

GRIM REAPER TAKES RULER OF BELGIUM

KING LEOPOLD PASSES AWAY AS PHYSICIANS HOPED FOR HIS RECOVERY.

PRINCE ALBERT IS NEW RULER

Dead Monarch Will Always be Remembered for His Escapades and the Tragedies that Have Befallen His Family.

Brussels.—King Leopold is dead, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

King Leopold's recent illness dated from about two weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed, suffering from rheumatism. It was thought at the time that he had a stroke of apoplexy, for he was paralyzed on one side and the paralysis seemingly spread over the entire body. His confinement brought about intestinal obstruction, for which an operation had been performed.



Leopold of Belgium.

Prince Albert, son of the late Count Philip of Flanders, succeeds to the throne. The new king is 34 years of age. He married Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria in 1900. The royal pair have three children, two boys, Prince Leopold, aged eight; Prince Charles, aged six, and Princess Marie Jose, aged three.

It has been learned that the only person at the royal bedside when the king died besides the physicians was Baroness Vaughan, and it has just been announced by the chaplain at Laeken that the king was married secretly according to religious rites to the baroness by whom he had two children. The chaplain says it is not true that the last sacraments were administered to the king in the presence of the whole royal family as was officially stated. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the baroness alone.

Sketch of King's Career.

Leopold II, King of the Belgians, was born April 9, 1835. His father was Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, an uncle of the late Queen Victoria. His mother was a daughter of Louis Philippe of France.

Leopold's father was elected King of the Belgians in 1831, when they escaped from Dutch rule, and Leopold II succeeded to the throne in 1865. At the age of 18 he was married to Marie Henriette, daughter of the Archduke Joseph of Austria. On his majority he entered the Belgian senate. During the following five years he traveled in Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, India and China, earning the distinction of being the most traveled monarch in Europe when he became ruler of Belgium.

Leopold's son and heir died in 1869 at the age of ten. Thus Prince Albert, nephew of Leopold and son of the Count of Flanders, became heir to the throne. Three daughters were born to Leopold and his consort: The Princess Louise, who was married to Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha against her will, was finally sent to a nunnery and a few years ago caused a great scandal by her elopement with an Austrian captain of Hussars; Princess Stroganoff, who was married to the Archduke Rudolph of Austria, who came to a mysterious end; and the Princess Clementine, whose husband, Prince Henry, also came to a violent and mysterious end. There was a woman involved in this tragedy, too, as rumor says there was in that of Rudolph. Queen Henriette died several years ago.

Statesman and builder of empire, financier and captain of industry, one of the most picturesque, spectacular and versatile characters in history, King Leopold will always be remembered for his escapades and the tragedies that have befallen his family.

Immediately after his marriage the king's home was coupled with that of one of the queen's waiting women. Two of Leopold's most noted favorites were Clara Ward, a Michigan girl, better known as the Princess de Chimborazo, and Clara de Merode. He forced the queen to receive the princess at one of the palace fetes. By the attention to the de Merode woman he made her for a time almost another Dauphine. Rumors made her the subject of a scandal and her position of waiting woman was made her to many lands and her name in Paris made her a fortune apart.

State Guarantees Deposits Banks.

Guthrie, Okla., According to a statement just issued by State Bank Commissioner A. M. Young, the condition of the 682 state banks of Oklahoma on November 16 showed an increase in individual deposits of \$4,998,173 in comparison with the September report and an increase of \$7,046,263 over the report made in June. This is the greatest gain shown since the state guarantee law became effective. The total deposits in state banks on November 16 amounted to \$49,775,433.

from that which the king showered on her.

When the unhappy queen heard her husband had given to this woman her favorite string of pearls, she tried to commit suicide by choking herself with a string not much larger than that on which the pearls were strung.

But it was the Kongo that gave to Leopold the bulk of his great fortune. On certain well established data it has been reckoned that the king's personal profits were not less than \$50,000,000 before the Belgian government annexed the Kongo Free State and paid him \$10,000,000 for his private territory, the infamous crown domain.

The Berlin congress of 1885 handed over the Kongo to Leopold to administer. The world applauded his magnanimity, and forgot the Kongo for the next 20 years.

In 1891 Leopold applied to the Belgian parliament for a loan of \$5,000,000, without interest, to be spent on the Kongo, and at the same time the celebrated will by which he bequeathed the state to the Belgian people. The government readily granted the loan. For the next five years the country was being filled with arms, an army was being raised and drilled by European officers, stations and a railway were being built. Nothing in the way of preparation for the carrying of the great plot escaped Leopold's genius for organization. He proceeded slowly and secretly, bluffing European statesmen, hoodwinking his own people, lulling the conscience of Europe through his press bureau, isolating the Free State from Inquisitive Europeans, violating in the most brazen manner the provisions of the Berlin act which provided for free trade in the state.

