

SELECT KING TODAY

Serbian Parliament Almost Certain to Place Peter Karageorgevitch on Throne.

REPUBLIC MEETS WITH LITTLE FAVOR

Few Students Alone Support Engagement to Overthrow Monarchy.

ALEXANDER'S FRIEND COMMITS SUICIDE

Officer Who Warned Monarch Takes His Own Life by Shooting.

POLITICAL PRISONERS ALL RELEASED

Provisional Government Frees Officers Against Old Regime While Courts Adjourn and No Arrests Are Made.

LEIGHAM, June 14.—At a conference of senators and deputies held here tonight it was unanimously decided that the constitution voted by the great assembly in 1885 should be put into force and that Prince Karageorgevitch should be unanimously elected king at tomorrow's meeting of the Skupstina and Senate.

The Serbian constitution of 1885 was more liberal than any granted previously and provided that all tax-paying citizens should become electors, by whose votes the Skupstina was elected. It remained in force until May, 1894, when the late King Alexander by a coup d'etat abolished it and restored the constitution of 1839.

All Quiet in Serbia.

Complete order prevailed in Belgrade last night and absolute quiet is still reported in this afternoon throughout Serbia. The streets of the capital bear an animated appearance, being crowded with officers and a large number of students who have arrived from abroad. It is believed with the object of demonstrating in favor of Prince Peter Karageorgevitch as king.

Some republican tendencies are notable among the students who have studied in France and Switzerland; these latter, however, are quite overshadowed by the opinion of the majority and there seems to be no doubt that the national assembly will tomorrow pronounce in favor of a monarchy and elect Prince Karageorgevitch.

The newspapers continue to point out the impossibility of the establishment of a republic and advocate the election of Prince Peter in order to assure a brighter epoch in Serbian annals.

Powers' Ministers Remain Mute.

The foreign representatives in Belgrade continue to maintain a strict reserve. Prince Vilhrom, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the radical party and a former minister of state, has been appointed president of the senate, in succession to M. Harinkovitch, who has resigned. M. Velimirovitch will take the chair at the joint meeting of the senate and the Skupstina tomorrow on the occasion of the election of the new king.

After the election the Skupstina will draw up a program of procedure for the new sovereign and will then adjourn until the arrival of the king at Belgrade. The sovereign will then form a new ministry and dissolve the Skupstina.

The government yesterday pardoned all persons imprisoned for political and press offenses and ordered their immediate release. No arrests have occurred, neither have any sentences been passed since the tragic events of Friday. It is understood the officer took his life because among the late king's papers was found a letter from Zivanovics informing him of the plot against his life. The newspapers, however, attempt to make out the suicide to be the result of money troubles.

Politicians Confer Together.

Politicians and members of the Skupstina have been holding conferences throughout the day and while there are rumors of minor differences, the election of Prince Karageorgevitch appears absolutely assured. The Skupstina and the Senate meet promptly at 10 tomorrow morning. It is said the ministry desires that it proceed to elect the king by acclamation.

The radical leaders have prepared a platform for the new constitution upon the lines of that of 1885. The chief points are:

- (1) The king shall not be the commander of the army.
(2) The civil and military authorities must swear allegiance to the constitution and not to the king.
(3) Universal suffrage and the abolition of the death penalty.

The constitution of 1885 is of a liberal character and its adoption was approved at a conference held this morning between ministers and those deputies already in Belgrade.

Congratulatory addresses have been received by the ministry from a large number of country districts expressing warmest thanks for its patriotic action at such a critical moment and hoping that it will carry matters to a successful ending. The foreign ministry has also received satisfactory dispatches from London, Paris, Berlin and Rome, all saying that the governments there have not the slightest intention of intervening in Serbia's internal affairs and expressing the hope that peace and order in the political situation will soon be restored.

An official statement of Russia's position has not yet been received, but according to reliable information, Russia has no desire to intervene and will not object to the election of Prince Karageorgevitch.

