRADE, Serbia, June 11.—King Peter Karageorgevitch is said to be on the way to take up the reins of government. He is one of the pretenders of that name who have harrassed the Servian throne for years. He is a descendent of "Black George," who led the Servian peasants in their first revolt against Turkish rule. His name is a household word with the peasantry throughout the kingdom.

The new king led a small revolution in Serbia a year ago but on that occasion there was treachery among his followers, his leading general was killed, the revolution was easily suppressed and he fled to Geneva, where he has since resided and maintained a constant correspondence with the Servian officers who have now given him the throne by a bloody coup d'etat.

MARKS AN AWFUL ANNIVERSARY.

BELGRADE, Serbia, June 11.—The assassination of the royal family marks a great anniversary. On the same date in the year 1868 Prince Michael Obrenovitch, ruler of Serbia, was assassinated in Belgrade. His successor, King Milan, caused the execution of fourteen of those connected with the murder and Prince Karageorgevitch was arrested for complicity but after six months' imprisonment was acquitted and released.

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