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MURDER OF CANOVAS.

LATEST FACTS OF THE KILLING OF SPAIN'S PRIME MINISTER.

The Assassin Identified—Well Laid Plans For the Deed—General de Azcarraza In the Dead Man's Office For the Present. Madrid, Aug. 8.—The assassination of the prime minister of Spain, Senor Canovas del Castillo, who was slain and killed by the Italian anarchist whose name is believed to be Michele Angino Gotti, at the baths of Santa Agueda Sunday afternoon, was undoubtedly calculated to produce a general commotion, and was watched for an opportunity to kill the Spanish statesman, and he only died when he had no chance of escaping. In fact the assassin, who was arrested almost immediately after the murder, fell dying at the feet of his wife, has declared as much to the examining magistrates. The crime minister lingered for some time in agony and passed away with a cry of "Long live Spain!" Further details of the assassination show that Senor Canovas del Castillo and his wife were present Sunday morning at the celebration of mass in the chapel attached to the baths. After mass the premier was reading and conversing with some reporters when the assassin approached and fired three shots at him with a revolver, hitting him in the forehead, chest and left ear. The wounded man fell to the ground crying: "Assassin! Long live Spain!" The premier was carried to his room and expired at 1:30 P. M. after a number of hours had been administered to him by a priest of the Dominican order.

Narrowly Escaped Lynching.

The murderer, who was immediately seized by people who were in the vicinity of the scene of the crime, was severely handled and might have been killed had it not been for the protection afforded him by a number of civil guards, who soon ran to the scene of the crime, and the prisoner, who declared he had killed the premier "in the accomplishment of a just vengeance," at first gave the name of Rinaldi and claimed that the deed was the outcome of an extensive anarchist conspiracy. Later, however, the assassin confessed that his real name was Michele Angino Gotti, that he was 35 years of age, a native of Bologna, near Naples, and he left Italy and came to Spain in 1898. After reaching Spain Gotti, according to his confession, resided at Barcelona and participated in the doings of the various anarchist associations of that place and vicinity. After returning to Barcelona for some time, Gotti visited France and Belgium and returned to Spain in July last. After his return the anarchist seized to have completed the plans for the assassination of the prime minister. He left Madrid for Santa Agueda at the same time as Senor Canovas del Castillo and awaited an opportunity to assassinate the statesman.

SENOR CANOVAS.

In appearance Gotti is of medium height, wears a full beard and spectacles, and his demeanor is that of a quiet, law abiding citizen. He says he is satisfied with having done "his duty" and asserts he has no personal grudge against the premier and was merely obeying orders received from his superiors in the secret society to which he belongs. He frankly professes anarchist doctrines, says he was sentenced to 18 months to 15 months imprisonment in the jail at Lucrea, Italy, and claims that he escaped from there to Marcella, from which port he made his way to Barcelona.

A Conspicuous Assassin.

Senora Canovas del Castillo, wife of the premier, who was but a short distance away from her husband when the crime was committed, rushed to his side upon hearing the shots and, seeing the premier dying on the ground, she bitterly reproached the murderer for his crime. Gotti, in reply to the agonizing words of the distracted wife, said: "I respect you because you are an honorable lady. But I have done my duty, and I am now easy in my mind, for I have avenged my friends and brothers of Montjuich."

Montjuich Is the Fortless of Barcelona

Montjuich is the fortress of Barcelona outside of which the anarchists who have been sentenced to death for recent outrages have been executed by being shot in the back. The anarchists recently executed outside Montjuich were the last batch of the bands who were guilty of throwing a bomb on June 7, 1886, into a religious procession about to enter the church of Santa Maria de la Mar, upon the completion of the Corpus Christi celebration. Twelve persons were instantly killed and about 50 others, several of whom have since died from their wounds, were injured. For this crime 35 anarchists were sentenced to death and the majority of them were executed. The condemned men invariably shouted "Long live anarchy!" before the orders to fire were given.

The Assassination of Canovas Expresses Great Indignation at Gotti's Crime

Even the periodicals which have republican leanings praise the services of the deceased statesman. The Imperial says: "Yesterday will prove a black date for Spain. The crime will contemn the indignation of society against its would be destroyers." Many of the newspapers today appear with black borders around their type.

A Post Mortem Made

A post mortem examination of the remains of the premier was made today, prior to embalming them for transportation to this city. The funeral will be most imposing. The indignation expressed at the crime is shared by all parties in politics, and it is generally believed that the members of the colonial secret societies were concerned in the outrage. It is reported that Senor A. Pidal, president of the chamber of deputies, will be appointed president of the council of ministers, in succession to the late premier, at the expiration of the official nine days' mourning. The ministers, "for the present," will meet daily. Gotti, it is developed at the examination before a magistrate today, succeeded in firing two shots at the people who arrested him before he was overpowered. This assassin calls himself a "revolutionary anarchist."