The Official Gazette, issued today, is confined almost entirely to the publication of messages of congratulation received by the provisional government.

Premier Resigns to Die.

It is known that the murdered premier, Markovitch, resigned his portfolio only a few hours before his assassination. His action was the result of a difference of opinion with King Alexander concerning the meeting of the new Skupstina. The late king, fearing disturbances, proposed to the premier that the leading members of the opposition parties and the editors of

RELIGION BREEDS RIOTS

Corpus Christi Celebrations Attended by Priests in French Towns.

PARIS, June 14.—A riot was fanned today on the occasion of the Corpus Christi celebration, the anti-clerical sentiment to provoke counter demonstrations.

Some disturbances, however, are reported from the provinces. At Nantes, where the prefect forbade the processions, the radicals mobbed the prefecture, stoned and broke the windows and smashed two sentry boxes. Detachments of gendarmes and dragoons drove back the demonstrators.

A collision also occurred between the Catholics and socialists, in which several were injured.

The principal squares in Nantes are occupied by troops to prevent further disorders. Minor disturbances are reported from Brest, Dunkirk, Lyons and other places.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 14.—The church festival of Corpus Christi was celebrated today. Five thousand Catholics paraded and there was a great show of Spanish colors. Forty church societies escorted Bishop Henk to altars in various parts of the city. The ceremonies at the cathedral were on an elaborate scale. For the first time since the occupation of the islands many Americans participated in the ceremonies.

WARNING FRIEND ARRESTED

Fleeing Debtor Has Men Held Who Tells of Alleged Kidnaping Plot.

PARALLEL, Chihuahua, Mex., June 14.—Thomas Foley Fountain, son of Colonel A. J. Fountain, is having a peculiar and trying experience here, where he is held a close prisoner on the charge of threatening to kidnap General Gillette of Kansas, who it is alleged, took refuge in Mexico to escape his creditors.

Young Fountain has been in jail a month and there seems little prospect of his immediate release.

It appears that he had been imprisoned on the accusation of Gillette, who had his fears aroused when he was informed that several persons had entered into a conspiracy to kidnap him and deliver him to the Kansas police for a reward. Fountain, it is said, learned of the kidnaping scheme and warned Gillette to be on his guard, but the latter suspected Fountain himself was implicated and caused his arrest.

Views Races From Airship

Santos-Dumont Detracts Attention from Horses to His Aerial Maneuvers.

PARIS, June 14.—During the racing at Longchamps today M. Santos Dumont, in his airship No. 9, appeared over the course and went through a variety of maneuvers which evoked great enthusiasm from the crowd. The passage of two other balloons over the racecourse at the same time added to the originality of the scene.

M. Santos Dumont descended unaided in the center of the course, where a great ovation was given him. He then descended and after executing a second series of maneuvers sailed away in the direction of the Bois de Boulogne.

A curious coincidence during the presence of the Santos Dumont No. 9 was the winning of two races by horses numbered 9 on the racing card.

CONSECRATE INSULAR BISHOPS

Two Prelates Obtain Mitres and Two More Are Selected for Recommendation.

ROME, June 14.—Monsignor Rooker, formerly secretary of the apostolic delegation at Washington, was consecrated bishop of Jaro, Philippine islands, and Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, formerly of Philadelphia, of Neuvin Segovia, today.

The commission of five cardinals entrusted with affairs concerning the Philippine islands has decided to propose to the pope the appointment of Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick of Rochester, N. Y., as bishop of Cebu, P. I. The Vatican will thus have fulfilled its most important promise regarding the Philippines by sending there four American bishops.

WILL GRADE MANILA HEMP

Government Takes Steps to Meet Complaints of Insular Export.

MANILA, June 14.—The government has drafted a bill to prevent the exportation of inferior hemp. It provides for a system of government inspection and grading.

