

KING AND QUEEN KILLED BY MOB

Servian Government Overthrown By Military Conspiracy.

PRETENDER ELECTED KING

Premier Maskovitch and Other Notables Also Slain.

NEW MINISTRY FORMED AT ONCE

Army Officers Forced Their Way Into the Palace at Night, Killing All Who Opposed Them, and Shot Down the Royal Couple—Others Killed Resisting Arrest—Victims Hastily Buried at Night.

Belgrade, June 12.—A military conspiracy which subsequent events shows had the sympathy of the majority of the Servian people was carried out early yesterday morning, and King Alexander, Queen Draga, the queen's two brothers, Premier Markovitch, the minister of war, two aides-de-camp and two other officers were assassinated.

Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, the pretender to the throne, has been pro-



KING ALEXANDER.

claimed king by the army.

Dissatisfaction against King Alexander's rule has been accentuated since his suspension of the constitution last April, and it is from that time that the military plot dates. The organization of the bloody deed was carried out with consummate skill. The king for the past two months was thrown off his guard by the apparent quietude of the reception of his recent coup d'etat. In the meantime the conspirators had decided on June 10 as the date for the execution of the revolution, for two reasons: Firstly, it was the anniversary of the murder of King Alexander's grand uncle Michael, and, secondly, because it was feared that further delay would permit the skupchina (Servian parliament) to settle the question of succession to the throne according to the king's wishes, and it was believed that the brother of the hated queen would be his choice.

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

Army officers to the number of 90, having formed a project of a revolt, among them being delegates from al-



QUEEN DRAGA.

most every garrison in Servia, and the majority of the officers of the Sixth regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Mitschitch invited his comrades on Wednesday evening at 11 o'clock to meet in the Kalimgagan Garden, 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 Konak, the royal palace. Each man had a cue and special directions regarding his part in the revolution. Two officers of the high military academy appeared at the appointed hour, 2 a. m., at the gate of the Konak, 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, stopping before the guard at the Konak, one of the two officers called: "Throw down your arms." A fight ensued, with shooting on both sides, in which several persons were wounded. Hurrying upstairs to the first floor, the revolting officers attracted the attention of the palace attendants and the royal couple by the noise of the shooting. Lieutenant Lavar Petrovitch, alarmed by the unwonted hubbub, hurried forward, 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 Petrovitch, and at the same moment a ball stretched him on the ground.

The revolutionaries pressed for-

ward, when suddenly the electric light gave out. All stood in darkness. In the greatest excitement and feeling their way, the revolutionaries climbed the stairs and got into the dark ante-room to the king's apartment. Here they found candles and lit them. Without light, they could not have found their victims, who fled from their sleeping apartment through corridors and numerous rooms, and might have escaped, but part of the officer with burning candles and others with pistols, commenced to search for the royal couple.

King and Queen Shot Down.

At last Queen Draga's servant was found. He wounded Captain Dimitrevic 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 had gone to secrete themselves. When he had told this he was shot. Colonel Maschin now joined the revolutionaries and led them back to the sleeping apartment, where the king's adjutant tried to hinder the search. He shot at Lieutenant Naumovics, who fell dead. The others killed the adjutant. After a long search a small door leading to an alcove was discovered, but was found locked. It was broken in with an axe, 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 the royal couple. Nobody knows in the excitement who shot first, but it is generally said it was Lieutenant Kisticks.

After the murder, King Alexander's body was found entirely covered with blood. That of Queen Draga was badly torn by bullets.

Almost simultaneously with the butchery in the palace the troops endeavored to arrest all the relatives of the queen and those ministers whom the conspirators disliked. Two brothers of the queen, Lieutenant Colonels Nikola and Nikodem Lunjevics, were seized and escorted by a detachment of troops from their dwelling to the guard room of the divisional commander. They were evidently not suspicious of their doom, and were lighting cigarettes when they were shot dead by eight soldiers.

General Zinzar Markovics, the premier; General Pavlovics, minister of war, and M. Tudorovics, minister of the interior, were shot by the troops as they attempted to defend themselves from arrest. The former two were killed, while Minister Tudorovics is just alive.

Victims Exposed to Public Gaze.

Shortly after midnight the bodies of the dead king and queen were carried to their last resting place. It was a pitiful sight. All day long the victims were reposing in rough coffins, and had lain exposed to the gaze of those who had killed them and to the privileged curious. There have been unpleasant evidences of the public resentment against the late royal couple. Some persons even spat on the remains.

