

SERVIA TURNS TO NEW KING; WORK OF MURDERERS INDORSED

Rumors that Karageorgevitch Is Not Satisfied with the Situation—Authentic Story of the Assassination Told by One of the Soldiers Who Took Part in the Affair.

The conference of senators and deputies, held at Belgrade, resolved unanimously that the constitution of 1888 should be put in force, and that Prince Peter Karageorgevitch should be elected king.

It is not certain that Karageorgevitch will accept the crown. The most sensational rumors have been received from Geneva. One is to the effect that the prince demands that before he enters Belgrade all officers concerned in the murders shall have left it, requires an increase in his civil list, and insists that his election must be unanimous.

It is believed that the terms laid down by the prince will be granted, that the assassins will be banished, and that amnesty will be extended to them later.

Prince Karageorgevitch, although little is known of him among the people of Serbia generally, seems to have caught the public fancy, and his election will be a popular one.

King and Queen Buried.

The bodies of the murdered king and queen were spurned and spit upon by hundreds as they lay in rude coffins awaiting burial. They were buried

body was torn in a barbaric fashion. The appearance of the royal apartments is indescribable. The doors and floors are shattered and the ruins drenched with blood.

A new element in the situation is a feeling among the intelligent classes in favor of the abolition of a Serbian monarchy altogether, and the creation of a republic, but it is certain that Austria and Russia would not countenance the creation of a republic.

The government has laid claim to the possessions of the late monarch. It is not known whether he left a fortune, but it is supposed that he had considerable savings, having lived economically during the last decade. It is reported that the greater part of his money was deposited in England, but it is questionable whether the capital would be delivered to the Serbian government. The opinion at Belgrade is that all belongs to the state, even including the king's foreign investments. It is possible that ex-Queen Natalie may also appear as an heiress. Queen Draga was in receipt of 30,000 gulden monthly, and also had great savings, which will be handed over to her three sisters.

NEW KING DENIES COMPLICITY.

Says the Killing Was to Him a Shocking Surprise.

Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, the pretender to the Serbian throne, gave an interview at Geneva, Switzerland, in which he repeated his disclaimer of any complicity, direct or indirect, in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga. He expressed his detestation of the crime, and gave a brief outline of his own political tendencies.

Replying to a series of direct questions, Prince Peter said:

"It is true my partisans have a complete organization in Serbia, with which I am in frequent communication. I know from other sources that the discontent of the Serbian people had reached its height, but I could not possibly have foreseen the events of the other night. I in no way contributed to their preparation, and I took no part, direct or indirect, in them. On the contrary, their perpetration surprised me.

"My opinion of the executions of the king and queen of Serbia is this: I deeply regret that it has been thought necessary to shed streams of blood. I formally disapprove of the violent measures, and I especially deplore that the army has had recourse to such measures—an army which has nobler tasks to accomplish than assassination. It would have sufficed to force King Alexander to sign his abdication.

Ever a Soldier of Fortune.

Since Prince Peter Karageorgevitch has been spoken of for King of Serbia, those who have known for a long time the members of his family and who some years ago knew him as an interesting figure in Paris, are recalling various phases of his adventurous and checkered career. His life has been filled with day-dreams of escapades and the ups and downs of a royal pretender and a soldier of fortune. He has been constantly engaged in intrigue, plots, and counterplots in the realization of his royal dreams.

The prince received in Belgrade the

early education of a prince, but when a boy of 12 he saw the rule of his family terminated and he and his relatives were driven into exile. He entered the lycee of Sainte Barbe, and there qualified himself for the military school of St. Cyr, from which he was graduated a sublieutenant. Later he entered the military staff college, and, graduating therefrom just before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, he eagerly plunged into this conflict as an officer of the foreign legion, which was largely made up of sons of noble houses and adventurous foreigners.

He was in the hardest fighting of the war and took part in the battle of Orleans, where his cousin, Nicolaievich, was killed. He there attracted the attention of Gen. Billot, who made

and feeling their way, the revolutionaries climbed the stairs and got into the dark anteroom to the king's apartment. Here they found candles and lit them.

"This seemingly slight circumstance was decisive to the whole action. Without light they could not have found the victims, who fled from their sleeping apartment through corridors and numerous rooms, and might have escaped, but some of the officers with burning candles and others with pistols commenced to search for the royal couple.

