

NEWS OF THE WORLD TOLD BY THE SUN'S CORRESPONDENTS

SERVIAN MONARCH TO WRITE MEMOIRS

King Peter Will Give Own Version of Tragedy Which Gave Him Throne.

WILL DEFEND HIS ACT

Empress Eugenie Rejects All Offers to Publish Story of Her Life.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 7.—Publishers who of late seem to have become crazed for memoirs by members of royal families...

Every possible effort, direct and indirect, has been brought to bear on the aged Empress to persuade her to give her reminiscences to the world...

Another royal author, however, is expected to come forth this fall in the person of King Peter of Serbia, who has diplomatically hinted, through a third party...

Of direct American interest is "The Court of Dom Pedro II. of Brazil," which Knickerbocker is now publishing...

LADY MIDDLETON JOINS NEW DANCE OPPONENTS

Says Position of Sexes Has Changed, and America Is to Blame.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 7.—The controversy caused by "A Peepers" in the Times on the bunny hug and other such dances still rages...

ENGLISH LITERATURE IN CHINA

Scientific Works Are More Popular Than Shakespeare or Dickens. LONDON, May 29.—According to the report of a society for the propagation of Christian literature in China...

A ROTHSCHILD ON THE STAGE

Wife of Baron Johann Now Appearing in Madrid.

MADRID, May 27.—The variety theater's latest conquest is a real Rothschild. The young wife of Baron Johann...

Since then the Baroness has returned to her old life, and Baron Emil is making frantic efforts to get his daughter-in-law to leave the stage...



The Mosque of Ada-Kaleh.

Forgotten Isle in Danube Is a Paradise of Roses

Inhabitants Dream Away Life in Land of No Taxes, Where Crime Has Never Been Known.

Special Correspondence to The Sun. OBSERVA, Hungary, June 1.—Austria-Hungary has gathered in Ada-Kaleh, a tiny bit of Turkish territory that lies in the Danube just above the Iron Gates...

The explanation of the annexation is somewhat simple. The island, from its position, is of considerable strategic value and its possession by Serbia would, in case of war between the two countries, be embarrassing to Austria...

Ada-Kaleh is the island that was forgotten. Overlooked by the makers of the Berlin treaty it became an often cited instance of the little anomalies and mistakes that crop into great treaties...

The island increases in beauty as one approaches it. The fields seem to glow brilliant in the sunlight and the shadows deeper green in the cool shades...

This old citadel played an important part in the early history of Eastern Europe. It gave the island its name—the Island of the Tower—and effectively prevented the passage of armies by water...

Through another gateway the bazaar quarter is reached. Here all the business of the island is done and in a little open air cafe the Turk smokes his nargile, drinks delicious black coffee or sips rose petal jelly and water...

A Real Arcadia in the River Danube, Garnished With Roses



The Island of Ada-Kaleh, on the Danube, Annexed by Austria-Hungary

CYPRUS 35 YEARS A BRITISH POSSESSION

Island of Eastern Mediterranean Only Formally Handed Over Last Week.

A VERY RICH TERRITORY

England Has Turned a Barren, Filthy Waste Into a Garden.

The island of Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary as a British possession Wednesday, and this fact proves all the more interesting because...

The annexation of Cyprus by Great Britain in 1878 caused a great stir throughout Europe, particularly in France, where it was thought that England was outwardly supporting Turkey against Russia...

Richard the Lion-Hearted on his way to the Third Crusade took the island from one Isaac Comnenus. He later sold it to Guy de Lusignan, ex-King of Jerusalem, and it was not until seven centuries later that the island again came into the possession of Great Britain...

That if Russia restores to Turkey Kars and other conquests made by her during the last war in Armenia Cyprus will be evacuated by England.

That England will pay yearly to the power whatever is the present excess of revenue over expenditure on the island this excess to be calculated up and determined by the average of the last five years.

The population at the time of the British occupation was 140,000, of which two-thirds were Greeks and the remainder Turks. Over this motley crowd the British had to keep peace, and a mighty hard job it was, as those who have read the political history of the island can testify.

The first view of Cyprus from the sea is not an attractive one. The island seems barren, but as the visitor draws nearer he is able to distinguish the splendid old Venetian fortifications of Famagusta, which are one of the glories of the island.

At Famagusta is the only harbor in the island, but it is safe to enter at any time of the day or night. A great part of Cyprus is under cultivation, and as the train carries the traveler to Nicosia, the capital, he sees growing fields on each side. There is, however, a great scarcity of water, and during the summer months the vegetation dies down...

ITALIANS PREPARE NEW ADVANCE ON BEDOUINS

But Cyrenaica May Not Be Occupied Before Another Year's Fighting.

KING AIDED U. S. DELEGATES

Victor Emmanuel Gave Valuable Data to Agricultural Experts.

ROME, May 30.—The members of the American Commission on Agricultural Cooperations, who left here recently after terminating their study of Italian methods, were especially honored and pleased with the reception which King Victor Emmanuel gave them.

It was on the suggestion of David Lubin, a Californian, that the King Agriculture some years ago. This industry has been of great benefit to the world in general in view of the fact that it has collected a wealth of information regarding agricultural methods of every nation...