The bodies of the victims were conveyed to the Belgrade cemetery in hearses, and all were buried simultaneously. The burial services were brief, only two priests being present. Not a single friend or relative of the dead king and queen was present. The remains of the royal pair were interred in a vault in the cemetery chapel. Two wooden crosses alone denoted the spot, marked "Alexander Obrenovics" and "Dragina Obrenovics." The other bodies lie outside in the cemetery in rough graves.

The sisters and nieces of the late queen, who had been arrested by the military authorities, were expelled from the country. Late at night 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 Servian ship, which brought them down to Pancsova. They were lucky to escape with their lives.

The autopsy held has proved that the late king received 30 shot wounds, many of them deadly. Queen Draga had numerous shot and sabre wounds, and it is alleged that her body was torn in a barbarous fashion. The appearance of the royal apartments is indescribable. The doors and floors are shattered and the ruins drenched with blood.

There has been no sign of mourning, but it is not certain that every section of the public will quietly acquiesce in the revolution, and the tension will continue until Peter Karageorgevitch's ascension has been recognized.

Joyful demonstrations were indulged in by the populace throughout the day and business has not been disturbed.

A new government was formed, as follows:

Jovan Avakumovitch, premier.
Ljubohur Kalievitch, foreign minister.

Stojan Protics, minister of the interior.
George Genshics, minister of commerce.

General Jovan Alanakovitch, minister of war.
Vojislav Velikovitch, minister of finance.

Colonel Alexander Machin, minister of public works.
Ljubomir Schiokovitch, minister of justice.

PETER ELECTED KING

Prince Karageorgevitch Unanimously Chosen Ruler of Servia.

Belgrade, June 16.—With scarcely the excitement which marks an ordinary fete day in the capital, Servia has instituted a new dynasty. Within less than two hours from the time of meeting in the wing of the royal palace, where King Alexander and his queen were shot down, the senate and Skupshchina, in joint session, had

legally and with due formality elected Prince Karageorgevitch king of Servia, and had notified him by telegraph of the fact.

The senate and skupshchina on assembling listened to a proclamation signed by all the ministers, which was read by President Velimirovitch. The



PETER KARAGEORGEVITCH.

members then proceeded to church, returning a little later to the palace. The ceremony of electing the king was conducted in the Salle des Fetes, which had been specially arranged for the occasion.

The metropolitan of Belgrade and the bishop of Nish, in their full robes of office, lent the sanction of their presence. The members of the provisional government and the presidents of the chamber and senate sat at the head of the white and gold decorated hall, among them Colonel Alexander Maschin, Queen Draga's cousin and now minister of public works, in full military uniform, while below them were grouped the members of the senate.

Upon the reassembling of the national assembly a resolution of general amnesty was adopted. President Velimirovitch then rose, and, addressing the assembly, said they had now to elect a king of the fatherland.

The formal motion that Prince Karageorgevitch be elected king of Servia was moved by a Radical deputy, named Neschics, who was attired in the national costume. Immediately a shout arose from the assembly of "Long live Karageorgevitch." Each member was then called by name and rose quietly from his seat and gave his vote for "Peter Karageorgevitch." There was absolute unanimity, no other name but that of Prince Karageorgevitch being pronounced. The result was greeted with loud cheers, and then the minister of justice, M. Schiokovics, hastened to the balcony overlooking the street and announced to the people:

"Peter, the first of the dynasty of the Karageorgevitches, is your new king. You are congratulated upon the unanimous vote of your representatives."

The crowd responded with cheers upon cheers, which, however, had the effect of being somewhat mechanical, as though proceeding from well disposed groups. At the same time a royal salute of 101 guns was fired.

The deputies then streamed forth from the palace, the soldiers on guard marched away, and in five minutes the space in front of the Konak had resumed its normal aspect.

The town is full of unsavory gossip concerning the late queen, and there is not a scintilla of sympathy for the murdered royal couple.

A telegram to the government arrived from the new king. It ran:

"The splendid proofs of devotion from my beloved people, my faithful army and patriotic government have deeply touched me. From the bottom of a true Servian heart I thank providence, which has vouchsafed me, by God's mercy and through his will, to ascend the throne of my famous ancestors. I beg you, the premier and your colleagues in the government to accept my royal acknowledgement with the assurance of my particular good will."

A DASTARDLY CRIME.

Girl Feloniously Assaulted and Felt For Dead Near Wilmington, Del.

Wilmington, Del., June 16.—Helen S. Bishop, aged 17 years, daughter of the Rev. E. A. Bishop, superintendent of the Ferris Industrial School, four miles from here, while on her way from a trolley car at Prices Corner to the school, was attacked and feloniously assaulted and left in an unconscious condition on the road. Her throat was cut three times with a knife, and she was terribly bruised. The girl is still unconscious and her condition is critical.