There have been numerous complaints of the inferior quality of the exported hemp and the trade in it is thereby endangered. A commission will meet the growers and exporters before action is taken.

CAVITE BANDITS TROUBLE

Raid Several Towns and Lead Government to Prepare for Their Suppression.

MANILA, June 14.—Disorder continues in the province of Cavite. Two bandits, named Salazar and Montalvo, with some followers, recently raided a number of towns. The government is planning a campaign to suppress the troubles.

CABLE NEARS COMPLETION

Work to Start This Week on Last Section of Pacific Wire.

MANILA, June 14.—The cableship Colon, which is laying the Pacific cable from Guam eastward, is nearing Midway island and it is expected the laying of the section from Midway island to Honolulu will commence next week.

FIND NEW SMELTING METHOD

Cornell Students' Discovery Will Revolutionize Copper Refining and Save Millions.

NEW YORK, June 14.—(Special Telegram)—Two Cornell students have published a thesis describing a new method of refining copper which they claim to have discovered. The discovery, if it bears out its inventors' claims, will revolutionize the smelting industry and effect a saving of many millions of dollars.

RECORD IN COTTON EXPORTS

Value of Crop Sent Out of Country Larger Than Ever Before.

QUANTITY ONLY TWICE EXCEEDED

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol Says Mache's Plan of Rural Free Delivery Would Cost \$100,000,000 a Year.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(Special.)—Cotton still king in the export records of the United States and its record in the present year is likely to surpass that of any preceding year. The value of raw cotton exported in the eleven months ending with May is, according to the preliminary figures of the treasury bureau of statistics, 198,416,258, which is \$5,000,000 in excess of the highest eleven months' record ever heretofore made. Two years ago the figures reached \$30,877,517. Should the June figures equal those of June in the immediately preceding year the total for the fiscal year would be \$217,000,000, or \$4,000,000 in excess of the banner year 1901.

The quantity exported this year is not as great as that of the years 1898 and 1900, however. The total quantity exported in the eleven months ending with May is 3,481,832,257 pounds, against 3,298,475 pounds in the corresponding months of 1901 and 3,711,504,000 pounds in the eleven months of 1902, when the value was but \$22,441,180. Thus the total quantity at the present time is 29,000,000 pounds less than that of the corresponding period in 1902, but the value is \$8,000,000 in excess of the value for the corresponding period of that year. The average price per pound of the cotton exported, determined by dividing the number of pounds into the value stated in the bureau of statistics record for the eleven months ending with May, 1903, is 5.7 cents, and for the eleven months ending with May, 1902, 5.7 cents.

Comparing the total values of cotton exported with those of preceding years 1903 seems likely to show the largest total value in raw cotton exports of any year in the history of our commerce. In 1848 the total value of raw cotton exported was, in round terms, \$62,000,000; in 1860, \$120,000,000; in 1870, \$227,000,000; in 1880, \$314,000,000; in 1890, \$422,000,000; in 1901, \$313,000,000, and in 1902, \$317,000,000.

Some Other Tall Figures.

Meantime the value of cotton exported in manufactured form has also increased, and will make its highest record in the present fiscal year.

At the same time the cotton manufacturers of the United States have increased and are still increasing their consumption of cotton both from our own fields and from abroad. The total number of bales taken for the mills of the United States last year for the first time exceeded the 5,000,000 figure, figures being 4,683,000 bales, against 3,644,000 in 1900.

The importations of foreign cotton, chiefly Egyptian, are also growing with remarkable rapidity. The importations in the present fiscal year are valued at \$9,000,000, to which may be added \$9,000,000 in "barks," or cotton waste, with a total valuation of about \$18,000,000, against \$4,000,000 of waste of raw cotton and 73,000 pounds of waste imported in 1902, valued at less than \$5,000,000.

What Rural Delivery Costs.

"To continue the rural free delivery service upon the lines proposed by former Superintendent A. W. Mache would cost the government \$100,000,000 annually," was the startling statement made by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol to the Senate today.

