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## THE KING IS AVENGED

JUSTICE METED OUT TO TWO WOULD-BE REGICIDES.

Two Men Who Tried to Kill King George of Greece Are Executed at Athens—Young Minister in Tennessee Shot by Unknown Persons.

### Assassins Pay the Penalty.

At Athens, Karditsa and Georgius, the two willing tools of the Houtzavantsis, who tried to take the life of King George of Greece and his daughter on Feb. 26, paid with their lives the just penalty of their crime. The men died bravely, else they would not be Greek. They were stolid fellows of the lowest order. Both had confessed their guilt to the military authorities before whom the trial was had, and to whom was intrusted the carrying out of the death sentence. They claimed that the act was a patriotic one, and that their motive was anger at the course of the King in accepting the proposition for international control of the Greek finances pending the payment of the war loan. Although they did not intend to do King George a good turn, it is certain that the two would-be assassins did more than any other person to restore the prestige which had been so cruelly injured by the war. The King was driving in a landau with his daughter, the Princess Marie. Two men, hidden in a ditch, opened fire on the carriage. At once the King arose and placed his royal body between his daughter and the hostile fire. The coachman whipped up his horses and got away. The King escaped untouched, but one of the horses was slightly wounded. Fierce in their loves and hates and admiration, the Athenian populace went wild over the King's parental chivalry, and many who had grown bitter towards the monarch forgot their anger in admiration of his personal bravery and gave back their shattered fealty. Karditsa, the leader of the two murderers, was formerly a non-commissioned officer in the army. Georgius was a Macedonian workman.

Race for the Pennant. Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Base-ball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore ... 9	3 Pittsburgh ... 9
Cincinnati ... 12	4 New York ... 8
Cleveland ... 12	6 Philadelphia ... 7
Brooklyn ... 9	6 St. Louis ... 4
Chicago ... 9	6 Louisville ... 5
Boston ... 10	9 Washington ... 3

Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis ... 13	2 Minneapolis ... 6
St. Paul ... 15	3 Milwaukee ... 6
Columbus ... 9	4 Omaha ... 4
Kansas City ... 9	8 Detroit ... 2
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Young Preacher Is Slain.

Rev. Mr. Ruchman, pastor of the Swiss-borgian Church at Gruetli, the Swiss colony in the Cumberland Mountains, in Grundy County, Tennessee, was assassinated by unknown persons. The minister, who is a young man, was sitting near a window reading to a friend, when a gun was discharged through the window, the entire load taking effect in his back. He arose and walked into another room, where he fell dead. There was no clew to the identity of the murderer, but it is supposed that some one became offended at a late sermon and took this means of expressing disapproval.

### NEWS NUGGETS.

Henry Gillette, of Geneva, Ohio, took morphine and is dead.

In the French parliamentary elections the moderate republicans gained eight seats.

At Seneca, N. Y., Mrs. Fred Hebel and two children were suffocated by a fire that occurred at their home.

Count Castellane, who married Anna Gould, was a successful candidate in the parliamentary elections at Paris.

At Watertown, N. Y., H. N. Martin and his wife were killed in their home by breathing coal gas. Five other people narrowly escaped.

In Bell County, Kentucky, John Carroll, aged 13, son of Rev. John Carroll, killed his playmate, Robert Nelson, aged 15, with a stone.

Secretary C. W. Mock, of the Tacoma School Board, while riding a bicycle, was run into by an unknown woman. Mr. Mock died of his injuries.

Pine City, Minn., about seventy miles from St. Paul, was threatened with destruction by fire. Half the business portion of the town was destroyed.

A big plug tobacco combine has been perfected in New York. The new company has a capital of \$60,000,000, and absorbs the business of Lorillard & Co. and P. J. Sorg & Co.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has decided that if a wife, even if not properly a wife, aids her husband to acquire property she is entitled to an equal division of such property on separation.

The Queen of Belgium, who is a daughter of the late Archduke Joseph of Austria, while driving in the vicinity of the royal palace at Laeken, was upset into the lake. Her majesty was not injured.

The Elms Hotel at Excelsior Springs, Mo., was destroyed by fire. The guests, numbering over 100, were asleep when the alarm was given, although none was injured. The flames started in the engine room and were soon beyond control. The hotel was built in 1889 and cost \$200,000. It was insured for \$40,000. It was the property of Col. Henry Ettenson, of Leavenworth, Kan.