The police arrested George White, a negro, who has been out of the county workhouse but a short time. He was found in bed at the Woodward farm, near the scene of the outrage. A man supposed to be White was seen by a neighbor following a young woman along the road. White was brought here. The police say they think they have the right man.

Fired First Gun In Civil War.

Columbia, S. C., June 13.—Major W. H. Gibbs, who is said to have fired the first shot of the civil war upon Fort Sumter, died here. Major Gibbs was a gunner in Captain George James' company, to whom General Beauregard sent the order to open fire upon Major Anderson. He served as postmaster of Columbia under President Cleveland.

Wilkesbarre Editor Drops Dead.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 16.—George W. Coolbaugh, editor and proprietor of the Telegram, a real estate journal of this city, dropped dead in the office of the county controller. The deceased was 50 years of age. Death was due to apoplexy.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, June 10.

James Jones, of Philadelphia, committed suicide in a Newark, N. J., hotel, S. N. D. North, the new director of the census, has taken the oath of office and entered on his duties.

Clara Nicols, society editor of the Chicago Tribune, was crushed to death in an elevator in the Tribune building.

Governor Hunt and family, of Porto Rico, have arrived in New York. They will spend the summer in this country.

The jury to try Curtis Jett and Tom White, charged with shooting J. Marcum, at Jackson, Ky., has been completed and taking of testimony begun.

Secretary Root has placed the execution of the new militia law in the hands of Assistant Secretary Sanger, in order to take up other department matter.

Thursday, June 11.

Forest fires in the Adirondack mountains, N. Y., have been subdued.

The Supreme Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, held its biennial session at St. Paul, Minn.

The property of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware was sent to auction in Boston for \$1,850,000.

Georgetown University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Secretary of Commerce and Labor Cortelyou.

A stage coach between Weaverville and Redding, Cal., was held up and robbed by two masked men, who secured over \$700 from the eight passengers.

Friday, June 12.

A sharp shock of earthquake was felt at San Francisco, but no damage was done.

The General Synod of the Lutheran Church has decided to meet in Pittsburgh on June 14, 1905.

President Roosevelt has returned to Washington from Cleveland, where he attended the Hanna-McCormick wedding.

The fifth annual conference of the American Catholic Colleges will be held in Philadelphia the last week in October.

The controller of currency has issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Tuesday, June 9.

Saturday, June 13.

General Alexander McDowell McCook, U. S. A., retired, died at Dayton, O.

All the machinists in the Crescent Ship Yards at Elizabeth, N. J., are on strike for \$3 a day.

The cooks' and waiters' strike in Chicago has spread to the hotels, over 2,000 employes going out.

A large grain elevator at Kansas City, Mo., has been burned, destroying 40,000 bushels of wheat and entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Postoffice inspectors are looking over the territory in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, Pa., with a view of establishing free delivery in the outlying towns.

Monday, June 15.

Bellamy Storer, American ambassador to Austria, arrived in New York from Southampton for a vacation.

The annual convention of the International Printing Pressmen's Union is in session at Cincinnati, O., over 300 delegates being present.

Surgeon General O'Reilly, of the United States army, returned to Washington from a long trip through Europe, studying military hospitals.

The annual baccalaureate sermon at Lehigh University, Allentown, Pa., was preached by Rev. A. Mackay-Smith, D. D., bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

Convicted of complicity in the white capping of William and Laura Whaley, who were murdered in Tennessee, Robert Cattlett was sentenced to death at Knoxville.

Tuesday, June 16.

Forest fires are raging in Michigan, and much standing timber, as well as logs, have been burned.

President Roosevelt has given out a lengthy statement on the Kischnev massacre in response to Jewish inquiries.

President Gomers, of the American Federation of Labor, is in Chicago to assist in settling the hotel employes' strike.

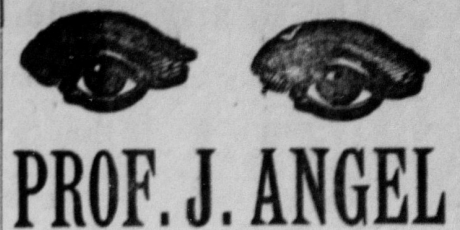
President Nixon, of the United States Shipbuilding Company, says the reorganization proceedings will not interfere with the construction of vessels now building.

The schooner yacht Estelle, while attending the New York Yacht Club races on Long Island Sound, was struck by a squall and capsized. All on board were rescued.

Conscience is something that troubles a guilty person almost every time it thunders.

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