The rural free delivery service with its service with its carriers reminds one of the old Roman way of carrying mail by soldiers and statesmen were elevated to place and power. Conquering soldiers returning from the war now and then distributed corn to the Roman people and by this means made the empire great.

Mr. Bristol is not an enthusiastic exponent of the rural free delivery service. He frankly states that it is a mistake to establish it upon the lines adopted. He admits, however, that undoubtedly it has a taste of luxury in the way of having their mail delivered to their homes. He will insist upon retaining the general postal service, but he believes that the wholesale establishment of rural routes to please some senator or member of congress would be curtailed and that which should have merit behind it, as soon as the investigation which he has in charge is at an end it is predicted that there will be a complete reorganization of the rural free delivery service and a number of heads are expected to fall into the basket.

NEW YORK BUILDING STOPS

Employers Decide to Continue Lockout Till Unions Accept Arbitration Plan.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The members of the Building Trades Employers' association announced that not only would the present lockout continue, but that other work would be stopped, that completely all building work in the city, unless all labor unions adopt the plan of arbitration to prevent further strikes.

The new condition of affairs came as a thunderbolt to the majority of the walking delegates, who had thought that about 25,000 of the 120,000 men out since May 4 would resume work tomorrow. Charles L. Eldlitz, president of the Building Trades Employers' association, said:

"We are responsible for the new order which will continue under the lockout, and it can be said further that the lockout will be continued until the unions have accepted our plan of arbitration. We have sent notices to contractors and builders to make the lockout as complete as possible. This will mean that wherever any work is being done and where there is material on hand the work will stop. The material is exhausted and then that work will cease. Under this condition of affairs it is probable that there will be no further work until we have secured a settlement with the labor unions. The walking delegates and other things with such a high hand that we have been compelled to take this action."

DEWEY READY TO TESTIFY

Will Give His Version of Berry Killing at Preliminary Trial.

ST. FRANCIS, Kan., June 14.—Chauncey Dewey has decided to give his version of the affair that resulted in the killing of several members of the Berry family next Tuesday. This, it is supposed, will be done in opposition to the advice of his attorneys.

Mr. Dewey hopes that by giving the facts, as he claims them to be, he will be able to secure his freedom on bond. The widows of two of the members of the Berry family will be on hand to testify. The town is gradually filling with friends of both sides and every effort is being made by the authorities to prevent a conflict.

WIDE TIRES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The bureau of insular affairs of the War department has received the annual report of A. U. Betts, governor of the province of Albay, for the year 1902, in which he tells of the completion of the road between Legaspi and Ligo, which passes through the center of the great hemp country. The enormous traffic

OMAHA SEEKS CONVENTION

Lincoln Man Will Be New Head Consul of Modern Woodmen of America.

MILLIONS BACK DIVORCE

Wealthy Wife and Rich Husband Each Seek Freedom from Dakota Courts.

MOTHER NEATLY KIDNAPS YOUNG SON

Both Sides Trick Other, Using Every Legal Means to Trip Those Conducting Opposing Cases and Make Head Race.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 14.—(Special.)—The commencement of a suit for divorce in the local courts by Della Whitman, wife of Joseph H. Whitman, a capitalist and newly landowner of Chicago, who is a resident of Sioux Falls, adds another chapter to a case which seems to develop more than the usual number of sensations.

One of the features was the kidnaping by the mother a few days ago of the 5-year-old son of the couple, who has been living with his father in this city. As a result of his marriage to Della Whitman succeeded in securing affidavits from some of the neighbors questioning the sanity of his wife, and an order which compels the mother to bring the son back to Sioux Falls until the divorce is determined.

The wife played a neat trick on her husband by putting in an appearance in Sioux Falls and commencing a suit for divorce here before he could do so.

Ties Up Husband's Property.

By instituting the suit Mrs. Whitman has tied up all his property, so he will be unable to transfer such of it as is within the jurisdiction of the South Dakota courts until a decree is granted or rejected in the divorce suit.