"In breathless haste the conspirators ran through the rooms, opened wardrobes, and looked behind curtains, in vain. In the anteroom connecting with the corridor between the old and new palace the sergeant of



View of Belgrade, Where Assassination of King and Queen Took Place.

him a member of his personal staff. His conspicuous bravery in the battle of Villersexel brought him the badge of the legion of honor. On the conclusion of the war he turned his attention to Herzegovina's struggle for liberty and took a prominent part in the rising which was the starting point of the Russo-Turkish war. He spent the great part of his fortune in aiding the insurgents.

ACCOUNT OF THE MURDER.

Royal Couple Long Evaded Their Determined Pursuers.

The following is a narrative of the revolution given by men who took an active part in it.

"Army officers to the number of ninety having formed a project of a

the gendarmes was sleeping. Awakening, he stepped before the revolutionaries, who felled him.

"At last Queen Draga's servant was found. He was dragged severely, but was spared because he was needed in finding the fleeing couple. Indeed, this servant showed the officers where King Alexander and Queen Draga has gone to secrete themselves. When he told them this he was shot.

"Col. Maschin now joined the revolutionists and led them back to the sleeping apartment, where the king's adjutant tried to hinder the search. He shot at Lieut. Naumovitch, who fell dead. The others then killed the adjutant.

After a long search a small door leading into an alcove was discovered, but it was found locked. It was broken in with an ax, and here the royal couple were found in undress.

"The older officers first intended forcing the king to abdicate, but the young officers were in no mood to be held back and shot at the royal couple. Nobody knows in the excitement who shot first, but it is generally said it was Lieut. Kisties.

"After the murder King Alexander's body was found entirely covered with blood. That of Queen Draga was badly torn by bullets. The report that the bodies were thrown out of the window into the garden is untrue. The young officers intended to do so, but Col. Maschin prevented it, exclaiming, 'that would be barbarous.'

"All the servants of the royal couple fled when the first shots were heard, with the exception of Queen Draga's servant, who was found dead. At 2:12 o'clock all was over. Col. Maschin issued from the gate of the palace, around which great crowds had collected, and made a speech saying:

"We have now destroyed the dynasty of the Obrenovitches, and have got rid of the dishonorable woman who was the king's evil spirit. Long live Serbia."

"The people responded: 'Long live the army.'"

Almost simultaneously with the butchery in the palace the troops en-

Where Cabinet Ministers Were Killed. revolt, among them being delegates from almost every garrison in Serbia and the majority of the officers of the Sixth regiment. Lieut. Col. Mitschitsch invited his comrades to meet in the Kallimagden garden at 11 o'clock on the night of the murder, and there the immediate carrying out of the intended deed was organized.

"At 1:40 a. m. the officers in eight groups went to the royal palace. Each had special directions regarding his part in the revolution. In the palace itself the revolutionaries had two important partisans in the king's bodyguard—Col. Alexander Maschin, Queen Draga's cousin, not brother-in-law, and the king's personal adjutant, Lieut. Naumovitch.

"Two officers of the high military academy appeared at the appointed hour, 2 a. m., at the gate of the palace, where the king's adjutant, Panajotovic, who was in the conspiracy, handed them the keys to the garden gate, which is always kept locked. First, stepping before the guard at the palace, one of the two officers called, 'Throw down your arms.' A fight ensued, with shots from both sides, in which several persons were wounded.

"The revolutionaries then entered the front garden without hindrance and reached the courtyard of the old palace, where Lieut. Naumovitch was awaiting. He opened the lock of the iron door leading to the front room on the first floor. By this it was seen that the palace was carefully closed and that danger was suspected. Hurrying up stairs to the first floor, the revolting officers attracted the attention of the palace attendants and the royal couple by the noise of the shooting. Lieut. Lavar Potrovitch, alarmed by the unwonted hubbub, hurried forward with a drawn revolver in one hand and in the other a sword.

"What do you want? he cried.

"Show us where the king and queen are," came the reply.

"Back!" cried Potrovitch, and at the same moment a bullet stretched him on the ground. The revolutionaries pressed forward, when suddenly the electric light gave out. All stood in darkness. In the greatest excitement,

Not the Same.

Recorder Goff is telling a story of a brewer's agent who gave evidence the other day to show that a saloon the license of which was objected to had been a well-conducted place since the conviction of a former tenant. "But was not that because the sword of Damocles was hanging over the place?" the agent was asked. "No," he said, with grave surprise; "no one of that name ever ran the saloon at all."—New York Times.