Senor Silveira, the leader of the Dissident Conservatives, has followed the example of Senor Sagasta, the Liberal leader, Marshal Martinez de Campos and other and has renounced his con-

RAIN ON THE CAMPERS

THE STRIKE OF THE COAL MINERS NEARING A CRISIS.

District President Dolan Accuses Operators of Pittsburgh District With Having Broken Faith With the Strikers—Do Armitts Makes a Speech to the Men. Pittsburgh, Aug. 11.—A crisis is fast approaching in the miners' movement against the New York and Cleveland districts. The next few days should determine whether or not the strike will be maintained. Yesterday's work is not viewed in a despairing light by the campers at Turtle Creek, Sandy Creek and Plum Creek, but the happenings were not of the most encouraging sort. They had to contend with their first spell of bad weather after leaving the mines, and the same and prevented the marchers from carrying out their regular programme.

A FEARFUL MURDER.

Isaac Max Butchers His Wife and Tries to Kill Himself. Haddonfield, N. J., Aug. 10.—An atrocious wife murder was committed at the village of Fieldsboro, near here. While Anna Robinson, aged 31 years, was sleeping in her bed with two little children, her husband, Isaac Robinson, cut her throat, almost severing the head from the body. Then he drew the razor across his own throat, cutting a deep but not fatal gash.

Dr. Simpson Gets About \$71,000 For Foreign Missions.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 9.—The Christian alliance, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson of New York, at its meeting at the home of the late Dr. Simpson, held a session here which has raised \$71,000 for foreign missions. A year ago Dr. Simpson and his wife raised in a single day of the same grounds \$103,000, of which \$23,000 was in real estate and \$80,000 in bonds. This year's pledges were more spontaneous, and there were fewer sensational features than in previous collections. There was an individual pledge of \$25,000, and a few of \$2,000 and \$1,000, while cash gifts and pledges ranged from 20 cents to \$500.

MEMORIAL OF TENNYSON.

A Considerable Part of the Money Was Subscribed In America. London, Aug. 7.—The Rev. George Granville Bradley, dean of Westminster, has unveiled a memorial to Alfred, lord Tennyson, on the island of Wight, the Tennyson memorial beacon. The beacon, which will take the place of one that has long stood there, is in the form of an iron cross and is visible for miles. Its site is in the immediate vicinity of the poet's favorite walk.

Little Hints.

For the destruction of ants, spiders and cockroaches, a strong solution of alum in boiling water, poured over the infested parts, will be found excellent. Tea stains may be bleached by glycerine and egg-yolk, beaten together; and coffee stains by slightly beaten egg-yolk and warm water. Should the stains be deeply set, dissolve an ounce of chloride of lime in a quart of boiling water and apply the solution to the stains. Rinse well afterwards, or it will be apt to injure the fabric.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Another Word About Assessments.

In an editorial which recently appeared in the Press, relative to the present situation of making the annual assessments in this county, and we suppose other counties in Pennsylvania, there appears several points which we have long since advocated. It seems to us the method therein proposed toward obtaining a just and equitable basis of assessment is the only one which would or could bring about that result, and we believe the day is near at hand when that mode of fixing the ratio will be uniformly adopted. The proceeds now, and for years past, instruct the assessors to place such a value upon property as they believe that property would sell for at a cash sale, or would bring about to that effect, but by assessor we know of in this locality has ever followed that prescribed method, and we suppose every other in that capacity strives to make the innovation toward bringing about such a system of assessment. Of course many taxpayers would at first object to this method, but if the commissioners lowered the rate of taxation in ratio with the rise in valuation given by the sum total of assessment, they would at once perceive that they were no worse off than once, and would have the satisfaction of a just valuation in proportion to that of their neighbors. But this method would have to be adopted by every township in the county and every county in the state at the same time, or there would be no justice in the matter. And again, the idea of putting a true and full valuation on all property and dividing the sum of that valuation by a nominal figure as 3, 4 or 5, is a good one, it seems to us, providing every assessor in the county uses the same device. In that case it would secure a just and satisfactory assessment, and we believe would meet with the approbation of the taxpayers.

There are only three grades of improved land now apparent in the assessments of the lower townships—first, second grade, and improved hill. All the improved land "on the hill" is assessed at the uniform valuation of \$10 per acre. That, however, is not the fault of the assessors—the valuation being placed on it by other officials prior, and in 1893. This state of things, too, since we are briefly discussing the matter, is not just, improved land differs very much in value according to its quality and location. Taking \$10 as a value for the best quality of "improved hill" land and that being in a desirable location—nearer market, etc., it would seem that some of the more remote and less fertile quality of so-called improved should be at a much less value, and the most remote and inferior improved at a figure lower still. Could these desiderata be obtained, such near approximation to a just assessment would be reached, and the assessors could then more conscientiously certify to a true assessment. CITIZEN.

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