A few days ago Mrs. Whitman, who lives on one of the aristocratic boulevards of Chicago, arrived in Sioux Falls. She was accompanied by a sister. They proceeded to the home of Mrs. Whitman, where they were kindly received. The wife and her sister announced that they would remain in Sioux Falls for a week or ten days to visit the boy. The two women, it is said, made themselves so agreeable that they completely hoodwinked Whitman, who was the official custodian of his son.

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PLANS TO BLOW UP TOWN

Armed Roumanian Forces Work to Close by Intimidating Superintendent.

MORENC, Ark., June 14.—Interest centered yesterday in the trial of the strike leaders, who were brought before Justice Chapman for examination. Eighteen men were examined. The chief attorney, C. L. Rawlins conducted the examination for the territory and the strikers pleaded their own case.

Their leader, "Three-Fingered Jack," cross-examined witnesses for the territory. The other strikers were examined and their testimony tended to show that the coming of the troops last Tuesday and the fearless work of the deputies of Sheriff Parks earlier in the day prevented trouble of a serious nature. The accused showed up the town and the rules of the grand jury, charged with indicting the prisoners were taken to Solomon, where they will be held pending an order to take them to Tucson, the jail there being deemed safer. The grand jury meets in October.

The most damaging testimony was given by Superintendent McLean, who was surprised in his office on Tuesday night by a heavily armed strike leader and ordered to close down the works. He was given one minute, and obeyed. He was told the officer on guard had surrendered to his armed men. The leader said that he would take them to his home and that the rules of the grand jury, charged with indicting the prisoners were taken to Solomon, where they will be held pending an order to take them to Tucson, the jail there being deemed safer. The grand jury meets in October.

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STILL SPURN ARBITRATION

Chicago Waiters Refuse to Settle Differences Except by War.

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WOMAN DIES ON THE TRAIN

Succumbs to Consumption While Traveling with Four Little Children.

SIDNEY, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. Alexander, a passenger on Union Pacific train No. 4, died here this evening as the train was entering the yards, of consumption. Four little children accompanied her.

Her home was at Elgin, Ore., and she was on her way to Summit, Mo. The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Essig and the husband notified. The children are being provided for by the Ladies' Aid Society.

THINKS DICK LANDON SHOT

Wife Asks Information Concerning Reported Butcher's Picnic Tragedy.

Dick Landon of South Omaha is reported shot at the butcher's picnic at Pries' lake evening. Mrs. Landon telephoned the police for particulars, but beyond this nothing definite can be learned. The assailant is supposed to have taken a bullet in the head and disappeared. The Omaha and South Omaha police had no information concerning the shooting up to a late hour.

DOPE BLASTS BRIGHT LIFE

Cocaine Jimmy, Once Sioux City Athlete, Dies Mental and Physical Wreck.

JOPLIN, Mo., June 14.—(Special Telegram)—Don L. Shannon, well known as "Cocaine Jimmy," died today, a victim of the cocaine habit. "Cocaine Jimmy" has lived in Joplin ten years and was once connected with the railway mail service. He was an expert musician, an athlete and well educated.

He was a total wreck, physically and mentally, and spent the last six years in begging alms in the streets. He was so bowed that his hands would touch the ground. He came from a wealthy and influential family in Sioux City. He was buried today in the potter's field.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, JUNE 14.

At New York—Arrived: Anchara, from Glasgow; and Merville, from Liverpool. Departed: Quenstown.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Olympic, from New York; Liverpool; Liverpool, from New York; Liverpool, from both Liverpool and Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Belgeland, from Philadelphia via Queenstown; Georgia, from New York.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

For Nebraska—Partly Cloudy Monday, Probably Showers and Cooler in North and West portions and at Night in East Portion.

Table with 3 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Day. Rows for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., and 12 m.