The American experts held sessions for three days at the institute and some of Italy's most distinguished men gave vivid accounts of how agricultural credit was established in Italy and of the remarkable results obtained.

Rocks Which Threatened French Town



For many years the little village of Thormery, near Chambéry, has led a precarious existence. An enormous rocky mass, weighing over 16,000 tons, has constantly threatened to come loose from the overhanging mountain and crush the hamlet.

VITERBO NUN SOON TO BECOME A SAINT

Congregation of Rites Now Considering Cause of Sister Maria.

HAD PROPHETIC SPIRIT

Member of Cistercian Order Lived 52 Years Strapped to a Bed.

Special Correspondence to The Sun. ROME, May 27.—There seems to be no doubt that "The Holy Nun of Viterbo," Sister Maria Benedetta Frey, whose death was announced in THE SUN recently, will very shortly be canonized.

Meanwhile the following short biography of the Holy Nun, as she is called by Viterbo, has been written by order of the Bishop: "Sister Maria Benedetta Frey was born in Rome on March 22, 1836. Left an orphan at an early age, she was brought up by an aunt, who had her educated by the Cistercian nuns. At the age of 11 she refused an offer of marriage and joined the Cistercian Order. After two years of novitiate she became a professed nun and took up her residence at Viterbo. In the year 1861 she was stricken with acute paralysis of the spine and died after fifty-two years of resigned suffering."

These fifty-two years of resigned suffering, apart from the other virtues of the Holy Nun, appear to be really miraculous. Sister Maria Benedetta lived for over half a century with her head tightly bandaged and supported by a steel frame fixed at both ends of her bed. The pain and discomfort she suffered during these fifty-two long years which she spent practically motionless and without changing her position rendered life a continued martyrdom. And yet she never complained. Her nurse, who grew old at her bedside, never heard her even sigh.

Many people came to see the Holy Nun: prelates, priests and pilgrims, nobles and peasants. They all brought their sorrows with them and sought consolation from her. She cheered them all and told them that we were born to suffer. They looked at her and were consoled. The Holy Nun was endowed with prophetic spirit and she reportedly predicted the future. This gift of hers was, however, very little known, as the only great event she predicted was the assassination of King Humbert I. at Monza, July 29, 1890.

But even this prediction would have remained unknown were it not for the Sub-Prefect of Viterbo, who was informed by the Mother Abbess that Sister Maria Benedetta had a vision of the King's assassination, and wired to the Home Office at Rome for confirmation. The reply was a denial, since the King had been assassinated late that afternoon and Rome had not yet been informed. Later, however, the Home Office ordered an inquiry, as it was suspected that the plot to assassinate the King had been planned at Viterbo and that the news of the assassination had leaked out. The particulars of the Holy Nun's prediction were then fully ascertained and it was known that she had a vision in which she saw the King being killed, the arrest of the anarchist Bresci and the king's death in the Castle at Monza. Queen Margherita was so impressed at this prediction that she became acquainted with the nun and visited her regularly until the time of her death. It is reported that both the King and Queen likewise used to visit the nun and send her presents.

Ten years ago the Pope allowed the Holy Nun to receive visitors in her room, thus mitigating the rule of the Cistercian order that strangers were only allowed to speak to the nuns through an iron grating. Thousands of people used to visit the Holy Nun, not out of curiosity but to seek consolation. During the recent Italo-Turkish war many of those who had a son or a husband fighting in Tripoli went to the Holy Nun to solicit her prayers. Sister Maria Benedetta, who is said to have predicted the war a year before, usually asked for the names of the soldiers for whom she was requested to pray, and after thinking for a while, replied either by sending a visitor to hope or else used some expression hinting that the Lord might call the soldiers to him. In the first case the soldiers invariably returned home safe and sound, while in the second they were killed in action. She never made a single mistake and thousands of persons are ready to give evidence that whenever the Holy Nun told them to hope, their sons, husbands and relatives at the front were not killed.

Two years ago the Holy Nun celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her illness, and the Pope sent Cardinal Casazza to Viterbo with an autograph letter in which he blessed her and highly praised her truly Christian spirit of resignation. The Cardinal said mass in her room and gave her Communion. It is related that the Holy Nun had a long conversation with the Cardinal during which she predicted important future events, including the Pope's recent illness, which she hinted was the last one.

The room in which the Holy Nun lived in suffering and died in peace, has been left intact and sealed up by order of the Bishop. Among the many relics of the Holy Nun which are preserved there is a small image of Christ which the nun kept near her bed and for which she had a special veneration. It is stated that when unbelievers went to see her out of curiosity, she would show them this image and a strange change would come over them. During the Camorra trial, Don Cleme Vitozzi tried to ask her whether he would be acquitted. She sent him back word that had he been innocent he surely would have been acquitted. The Holy Nun predicted her death a week ahead. She asked for the Abbess and all the nuns, begged their forgiveness, said goodbye, and then said: "Now leave me with God." She died on the very day and at the very hour she predicted. Before long Viterbo will have a new saint, perhaps the only saint in the world of the twentieth century.