

CANOVAS THE VICTIM

Assassin Fires Three Shots at Him with Deadly Effect.

FALLS DYING AT THE FEET OF HIS WIFE

Last Words of the Spanish Premier Were "Long Live Spain."

MAN WHO COMMITS THE CRIME ARRESTED

Is an Avowed Anarchist and Hails from Naples.

QUEEN NAMES CANOVAS' SUCCESSOR

General Marcello de Azarraga, Minister of War, Will Be Acting Premier Until the Cabinet Can Be Permanently Reorganized.

Copyright, 1897, by Press Publishing Company. LONDON, Aug. 8.—(New York Cablegram)—Special Telegram.—The political clubs in London received a painful shock tonight in the news of the murder of Premier Canovas. The belief was at first general that the crime was the work of an emissary of the Cuban insurgents. Owing to the occurrence happening so far distant from Madrid and in account of Spain's primitive telegraphic service, only meager details are available. The Standard is the sole London daily that has received a special account which, by courtesy of its editor, I am able to send:

SAN SEBASTIAN, Sunday night.—The queen has just received a telegram stating Senor Canovas del Castillo has been assassinated. The premier and wife have been staying for some time at the baths of Santa Agueda. Among the guests was a man who appeared to be an ordinary visitor, but who proved to be an Italian anarchist. Meeting his victim and Donna Canovas in the gallery of the baths, the assassin discharged his revolver three times and the bullets entered the head and chest of the premier. Senor Canovas fell at his wife's feet and died within a short time. The murderer was arrested at the depot.

Queen Christina was deeply affected on receiving the information of the occurrence and immediately telegraphed to the widow expressions of sincere condolence. The event has excited intense feeling and indignation, not unmingled with some consternation. General Marcello de Azarraga, the minister of war, has been appointed to the vacant premiership.

FIRES THREE SHOTS.

Following are the official details of the death of Senor Canovas, so far as known at present: Santa Agueda in the Baños de Montañas is a fashionable resort on the borders of the provinces of Guipuzcoa and Alava. Senor Canovas was staying there with his wife and secretary. His health had much improved by drinking the water of the springs and he led a quiet life, though he attended to business of the state every day. About half past 12 o'clock today the premier was waiting for his wife to begin lunch when suddenly a Neapolitan anarchist approached with a revolver and fired at him three times. One bullet passed through his body and came out behind the left shoulder. The other bullets lodged in the head of the victim, who survived two hours without recovering consciousness. Several medical men and the wife were unrelenting in their ministrations, but unhappily the wounds were mortal. Extreme unction was, however, administered to the dying premier amidst a scene of mingled sorrow and indignation.

KEPT VERY QUIET.

The cowardly assassin arrived at Santa Agueda several days ago. He had not attracted much attention despite his foreign accent and though detectives of the civil guardsmen were in constant attendance around the premier the anarchist had behaved so quietly that no notice was taken of him. The minister for the colonies, who arrived at San Sebastian yesterday from Santa Agueda, perfectly recollects the man. He noticed nothing unusual except his foreign appearance. On hearing shots the waiters and several visitors rushed to the assistance of Senor Canovas, who had fallen, bleeding profusely from the wounds in his head. They would have lynched the assassin but for the prompt interference of detectives and guards, who secured the murderer. He confessed he had premeditated the atrocious crime, for which he will have to answer before the local magistrature of Vergara for the time being.

The duke of Tetuan conveyed the intelligence to the queen at the palace of Miramar. She was deeply and painfully affected. She ordered her own chief physician to start for Santa Agueda with her principal aide-de-camp.

The aide was introduced with a message of condolence to the widow. Telegrams were sent to Madrid, instructing the minister of war to assume the office of premier.

It is difficult to describe the sensation of regret among all classes and all parties at the untimely end of the universally respected statesman who played the chief part in the restoration of the Spanish monarchy and had been prominent in the politics of the country for twenty-four years.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Senor Antonio Canovas del Castillo, according to the Dictionary Universal de Contemporaneos, was born at Malaga, February 8, 1825. He took the course in philosophy and law in the University of Madrid and began his career as a journalist. In 1851 he made his debut, under the patronage of Senor Rios, Rosas and Pacheco, as chief editor of the Patria, in which he defended conservative ideas.

From that time to his death had never ceased to occupy a seat in the Cortes. In 1856 he was elected first deputy of Huelva and prepared the historical memorandum on the relations of Spain with the holy see, which served as a basis for the concordat. After serving as governor of Cadiz in 1858, director general of the administration from 1858 to 1861, and lastly, in that same year, as under-secretary of state for the queen, he was called to the ministry as a member of the Mon cabinet. In 1862 he held the portfolio of finance in the cabinet headed by his old friend and it devolved upon him to draw up the law for the abolition of the slave trade. Shortly before the revolution of 1868 he became especially conspicuous as one of the last to defend with energy in the Cortes the principles of absolute monarchy and conciliatory ideas with the constitution. He was one of the few parties that had supported this political doctrine had deserted the Parliament. He was banished a short time before the revolution occurred and took no part in the restoration of the monarchy. In the face of the triumphant revolution, after his return from exile and in the full confidence of the Cortes, he was appointed by Senor Elduayen, Burdial and others, he hoisted the standard of legitimate and constitutional monarchy. This is his great title to fame. His fidelity and courage finally secured for him the supreme direction of the Alfonsist party, and on the proclamation of Alfonso XII as king on December 31, 1874, Senor Canovas set Castillo became president of the council and chief of the new cabinet, called the cabinet of conciliation, which lasted in September, 1875, because of the demands of the extreme conservative party, but he was called back to the presidency of the council in December of the same year, when the Cortes, with the direction of the first legislative elections of the new regime, he was himself elected to the Cortes from the city of Madrid in January, 1876.

It devolved upon him then to repress the second attempt of the Carlist to bring on a civil war and to deal with the first insurrection in Cuba. With the exception of an interval of a few months he continued to hold the premiership, but when on the 20th of March, 1880, Marshal Martinez Campos from Cuba, he returned from the premiership and was succeeded by Canovas, who accepted the office of premier. The principal associates of Senor Canovas. From that time on he was alternately in and out of power until the present ministry was formed in February, 1895.

NEWS AT EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

Spanish Ambassadors Speak Guardedly of the Abate.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The Spanish embassy has received a dispatch from Madrid which says the murderer declared that he had no accomplices; that even if there is reason to believe it an anarchist crime, it is without any political ramifications and that Madrid is quite tranquil.

At a special performance given this afternoon at the Theatre de la Republique for the benefit of the Spanish refugees in Paris, Tarzetta, the famous Italian anarchist, was formed, imprisoned in Montjuich fortress at Barcelona, delivered a violent speech, in the course of which he urged that Senor Canovas del Castillo be put to death. It is reported that he will be arrested.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Spanish embassy in London has received two telegrams, the first from Madrid, which says that the assassination and the second coming direct from San Sebastian, stating that Senor Canovas had been the object of an infamous attack, but saying nothing about his death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The assassination of Senor Canovas was received at the Hotel Americain hotel, where the guests are both Cuban and Spanish, without much apparent surprise. Few of the guests cared to discuss the matter. C. Ricardo Aleman, a lawyer from Cuba on a visit here, who is a Spaniard and a loyalist, said he did not think the killing of the premier would have any influence on Cuban affairs, but was glad about the Cuban trouble. It was planned and carried out, he said, by anarchists and meant no more than an assassination of the same character.

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