The railroad between Astoria and Portland, Ore., is completed. Several construction trains are at work ballasting and getting the roadbed in shape for the formal opening of the line, which will be with a grand excursion train. After that two regular trains each way will be run between the metropolis of Oregon and its only seaport.

Judge Hagner at Washington, D. C., signed a decree granting Frances Hodgson Burnett, the novelist, a divorce from Dr. Swan M. Burnett, a well-known oculist of that city. She is permitted to resume her maiden name of Hodgson.

## EASTERN.

The board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania has decided to offer undergraduate courses for women in every way equal to those now open to men, and which are to lead to the same degree now given to the latter students.

At Montpelier, Vt., the jury in the Mildred Brewster murder trial returned a verdict, finding the defendant not guilty, by reason of insanity. Mildred Brewster was charged with having killed Anna Wheeler, of whom she was jealous, near Montpelier, May 29, 1897.

The Pennsylvania limited express ran into a freight train at South Bristol, N. Y. The engineer and fireman of the express train were seriously hurt, but all of the passengers escaped injury. The engine and four coaches on the express train were derailed and several freight cars were broken to splinters.

Peter Schucker of Venango township, Pa., shot and fatally wounded two men, George Henderson, pathmaster, and Edward Skinner, and then committed suicide. The shooting was caused by a dispute over cutting down a ditch in front of the murderer's property. All are well known and the two former wealthy farmers.

Charles Loomis of Sandy Hook is in the Danbury, Conn., hospital with a broken neck. He has been living more than a week in that condition. He can breathe and talk, but below his neck he is completely paralyzed and practically dead. His head is placed in a frame and held by a weight. Although his injury is such as to make his case hopeless, there seems to be no immediate danger of his death.

The powder magazines at Indian Head, Md., the Government's gun testing grounds at an isolated point on the Potomac river, narrowly escaped destruction by the proximity of a fire started supposedly by Spanish spies. For several hours thousands of cords of wood owned by the Government was ablaze, and the officers and men at the proving grounds risked their lives in fighting the fire to save the magazines.

The police of Bloomfield, N. J., and citizens generally are greatly wrought up by the actions of vandals, who in the Bloomfield cemetery upset nearly 200 headstones from as many graves and break monuments and marble slabs, some being ruined. The most damage was done to the most beautiful part of the cemetery, where the costly stones were not only thrown down and broken, but flowers were uprooted and tossed about and the graves were otherwise desecrated. The damage will be not less than \$2,000.

## WESTERN.

The past winter has been a very favorable one for range cattle, which have come through fat and strong. There have been no severe weather losses in the intermountain district.

Frank V. Salazar, an Oakland, Cal., bloodblack, is claimant for 200,000 acres of land in the State of Sonora, Mexico. His title, he asserts, is based upon government patents issued to his grandfather.

Negroes at Springfield, Ohio, chased the proprietors of a museum from the city because they exhibited the embalmed remains of two negro murderers lynched at Birmingham, Ala. The police had to disperse the mob.

There was a tremendous bulge in wheat on 'Change at St. Louis, and for a while the market boomed up like a rocket. There was an increase at one time of 9½ cents a bushel. This brought the market up to \$1.18½.

Burglars broke into the Farmers and Merchants' bank of Humphreys, Mo., and blew open the safe, but the officers of the bank have not made public what was taken. Their doors were opened the next morning for business.

A man in State militia uniform, found wounded and probably dying near the railroad tracks several miles from Lincoln, Neb., has been identified as Calvin Hopper, a private in Company I, who, it is charged, deserted Camp Saunders. There are two bad wounds on the head.

It is reported that twenty Indians are dancing on Marshall prairie, thirty miles from Tacoma, Wash. All but two or three Indian families are in the dance, which begins at dusk and continues until 2 or 3 a. m. The country is sparsely settled and the whites are alarmed, fearing an outbreak.

The National Association of Canned Goods Manufacturers closed a two days' session at Cleveland, Ohio, and adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia. A resolution was adopted providing for a national seal, which all members in good standing will be permitted to use. Officers elected were: President, George W. Moore, Baltimore; vice-president, Mrs. C. R. Sears, Circleville, Ohio; treasurer, F. O. Conant, Portland, Me.; secretary, E. S. Judge, Baltimore.