Forage Crops Improve Soil.

Three states which are noted for the production of forage crops not only have maintained the original fertility of the soil, but they spend for commercial fertilizers less than 1 per cent of the annual value of their crops, while those states which pay least attention to forage crops have impoverished the soil and spend annually for fertilizers from 5 to 9 per cent of the total value of their crops.

Language for Busy People.

Several examples of the busy man's language have lately been overheard. "How is your wife?" inquired a man. "She's influencing I am afraid," was the laconic reply. This economy of words seems only so far to be applied to various maladies; but later, no doubt, such expressions as "We theated last night" and "I tallored this morning" will become common enough.—The Tattler.

Army Rifle to Be Shortened.

It having been found that the accuracy of fire of the new army rifle is not lessened by shortening its barrel from thirty inches to twenty-four inches, the standard arm for infantry will be two feet long, and it will supersede the twenty-two-inch carbine of the cavalry.

Carries Heaviest Insurance.

Until a few days ago John Wankmaker was believed to carry more life insurance than any other American, his amount being \$1,500,000. Now he has been outstripped by his son Rodman, who, in addition to the million which he carried for some time, has taken out another policy for an equal amount.

Sees It All Now.

Woman witness in sensational hearing says of the man in the case her love for him was innocent and she only allowed him to kiss and hug her. Never before understood the full meaning of the anthem, "Put Me Off at Buffalo."—New York Telegram.

New Names for Lo.

Lo, the poor Indian, having been deprived of lands and hunting grounds and made to cut his hair, must now give up his native cognomen. As ruled by the Indian bureau, Young-Horse-Afraid-of-His-Oats will become plain John Smith.

Advance in Agricultural Science.

Tomato plants have recently been grafted on potato plants, giving a crop of tomatoes above ground and of potatoes below. Potatoes grafted on tomatoes have produced flowers and tomatoes and a few tubers.

Now Antiseptic Toothpicks.

Antiseptic toothpicks, warranted free of germs, are being supplied by the large hotels and restaurants in London. It is proposed shortly to serve sterilized food in chemically cleansed dishes.

Many Nationalities Mixed.

In the girls' boarding school at Monastir, in the European Turkey mission, seven nationalities are represented, Bulgarians, Albanians, Greeks, Gypsies, Roumanians, Germans and Jews.

Wanted to Beat Jack Rabbit.

An engineer on a Kansas railway has made a request to be allowed to run faster than sixty-five miles an hour, because a jack rabbit has been making fun of him on his run.

Many Missionaries in Australia.

Nearly 600 missionaries of the British and Foreign Bible society are at work in Australia and New Zealand.

THE REAL CRANK

Is Plainly Marked.

A crank is one who stays in beaten paths when common sense tells him to leave.

The real crank is one who persists in using coffee because accustomed to and yet knows it hurts him. It is this one who always pays the penalty, while the sensible person who gives up coffee and takes on Postum Food Coffee in its place enjoys all the benefits of returning health.

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"I had used coffee to excess and was gradually becoming a complete wreck, getting weaker and more nervous every day. I paid the penalty for using coffee and when I tasted the delicious Postum I was glad indeed to make the change.

"So I gave up the coffee altogether and have used Postum instead ever since. My family at first called me a crank, but seeing how Postum benefited me the first month they all got in line and as a result of Postum's remarkable benefits to me we all drink it now entirely in place of coffee and we are well." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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SERBIA'S NEW CROWN PRINCE

after midnight, secretly and without ceremony, with not a single friend at their grave side.

The remains were interred in a vault in the cemetery chapel. Two wooden crosses alone denoted the spot, marked "Alexander Obrenovitch" and "Draginja Obrenovitch." The other bodies lie outside in the cemetery in rough graves.

Lieut. Naumovitch was not buried with the other victims, but in response to the wishes of the public was buried in daylight, with full military honors, and is now generally styled "a patriot who died for his country."

The sisters and niece of the late queen, who had been arrested by the military authorities, were expelled from the country. Her sisters were permitted to take a farewell look at the dead queen's remains. They were subsequently conveyed by the police on board a Serbian ship, which took them out of the country. They were lucky to escape with their lives.

The autopsy held has proved that the late king received thirty shot wounds, many of them deadly. Queen Draga had numerous shot and saber wounds, and it is alleged that her



View of Corner of the Palace, Showing Windows of Apartments Occupied by the King and Queen.