HOFFMAN DENIES PRINCE YARN

Declares Rudolph Would Be Older Than He and Joins General Laugh at Tale.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, June 14.—(Special Telegram)—The story from Marinette, Wis., concerning Dr. C. H. Hoffman, with Austrian royalty and representing him to be Crown Prince Rudolph who committed suicide some years ago, creates only ridicule here among the acquaintances of the doctor. Mr. Hoffman himself indignantly denies it and says that if the crown prince were alive he would now be a man much older than Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman's friends also call attention to the fact that he is a well behaved man, a man of unusual intellect and a finely educated doctor; in short he is too smart to be one of the royal family. But Hoffman, who was let out of the Drake medical school because he would not show his diploma, admits that he has a fine education, but still steadily refuses to say anything about his past life, which is a mystery to all. It is known that he was in an insane asylum and there met a nurse whom he married, but beyond this his life is a mystery.

CRASH INJURES OMAHA GIRL

Runaway Santa Fe Car Strikes Las Vegas Trolley, Maiming Mrs. Leonard.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 14.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. E. W. Leonard, formerly Miss Genevieve Stewart, a beautiful young Omaha woman, was thrown from an electric car in a collision with a runaway Santa Fe car in a collision with a trolley pole, sustaining a fracture at the base of the brain. She was picked up alive, but death is expected momentarily.

The electric car was going to Hot Springs, when it was struck by a Santa Fe car laden with coal that had broken away from its engine and dashed down the main line.

Neither Mrs. Leonard's husband or family were with her. Two other passengers were severely injured.

LINCOLN BOY FALLS FROM CAR

Death Comes Instantly to Child Returning from Ball Game.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram)—Herbert Gaffey, a 12-year-old boy, while riding on a College View car, fell under the rear trucks and was crushed, death resulting almost instantly.

He had been at a ball game in College View and was returning home about 5. According to the story of the conductor, he was sitting on the step of the car kicking at the wheels, when his foot caught and he was dragged from his seat.

He was taken to the home of his father, H. H. Gaffey, a plumber, living at 1846 Prospect street. The fatality occurred near Fairview.

CARRIES DRUG IN NECKTIE

Convicted of Manslaughter Merriman Man Tries to Poison Self.

VALENTINE, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram)—John Green, the Merriman hotel keeper, who was convicted of manslaughter here last Friday, tried to commit suicide today by taking a dose of carbolic acid. He was not successful in carrying out his intention, as a physician acted in time to save his life.

Green killed a man in Merriman last fall and his case excited much interest here, as he was well known. He carried the poison for several weeks in his necktie.

WORK HARD TO SAVE TOWN

At 6 o'clock this morning Joe Rodmon, a watchman at the lumber yard of Swann & Day, discovered flames issuing from the roof of Ewen's hotel, situated in the mountainside, 30 yards from the main building.

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PROTECTING WATER RUN TO WASTE.

Rain barrels around the house, which afforded its chief fire protection, were overturned by the incendiary before the torch was applied. Nearly all of the incendiary police in Jackson have been canceled because of recent events.

Two cloth balls dipped in kerosene and tar were found near the hotel.

Hold Two for Arson.

Gray and Jim Haddock and Jerry Lunt, workmen at the Swann & Lay lumber yard, reported having seen Joe Crawford and Ed Tigg, workmen for the Hargis Bros., come across the bridge and return just before the blaze was discovered, and Major Allen ordered these men arrested. They were taken into the military camp by the soldiers and manacled in the guardhouse.

Gray Haddock was retained by the provost guard as a witness. Soon the Hargis people were active. They sent Attorney John O'Neil of Covington and H. B. Golden of Harberville, defending Jett and White and swore out writs of habeas corpus making them returnable at once. The writs were served on Major Allen and he sent the prisoners to the courthouse under a strong guard, commanded by Captain Maddox.

Commonwealth Attorney Byrd asked Judge Redwine time for Major Allen to file a response