The colonization commission of the Social Democracy makes a formal announcement that the report of the first attempt to establish a co-operative commonwealth being made in Kansas was erroneous and arose from the fact that the co-operative commonwealth company was incorporated in that State. It is said that colonies will soon be established in Tennessee, Washington and Colorado and in Idaho and Kansas later on. "The main purpose of concentrating socialists in sparsely settled States will not be abandoned, even if we should start in Tennessee as a beginning," it is added. Definite statement of the plans is withheld until the deeds for the land have been secured.

At Duluth, Minn., fifty frame buildings on Minnesota point, just above the ship canal, were burned. There was a puff of smoke, a burst of flame and then a long row of ransacked buildings were in a blaze. An hour later 2,000 people were homeless. The fire took twelve frame store buildings, fronting on lower Lake avenue, just below the "Under-the-Hill" district, and swept from there back to the lake shore. The district was populated by the poorest people in the city. There are no very large individual losses. The total is thought to be over \$100,000. Among the sufferers were fifty families of Jews, members of a colony, who were at a mass meeting praying for the success of the American army in the war with Spain. There were many narrow escapes from death, but it is believed that everybody was rescued.

The most thrilling criminal episode which has taken place in New Orleans since the Italian lynchings of 1891 occurred the other day. A negro burglar, who was pursued across the most populous districts of the city, killed two would-be captors and was finally shot to pieces by a mob after a desperate struggle, in which several citizens were wounded. He was caught red

handed, and the convincing evidence was found on his person. There was a strong disposition to kill him without a hearing, but the generosity of our general would not allow it. He was tried and shot. Speaking of the "great republic" which so generously is helping us to freedom, the writer says: "The name American is a safeguard and passport throughout this island except in the little patches of territory which are controlled by the enemy."

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## IN GENERAL.

A Spanish spy caught tampering with the magazine on the cruiser St. Paul has been arrested and will be tried.

Navigation between Dawson and St. Michaels, Alaska, is expected to be open about June 1, two weeks earlier than usual.

The steam yacht Windward has been formally presented to Lieut. Peary by Lieut. A. B. Armitage, who represented the donor.

The American bark Forest Queen, Capt. Beasley, from Tacoma, Wash. March 6, has been given up as lost. She was loaded with lumber for San Pedro.

The schooner Crown, Capt. Linehan, was lost off St. Johns, N. F., and her entire crew of eleven men was drowned. All of them were married. The cause of the wreck is not known.

The North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which has arrived at New York from Bremen, made a day's record run of 580 knots. This beats the liner's best previous westward performance last September by thirteen knots. The run was accomplished at an average of 23.36 knots an hour.

As a result of a mimic battle between the United States and Spain by American and Polish boys from 12 to 16 years of age in Canton, W. Va., a day or two ago, John Keprosky is dead and eleven youngsters are locked up on the charge of causing his death. The boys organized two forces, the Poles representing Spain, in charge of a fortress. Keprosky was sent out to reconnoiter. He was called away by the storming party to surrender, but refused, and was shot in the abdomen by one of the American boys.

Another tragedy at the volunteer camp at Mobile, Ala., following so soon on the suicide at the regular encampment, caused a great stir among the troops. Hugh Collins, sergeant in a Birmingham company, was shot by a negro fruit vendor named Louis Reeves. The negro got away, but was hotly pursued by over a thousand militiamen armed with pistols, knives and clubs. Citizens and police joined in the chase. The negro was finally captured in hiding and the crowd was foiled in its purpose of lynching him by a detective, who got him away on a street car. Later in the evening he was taken to the county jail under guard and no further trouble is apprehended.

The closing act in the much-discussed debt settlement compromise between the United States and the State of Arkansas was enacted the other afternoon, when the State board authorized Auditor Sloan to pay the United States \$572, the amount called for in the bill recently passed by Congress. As soon as the Government transfers to the Auditor all Arkansas securities now held by it, excepting the \$160,000 which the Government is to retain, the Auditor is authorized to pay over the \$572. The securities to be turned over to the State amount to a little over \$2,000,000. Gov. Jones voted no and filed a protest against the acceptance of the settlement. The protest is similar to the veto message he filed with the Legislature, when the measure passed that body last winter over his objections. Auditor Sloan, Secretary of State Hull and Treasurer Gully voted in the affirmative.

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