ZELAYA RESIGNS PRESIDENCY

Fearing Wrath of the People Nicaraguan Retires Behind Armed Guard—Sends Message to Congress.

Managua, Nicaragua.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of the revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya has surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace have marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old, proclaiming the new regime.

Accompanying his resignation, Zelaya sent the following message to congress:

"The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of good citizens, who are the witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a shameless revolution, which threatens the nation's sovereignty, and a foreign nation unjustly intervenes in our affairs, publicly providing the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops.

"To avoid further bloodshed, and for the reason that the revolutionists have declared that they would put down their arms when I surrender the executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the national assembly the abandonment of the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by a substitute of their choosing, with the hope that this will result in good to Nicaragua, the re-establishment of peace, and particularly the suspension of the hostility of the United States, to which I do not wish to give a pretext for intervention."

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—The American grip on Bluefields was tightened when Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines, on the authority of Rear Admiral Kimball, in command of the American forces in Nicaragua, issued a proclamation formally stating that no fighting would be allowed at Bluefields. Thomas P. Moffat, the American consul here, delivered the message to Adolfo Diaz, provisional secretary of state, to be forwarded to Gen. Estrada at Rama.

Washington, D. C.—Because Americans in Nicaragua are thought to be in grave danger the state department, at the direct instance of President Taft, has issued orders by cable to Admiral Kimball at Panama for the Buffalo with 700 marines, to proceed at once to Corinto.

This action came as a result of a notification from the official representative of the United States at Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, that Zelaya has issued daggers to his friends for use on American citizens. The threats against American citizens were communicated to Consul Leonard and Vice Consul Caldera at Managua, the scene of the proposed assassinations, and were cabled promptly to the state department.

Smaller Families; Larger Children.

Washington, D. C.—The immigration commission which was appointed under the regime of that prince of an untraceable advocate, Theodore Roosevelt, has just submitted a preliminary report to congress. Sandwiched in with a lot of interesting facts about the effect of a free country upon the second generation of immigrants, is the remarkable discovery that the tendency toward small families, while causing a decrease in the number of children, has caused an increase in size of individual

SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE

THE FARMERS OF CENTRAL CANADA REAP WHEAT AND RICHES.

Up in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the provinces that compose Central Canada have such a quantity of land suitable for the growth of small grains, which grow so abundantly, and yield so handsomely that no fear need be feared of a wheat famine on this Continent. The story reproduced below is only one of the hundreds of proofs that could be produced to show the results that may be obtained from cultivation of the lands in these provinces. Almost any section of the country will do as well.

With the country recently opened by the Grand Trunk Pacific, the latest of the great transcontinental lines to enter the field of the development of the Canadian West, there is afforded added ample opportunity to do as was done in the case cited below:

To buy a section of land, break it up and crop it, make \$17,550 out of the yield and \$10,880 out of the increase of value all within the short period of two years, was the record established by James Bailey, a well known farmer within a few miles of Regina. Mr. Bailey bought the 640 acres of land near Grand Coulee two years ago. He immediately prepared the whole section for crop and this year has 600 acres of wheat and 40 acres of oats. The wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, and the oats yielded 4,750 bushels. The whole of the grain has been marketed and Mr. Bailey is now worth \$17,550 from the grain alone. He bought the land at \$18 an acre, and the other day refused an offer of \$35 an acre, just a \$17 advance for the time of his purchase. The land cost \$11,320 in the first instance. Here are the figures of the case.—Land cost, 640 acres, at \$18, \$11,320. Wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, at 84 cents a bushel, \$16,655. Oats yielded 4,750 bushels at 28 cents a bushel, \$855. Offered for land, 640 acres at \$35 an acre, \$22,400. Increase value of land, \$10,880. Total earnings of crop, \$17,550, together with increase in value of land a total of \$28,540.

It is interesting to note the figures of the yield per acre. The wheat yielded 33 1/2 bushels to the acre, and oats 118.7 bushels to the acre. The figures are a fair indication of the average throughout the district.

Agents of the Canadian Government in the different cities will be pleased to give you information as to rates, etc.

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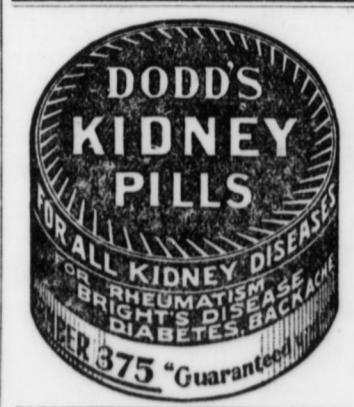
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